

## Editor's Note

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017, everyone!

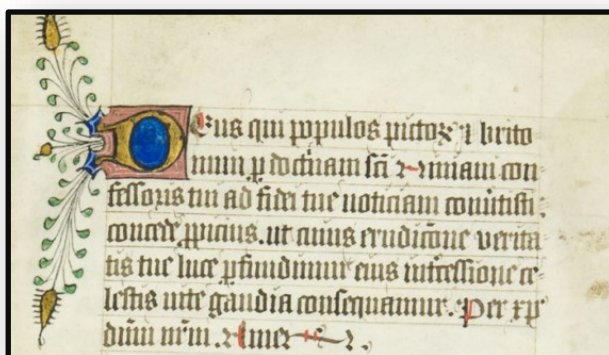
We hope that everyone had a safe and well-deserved Christmas break, and all recharged and energized with a new set of new year's resolutions.

Speaking of resolutions, why not make the 2017 Perth convention one of yours? If you have not been to Perth before, here is a great opportunity to visit the "wild west". And if you have been over this neck of the woods, who wouldn't love to reminisce about it:

It is almost time to get your registrations in to us. For those of you who have not seen our forms, they are available on our website <http://www.r3wa.org.au> and also down below:

- \* [Registration Form](#)
- \* [Preliminary call for Program Items](#)

The first due date for these forms fell on **31 January 2017**. We know the due date is slightly past, but there is still time to book your place to join us later this year.



## A piece of digitized history

While it is not always possible to always physically be there to touch, see or smell everything, it gives us great comfort to know that

whatever new technology that is introduced, we will always cherish the hard copy originals.

It also brings us great comfort to know that for those of us not able to make a quick weekend getaway, Leicester Cathedral has digitized and published the personal prayer book of King Richard III.

The original manuscript is in a fragile condition in Lambeth Palace Library—so in this instance, the touching, seeing and smelling might not have been an option anyway!

This would not have been possible had it not be for the Heritage Lottery Fund, Richard III Society UK, the University of Leicester and public donations.



You can find the manuscript here:

<http://leicestercathedral.org/about-us/richard-iii/book-hours/>

Manuscript image courtesy:

<http://www.medievalists.net/>

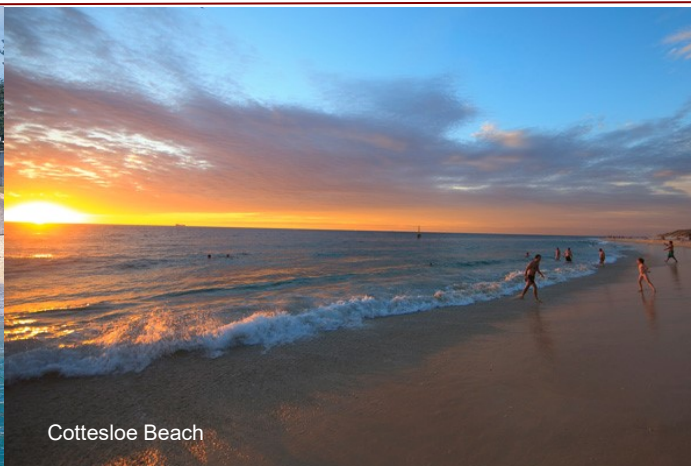


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Cottesloe Beach



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## Our beaches

If you happen to love visiting beaches, has Perth got a treat for you. If you are not used to seeing the sun set over the water, then a visit to one of our beaches is highly recommended.

### **Cottesloe Beach**

15 minutes drive from Perth city is Cottesloe Beach, famous for the Indiana Teahouse. Parking at the beach is largely free and you can enjoy the numerous eateries located along Marine Parade.

### **City Beach / Scarborough Beach**

Slightly further north of Cottesloe is City Beach. About 20 minutes drive from Perth City, located in front of Rendezvous Observation City Hotel. Also peppered with top bars and eateries.

### **Mettam's Pool in Trigg Beach**

Located in a protected part of the shoreline which has a mini-reef, this is a good place to visit if you are keen on a bit of snorkeling. This is a natural pool which is particularly attractive to young and old. This place is also crazy busy during abalone season for 5 Sundays in a year around the summertime.

Depending on the weather, Mettam's Pool could be a force of nature on to itself. Make sure you avoid the

## King's Park

.... Or if you are feeling beached out, you might wish to take a stroll along King's Park, overlooking Perth city and the Swan River. This is the best vantage point to see all the way to the Perth Hills, and the various watersports happening in the river. Wildflower season will be in full bloom around October 2017 and this park boasts a diversity of flora. There is a 750 specimen of a boab tree from the Kimberley region (north of WA).

Originally called Perth Park, it was renamed in honour of King Edward VII's ascension to the throne. It featured in 2006's Amazing Race where the teams collected their clue in front of the War Memorial.

If you miss it during the day, you can always visit at night.



Amphitheatre at Scarborough Beach



Mettam's Pool at Trigg Beach



View from King's Park

## Free Richard III

## Bits and pieces

### Massive Open Online Course

With excellent recommendations from our WA member, Ann Spiro, who undertook this course a few years ago—this free online course by the University of Leicester in association with Future Learn to bring you *England in the Time of Richard III* is a must-do for all Ricardian enthusiasts.

The course starts on 27 February 2017 (still not too late to register) and is run over a period of 6 weeks, covering topics such as:

- ◆ Medieval warfare
- ◆ The lives of peasants and farmers
- ◆ Food and culture
- ◆ Death and commemoration
- ◆ Reading and the introduction of printing
- ◆ The rediscovery and reinternment of Richard III

To register for the England in the Time of King Richard III course, go to

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/england-of-richard-third>



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### Announcements and News

#### Change of meeting venue

For those of you who are keen to come along to one of our meetings, our venue has changed to:

Rivervale Community Centre  
Francisco Street  
Rivervale WA 6103

#### Meeting times

Our next few meeting dates have been confirmed for the following Saturdays:

- ◆ 25th March 2017
- ◆ 22nd April 2017
- ◆ 27th May 2017
- ◆ 24th June 2017

