

**SECOND DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM –
11 TO 16 NOVEMBER 2002**

The Council was very pleased to host the Second Delegation from the United Kingdom in November 2002. This was the first delegation to visit from the United Kingdom in some years and the Council is keen to ensure that the exchange program continues on a more regular basis in the future.

The delegation consisted of four Members of Parliament and visited for six days. The program for the visit included travel to Bowral/Mittagong, Canberra and Sydney.

Bowral/Mittagong

The program commenced on Monday 11 November, with a drive from Sydney to Canberra, stopping off at Bowral and Mittagong en route. Activities were arranged with the assistance of the Member for Southern Highlands, Ms Peta Seaton MP (USA 1999).

In **Bowral/Mittagong** the delegation:

- attended a Remembrance Day ceremony, during which delegation leader, Ms Angela Eagle MP read a poem and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph;
- visited the Bradman Museum where Director of the Bradman Foundation and Curator, Mr Richard Mulvaney, conducted a tour and hosted lunch; and
- visited to the Wingecarribee Rural Fire Service Control Centre in Mittagong for a briefing on the Rural Fire Service and the local bushfire situation.

Activities in **Canberra** included:

- dinner hosted by the Minister for Trade, the Hon Mark Vaile MP (UK 1995);
- a meeting with Mr Tony Nutt, Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of Australia (USA 1999, UK 1995);
- a meeting with Senator Andrew Bartlett, Leader of the Australian Democrats (Germany 1995);
- a meeting with the Hon Alexander Downer MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs (USA 1986);
- a meeting on homeland security with Senator the Hon Chris Ellison, Minister for Justice and Customs;
- a briefing and lunch at the British High Commissioner's residence;
- a reception hosted by Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (Germany 1991, Vietnam 1996);

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- a meeting with Dr Craig Emerson MP, Shadow Minister for Innovation, Trade and Tourism (UK 1999),
- a meeting with the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Minister for Ageing (UK 2001);
- a meeting with the Hon Simon Crean MP, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr Wayne Swan MP, Shadow Minister for Family and Community Services and Manager of Opposition Business in the House (USA 1989, UK 1995);
- a meeting with the Treasurer, the Hon Peter Costello MP (USA 1986);
- briefings by the Federal Secretariats of the Liberal Party and Australian Labor Party;
- lunch hosted by the Patron of the Council, Senator the Hon Paul Calvert; and
- attendance at Question Time in both houses of Parliament.

The visit concluded in **Sydney** where the delegation:

- met with Mr John Ryan MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr John Brogden MP,
- attended a lunch hosted by the Presiding Officers and attended by a number of former delegates who are Members of the Parliament including the Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (USA 1984), Ms Marianne Saliba MP (Japan 1994), the Hon Melinda Pavey MLC (China 2000), Mr Andrew Humpherson MP (USA 1997), the Hon Patricia Forsythe MLC (Canada 1987), the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC (Japan 1992), Mr Paul Crittenden MP (USA 1998) and the Hon Dr Arthur Chesterfield Evans MLC (USA 1993);
- attended Question Time;
- met with the Premier, the Hon Bob Carr MP;
- met with Commissioner Bill Jonas AM, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and A/g Race Discrimination Commissioner, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission;
- attended lunch hosted by Mr Mark Baker, Head of Government Affairs, Westpac (USA 2002);
- dined with former delegates, the Hon Paul Elliott (USA 1996), Mr Dean Smith (USA 1997), Mr Andrew Larcos (USA 1992) and Mr Craig Chung (USA 1994);
- climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge; and
- visited Taronga Park Zoo.