

Commonwealth Day Council *Newsletter* Issue 9 January 2017

Commonwealth Day 2017

Our celebration lunch for 2017 will be held at NSW Parliament House on Wednesday 15 March.

Guest Speaker

The guest speaker this year will be Her Excellency Menna Rawlings CMG, British High Commissioner to Australia.

Ms Rawlings is the first female career diplomat posted to Canberra as high commissioner to Australia.



She is a member of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Management Board as HR Director and has held postings to Washington DC, Ghana, Israel, Kenya and Brussels. In London, she has served as Private Secretary to the Permanent Under Secretary as well as in Press Office and the Africa and EU Directorates.

Commonwealth Day Theme 2017

The Commonwealth theme for 2017 is '**A Peace-building Commonwealth**'.

At a time of increasing instability and uncertainty in the world, the Commonwealth

family of nations in its rich diversity becomes an ever more-needed source of strength and hope for all its members.

Tom Harvey Award for Citizenship Award

This award will be announced at the lunch.

Inaugural Pat Keill Award OAM

The inaugural **Pat Keill Award** will be announced at the lunch to a young person who has made an outstanding contribution in assisting other young people in the community.

The award is in association with the Country Women's Association of NSW whom Pat served for over 30 years.

Lunch bookings are essential

We hope you can join us for the annual Commonwealth Day Lunch commencing 12.00 noon for 12.30pm in the Strangers' Dining Room.

Ticket cost is \$95.00 per person and \$1,000 for a corporate table of 10 guests.

Corporate bookings are welcome and will receive special acknowledgements at the function.

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