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## Lady Mayoress leads the way

The Lady Mayoress Mrs Genevieve Theseira-Haese spoke of her work to promote Adelaide - the Queen and the city - when she addressed a meeting of the Royal Over-Seas League at the Public Schools' Club on 7th February.

"We are named after a woman no-one remembers," she said. "We are the ones to tell the story about Adelaide, because she had no children. We are the children of Adelaide! She stood by the king who was nearly thirty years older and helped his reign succeed."

The Lady Mayoress has produced a book to help children appreciate the life and work of Queen Adelaide, including the fact that she was the first queen to have a full crown.

"What does that say about her?" the Lady Mayoress asked. "We have a city that is named after a woman of courage, who cared, and loved and had duty," she concluded.



The Lady Mayoress also described her work to form networks of women in overseas cities:

Since delegations to Adelaide's sister cities tend to involve meetings of men, she has started a program of networking opportunities for women, that runs in parallel with those delegation meetings. She calls the movement: *City Sisters*.

"After delegations visit from Adelaide, our sister cities send a delegation back to Adelaide," Mrs Theseira-Haese said.

"Guess who makes the decision as to where the children go to study. It's the mothers! And who makes the decision as to where the families have holidays? It's the wives!"

Mrs Theseira-Haese spoke of the role of Lady Mayoress which she is reviving after it lay dormant for twelve years prior to 2014. This has involved retrieving an opal from the Lady Mayoress' chain that had been sent to Austin, Texas. She has also re-opened the parlour of the Lady Mayoress.



The Lady Mayoress

The speech also described her *Mayoral Partners program* that links rural and regional mayoral spouses. Many of them have long years of experience, as there are no term limits on mayoral service - unlike in the City of Adelaide where Lord Mayors must retire after two terms before they may run again, she said.

The Lady Mayoress also described several Adelaide 'firsts':

"We are the first municipal government and the first Town Hall in Australia. That means we have the first mayoress in Australia.

"We are the first capital city anywhere in the world to be named after a woman, and the first city in Australia to have a rose named after us - the *City of Adelaide Rose*."



"Who knows what is ahead of us in this great city, with all of you playing a part in it! Thank you, very much."

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The Lord Mayor Rt Hon Martin Haese addressing the Blue Sapphire dinner

## Lord Mayor returns to the Club

The Lady Mayoress returned to the Club in company with Lord Mayor Martin Haese on 17th February to address the Queen’s Blue Sapphire Accession anniversary dinner.

“Genevieve and I greatly appreciate your hospitality, as we recognise and celebrate Her Majesty’s Blue Sapphire Jubilee - the first British monarch to reach this remarkable milestone,” the Lord Mayor said.

“I wrote to Her Majesty last year to send best wishes from the City of Adelaide for her 90th birthday, and of course duly received a reply.

“Her Majesty’s longevity and service to her peoples is admirable. We know and appreciate the relationship between constitutional monarchy and political stability in a time of such extraordinary change,” he said.



It brings an element of certainty; something that we can never underestimate, the Lord Mayor suggested.

“It is something we can never become complacent about, as it brings a surety that we should never undervalue.

“Her Majesty has been committed with love and duty and maintains dedication to what is still a highly demanding schedule,” he noted.

The Lord Mayor concluded by reflecting on the service and dedication of his late father Justice Haese, a former PSC Chairman.

“I remember this building very fondly as a five year old child and beyond,” he explained.

Thanking the Lord Mayor for addressing the dinner, the current Chairman presented His Worship with a gift of Bombay Sapphire gin, “in its distinctively glorious blue bottle, bearing the image of the old Queen Victoria.”

## Shrove Tuesday reflections at the Club

Two dozen Members and guests enjoyed food for thought over gourmet pancakes at the Club’s Shrove Tuesday luncheon.

“To *shrive* is to confess and receive forgiveness, ahead of the fast before Easter,” said Chairman David d’Lima.

“But before the fast is the time of celebration known as *Mardi Gras* (literally ‘Fat Tuesday’) using up the fats, milk and eggs avoided during Lent.”



*Carnival* is the other term we use, which means ‘farewell to meat’, as in *vale* - meaning ‘farewell’ and *carnem* - ‘meat’.

“While I don’t keep the fast, I will be listening to Allegri’s *Miserere* - a setting of the penitential Psalm 51, and while I don’t usually eat too many carbohydrates, I will be enjoying a pancake today!”

