2015 HAWKE LECTURE
Intro to Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK AFC (Ret’d)

Time: 5:30pm
Date: Monday 14 September, 2015
Place: Adelaide Town Hall
## 2015 Annual Hawke Lecture

**MH370 and MH17 Disaster and Crisis: An Examination of Australia’s Response**

To be delivered by: Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret’d)

**Monday 14 September 2015**, 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start
Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide

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### Monday 14 September

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| 12.45pm | **Official Annual Hawke Lecture Luncheon** at Government House  
Host: His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia and Patron–in–Chief of the Hawke Centre  
**VENUE:** Government House, Cnr King William Street and North Terrace  
**TIME:** 12.45pm until 2.00pm |
| 4.15pm | Jacinta to meet Sir Angus at InterContinental Hotel and proceed to Adelaide Town Hall                                                      |
| 4.30pm | Sir Angus to arrive at Adelaide Town Hall  
Photos to be taken with Sir Angus for Annual Hawke Lecture portrait display wall followed by sound check |
| 5.00pm | Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Nigel Relph to arrive at Adelaide Town Hall  
Sound check with Professor David Lloyd and Dr Ian Gould |
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| 5.15pm | Other VIP guests will arrive from 5.15pm  
Invitation to go to any UniSA Council Member attending to come to Prince Alfred Room prior to lecture starting |
| 5.30pm | Photographer to Prince Alfred Room for group photos as directed by Jacinta Thompson  
Formal group photo with His Excellency the Governor when they arrive |
| 5.40pm | The Hon Bob Hawke to arrive at the Adelaide Town Hall and proceed to the Prince Alfred Room  
Professor David Lloyd to meet The Hon Jay Weatherill, Premier of South Australia, at entrance to Town Hall 5.40pm – escort him to the Prince Alfred Room for meet and greet with Governor  
The following VIPs have been invited to be presented to His Excellency on his arrival prior to the lecture and will be waiting in the Prince Alfred Room:  
- Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret’d)  
- The Hon Bob Hawke AC, Former Prime Minister of Australia  
- The Hon Jay Weatherill, Premier of South Australia  
- Mrs Mel Weatherill  
- Professor David Lloyd, Vice Chancellor, UniSA  
- Ms Anne Timlim, partner of Professor David Lloyd  
- Mr Nigel Relph, Deputy Vice Chancellor: International and Advancement, UniSA  
- Ms Jacinta Thompson, Executive Director, The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre  
- Ms Jill Saunders, Executive Assistant to Mr Hawke |
| 5.50pm | Chancellor and Mrs Gould to proceed to main entrance of Town Hall to meet the Governor and Mrs Le and escort them to the Prince Alfred Room for presentation of VIPs  
Group photographs with His Excellency, the Governor and Mrs Le |
| 5.57pm | Following presentations, the official party proceed immediately to stage – sitting at the table |
**Official party**

- Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret’d)
- Dr Ian Gould AM
- Professor David Lloyd
- The Hon Jay Weatherill

Nigel Relph and Jacinta Thompson to remain with His Excellency and Mrs Le at the entrance to the auditorium

Other VIP guests proceed to front rows of reserved seating

Once official party are seated on stage and the Governor is ready to come into the auditorium, Chancellor proceeds to lectern

**Signal from Louise Carnell when they are ready to enter**

As His Excellency and Mrs Le enter the auditorium with Nigel and Jacinta, Chancellor asks the audience to be upstanding for the arrival of *His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Le and to remain standing for the Vice Regal Salute*

Nigel and Jacinta then escorts HE and Mrs Le to their seats on the front row

**Seating for His Excellency:**

1st row AISLE – Mr Nigel Relph – His Excellency – Mrs Le – Ms Jacinta Thompson

2nd row AISLE – Aide-de-camp – Security Liaison Officer (if attending)

Chancellor remains at lectern

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<td>6.02pm</td>
<td>Vice Regal Salute is played once HE and Mrs Le have reached their seats</td>
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<td><strong>EVERYONE REMAINS STANDING DURING VICE REGAL SALUTE</strong></td>
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<td>6.04pm</td>
<td>Following the playing of the Vice Regal Salute, Chancellor asks audience to be seated</td>
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<td>6.07pm</td>
<td><strong>Premier Welcome (3 mins)</strong></td>
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<td>Chancellor then invites Premier Jay Weatherill to the lectern to welcome guests on behalf of the SA Government</td>
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<td>Premier proceeds to the lectern to welcome guests, then returns to the stage table</td>
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<td>6.10pm</td>
<td><strong>Speaker Introduction (3 mins)</strong></td>
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<td>Chancellor thanks Premier then invites the Vice Chancellor to introduce the speaker</td>
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<td>Vice Chancellor proceeds to the lectern and introduces Sir Angus, then returns to the stage table</td>
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<td>6.13pm</td>
<td><strong>2015 Annual Hawke Lecture</strong></td>
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<td>Sir Angus proceeds to the lectern from the stage table to deliver the 2015 AHL</td>
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<td>6.50pm</td>
<td><strong>Vote of Thanks (5 mins)</strong></td>
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<td>Chancellor returns to the lectern to invite Professor David Lloyd to give the Vote of Thanks</td>
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<td><em>(Chancellor returns to the stage table)</em></td>
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<td>Professor Lloyd proceeds to the lectern and offers the Vote of Thanks to Sir Angus</td>
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<td>6.55pm</td>
<td>Chancellor returns to the lectern thanking Professor Lloyd and ending proceedings with a request to be upstanding for HE’s departure</td>
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<td>Audience stands for departure of HE the Governor and Mrs Le</td>
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<td>Nigel and Jacinta escort HE and Mrs Le out of the auditorium and to their car (OR to Banqueting Room if staying for reception)</td>
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Chancellor and Vice Chancellor escort Sir Angus to Banqueting Room

Other VIPs proceed from the auditorium to the Banqueting Room for post-lecture reception

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<th>7.00pm – 8.00pm</th>
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<td>Guests directed to Banqueting Room – invitation only</td>
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<th>7.45pm</th>
<th><strong>Depart Adelaide Town Hall at 7.45pm for Post-lecture dinner:</strong> with Bob Hawke and others</th>
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<td>Various Hughes Cars for dinner guests as required</td>
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**Venue:** Jolley’s Boathouse Restaurant, 8.00pm

1 Jolleys Lane, Adelaide (Cnr Victoria Drive and King William Road) Phone: 8223 2891

| 10.00pm | Hughes cars return from restaurant as required |
• Good evening.

• This time last year we were looking forward to hearing tonight’s guest speaker tell us about leading the Anzac Centenary commemorations.

• These were the commemorations that consumed much of the public’s interest in the leadup to the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

• But Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK AFC (Retired) suddenly had much more pressing issues to deal with.

• In early 2014 he had been asked to head the Joint Agency Coordination Centre to oversee the efforts to find the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

• MH 370 had disappeared on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.
• It vanished. 239 people, including 6 Australians, never made it home.

• Barely two weeks before he was due to deliver the Hawke Lecture in August last year, Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was shot out of the sky as it flew from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur over Ukrainian territory.

• This time 298 people lost their lives.

• On top of his oversight of the efforts to find the missing MH370, Sir Angus Houston was appointed the Prime Minister’s Special Envoy to lead Australia’s efforts on the ground in Ukraine to help recover, identify and repatriate the victims.

• The investigation into who shot down the plane is still ongoing but the team led by Sir Angus recovered and repatriated the victims, eventually identifying 296 of the 298 people who lost their lives.
• That includes all 38 people who called Australia home.

• The search for MH370 is ongoing and is now under the control of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

• China, Malaysia and Australia have combined forces to conduct the largest aviation search in history.

• It involved 7.68 million square kilometres of search area - that’s roughly the same size as Australia - in water up to 5 kilometres deep in places.

• Just to put that in context:
  
  o the deepest dive a sperm whale can make is a fraction under one kilometre;
  
  o the deepest diving mammal can only reach 3 kilometres underwater;

  o the Titanic, which rested nearly 4 kilometres from the surface, took 73 years to find.
The search also gave us new terminology. Words like flaperon, and concepts like the seventh arc and the satellite handshake.

And introduced us to the mysterious mussel-like shellfish attached to the only known piece of debris found so far that may yet give a clue as to where the rest of the plane lies.

Tonight Sir Angus Houston will examine the circumstances of both Malaysia Airlines tragedies and Australia’s response to them.

Sir Angus was Chief of the Australian Defence Force before he retired in 2011 after 41 years of service in the military.
• In the Australia Day Honours in 2015 he was awarded the Knight of the Order of Australia for his extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to Australia, through distinguished service in the Australian Defence Force, continued commitment to serve the nation in leadership roles and in a variety of roles in the community.

• A community which, by the way, he adopted when he emigrated to Australia from Scotland.

• He was just 21 and intent on being a jackaroo.

• Sir Angus is Chair of:
  o Airservices Australia;
  o the Order of Australia Council; and
  o the Canberra Symphony Orchestra.
• He is a Board member of:
  o the Lowy Institute for International Policy;
  o the Australian Cancer Research Foundation;
  o the Anzac Centenary Public Fund Board; and
  o GreaterGood Canberra.

• Sir Angus was Chair of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board from July 2011 until March 2014. The Board provided strategic advice to the Government on the national program for the Anzac Centenary from 2014 to 2018.

• In addition, he is patron of numerous charitable organisations and led the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers.
• Importantly for all of us here tonight, he was appointed Chair of the Defence SA Advisory Board and has recently been appointed South Australia's special envoy for international trade and investment, with a particular focus on South-East Asia.

• Despite a history of flying helicopters, then instructing pilots, which led to strategic planning for combat and eventually command of the air force then command of the Defence Force.

• And despite being given countless awards, including the Air Force Cross for an open sea rescue off the coast of New South Wales,

• and working through all stages of the Order of Australia from Member, through Officer, through Companion to eventually Knight,
• and picking up several military honours from Singapore, Malaysia, France, East Timor, the United States and the Netherlands,

• He displays all the traits of a man who is busier post retirement than he was during his career.

• Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming our keynote speaker, Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK AFC. Retired – but still playing a vital role in serving his nation’s best interests.

(following Sir Angus’s speech)

(pick up on some major points in the speech)

OR

• Possibly one of the most valuable takeaways we have from this search so far are new maps of the Southern Indian Ocean floor.
• Scientists will tell you that we’re more familiar with the shape of Mars than we are of the hard surface of the Earth.

• The oceans are vast and only a small fraction of the seafloor has so far been described in detail.

• But now the search teams have mapped 200,000 square kilometres of the ocean floor where the search is concentrated.

• Prior to this search the only maps available were low-resolution satellite images of that part of the world.

• Now, thanks to Geoscience Australia’s bathymetric survey we have hi-resolution maps collated from data on the sea floor.

• Please join me in thanking Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston for shedding some light on what could go down in history as the most perplexing aviation accident ever.
• But one that will eventually add to the sum total of our knowledge of the world we live in.