



South Australian Universities Alumni UK

The South Australian Universities Alumni UK was established by the Agent General for South Australia, the late Maurice de Rohan, AO, OBE, Patron of the Alumni, and Dr Robin James Storer in 2002. Their vision was to create an Alumni network in the UK which would share affiliations with all of the South Australian universities. Because of this, one of our strengths is in our unity and cooperation across all memberships, with a commitment to promoting the networking of graduates of SA Universities residing in the UK and Europe.

Our UK Alumni provides a unique link with South Australia, acting as a resource for graduates – to help form strong, supportive professional and social networks in an international context. The Alumni also provides information exchange between graduates and the University of Adelaide, University of South Australia, Flinders University and Carnegie Mellon Heinz School, as well as the Government of South Australia, the Agent-General's Office UK, and business/charitable organisations.

We support graduates in the UK by holding approximately five social, educational and/or cultural events per year e.g. wine tasting, summer drinks, lecture series, combined Alumni activities, Christmas festivities, State Government receptions and celebrating South Australia in general.

In 2007, Baroness Susan Greenfield, CBE accepted our invitation to be patron of the Alumni UK following the passing of Maurice de Rohan. Susan Greenfield is Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain (Ri), Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Oxford and Director of the Oxford Centre for the Science of the Mind. She is closely associated with South Australia having been Adelaide 'Thinker in Residence' twice and made an 'Honourary Australian of the Year' in 2006. In May 2007, the Premier of South Australia announced the establishment of the Ri of Great Britain in Adelaide – *RiAus*.

The Alumni UK looks forward to meeting and seeing all Graduates at our events. We trust that our functions offer a *special Alumni experience* with valuable networking opportunities, as well as fostering a sense of community among South Australian graduates in the UK and Europe.