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and

SIR NICHOLAS SHEHADIE AC OBE KStJ  
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DIARY OF ENGAGEMENTS

1 MARCH 2006 to 28 FEBRUARY 2007

### **WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency delivered the Keynote Address at the Women Firsts Luncheon, at the Union Club.

The Governor was Guest of Honour at a dinner to celebrate 30 years of ABC Radio's 'The Science Show', hosted by Robyn Williams, at the Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo.

### **THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2006**

There is no vice-regal news from Sydney for inclusion in today's edition.

### **FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor visited Stewart House, a hospital, charity and school which provides health care and short-term respite care for children in need who are enrolled in public schools in NSW and the ACT, and cut a cake with students to mark 75 years of continuous operation at Curl Curl.

In the evening, Her Excellency, as Patron of the Australia Day Botany Bay Regatta Committee, delivered an Address and presented the Navigator's Cup Awards, at Randwick City Council.

Later, the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Symphony Council, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a performance of Mozart's Masterpieces, featuring virtuoso Italian pianists Michele Campanella and Monica Leone, at the Sydney Opera House.

### **SATURDAY 4 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary community celebrations of St Catherine's School, entitled "The Way We Were, The Way We Are", at Waverley.

## **SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, on behalf of the Australian Music Examinations Board (NSW), delivered an Address and presented Diplomas and other awards, at a Ceremony in the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, University of NSW, Kensington.

## **MONDAY 6 MARCH 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, was the Guest of Honour at the Dean's Gala Concert, to launch the commencement of the concert season, in the Verbrugghen Hall and later attended a dinner in the Atrium.

## **WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address at the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Australia Inc, International Women's Day Breakfast, at the Star City Hotel.

Afterwards, Her Excellency presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, the Governor delivered the Keynote Address at the 2006 International Women's Day Lunchtime Seminar, hosted by the Australian Public Service Commission, at The Terrace Room, L'Aqua, Cockle Bay.

In the evening, Her Excellency was the Guest of Honour at a Reception to mark International Women's Day, hosted by the Premier, at Government House.

## **THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, attended a Luncheon with Committee, staff and stakeholders of Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service Inc (KYDS), at Lindfield.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Mrs Patricia Lovejoy, as Guest of Opera Australia, attended the Opening Night of “The Rake’s Progress”, at the Sydney Opera House.

In the evening, Sir Nicholas Shehadie was the Guest of Honour at the “Magic Moments at the SCG” gala dinner, hosted by St Vincent de Paul Society in support of Charles O’Neill House, an extension of the Matthew Talbot Hostel, at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park.

## **FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received Mr Abel Guterres, Consul-General of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas received Mr Paul Tighe, Australian Ambassador to Greece and Mrs Diane Tighe.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron of the San Miguel Family Centre, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address and presented awards, at the 2006 Celebrate the West Luncheon, at the WatervieW Convention Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas hosted a Reception to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Apex within Australia, at Government House.

## **SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 13 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie participated in the National Welcome Ceremony to Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh at the Forecourt, Sydney Opera House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas were present at the Opening of the Sydney Opera House Colonnade by Her Majesty, in the presence of His Royal Highness, and later farewelled them from the Opera House.

In the afternoon, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were received in Audience by Her Majesty, at Admiralty House, at which time Her Excellency was invested with the insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas formally farewelled Her Majesty on her departure from Sydney Airport.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron of The Commonwealth Day Council New South Wales Inc, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, read Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth's Message " Health and Vitality: The Commonwealth Challenge" at the Commonwealth Day Gala Reception at the Sofitel Wentworth.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas left Sydney for Canberra where they remained overnight.

## **TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie were Guests at a Luncheon, hosted by Their Excellencies The Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery, in honour of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, at Government House, Canberra.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas left Canberra for Melbourne, where they remained overnight.

### **WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie were Guests at a Reception hosted by The Honourable John Howard MP, Prime Minister of Australia; The Honourable Steve Bracks MP, Premier of Victoria and Mr Ronald Walker AC CBE Chairman, Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation, on the occasion of the Opening of the XVIII Commonwealth Games and afterwards, attended the Opening of the Games by Her Majesty The Queen, at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The Governor and Sir Nicholas remained overnight in Melbourne.

In the morning, The Honourable James Spigelman AC, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales, by deputation from Her Excellency the Governor, presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

### **THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended competition heats at the XVIII Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

In the evening, they were guests at a dinner hosted by John Landy AC MBE, Governor of Victoria and Mrs Lynne Landy, at Government House.

Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas remained overnight in Melbourne.

In the evening, The Honourable James Spigelman AC, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales, by deputation from Her Excellency the Governor, hosted a Reception for participants in the Asia Pacific Judicial Reform Forum Working Party Meeting, at Government House.

## **FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Melbourne for Sydney.

Afterwards, the Governor visited Mrs Marta Reiss on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, at Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home, Hunters Hill.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas received the Honourable Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka MP, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, accompanied by His Excellency Mr Kusumpala Balapatabendi, High Commissioner and other delegation members, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas received His Excellency Mr Niek van Zutphen, Ambassador of the Netherlands and Mrs Miriam van Zutphen-Wijsenbeek, accompanied by Ms Margarita Bot, Consul-General.

## **SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 20 MARCH 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, received the Paul Harris Fellow Award, being the highest award that a Rotary Club can bestow and named after the Founder of the Rotary International Service Organisation, at the Rotary Club of Sydney Luncheon, at the Castlereagh Hotel.

In the evening, Her Excellency officially opened the 2006 Harmony Day Poster Exhibition, organised by the Education Task Force of B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission Inc and the Chinese Australian Forum and presented prizes, at Sydney Town Hall House.

## **WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency received Mr Carlos Velastegui, Consul-General of the Republic of Ecuador.

Subsequently, the Governor received His Excellency Mr Stefano Starace Janfolla, Ambassador of Italy, accompanied by Mr Antonio Verde, Consul-General.

Afterwards, Her Excellency received Mr Anthony Thornton, Head of Channel, Ovation-Celebrating the Arts and Ms Aspasia Sagiotis.

In the afternoon, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, received His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex KCVO ADC, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency, as Patron of the Sydney Symphony Council, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a performance of "Edo de Waart conducts Mahler", as part of the Master Series, at the Sydney Opera House.



#### **THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, officially launched the Australian Respiratory Council (formerly Community Health and Tuberculosis Australia) on World Tuberculosis Day, at the Darlington Centre, The University of Sydney.

Afterwards, Her Excellency attended the 'Building Bridges' Benefit Concert hosted by the Bridge for Asylum Seekers Foundation (BASF), at the Sydney Town Hall.

#### **FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Paul Wenham SL.K, on the completion of his term as the Honorary Consul-General of Finland and Mrs Iona Wenham, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and announced the first Ambassador, at the 'Spark of Genius' Fundraising Dinner in aid of the Neuroscience Institute of Schizophrenia and Allied Disorders (NISAD), at the Sydney Town Hall.

#### **SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Show of the Castle Hill and Hills District Agricultural Society Inc, at the Castle Hill Showground.

In the evening, Her Excellency was the Guest of Honour at the Cirque de Mozart 2006 Ball, celebrating Mozart's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and in support of the Vienna State Opera Award, at the Sydney Town Hall.

#### **SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the centenary celebrations of The Sydney Society of Model Engineers Inc, at Model Park, Luddenham.

## **MONDAY 27 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received a Parliamentary Delegation from the National Assembly of Pakistan, led by The Honourable Chaudhary Amir Hussain MNA, Speaker, accompanied by Begum Shahnaz Sheikh, Minister of State for Health; His Excellency Mr Babar W Malik, High Commissioner and other Members, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency entertained to luncheon, Professor Erika Stubenvoll, President of the Vienna Regional Parliament; Magistrate Horst Stubenvoll; Mrs Jan Hupfau; Mr Phillip Isaacs and Mrs Susie Gibbons, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a dinner to welcome Richard Hickox CBE as Music Director of Opera Australia, guests at which were: Mrs Pamela Hickox; Mrs Jean Hickox; Mrs Antoinette Albert and Mr Tristram Miall; Mr Philip Bacon AM; Mr Neil Burns and Mrs Sandra Burns; Mr Adrian Collette and Ms Vicki Watson; Mr Leonard Groat; Mr Andrew Hamlin and Mrs Wendy Hamlin; Mr Stuart Maunder and Mrs Anne-Maree Maunder; Mrs Barbara McNulty OBE; Mrs Greeba Pritchard and Mr Leslie Pritchard; Mr Kenneth Reed and Mr Fred Street and Mrs Dorothy Street, at Government House.

## **TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, launched Motor Neurone Disease Week and presented awards at the WatervieW Convention Centre, Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park.

In the evening, Her Excellency officially opened the Denise Thomas Building at the Meriden (Anglican School for Girls) Junior School, at Strathfield.

## **WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency officially opened the Mental Health Screening Unit, at the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre, Silverwater Correctional Complex.

Later, the Governor, as Patron, received Mrs Peg McEntee OAM, Chairman of the Board of Carrington Centennial Care Ltd and Mr Raad Richards, Chief Executive Officer, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency received a farewell call from Mr Peter Heenan, Consul-General of New Zealand and Mrs Joy Heenan.

In the evening, the Governor, as guest of Musica Viva Australia, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a performance by the Jerusalem Quartet, at the City Recital Hall.

## **THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor hosted a Reception to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the four Women's Services, The Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF); The Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS); The Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) and The Australian Army Medical Women's Service (AAMWS), at Government House.

In the afternoon, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented the 2006 Vision Australia Further Education Bursary Awards, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency presided at a Special Meeting of the Executive Council.

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor was represented by Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE, at the Welcome Home Ceremony for the 2006 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, at the Sydney Town Hall.

## **FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened the newly constructed Infants and Junior Schools at Macarthur Anglican School, Cobbitty.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, officially opened the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Camden Show, on behalf of the Camden Show Society Inc, and later attended a luncheon hosted by the President, Mr Matt Collins and Mrs Anne-Marie Collins, at Camden Showground.

## **SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Honorary Colonel of the Royal New South Wales Regiment, officially launched the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of "The Grim Glory", the Official History of the 2/19 Battalion AIF, at the Royal Automobile Club.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency officially opened the Abbotsleigh Research Centre, at Abbotsleigh (Anglican School for Girls), Wahroonga.

## **MONDAY 3 APRIL 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened the JD Oates Aquatic Institute and the Performing Arts Centre (incorporating the Audrey Keown Theatre) at Presbyterian Ladies' College, Croydon.

## **TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Vivian Liff and Mr George Stuart, from the Isle of Man; Dr Andrew Byrne and Mr Allan Gill; and Mrs Patricia Lovejoy, at Government House.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency officially opened the exhibition “The Working Royal of Thailand”, organised by the Royal Thai Embassy and the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Sydney, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of His Majesty King Bhumipol Adulyadej, currently the world’s longest serving Monarch, at Parliament House.

In the evening, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and proposed the Toast to Scholars at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Academic Dinner, preceded by Academic Evensong, at St Paul’s College, The University of Sydney.

## **WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, received The Honourable Dr Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, accompanied by His Excellency Mr Niek van Zutphen, Ambassador to Australia; Ms Margarita Bot, Consul-General and Mr Stephen Brady, Australian Ambassador to the Netherlands, at Government House.

Subsequently, the Governor and Sir Nicholas received His Excellency Dr Peter Procháčka, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic.

Later, Her Excellency deposited a time capsule and laid the foundation stone for a new residential building, at St Andrew’s College, The University of Sydney.

In the late afternoon, the Governor presented the Clarrie Wymer Apprenticeship Awards, on behalf of Master Plumbers Apprentices Ltd and the Master Plumbers’ Association of New South Wales, at Lidcombe.

In the evening, Her Excellency officially opened the new indigenous gallery space “Birrung Gallery” (formerly Walkabout) and launched the first solo exhibition of Tiger Palpatja, on behalf of World Vision Australia, at Leichhardt.

#### **THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Contemporary Croatian Graphic Art Exhibition, on behalf of the Consulate-General of the Republic of Croatia, at the Billich Gallery, The Rocks.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency received The Honourable Robert Hill, Ambassador-Designate and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor launched “Meg Mulvey: A Memoir”, celebrating the life of Dr Margaret Mulvey (Lady Schlink) at The Women’s College, The University of Sydney.

#### **FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 2006 Palliative Care Volunteers’ Conference “Listen to the Music”, jointly hosted by The Blue Mountains Palliative Support Service and the Nepean Palliative Volunteer Service, at the Carrington Hotel, Katoomba.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 58 Government Secondary Schools, at Government House.

#### **SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Chief Scout, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and presented awards, at the 109<sup>th</sup> Queen’s Scout Awards Presentation, at Government House.

#### **SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 10 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor visited the newly established Corporate Headquarters of Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), at Glebe.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a Reception for guests from Country New South Wales, with music provided by the Royal Australian Navy Band Sydney Detachment, at Government House.

## **TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address and witnessed the signing of the Principles of Co-Operation between the City of Sydney and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, at Redfern Community Centre.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a dinner at Government House to farewell Mr Jaroslav Dolecek, Dean of the Consular Corps and Consul-General of the Czech Republic and Mrs Magdaléna Dolecková, guests at which were: Dr The Honourable Meredith Burgmann MLC; The Honourable John Aquilina MP and Ms Ann Moran; The Honourable John Murray and Mrs Maureen Murray; Mr Kajetan Bartak and Mrs Sonja Bartak; Mr Ralph Bott; Emeritus Professor Martin Cooper OAM and Mrs Lois Cooper; Mr Chris Ferris and Mrs Janette Ferris; Ms Glenyce Gers; Mr Russell Grove PSM and Mrs Frances Grove; Mr Bedrich Kabriel and Mrs Christine Kabriel; Mr Geoffrey Radinoff and Mrs Pat Radinoff; Mr Gary Rosevear; Father Jaroslav Simek and Mr Paul Wenham SL.K and Mrs Ilona Wenham.

## **WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency received Dr Lisa Jackson Pulver, Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, The University of New South Wales and Ms Helen Read, Director of Didgeri Air Art Tours, Northern Territory, who remained for luncheon, at the Office of the Governor.

Afterwards, the Governor received Mr Bruce Pettman, Government Architect and Mr Christopher Marks, Heritage Architect.

**THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**MONDAY 17 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie were farewelled at Sydney Airport, on their departure for Canberra, by Mr Brian L Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff.

At midnight, Her Excellency assumed the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

As a consequence, and in the absence from the State of the Lieutenant-Governor, The Honourable Justice Keith Mason AC, Administrator, assumed the administration of the government of the State of New South Wales.



## **WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2006**

Following the departure from Australia of the Governor-General and Her Excellency Mrs Marlena Jeffery, on a visit to the United Arab Emirates, Republic of Turkey and the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Proclamation assuming the Administration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia was signed by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, at Government House Canberra.

Later, the Administrator received from His Excellency Mr Bandhit Sotipalalit Letters of Credence accrediting him as Ambassador of The Kingdom of Thailand. The Ambassador was accompanied by: Mr Udomphol Ninnad (Minister); Mrs Varunee Viraphat (Minister-Counsellor); and Group Captain Vorachat Tharechat (Defence and Air Attaché), Royal Thai Embassy. The Administrator and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE also received Mrs Saijai Sotipalalit.

Afterwards the Administrator received from His Excellency Mr Cho Chang-Beom Letters of Credence accrediting him as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea. The Ambassador was accompanied by: Mr Kim Il-doo (Minister-Counsellor); Mr Suh Hyung-won (Counsellor); and Colonel Kim Hyun-chul (Defence Attaché), Embassy of the Republic of Korea. The Administrator and Sir Nicholas Shehadie also received Mrs Cho Eun-sook.

Later, the Administrator received from His Excellency Mr Galsan Batsukh Letters of Credence accrediting him as Ambassador of Mongolia. The Ambassador was accompanied by: Mr Jagir Suhee (First Secretary) and Mr Peter Sloane (Honorary Consul), Consulate-General of Mongolia, Sydney. The Administrator and Sir Nicholas Shehadie also received Mrs Laagan Alimaa.

Later, the Administrator received from His Excellency Mr Raul Eskildsen Letters of Credence accrediting him as Ambassador of the Republic of Panama. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mrs Yvonne Bustamante (Honorary Consul), Consulate-General of Panama, Sydney. The Administrator and Sir Nicholas Shehadie also received Mrs Sonia Eskildsen.

Afterwards, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted to lunch: the Ambassador of Mongolia and Mrs Laagan Alimaa; the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea and Mrs Cho Eun-sook; the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama and Mrs Sonia Eskildsen; the Ambassador of The Kingdom of Thailand and Mrs Saijai Sotipalalit; Mrs Yvonne Bustamante; Senator the Honourable Grant Chapman; Dr Jhagvaral Hasbold; Mrs Otgontungs; Mr Peter Hendy; Mr John Jones; Professor Ann Kumar; Ms Suthinee Muangsaen; Mr Alby Shultz MP and Mrs Gloria Shultz OAM; Mr Bill Shields and Ms Claire Shields; Mr Peter Sloane and Mrs Jocelyn Sloane; Mr David Spencer; Mr Ron Staples and Mrs Elaine Staples; Mr Robert Taylor; and Ms Lyndall Biggar.

## **THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2006**

At Government House Canberra, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE hosted a reception for delegates attending the 33<sup>rd</sup> Triennial Conference of the Australian Federation of University Women.

## **FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2006**

At The Queen's Club in Sydney, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO delivered the address at a luncheon to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty The Queen.

In the evening at Government House Canberra, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE hosted a reception to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty The Queen.

The following message was sent to Buckingham Palace by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales and currently, Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia.

“My husband and I join with the Government and people of New South Wales in offering our warmest greetings and congratulations on the wonderful occasion of Your Majesty's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is a cause for great celebration.”

## **SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2006**

At the Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE attended a ceremony at which the Administrator officially opened the Australian Little Athletics Championships 2006.

In the afternoon at Randwick Racecourse Sydney, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas attended the AJC Easter Carnival luncheon, following which the Administrator presented the trophy to the winning connections of The Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

In the evening at the Sydney Superdome, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas attended the ANZAC International Military Tattoo.

## **SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2006**

At the Jewish War Memorial Sydney, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas attended the NSW Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women (NAJEX) Communal Wreath Laying and ANZAC Day Service, at which Her Excellency delivered an address and laid a wreath

## **MONDAY 24 APRIL 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2006**

At the Australian War Memorial Canberra, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

Afterwards, at the Australian War Memorial Canberra, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas attended the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service, at which the Administrator, as Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Defence Force, reviewed the march past of service and ex-services associations and later, together with Sir Nicholas, laid flowers at the Stone of Remembrance and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

### **WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2006**

At Government House Canberra, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO presided at a meeting of the Federal Executive Council.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE, as guests of the Director of the Australian War Memorial, Major General Steve Gower, AO (Retd), visited the exhibition 'Sport and War'.

### **THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2006**

At Yarralumla ACT, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, as guest of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Stephen Hull, toured the National Zoo and Aquarium.

Later, at the National Gallery of Australia, the Administrator, as guest of the Curator, Ms Anna Gray, viewed the exhibition 'Constable: Impressions of Land, Sea and Sky'.

### **FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2006**

At the Port Arthur Historic Site, Tasmania, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE attended the Tenth Anniversary Commemoration Service and laid a wreath in memory of the victims of the tragedy.

In the evening, at Government House, Sydney, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas hosted a dinner to acknowledge the work of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens, and particularly the Director, Emeritus Professor Alexander Cambitoglou AO. Guests were: The Honourable Justice Kim Santow OAM; Emeritus Professor John Chalmers AC; Mr John Reid AO; Mr Peter Burrows AO; Professor Gavin Brown AO; Mr Michael Diamond AM MBE; Associate Professor Alexandra Bune AM; Mr Nicholas Carr; Mrs Gail Comino; Professor David Cook; Mr Geoffrey Cooke; Professor Stephen Garton; Professor Jane Hall; Mr Timothy Harding and Mrs Pauline Harding; Dr Robert Harper SC; Dr Thomas Hillard; Dr Monica Jackson; Mrs Zoe Kominatos; Mr Robert Kotic; Ms Beatrice McLoughlin; Professor Margaret Miller; Dr Elizabeth Minchin; Dr Wayne Mullen; Dr Nicholas Pappas; Emeritus Professor Roslyn Pesman; Dr Valery Rundle; Professor June Sinclair; Mr James Tsiolis; Mr Michael Turner; Mr Costa Vertzayias; Dr Keith Walker; Dr Kathryn Welch and Professor Peter Wilson.

### **SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2006**

In the morning, the Administrator attended the Celebration of the life of Professor (ret'd) Reg Martin, Foundation President of the Psychoanalytic Society of Australia and former Head of Clinical Psychology, at the University of New South Wales, Lindfield.

### **SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2006**

At Richmond New South Wales, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, as Patron and Honorary Air Commodore of No 22 (City of Sydney) Squadron Association, and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE attended the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service.

### **MONDAY 1 MAY 2006**

At Narrabri New South Wales, the Administrator, as Patron of the Country Women's Association of New South Wales, officially opened the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Conference.

Afterwards, Her Excellency visited Narrabri West Primary School and planted a tree in the grounds; visited Narrabri High School; and toured Namoi Aged Care Hostel.

In the afternoon, at Narrabri Shire Council Chambers, Her Excellency, as Guest of Honour, attended a Civic Reception hosted by the Mayor of Narrabri, Councillor George Sevil.

## **TUESDAY 2 MAY 2006**

At the Hyatt Hotel Canberra, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO officially launched the Salvation Army 2006 Red Shield Appeal.

At midday, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, re-assumed the administration of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

In the afternoon, the Governor received Mr Peter Watts, Director of the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales, at the Office of the Governor.

Her Excellency received the resignation of the Honourable John Tingle as a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, in accordance with Section 22J of the Constitution Act 1902 (NSW), effective 2 May 2006.

Her Excellency received the following message from the Private Secretary to The Queen:

*“The Queen has asked me to thank you for your kind letter on the occasion of her eightieth birthday. Her Majesty was very touched by the thoughts expressed and has asked me to pass on her gratitude to you and your husband and to the Government and the people of New South Wales for helping to make this birthday such a special one for her.*

*This letter comes to you with The Queen’s warm good wishes.”*

## **WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received the Honourable Milton Orkopoulos MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, and Mr Robert Domm, Chief Executive Officer, Redfern-Waterloo Authority.

Later, and in the afternoon, at Government House, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, conducted Investitures in the Order of Australia and presented other Awards, with music provided by the Royal Australian Navy Band Sydney Detachment.

## **THURSDAY 4 MAY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Biennial Conference of the International Association of Women Judges, at the Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

Later, and in the afternoon, at Government House, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, conducted Investitures in the Order of Australia and presented other Awards, with music provided by the Royal Australian Navy Band Sydney Detachment.

In the evening, the Governor was the Guest of Honour at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of The Centre for Independent Studies, at the Four Seasons Hotel.

## **FRIDAY 5 MAY 2006**

In the morning, on the occasion of International Midwives' Day, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Conference "Old Families New Beginnings: Working with 'Ghosts in the Nursery'", at the Novotel Hotel, Sydney Olympic Park.

Later, and in the afternoon, at Government House, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, conducted Investitures in the Order of Australia and presented other Awards, with music provided by the Air Command Band.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at the Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill "All Saints in May" Dinner, at which Her Excellency launched the "Friends of All Saints" Garden and Sir Nicholas was Guest Speaker.

## **SATURDAY 6 MAY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor opened the “Freud Then and Now” Conference, hosted by the Australian Psychoanalytical Society, in conjunction with the Sydney Institute for Psycho-Analysis, to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Dr Sigmund Freud, at The State Library of New South Wales.

Later, Her Excellency, as Deputy Prior, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officiated at an Investiture Ceremony for Admissions to and Promotions in The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem (The Order of St John), with music provided by the NSW Ambulance Service Band, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for Cleveland Street School, at the Canterbury Park Events Centre, Canterbury Park Racecourse.

Later, the Governor, as Patron, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at the Cure for Life Foundation Gala Ball at The Pavilion Function Centre, Royal Randwick Racecourse.

## **SUNDAY 7 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 8 MAY 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor was farewelled at Sydney International Airport on her departure for overseas, by Mr Brian L Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff and Mr Michael Harkins, Director-Protocol and Hospitality, New South Wales Premier’s Department.

The Honourable James Spigelman AC, Lieutenant Governor, assumed the administration of the Government of New South Wales.

## **TUESDAY 9 MAY 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor sent a message on behalf of the people of New South Wales, to the Governor of Tasmania, following the successful rescue of Todd Russell and Brant Webb, at Beaconsfield, and also offered deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Larry Knight.



**WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**THURSDAY 11 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**FRIDAY 12 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SATURDAY 13 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SUNDAY 14 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**MONDAY 15 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**TUESDAY 16 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**THURSDAY 18 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**FRIDAY 19 MAY 2006**

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, was received by Their Royal Highnesses The Crown Prince Frederik and The Crown Princess Mary of Denmark and remained for luncheon at Chancellery House, Fredensborg Castle, near Copenhagen.

**SATURDAY 20 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SUNDAY 21 MAY 2006**

In the morning, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was represented at the Charity Awareness Week Thanksgiving Service, at The Parish Church of St James, King Street, Sydney by Mr Brian L Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff.

**MONDAY 22 MAY 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the Funeral Service for the late Richard (Rick) Andrew Farley, at St Brigid's Church, Marrickville, by Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE.

**TUESDAY 23 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**THURSDAY 25 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**FRIDAY 26 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SATURDAY 27 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SUNDAY 28 MAY 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales was met on arrival at Sydney International Airport by Mr Brian L Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff and Mr Michael Harkins MVO, Director-Protocol and Hospitality, New South Wales Premier's Department.

Her Excellency re-assumed the administration of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

**MONDAY 29 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**TUESDAY 30 MAY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency received His Grace, The Most Reverend Archbishop Hilarion, Archbishop of Australia and New Zealand of the Russian Orthodox Church (Abroad), accompanied by Mr David C Lloyd, Voluntary Secretary of the Archdiocesan Refugee Committee.

Subsequently, the Governor received Mr Roger Wilkins, Director-General and Mr Anthony Lean, Policy Manager, Legal Branch, The Cabinet Office.

Later, Her Excellency received a farewell call from Mr Ovidiu Grecea, Consul-General of Romania and Mrs Liliana Grecea.

Afterwards, the Governor received a delegation from the International Youth Development Cooperation Centre in Vietnam, hosted by the Australian Political Exchange Council.

In the evening, Her Excellency opened the exhibition “Women’s Business” featuring the work of Goody Barrett, Peggy Patrick, Phyllis Thomas and the Nocketta sisters, Ramona, Remika, Tennielle and Vondean, at Sherman Galleries, Paddington.

## **THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, as Joint Patrons of the War Widows’ Guild of Australia NSW Ltd, attended and Her Excellency delivered an Address at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, at the Menzies Hotel.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 57 Government Secondary Schools in the Northern Sydney and North Coast Regions, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor officially opened the first integrated Brachytherapy Suite, at The Mater Hospital, Crows Nest.

**SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor chaired a Youth Panel Discussion on the subject of “Ensuring a Healthy Future”, at The Women’s College Leadership Seminar 2006, The University of Sydney.

**SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**MONDAY 5 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency officially opened the Oxley Hill Rotary Community Lookout, on traditional Gundungurra Land, overlooking the western approach to Bowral, and initiated by the Rotary Club of Berrima District, with the support of the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services; GROW Sydney ACC; Wingecarribee Shire Council; NSW Premier's Department; Yamanda Aboriginal Association; Wingecarribee Reconciliation Group and Bowral High School.

The Governor also unveiled a plaque recognising the role of Aboriginal guides in the exploration of Australia and particularly the Southern Highlands.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, a Paul Harris Fellow, was Guest of Honour at a luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Berrima District at the Bowral Country Club.

In the evening, the Governor officially opened the "EORA, Mapping Aboriginal Sydney 1770-1850" Exhibition, at the State Library of New South Wales.

Later, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Symphony Council, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a Master Series Concert 'Stars and Planets', featuring John Storgards, Conductor and Mirijam Contzen on Violin, at the Sydney Opera House.

## **THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor received Ms Ann Sullivan, who remained for luncheon, at the Office of the Governor.

Later, Her Excellency addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 42 Independent Secondary Schools, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Mr David Murray, Chairman, and Mr Steve Howard, Secretary, The Global Foundation, at Government House.

## **FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Australian Women's Archive Project: 'Women Candidates for the New South Wales Parliament', "Putting Skirts on the Sacred Benches", on behalf of The National Foundation for Australian Women, as part of the celebrations marking the sesquicentenary of Responsible Government in New South Wales, at Parliament House.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 55 Government Secondary Schools in Western New South Wales and New England Regions, at Government House.

## **SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, as guests of the Australian Rugby Union, attended the Australia vs. England match, at Telstra Stadium.

## **MONDAY 12 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2006**

In the afternoon, consequent on Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales having assumed the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, The Honourable James Spigelman AC, Lieutenant-Governor, assumed the administration of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

Later, at the Great Hall of The University of Sydney, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE attended a ceremony followed by a dinner to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine.

### **WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2006**

At Government House, Canberra, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, presided at a meeting of the Federal Executive Council.

### **THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2006**

At Government House Canberra, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE received a farewell call from the Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, His Excellency Mr Fernando Schmidt. Later, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas received the Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic, His Excellency Mr Tammam Sulaiman.

In the evening, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas hosted a reception for graduands of the Royal Military College of Australia.

Afterwards at the Canberra Theatre Centre, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas attended the opening night performance of *Clan* by the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

### **FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2006**

At Castle Hill, New South Wales, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE officially opened new offices for Interaction Disability Services.

In the afternoon at Government House, Sydney, the Administrator addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from forty-one government secondary schools from the south-west Sydney region.

In the evening at Admiralty House, Sydney, the Administrator and Sir Nicholas hosted a reception for Transplant Australia, at which Her Excellency presented pins and certificates of acknowledgement to living donors.



## **SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2006**

At Government House, Sydney, the Administrator Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE received the Consul-General of Romania, Dr Ovidiu Grecea and Mrs Liliana Grecea who remained for luncheon.

Afterwards, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas hosted the Annual Centenarians afternoon tea on behalf of the Lions Club Sydney.

In the evening at the Stamford Hotel, Double Bay, the Administrator received Year 11 students from Hills Grammar School at the 2006 Presentation Ball.

## **SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 19 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Honorary Colonel of the Royal New South Wales Regiment, received Major-General Gordon Maitland AO OBE RFD ED (Ret'd), and Brigadier Bruce Trimble RFD, Regimental Colonel, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency officially opened the new premises of Engineers Australia Sydney Division, at Chatswood.

In the evening, the Governor, as Visitor to the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA), attended a lecture "India and China: The New Powers", by Mr Sujan Chinoy, Consul-General of India, at The Glover Cottages, Kent Street, Sydney.

### **WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and laid the first wreath at the Inaugural General Sir John Monash Commemorative Service in New South Wales, organised by The Spirit of Australia Foundation, at The Scots College, Bellevue Hill.

In the afternoon, the Governor, as Patron of The Royal Life Saving Society Australia (New South Wales Branch) officially opened Life Saving House, at Castle Hill.

### **THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of The Royal Commonwealth Society (New South Wales Branch), accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at a luncheon to celebrate the Official 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, at the Masonic Club, Sydney.

Later, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 44 Independent Secondary Schools, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas received Mr Trevor Christian, Chief Executive Officer, new Aboriginal Legal Service, accompanied by Mr John McKenzie, Chief Legal Officer; and Ms Sheryn Omeri, Solicitor for the Coalition of Aboriginal Legal Services NSW, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas hosted a Reception to mark the Association of Pacific Rim Universities Presidents' Annual Meeting, at Government House.

## **FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor visited 'The Second Shalom Gamarada Aboriginal Art Exhibition', prior to the official opening, at Shalom College – Caspary Learning Centre, University of New South Wales.

In the afternoon, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 55 Government Secondary Schools, in the Hunter/Central Coast and Illawarra and South Coast Regions, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency left Sydney for Newcastle where she was Guest of Honour at the Lady Mayoress's Art Gallery Redevelopment Fundraising Dinner "For the Love of Art" at the Newcastle Region Art Gallery.

The Governor remained overnight in Newcastle.

## **SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor returned to Sydney from Newcastle.

In the evening, the Governor delivered an Address at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Aurora Dinner in support of the Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service of New South Wales, of which she is Patron, and Twenty 10 Gay and Lesbian Youth Services, at the Sydney Town Hall.

## **SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, welcomed overseas contingents participating in Reserve Forces Day Celebrations 2006, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency, as Honorary Colonel of the Royal New South Wales Regiment, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, reviewed the Regimental Parade and subsequently read the First Lesson at a Service to mark the 166<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Laying of the Holy Trinity Garrison Church Foundation Stone and the 46<sup>th</sup> Birthday of The Regiment, at Millers Point.

## **MONDAY 26 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia entitled 'Asia Reconstructed: from critiques of development to postcolonial studies', at the University of Wollongong.

Later, Her Excellency visited the Emergency Department and Mental Health Unit at Wollongong Hospital, and subsequently met with members of volunteer organisations at afternoon tea.

In the evening, the Governor, as Honorary Colonel of the Royal New South Wales Regiment, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, hosted a dinner for the Regimental Colonel, Regimental Secretary and Commanding Officers and wives, at Government House, guests at which were: Brigadier Bruce Trimble RFD and Mrs Lynn Trimble; Lieutenant Colonel John Cook and Mrs Helen Cook; Lieutenant Colonel John Brennan and Ms Kathryn Campbell; Lieutenant Colonel Peter Connor and Mrs Julianne Connor; Lieutenant Colonel Wally Jensen and Mrs Joanne Jensen and Lieutenant Colonel Glen Weir and Mrs Debbie Weir.

In the morning, Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended the Funeral Service for the late Kenneth Henry Parker at St Peter's Church, North Sydney.

## **TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the National Council of Women NSW Inc, delivered an Address at the Foundation Day 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, at Parliament House.

In the morning, Sir Nicholas Shehadie, as President of Red Cross Australia (NSW Division), delivered an Address and presented awards, at a Red Cross Calling Volunteer 'Thank You' Function, at Government House.

### **WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received His Excellency Mr Chang-Beom Cho, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, accompanied by Mrs Eun-Sook Cho, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, acting as a deputy of the Governor-General, presided at a meeting of the Federal Executive Council.

Later, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, hosted a Luncheon at Government House to celebrate the Arts in New South Wales, guests at which were: Miss Margaret Olley AC; Mr Garry Shead and Mrs Judith Englert-Shead; Mr David Malouf AO; Mr Malcolm Hazell CVO; Mr Edmund Capon AM OBE; Mr Tim Storrier AM and Mrs Janet Storrier; Dr Peter Elliott AM; Dr Philip Bacon AM; Lady Pagan AM; Ms Cressida Campbell and Mr Peter Craford; Dr Helen Crane; Ms Gria Shead and Mr Luke Sciberras; Mr Neville Spry and Mrs Susan Spry and Professor Kim Walker.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas, as Joint Patrons, hosted a Reception in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section) NSW Operations, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, accompanied by Mrs Patricia Lovejoy, attended the Opening Night of "Lakmé", followed by a reception, at which the Governor delivered an Address to celebrate 50 years of Opera Australia, at the Sydney Opera House.

### **THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2006**

No vice-regal news.

### **FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 41 Government Secondary Schools in the Western Sydney Region, at Government House.

## **SATURDAY 1 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Sydney for the Hunter Region where they toured the National Trust Property 'Tomago House'.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas visited the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens where, following luncheon, Her Excellency made presentations to volunteers and planted a tree to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gardens.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, officially opened the exhibition "View of Maitland from the River Bank (with apologies to Jan Vermeer and View of Delft)", at the Maitland Regional Art Gallery.

Subsequently, the Governor and Sir Nicholas returned to Sydney.

## **SUNDAY 2 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, took the Salute at the Reserve Forces Day Parade, which also marked the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Military Police, the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of No. 22 (City of Sydney) Squadron RAAF, of which Her Excellency is Patron and Honorary Air Commodore, and the Centenary of Army Cadets, at Parliament House.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas hosted a Reception to mark the Maccabi Australia International Games, at Government House.

## **MONDAY 3 JULY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 4 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor attended a Memorial Service to celebrate the life of the late Dr John Hirshman AM, at the Scientia Building, University of New South Wales.

In the late afternoon, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, hosted a Reception to mark the close of the first day of the Youth Parliament, at Government House.

### **WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Mr Sujan R Chinoy, Consul-General of India, accompanied by Mr KN Mohanakumaran, Consul.

Later, Her Excellency received Associate Professor Matthew Kiernan, Consultant Neurologist, Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute and Prince of Wales Clinical School, University of New South Wales.

In the evening, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened the renovated Coogee Synagogue.

### **THURSDAY 6 JULY 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor left Sydney for Moss Vale where she attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Delicia (Del) Hester Osborne Throsby at Christ Church, Bong Bong.

Her Excellency returned to Sydney in the late afternoon.

### **FRIDAY 7 JULY 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address and presented awards to the Harvard Club of Australia's 2006 Non-Profit Fellows at a Luncheon at The American Club, Sydney.

### **SATURDAY 8 JULY 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and presented the Inaugural Governor's Cup, at a dinner to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Oatlands Golf Club.

### **SUNDAY 9 JULY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 10 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Her Excellency Mrs Martha Ortiz de Rosas, Ambassador of Mexico; Captain Roberto González López, Commander of the Mexican Navy Training Ship 'Cuauhtémoc', and Lieutenant José Diaz Castillo, Official Instructor, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie were Guests of Honour at a Luncheon aboard the 'Cuauhtémoc', hosted by the Ambassador and Captain López, at the Overseas Passenger Terminal.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas received Dr Nguyen Kim Viet, Specialist in Psychogeriatrics, Bach Mai Hospital, Hanoi, Vietnam and Dr Victor Storm, Area Clinical Director Mental Health Services, Sydney South West Area Health Service, at Government House.

## **TUESDAY 11 JULY 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor received a delegation from the Vietnam Women's Union and the Vietnam National Assembly, hosted by the Australian Human Rights Centre, University of New South Wales, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency officially opened the 13<sup>th</sup> International Christian Medical and Dental Association World Congress 'Health and Hope', at Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.



## **WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Professor Peter Smith, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales.

Subsequently, Her Excellency, as Patron-in-Chief, received Mr Jack Heath, Founder and Executive Director, Inspire Foundation, which creates opportunities for young people to help themselves and help others, particularly through the power of technology.

In the early afternoon, the Governor received Aamil Saheb Janab Azizbhaisaheb Vaziri, newly appointed Community Leader and President of Anjuman-e-Burhani (Sydney); Shk Aonali Alibhai, Secretary; Shk Shabbir Lokhandwala, Assistant to the President, and Mr Feroz Bhai Magennis, Public Relations Officer, at Government House.

In the late afternoon, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened the 'Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Art Exhibition' and launched the 'Friends of Wyanga Project', in support of Aboriginal Elders living in their own homes, at Redfern.

Later, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, welcomed Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal on arrival at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, for the Gipsy Moth Gala Dinner and Australian Yachting Awards, and subsequently announced the winners in the Youth Sailor of the Year and Sailor of the Year with a Disability categories.

## **THURSDAY 13 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the International Oral History Association Conference 'Dancing with Memory: Oral History and Its Audience', at The University of Technology Sydney.

Later, the Governor received Ms Robyn Shields, who remained for luncheon, at the Office of the Governor.

In the late afternoon, Her Excellency delivered an Address and planted a Wollemi Pine to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, at a Reception hosted by the Australian Monarchist League, at 'Lyndhurst', Glebe.

## **FRIDAY 14 JULY 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Mrs Patricia Lovejoy, as Guest of Opera Australia, attended the Opening Night of 'Turandot', at the Opera Theatre, Sydney Opera House.

Sir Nicholas Shehadie, as Joint Patron of the Sydney Breast Cancer Foundation, delivered an Address at the 2006 Rugby Lunch, at the Sydney Hilton Hotel.

## **SATURDAY 15 JULY 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Music for Children's Ball, hosted by the Australian Children's Music Foundation, at The Four Seasons Hotel.

## **SUNDAY 16 JULY 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor was the Guest of Honour at a concert celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JewishCare, at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, University of New South Wales.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Miss Persephone Moir and Miss Victoria Shehadie, attended the Sydney Flute Festival Gala Recital, at the Verbrugghen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

## **MONDAY 17 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor launched the 'Kicking Up Autumn Leaves - Women Owning Wellness' Evaluation Report, at the Annual State Conference of the Older Women's Network, at The Women's College, The University of Sydney.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency received Professor André Sapir, Professor of Economics at the Free University of Brussels, as part of the Special Visits Program, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Mr Marius Dragolea, Consul-General of Romania, at Government House.

## **TUESDAY 18 JULY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor attended a lecture by Emeritus Professor Brian Fletcher on “A History of the Mitchell Library”, at the State Library of New South Wales.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency received Dr Robert Parker, Director of Psychiatry, Top End Mental Health Services, Darwin, and Chair of the Board of Professional and Community Relations, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists; and Ms Robyn Shields, at the Office of the Governor.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened exhibitions of ‘Wraps and Tapestries of the Omie Women of New Guinea’ and ‘New Barks by Lofty Bardayal Nadjamerrek’, at the Annandale Galleries.

Subsequently, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at the opening night of the Gershwins’ “Porgy and Bess”, at the Lyric Theatre, Star City.

## **THURSDAY 20 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Sydney for Tamworth, where they were met on arrival by Mr Peter Draper MP, Member for Tamworth.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas visited Werris Creek Public School where they met with students, staff and parents over lunch and Her Excellency delivered an Address at an Assembly Presentation.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas met with volunteers who manage the Australian Railway Monument and Museum at the Werris Creek Railway Station, before visiting the Rural Heritage Village at Quirindi, where they were met on arrival by The Honourable George Souris MP, Member for Upper Hunter, and Her Excellency laid the foundation stone for a new workshop.

Subsequently, the Governor and Sir Nicholas toured the Quirindi Recreation Centre, with particular emphasis on the Aboriginal Health Care Program and Junior Basketball, prior to the official opening by Her Excellency on Friday 21 July 2006.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at a Dinner hosted by Councillor Ian Lobsey, Mayor of Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Mrs Lobsey at the Quirindi RSL Club.

The Governor and Sir Nicholas remained overnight in Quirindi.

## **FRIDAY 21 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, spoke to students at an Assembly at Willow Tree Public School, before addressing an Assembly at Quirindi High School, comprising students also from Quirindi Public School and St Joseph's School.

Later, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, officially opened Stage 2 of the Quirindi Recreation Centre, and observed gym classes before visiting the Walhallow Aboriginal Village and Public School at Carooka, where she addressed an Assembly.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas toured the First Fleet Memorial Gardens at Wallabadah and remained for luncheon before joining students at Wallabadah Public School for an Assembly Presentation.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas met with Councillors and Council staff over afternoon tea, at the Administrative Centre and later, visited the Quirindi Nursing Home.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas attended a Civic Reception in their honour, hosted by the Mayor, at Colly Creek Homestead, owned by Mr Charles and Mrs Cheryl Hanna.

Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas remained overnight in Quirindi.

## **SATURDAY 22 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie returned to Sydney from Tamworth.

In the evening, Her Excellency was the Guest of Honour at a Piano Recital by Lukas Opacic, at the Verbruggen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

## **SUNDAY 23 JULY 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address at the Rosina Raisbeck 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert, hosted by The Joan Sutherland Society of Sydney Inc., at St Paul's Church, Burwood.

## **MONDAY 24 JULY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 25 JULY 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address at a seminar on 'Women and Leadership', and later, met with senior students, at the Malek Fahd Islamic School, Greenacre.

In the evening, Her Excellency, as guest of Musica Viva Australia, attended a performance by Yvonne Kenny entitled 'A Touch of Venus', at the City Recital Hall.

## **WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented the 2006 ANZAC of the Year Award to Mr Joe Bieniek, on behalf of The Returned and Services League of Australia (NSW Branch), at Government House.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency, as Patron of Youth Insearch Foundation (Australia) Inc, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address and presented Youth Insearch Leaders' Awards, at Government House.

## **THURSDAY 27 JULY 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor officially re-opened the “Come In Youth Resource Centre”, a community-based counselling and support project of St Francis Welfare, at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Paddington.

Later, Her Excellency announced the finalists in the 2006 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes for Journalism (in the categories of science; environmental; photographic in science, technology and the environment; and health and medical research) and the Eureka Prizes People’s Choice Award, at the Australian Museum.

In the afternoon, Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Sydney for Canberra where he, as a former National Chairman, attended a Dinner hosted by Their Excellencies The Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award in Australia, at Government House.

Sir Nicholas remained overnight at Government House, Canberra.

## **FRIDAY 28 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Mission Australia NSW/ACT Community Services Forum 2006 entitled “Better Services, Better Outcomes” and presented awards, at the Mercure Hotel, Sydney Airport.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency delivered an Address at the 2006 Inaugural NSW Medical Leadership Seminar, hosted by the Sydney University Medical Society, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron, officially opened the exhibition “Social Riches: The Society of Arts and Crafts of New South Wales 1906-2006”, at the Manly Art Gallery and Museum.

In the morning, Sir Nicholas Shehadie returned to Sydney from Canberra.

## **SATURDAY 29 JULY 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor left Sydney for Brisbane where she was met on arrival by Ms M Mason, Aide to Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland, and conveyed to Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency and the Governor of Queensland attended, as guests of the Brisbane Festival 2006, a concert performance of Richard Strauss's "Salome" at the Concert Hall, Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

Her Excellency remained overnight at Government House, Brisbane.

## **SUNDAY 30 JULY 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor left Brisbane for Sydney and in the afternoon, as Patron, was Guest of Honour at the Wayside Chapel Classical Music Concert, at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

## **MONDAY 31 JULY 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.



## **WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received His Excellency Mr Frank Carruet, Ambassador of Belgium and Mrs Christine Carruet-Manigart, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency, received Ms Janet Venn-Brown, artist and author from Rome, accompanied by Mr Julian Brophy and Mrs Judith Brophy.

Later, the Governor received Professor Andrew Coats, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community), The University of Sydney, and Clinical Associate Professor David Bennett AO, Head, NSW Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health.

Afterwards, Her Excellency received Mr Noel Campbell, Ambassador-Designate to the Kingdom of Spain.

In the early evening, the Governor officially opened the 'Up Over and Down Under' Textile Exhibition, on behalf of the Australian Textile Arts and Surface Design Association, at Parliament House.

## **THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor attended a ceremony, hosted by the Woollahra History and Heritage Society Inc, to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the raising of the flag at the Lookout Post, Outer South Head, on 5 August 1806, to announce the arrival of Captain William Bligh, Royal Navy, Governor-Designate of New South Wales.

## **SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received farewell calls from Mr Ahmed El Kewaisny, Consul-General of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Mr Antonio Verde, Deputy Dean of the Consular Corps and Consul-General of Italy, at Government House.

Later, the Governor received Ms Sharyn Minahan, NSW State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Ambassador-Designate to the Kingdom of Denmark, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway.

Afterwards, Her Excellency received Mr Peter Watts, Director, Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales; Mr Peter Tonkin, Trustee; Ms Ann Toy, Supervising Curator, Government House; and Ms Valerie Kirk, Artist and Tapestry Weaver, at Government House.

In the early evening, the Governor, as Visitor of The Australian Institute of International Affairs (NSW Branch), attended a lecture 'Ringing the changes in Vietnam – through the eyes of a diplomat and now educator', by Mr Michael Mann, President, RMIT International University Vietnam, at Glover Cottages, Kent Street, Sydney.

Later, Her Excellency, as Patron of the Sydney Symphony Council, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a performance of 'Night Journeys' with Simone Young, Conductor and Brett Dean, Viola, at the Sydney Opera House.

## **THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor received Ms Jane Halton, Secretary, Department of Health and Ageing, and Professor John Horvath AO, Australian Government Chief Medical Officer, at the Office of the Governor.

In the evening, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Historic Houses Trust Foundation Dinner, at Government House.

## **FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received His Excellency Mr Karel Pazourek, Ambassador of the Czech Republic, at Government House.

Later, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, presented the 2007 Churchill Fellowships, on behalf of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, at Government House.

## **SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Certificates, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas welcomed students from Wilcannia and Menindee participating in the City to Surf, who were sponsored by The Royal Flying Doctor Service (South Eastern Section); The University of Sydney Rural Campus in Broken Hill; NSW Health; and Maari Ma Aboriginal Health, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at the 2006 Stewart House Gala Charity Dinner, at the Shangri-la-Hotel.

## **SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, officially opened the 2006 Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Conference "Positive Futures", at the Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

In the afternoon, the Governor received His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-Moon, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea and his wife, Ms Yoo Soon-taek, accompanied by His Excellency Mr Cho Chang-beom, Ambassador; Mr Chang soo Kim, Consul-General; and Mr Lee Hyuk, Director General, Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau, at Government House.

## **TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and laid the first wreath, at the Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day Ceremony, at The Cenotaph.

In the afternoon, the Governor, accompanied Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address and laid the first wreath, at the Victory in the Pacific Service, at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, Concord.

In the evening, Her Excellency officially launched "Out of the Shadows: Daughters growing up with a 'mad' mother" by Dr Catherine Camden-Pratt, at The NSW Writers' Centre, Balmain.

## **WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency, as guest of The Australian Chamber Orchestra, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a performance of 'The Visionaries', at the City Recital Hall.

## **THURSDAY 17 AUGUST 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of Keep Australia Beautiful (New South Wales), delivered an Address at the 2006 Sustainable Cities Awards Dinner, at the Harbourview Hotel, North Sydney.

Sir Nicholas Shehadie met with senior male students, followed by a tour and luncheon at the Malek Fahd Islamic School, Greenacre.

## **FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a Special Meeting of the Executive Council, at the Office of the Governor.

Later, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, laid the first wreath at the Vietnam Veterans' Day Memorial Service, commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, at The Cenotaph.

In the afternoon, the Governor officially opened the 3<sup>rd</sup> Women in Pharmacy Congress 'Wisdom, Wellness and Women', at the Manly Pacific Hotel.

## **SATURDAY 19 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presented the 2006 Queen's Guide Awards, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron of the Breast Cancer Action Group NSW Inc, officially opened the forum 'Women for Women with Breast Cancer', at The Women's College, The University of Sydney.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Mrs Patricia Lovejoy, as guest of Opera Australia, attended the Opening Night of 'Batavia', at the Opera Theatre, Sydney Opera House.

## **SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, presented Patron's Awards at the Sydney University Graduate Choir's Concert 'Mozart Mozartiana', followed by a reception, in the Great Hall.

## **MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Fourth Annual Redbank School state-wide conference 'From Disruption to Achievement - A Focus on the Prevention of Challenging Behaviours in our Schools', at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

## **TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

### **WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron, received Mr Nick Helyer, President and Ms Michelle Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, Sydney Legacy.

Later, the Governor received His Excellency Mr Ernesto H De Leon, Ambassador of the Philippines, and Mr Ferdinand Philip F Victoria, Vice Consul.

Subsequently, Her Excellency was Guest of Honour at a luncheon hosted by Mr Luca Belgiorno-Nettis, Chairman of the Biennale of Sydney, at Walsh Bay.

In the evening, the Governor delivered an Address at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Testimonial Dinner, at The Tea Room, Queen Victoria Building.

### **THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

### **FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the NSW Division, officially opened the 2006 United Nations Association of Australia National Conference 'Community – We the Peoples: thinking globally, acting locally, responding personally', at the Holme Building, The University of Sydney.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received His Excellency Mr Robert D McCallum Jnr, Ambassador of the United States of America, accompanied by Mrs Mimi McCallum and Mr Stephen Smith, Consul-General, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency received Ms Tracey Moffatt, Photographic Artist, who remained for luncheon, at the Office of the Governor

## **SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened the Defence Reserves Association National Conference, at Randwick Barracks.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Chief Scout for NSW, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, presented the 110<sup>th</sup> Queen's Scout Awards, Australian Scout Medallions, Baden-Powell Awards and a Certificate for Gallantry, at Government House.

## **SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 2006 Tertiary Education Managers' Conference, hosted by the Australasian Tertiary Education Facilities Management Association and the Association of Tertiary Education Managers, at The Sydney Hilton.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron of Sydney Legacy, officially launched Legacy Week 2006 and laid the first wreath, at The Cenotaph, Martin Place.

Subsequently, Her Excellency officially closed the Schools' Convention on Civic Action, conducted by The Henry Parkes Foundation and the Education and Community Relations Section, Parliament of New South Wales, at Parliament House.

In the late afternoon, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, hosted a Reception for a Parliamentary Delegation from the United Kingdom, as guests of the New South Wales Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas were the Guests of Honour at the NSW Rugby Union's Awards Gala Dinner, at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration of the Life of The Honourable Kevin James Stewart AO, Former Government Minister and NSW Agent-General in London, at St Mary's Cathedral, by Mr B L Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff.

## **TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Mr Enrique Sardá-Valls, Consul-General of Spain, and later, Ms Sarah Craig, Consul-General of New Zealand.

Subsequently, Her Excellency received Mr Hugh Fowler, Museum Assistant, before presiding at a Special meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor delivered an Address at a luncheon hosted by the Office for Women, NSW Premier's Department, to celebrate Indigenous women in leadership and to promote increased representation of women on boards and committees, at the Governor Macquarie Tower.

## **THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor was the Guest of Honour at the Opening Night of Opera Australia's OzOpera performance of 'Carmen' (as part of a ten-week tour of local communities across Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia), at Morundah (Pop. 15), near Narrandera.

## **SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.



## **MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received His Excellency Mr Claudio de La Puente, Ambassador of the Republic of Peru and Mr Cesar Enrique Bustamante, Consul-General, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency hosted a Reception for the New South Wales students selected by Rotary Districts for the National Youth Science Forum, to be held in Canberra in January 2007.

## **TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor left Sydney for Little Hartley, where she was met on arrival by Councillor Neville Castle, Mayor of Lithgow City Council and Mrs Castle who hosted morning tea at 'The Hartley Valley Teahouse'.

Afterwards, the Governor unveiled a monument beside Lake Wallace at Wallerawang, erected by the Lithgow Branch of The National Trust of Australia (New South Wales) to commemorate the visit of famous scientist Charles Darwin to New South Wales, his time in Wallerawang and his contribution to science.

Subsequently, Her Excellency visited 'Karingal', one of four open country daffodil gardens, at Mount Lambie, before attending a Civic Luncheon in her honour at the Rydal Mount Conference Centre, hosted by the Mayor and the National Trust Branch.

Later, the Governor officially opened 'Daffodils at Rydal', on behalf of the Rydal Village Association, before unveiling a plaque to mark the occasion and to commemorate the naming of Rydal on 30 May 1843 by Lieutenant-General Sir George Gipps, Governor of New South Wales 1838-1846.

Afterwards, Her Excellency returned to Sydney.

### **WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Subsequently, in the morning and afternoon, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, conducted Investitures in the Order of Australia and presented other Awards.

In the evening, the Governor officially launched the book 'Lucy Osburn - A Lady Displaced' by Dr Judith Godden, which chronicles the life of the founder of modern nursing in Australia, who also pioneered the employment of high status professional women in public institutions, at The Mint.

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the Battle for Australia Commemoration Service by Squadron Leader Paul Summers, Honorary Aide-de-Camp, who laid the first Memorial Rose, at The Cenotaph, Martin Place.

### **THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning and afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, conducted Investitures in the Order of Australia and presented other Awards, at Government House.

### **FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning and afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, conducted Investitures in the Order of Australia and presented other Awards, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Black and White Ball, in support of Vision Australia (formerly the Royal Blind Society), at Sydney Town Hall.

### **SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Malcolm Mackerras AO, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron, presented The Girls' Brigade NSW Queen's Awards, at Government House.

## **SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Ms Raja Easa Al Gurg; Ms Maryam Al Noori and Ms Faiza Al Sayed, from the Dubai Business Women Council, United Arab Emirates, accompanied by Ms Julie Scott, Executive Director, Small Business Development Division; Mr Paul William-Smith, Manager, International Services and Ms Jo-anne Miley, Manager, Women in Business, Department of State and Regional Development; Ms Juliet Zora from the Australia-Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. NSW; Mrs Carmel Shehadie and Mrs Georgina Whitehouse, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency hosted a Reception for members of the Sydney Consular Women's Club, followed by a tour of Government House.

## **TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address and presented Level 1 and 2 awards to year 12 students, at Westfield Sports High School, Australia's First Sports School, at Fairfield West.

Sir Nicholas Shehadie, accompanied by the Governor, were the guests of the Australian Rugby Union at the John Eales Medal Dinner, at which Sir Nicholas was inducted into the Hall of Fame, at the Westin Sydney.

## **WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency called at the Consulate-General of the Kingdom of Tonga to record her respects following the death of His Majesty King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV.

## **THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended the Funeral Service for the late Peter Howard Warren AM, at which Sir Nicholas delivered a Eulogy, at All Saints Anglican Church, Woollahra.

Her Excellency delivered an Address at The Scots College Inaugural Indigenous Student Fundraising Dinner, at Bellevue Hill.

## **FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Soka Gakkai International Oceania Youth Peace Conference, at the SGI Australia Culture Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

In the afternoon, the Governor received Mr Michael Mundine, Chief Executive; Ms Lani Tuitwake, General Manager and Mr Peter Valilis, Project Director, Aboriginal Housing Company Limited, at the Office of the Governor.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, as Patron of Constitution Education Fund Australia, delivered an Address and presented awards to the semi-finalists of the Inaugural New South Wales Governor's Civics and Citizenship Challenge, held as part of the NSW Legacy Public Speaking Competition, at Parliament House.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron of the Property Industry Foundation, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Foundation Charity Ball, at The Hilton Sydney.

## **SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Following the departure from Australia of Their Excellencies, the Governor-General Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC and Mrs Marlena Jeffery, on an official visit to the Kingdom of Tonga, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Proclamation assuming the Administration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia was signed by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO.

The Honourable James Spigelman AC, Lieutenant-Governor assumed the administration of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

## **TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At Government House, Canberra, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OVE received His Excellency Mr Teuku Mohammad Hamzah Thayeb, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia.

## **THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At Government House, Canberra, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, presided at a meeting of the Federal Executive Council.

## **FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At Yarralumla ACT, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE were Guests of Honour at a luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Frank Carruet, Ambassador of Belgium and Mrs Christine Carruet-Manigart.

## **SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At St Paul's College, The University of Sydney, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE were Guests of Honour at a Sesquicentenary Banquet.

## **SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In Sydney, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE, presented the 'Golden Paw' awards recognising the best entries in the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife's Threatened Species Drawing Competition for primary school students in New South Wales.

## **TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At the Sydney Opera House, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE, as Guests of Honour, attended a dinner at Guillaume at Bennelong hosted by the Chairman of the Sydney Opera House Trust, Mr Kim Williams AM, prior to the opening night performance of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

## **THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At Orange, New South Wales, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO was represented at the Funeral Service for the late The Honourable Sir Charles Benjamin Cutler KBE ED, at The Holy Trinity Anglican Church, by Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE.

## **FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2006**

At The Domain, Sydney, the Administrator, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE, laid the first wreath at the Police Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Service, and presented the New South Wales Police Banner at the Wall of Remembrance.

In the early evening, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, re-assumed the administration of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

Later, the Governor delivered an Address and presented the Young Surveyor of the Year Award, at the New South Wales Excellence in Surveying and Spatial Information Awards Dinner, at The Hilton Sydney.

## **SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie departed Sydney for Melbourne, where they were the Guests of the Australian Football League at the AFL Grand Final Luncheon, followed by the Match between the Sydney Swans and the West Coast Eagles, at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas returned to Sydney.

Later, Her Excellency attended a performance by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Valery Gergiev, at the Sydney Opera House.

## **SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the Memorial Service to honour the life of His Late Majesty King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, at Newington College Chapel, Stanmore, by Mr Brian L. Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff.

## **MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor hosted a Reception for members attending the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Interagency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Refugee Situations (IAWG), hosted by the UNSW School of Public Health and Community Medicine, in cooperation with the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Population Fund, at Government House.

## **WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received His Excellency Mr Eddie Teo, High Commissioner for the Republic of Singapore and Mrs Antonia Teo.

Later, the Governor received The Honourable David Simmons OAM, President, National Heart Foundation of Australia (NSW Division) and Mr Tony Thirlwell OAM, Chief Executive Officer.

Subsequently, Her Excellency received Mr Rodney Cavalier AO, Chairman, Sesquicentenary of Responsible Government Committee and Dr David Clune, NSW Parliamentary Historian.

In the afternoon, the Governor received Mr Gary Gray, from Perth, at the Office of the Governor.

In the evening, Her Excellency presented the 2006-2007 Benefactor Awards on behalf of the Children's Cancer Institute Australia for Medical Research, at The Museum of Contemporary Art, The Rocks.

## **THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Mrs Jan Bowen, as guest of Opera Australia, attended the Opening Night of 'Julius Caesar', at the Opera Theatre, Sydney Opera House.



## **FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Nursing Unit Managers' Society of New South Wales (Inc) Conference 'Torching the System – Lighting the Way', at The Swiss Grand Hotel, Bondi Beach.

Later, the Governor delivered an Address at the 105<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Luncheon of The Women's Club, Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

## **SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the National Conference and Professional Development Seminar of the Australian Music Therapy Association, at The State Library of New South Wales.

Afterwards, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received His Excellency Archbishop Stanislaw Rylko, President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity; His Excellency Bishop Josef Clemens, Secretary; Dr Marcello Bedeschi, Member; accompanied by His Eminence George Cardinal Pell AC, at Government House.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas received Her Excellency Madame Truong My Hoa, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and her husband, His Excellency Mr Ha Van Hien and subsequently, entertained the accompanying delegation to morning tea.

Her Excellency, as Patron and Honorary Air Commodore of No. 22 (City of Sydney) Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, attended the FLTLT W.E. (Bill) Newton Dinner, at the Sergeants' Mess, RAAF Base Richmond.

## **SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received Mr Tarek Abousenna, Consul-General of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at Government House.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas entertained His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC, Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Julie Michael to luncheon, following which Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas received Mr Benedetto Latteri, Consul-General of Italy.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas received Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Lok Chumteav Bun Rany Hun Sen and accompanying delegation.

In the evening, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, presented the Painters and Sculptors' Association Medal to Jeffrey Smart AO, at a Gala Dinner at The Art Gallery of New South Wales.

## **TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor attended the Funeral Service for the late Anthony Robinson, at All Souls Anglican Church, Leichhardt.

Later, Her Excellency delivered an Address and presented awards at the Launch of Mental Health Week, in Martin Place.

In the evening, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Friends' Annual Dinner, at the Rydges Jamison Hotel, Sydney.

## **WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron, received Ms Wendy Potter, Chairman and Mr Max Bosotti, Chief Executive Officer, ParaQuad NSW (Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association of NSW), at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency received Mr Kywal de Oliviera, Consul-General of Brazil.

Subsequently, the Governor received Commodore 1<sup>st</sup> Class Peter Phillipson, Officer Commanding of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and Commodore Michael Stringer ESM OAM, Government Liaison Officer.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency presided at a meeting of the NSW Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee, at the Office of the Governor.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended a Gala Concert to celebrate Opera Australia's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, followed by a Dinner to mark Dame Joan Sutherland's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, at the Sydney Opera House.

## **THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency Governor officially launched "Parks Week 2006", at the Mare and Foal Lawn, Royal Botanic Gardens.

Later, the Governor received The Honourable Bob Carr and Mrs Helena Carr, who remained for luncheon, at the Office of the Governor.

## **FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address prior to the inaugural Rick Farley Lecture 'Respect and care for the land and waters we share', delivered by Professor Ian Lowe AO and conducted by the Natural Resources Advisory Council, New South Wales, at the Verbrugghen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

## **SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, as Deputy Prior, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and presented awards at the St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Annual Awards Ceremony, at The Great Hall, The University of Sydney.

## **SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a Dinner at Government House, in support of the Xanana Vocational Education Trust, attended by: The Honourable Sir William Deane AC KBE; The Honourable Justice Frank Vincent; Dr Col Gellatly and Mrs Susie Gellatly; Mr Abel Guterres; Professor David Beanland AO; Ms Sandra Yates AO; Mr Alan Jones AO; Mr Michael Gorton AM and Mrs Christine Gorton; Mr Mark Aarons; Miss Elisa da Silva; Ms Anne de Salis; Mr Jerry de Sousa and Ms Christina de Sousa; Mr Stephen Deady; Mr Geoff Donnelly; Mrs Estella Ferreira and Mr Fernando Ferreira; Ms Belinda Hutchinson and Mr Roger Massy-Greene; Ms Jo Jouin and Mr Toby Smith; Mr Rodney Lewis and Mrs Noni Lewis; Mr Luke McNamara; Mr David Morris; Ms Marie Persson; Ms Kaye Schofield; Mr Tony Shepherd; Mr Allen Treanor; Mr Chris Trueman and Mrs Helen Trueman; Mr Paul Warren; Mr Alexander Weilsmann; and Mr Jeff Wilkinson.

## **TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received Her Excellency Ms Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa; Mr Mosibudi Mangena, Minister of Science and Technology; Mr Mandisi Mpahlwa, Minister of Trade and Industry; Mr Aziz Pahad, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; His Excellency Mr Anthony Mongalo, High Commissioner to Australia and Mr Philip Green OAM, Australian High Commissioner to South Africa, at Government House.

Later, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, officially opened a 121 bed residential aged care facility, at the Grand United Constitution Hill Retirement Village, Constitution Hill.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency, as Patron of Anti-Poverty Week, officially opened the forum 'Make Indigenous Poverty History', conducted by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Council and the New South Wales Ecumenical Council, at Parliament House.

Subsequently, the Governor received Her Excellency Mrs Amira Kapetanovic, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, as guest of Opera Australia, attended a performance of 'Jenufa', at the Opera Theatre, Sydney Opera House.

## **WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron of the United Hospitals Auxiliaries of NSW Inc, delivered an Address and presented Awards at the Annual State Conference, NSW Leagues Club, Sydney.

Later, Her Excellency presided at a meeting of the NSW Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee, at Government House.

In the evening, Sir Nicholas Shehadie delivered an Address on the history of rugby in Australia in the lead-up to the 2007 Rugby World Cup in France, at Alliance Française, Sydney.

## **THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, at Government House, Her Excellency the Governor presided at the final meeting of the NSW Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee and later announced Ms Kate Brennan as the 2006 NSW Rhodes Scholar Elect and Mr Eric Knight and Ms Angela Cummine as candidates for consideration for the award of an Australia-at-Large Rhodes Scholarship.

Afterwards, Her Excellency hosted a luncheon for members of the Committee, guests at which were: Professor Graeme Hutchinson; Professor Alec Cameron; Dr Sarah Crowe; Mr David Kirk; The Honourable Justice Ruth McColl AO; Professor John Watson and Dr William Adams.

In the evening, the Governor officially opened the exhibition 'Lebanon', on behalf of the Friends of the Nicholson Museum and the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation, and later attended a lecture by Dr Amelie Beyhum of the American University in Beirut, at The University of Sydney.

## **FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Young Kuk Park, Consul-General of the Republic of Korea, at Government House.

Subsequently, the Governor received His Excellency Mr Christian Mejdahl, Speaker of the Parliament of Denmark and accompanying Parliamentary Delegation.

In the evening, Her Excellency was Guest of Honour at the University of Sydney Association of Professors' Annual Dinner, at The Women's College.

## **SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the Middle Harbour Public School's 90th Anniversary Fete, at Mosman.

In the evening, Her Excellency was Guest of Honour at a performance by the Wollongong Symphony Orchestra entitled 'Fantastical Classical', at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre.

## **SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address and presented certificates on behalf of the Australian Readers' Challenge, Fred Hollows Foundation and the Ian Thorpe Fountain for Youth Trust, at Customs House.

Afterwards, the Governor attended a Memorial Mass commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, at St Mary's Cathedral.

Subsequently, Her Excellency received Ms Nadine Wagner, Managing Director, Wagner Art Gallery, and Ms Melissa Egan, Artist, who remained for luncheon, at the Office of the Governor.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a Services' Reception at Government House for members of the Australian Defence Force, the NSW Police Service, the NSW Fire Brigade, the Department of Rural Fire Services, the Department of Corrective Services, the Ambulance Service of NSW, St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), the State Emergency Service, the Royal Australian Red Cross and the Salvation Army, with music provided by the Australian Army Band.

## **TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency received Rabbi Dr Sir Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, and Lady Sacks, and Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence, Senior Rabbi and Chief Minister of The Great Synagogue.

Subsequently, the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Festival, received Mr Fergus Linehan, Director, followed by Dr Catherine Cole – Senior Lecturer, Writing, Journalism and Social Inquiry, Faculty of Humanities, University of Technology Sydney and Ms Jane Ulman, Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Later, Her Excellency received Imam Dr Abduljalil Sajid, Chairman of the Muslim Council for Religious and Racial Harmony UK and Mrs Jamila Sajid, accompanied by Mr Peter and Mrs Rosemary Thwaites.

Afterwards, the Governor received His Excellency Dr Baddre Eddine Allali, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Later, Her Excellency received Dr Ron Spielman, at the Office of the Governor.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron of the Institute of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, delivered an Address and presented Certificates of Completion of Training, at the Institute's premises, at Glebe.



## **THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received the Honourable Morris Iemma MP, Premier of New South Wales, at Government House. Her Excellency accepted the resignation of the Honourable Patrick Carl Scully MP as Minister for Police and, pursuant to Section 35C(2) of the Constitution Act 1902, approved the recommendation that he cease to hold office as a member of the Executive Council. Her Excellency also approved the Premier's recommendations for the reconstruction of the Ministry.

Subsequently, the Governor administered Oaths of Office to the Honourable John Arthur Watkins MP as Minister for Police and the Honourable Eric Michael Roozendaal MLC as Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport.

Afterwards, Her Excellency attended the Funeral Service for the Late Beryl Dola Hardy-Nisbett, High Commissioner of Clan Farquharson Australia, at the Memorial Chapel of Saint George the Martyr, HMAS Watson, South Head.

In the evening, the Governor attended the Dr Charles Perkins AO Annual Memorial Oration, delivered by Dr Sandra Eades, and presentation of the Memorial Prize 2006, at the Great Hall, The University of Sydney.

Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Orange and Princess Máxima of The Netherlands, at Sydney Airport, by Mr Brian L. Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff.

## **FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Breast Cancer Foundation, delivered an Address at the 'Putting on the Pink' Luncheon, at Tattersalls Club, Sydney.

Afterwards, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented the 2006 Royal Humane Society Awards, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas received Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Orange and Princess Máxima of The Netherlands, following which Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas hosted a Dinner in honour of Their Royal Highnesses, attended by: His Excellency Mr Niek van Zutphen, Ambassador, and Mrs Miriam van Zutphen-Wijsenbeek; Ms Margarita Bot, Consul-General and Dr Edmond Ruitenber; Mrs Ietje van Karnebeek, Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands; Mr Chris Breedveld, Deputy Director-General of the Netherlands Government Information Service; Mr Jaap Leeuwenburg, Private Secretary; Lieutenant-Colonel Rik Bergman, Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands; Senator the Honourable Helen Coonan, representing the Prime Minister of Australia and Professor the Honourable Andrew Rogers QC; Dr the Honourable Meredith Burgmann MLC; The Honourable Bob Carr and Mrs Helena Carr; The Honourable Justice Dyson Heydon AC and Mrs Pamela Heydon; Ms Clover Moore MP and Mr Peter Moore; Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AO AFC and Mrs Liz Houston; Mr Donald McDonald AC and Mrs Janet McDonald AO; Dr Kevin Fewster AM and Mrs Carol Fewster; Ms Libby Christie; Mr Brett Sheehy and Mr Duncan McGregor.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas accompanied Their Royal Highnesses to a performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jaap van Zweden, at the Sydney Opera House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas attended a post-performance Reception hosted by the Royal Netherlands Embassy, and later farewelled Their Royal Highnesses from the Sydney Opera House

## **SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of 'Hoc Mai' – Australia Vietnam Medical Trust, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Hoc Mai Gala Banquet, at the Shangri-La Hotel.

Later, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at the Mother of All Balls – “Casino Royale”, in support of the YWCA NSW 'Big Brothers Big Sisters' and the 'Aunties and Uncles' Mentoring Programs, at the Randwick Pavilion, Royal Randwick Racecourse.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the departure from Australia of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Orange and Princess Máxima of The Netherlands, at Sydney Airport, by Mr Brian L. Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff.

## **SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 2006 Local Government Association of New South Wales Annual Conference “Community: our sense of place” and presented Outstanding Service Awards, at the Fairmont Resort, Leura.

## **MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor was the Guest of Honour at 'Afternoon Music at Government House', to celebrate Musica Viva in Schools' 25th Anniversary, with Paavali Jumppanen, Finnish Concert Pianist.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron of the Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme, presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Lifetime Membership and Achievement Award to Nancy Bird Walton AO OBE at a Dinner at The Sebel Hotel, Manly.

## **TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Ms Irene Khan, Secretary-General of Amnesty International and 2006 Sydney Peace Prize Recipient; Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees AM, Director, Sydney Peace Prize Foundation, The University of Sydney; Ms Mara Moustafine, National Director, Amnesty International Australia and Ms Judit Arenas Licea, Head, Office of the Secretary General.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency spoke to students from St Ives North Primary School who were participating in the Children's Road Safety Program, at the premises of Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES), St Ives.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie were Guests of Honour at the New South Wales Consular Corps Annual Dinner at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli.

## **THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor received His Excellency Mr Murat N Ersavci, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, and Mrs M Zeynep Ersavci, accompanied by Mr Nihat Ersen, Consul-General, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron of Sydney Festival Ltd, officially launched the 2007 Sydney Festival Program, at The Capitol Theatre.

Afterwards, Her Excellency presented the 2006 Sydney Peace Prize to Irene Khan, Secretary-General of Amnesty International at a dinner hosted by the Sydney Peace Foundation, in The Great Hall, The University of Sydney.

## **FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received The Honourable Michael Egan, Chairman, Australia Day Council of New South Wales, accompanied by Mr John Trevillian, Chief Executive Officer and Assistant Director-General, Office of Protocol and Special Events, Premier's Department; Ms Rachel Hurford, Senior Manager, Special Events Management and Mr Christopher Sullivan, Director, Business Development and Communication, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Mr Stephen Deady PSM, State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Subsequently, Her Excellency presented the Meritorious Medal to Mr Michael George, Dubbo Sub-Branch, on behalf of The Returned and Services League of Australia.

Later, the Governor presented the 'Australia My Country' awards, on behalf of The Returned and Services League of Australia (New South Wales Branch) to students from years 3 to 10, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Farewell Dinner for the Honourable Barry O'Keefe AM QC, President of The National Trust of Australia (New South Wales), at Old Government House, Parramatta.

Yesterday morning, Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended the Funeral Service for the late Major-General John Raymond Broadbent CBE DSO ED at St Thomas's Anglican Church, North Sydney.

## **SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor left Sydney for Wagga Wagga, where she was met on arrival by Mr Daryl Maguire MP, Member for Wagga Wagga.

In the evening, the Governor delivered an Address at a Community Maldhaanygilanha (working together in unity and conciliation to bring reconciliation, to heal our land) organised by The Wiradjuri Christian Development Ministries and the Wagga Wagga Community Working Party, at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre.

## **SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor returned to Sydney.

## **MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the conference 'Supporting Young People in a Multicultural Australia', hosted by the NSW Institute of Psychiatry, at Parliament House.

Later, the Governor visited the Luncheon Club AIDS Support Group on the occasion of their 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday, at Waterloo.

Afterwards, Her Excellency received a farewell call from Mr Wardana, Consul-General of the Republic of Indonesia, accompanied by Miss Siti Sofia Sudarma, Consul, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a Reception to mark the visit to Sydney by the Board of the UNESCO International Music Council, at Government House.

## **TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Dedication of The Sir Roden Cutler VC Memorial Interchange and officially opened the companion Sir Roden Cutler VC Rest Area, on behalf of the Remembrance Driveway Committee and in memory of the late Sir (Arthur) Roden Cutler VC AK KCMG KCVO CBE, thirty-second and longest-serving Governor of New South Wales, at the M5/M7 Interchange, Prestons.

In the late afternoon, Her Excellency received the Honourable Morris Iemma MP, Premier of New South Wales, at Government House. Subsequently, Her Excellency revoked the Commissions of the Honourable Milton Orkopoulos MP as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship, and approved the Premier's recommendation that he cease to hold office as a Member of the Executive Council, pursuant to Section 35C(2) of the Constitution Act 1902.

Afterwards, the Governor administered the Affirmation of Office to the Honourable Reba Paige Meagher MP as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship.

## **THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, laid the first wreath at the 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance Day Service, at The Cenotaph.

## **SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 5<sup>th</sup> Australian and New Zealand Adolescent Health Conference “Young People’s Health – What’s it going to take?”, hosted by the Department of Adolescent Medicine and the NSW Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health from The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, at the Southee Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

In the afternoon, the Governor, as Patron, delivered an Address at the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation’s ‘Literacy Forum’, at Parliament House.

## **TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the NSW Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy, at the Collaroy Salvation Army Conference Centre, Collaroy Beach.

In the afternoon, the Governor, as Patron, delivered an Address at the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Prisoners’ Aid Association of NSW Inc, at the Sydney Masonic Centre.

In the evening, Her Excellency delivered an Address at a Reception to mark the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Redfern Koori Toastmasters’ Club, at the Redfern Community Centre.

## **WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received His Excellency Mr Amraiya Naidu, High Commissioner for the Republic of the Fiji Islands and Mrs Aruna Naidu, at Government House.



## **THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received the Honourable Morris Iemma MP, Premier of New South Wales, at Government House. Subsequently, Her Excellency administered the Oath of Office to the Honourable Anthony Bernard Kelly MLC as Minister for Volunteering.

In the evening, the Governor officially opened the Tom Bass Retrospective "Sydney Celebrates the Sculpture of Tom Bass", at the Exhibition Hall, Sydney Opera House.

## **FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Certificates, at Government House.

Later, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, officially opened the Gloster Udy Memorial Hall, on behalf of the Christian Resources and Castlereagh Academy, at Castlereagh.

## **SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine, at The Sydney Hilton.

Later, the Governor officially launched 'The Aboriginal People, Parliament & "Protection" in New South Wales 1856-1916', by Anna Doukakis, on behalf of the Sesquicentenary of Responsible Government Committee, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and subsequently, was inducted as an Honorary Fellow, at the Annual Dinner of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE), on the occasion of their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitation Symposium, 'New Technology for Infrastructure – The World of Tomorrow', at Parliament House.

## **TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor met with Premier's Department representatives and the Executive Producers, Creative Director and Producer of the 2007 Sydney Harbour Bridge 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency met with Premier's Department representatives and the Creative Director of the 2007 Australia Day Spectacular.

Afterwards, the Governor received His Excellency Mr M Humayun Kabir, High Commissioner of Bangladesh, and Mrs Kabir, accompanied by Mr Anthony Khouri, Honorary Consul-General.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency officiated at the 128<sup>th</sup> Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes for St Aloysius College, at 'The Big Top', Luna Park.

In the evening, the Governor delivered an Address and presented Life Membership Awards, at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Business Association's Silver Anniversary Dinner, at the Four Seasons Hotel, The Rocks.

## **WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency officially opened the 39<sup>th</sup> Australian Association of Gerontology National Conference 'Diversity in Ageing', at the Wesley Centre, Sydney.

In the afternoon, the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented Order of Australia Association (NSW Branch) Community Youth Awards, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, received the Honourable the President, Honourable Members and Officers of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron-in-Chief, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address and presented awards at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Inspire Foundation, at The Studio, Sydney Opera House.

## **THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, received the Honourable the Speaker, Members and Officers of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, at Government House.

Later, the Governor delivered an Address, presented certificates and opened the Centenary Pathway at the Official Centenary Ceremony for Warrawee Public School.

In the evening, Her Excellency officially launched the book 'Acting On Conscience: How Can We Responsibly Mix Law, Religion and Politics?' by Fr Frank Brennan, at the Uniya Jesuit Social Justice Centre, Kings Cross.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Symphony Council, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a performance of 'Ashkenazy Conducts Rachmaninov', at the Sydney Opera House.

## **FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, as Joint Patrons of The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section), left Sydney on an official visit to areas within the Service's coverage.

Following a brief stop at Dubbo, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas touched down at the pioneers' opal town of White Cliffs (255 km northeast of Broken Hill), where they met with students at the White Cliffs Public School and subsequently visited an underground opal shop 'Outback Treasures'. Later, they were entertained to morning tea at the White Cliffs Health Centre.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas left for Menindee (111 km southeast of Broken Hill), where they visited and remained for a multicultural luncheon at Menindee Central School, met with Aboriginal Elders and were entertained by students at an assembly.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas visited the Menindee Hospital and Health Service before flying to Broken Hill.

In the evening, they attended a Civic Reception in their honour, hosted by Councillor Ron Page, Mayor of the City of Broken Hill, at the Regional Art Gallery.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at a dinner at the Astra Restaurant.

They remained overnight in Broken Hill.

## **SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie visited The University of Sydney – Department of Rural Health, Broken Hill Campus and remained for morning tea with medical students.

Afterwards, they flew to Moomba, South Australia, which is medically supported by The Royal Flying Doctor Service (South Eastern Section), inspected the facilities of the Moomba Oil and Gas Fields, Cooper Basin (770 km north of Adelaide) and remained for luncheon, before returning to Broken Hill.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at a dinner at the Broken Earth Café Restaurant.

## **SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Broken Hill for Dubbo, where they met with staff at The Royal Flying Doctor Service Base, before visiting the Dubbo Department of Rural Health Clinical School, where they remained for luncheon.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas returned to Sydney.

## **MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as guest of Musica Viva Australia, attended a performance featuring Julian Rachlin on violin and Itamar Golan on piano, at the City Recital Hall, Angel Place.

## **TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency received Mr Chris Wilson, Executive Director, Major Projects Assessment, and Mr David Kitto, Director, Major Development Assessment, Department of Planning.

Afterwards, the Governor received The Rt Rev David Robson, State Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in New South Wales and Mrs Margaret Robson.

Later, Her Excellency received Mr Vít Kolář, Consul-General of the Czech Republic and Mrs Olga Kolář.

Subsequently, the Governor received Professor Steven Boyages, Chief Executive Officer; Ms Jodie Bain, Executive Officer; Ms Cathie Whitehurst, Network Director and Mr Paul Summers, Network Operations Manager, Surgery and Anaesthetic Network, Sydney Western Area Health Service.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency officially opened the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference of the Nutrition Society of Australia 'Nutrition through the Life Cycle', in the Matthews Theatre, University of New South Wales.

## **THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Australia Day Council of New South Wales, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officiated at the presentation of the New South Wales Finalists in the 2007 Australian of the Year Program, at The Art Gallery of New South Wales.

## **FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Sydney for Port Macquarie where they were met on arrival by Mr Robert Oakeshott MP, Member for Port Macquarie and Councillor Rob Drew, Mayor of Port Macquarie-Hastings.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, proceeded to Port Macquarie Historic Courthouse where she inspected the '48<sup>th</sup> Regiment a Foot', who provided the Honour Guard, before delivering an Address and presenting certificates to volunteers at a ceremony to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Historical Societies and Museums in Port Macquarie, the third penal settlement established in the colony.

Subsequently, the Governor and Sir Nicholas attended a Civic Luncheon in their honour, hosted by the Mayor and Mrs Lyn Drew at the Council Chambers.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas visited Hastings Public School where Her Excellency delivered an Address and presented Badges of Office to the 2007 'Parliamentary' Ministers and remained for afternoon tea with students, parents and staff.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at a "Between the Flags" Dinner, at The Mingarra Club, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of surf life-saving and the commencement of celebrations on the Mid-North Coast.

During the evening, Her Excellency christened two (2) new competition rowing boats; presented the award of 'Life Governor' to Mr Norman Morgan; and presented medallions to Port Macquarie Surf Life-Saving Club's ten (10) greatest surf life-savers.

The Governor and Sir Nicholas remained overnight in Port Macquarie.

## **SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie visited the Sea Acres Rainforest Centre, where Her Excellency opened a new section of walking track, signalling the start of the Rydges Community Fun-Run from Flynn's Beach.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron of the Port Macquarie Historical Society Inc, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, visited the Port Macquarie Historical Museum, met with volunteers and remained for morning tea.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas toured the 'Colonial Village Fair' in the grounds of the Courthouse.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas visited Linga Longa Indigenous Philosophy Farm, established in 2002 for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal youth at risk.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at Timbertown's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner at the Maul and Wedge Restaurant, Timbertown Heritage Theme Park, at Wauchope.

## **SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended a Communion Service at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Port Macquarie - the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) oldest Anglican church still in use in Australia.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas returned to Sydney.

## **MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2006**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a Christmas Reception at Government House, with music provided by the Army Band Sydney.

## **TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2006**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor attended the opening of the Paddy Bedford Exhibition, at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

## **WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor left Sydney for Tamworth, where she was Guest Speaker and presented prizes to Year 12 graduating students, at the Tamworth Anglican College (Calrossy Campus) Speech Day.

In the afternoon, the Governor returned to Sydney.

In the morning, The Honourable James Spigelman AC, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales, by deputation from Her Excellency the Governor, presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.



## **THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Aleksandar Besarabic, Consul-General of the Republic of Serbia, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor received Dr Tatiana M Grushko, Consul-General of the Russian Federation.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a luncheon at Government House for a Delegation from Guangdong Province, led by His Excellency Mr Chen Shaoji, Chairman of Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and including Mr Yang Dong; Mr Huang Ziqiang; Mr Ou Guang, Mr Xie Tingguang; Ms Li Chunyan; Mr Su Zhengwu; Mr Chen Guangyi and Ms Liu Ren. Other guests were: The Honourable Neville Wran AC QC; the Honourable David Campbell MP; the Honourable Henry Tsang MLC; Mr Qui Shaofang, Consul-General; Mr Alan Fang; Ms Lydia Feng; Mr Loftus Harris and Mr Sean Kelly, Australian Consul-General Designate to Guangzhou.

Later, the Governor attended the Funeral Service for the late Dr John Plapp, at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Crematorium, Matraville.

In the evening, Her Excellency delivered an Address and presented awards at the Mosman Church of England Preparatory School Speech Night, at St Clement's Church, Mosman.

Sir Nicholas Shehadie represented the Governor at the Macquarie Fields Police and Community Benefit Night in support of 'Youth Off the Streets' and the provision of a local Youth Centre; The Children's Hospital at Westmead and the Molly Lynch (8yrs Old) Trust Fund Appeal, at West's Leagues Club, Leumeah.

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor was represented at Sydney Airport, at the arrival of His Excellency Mr Roh Moo-hyun, President of the Republic of Korea, and Mrs Kwon Yang-suk by Mr Brian L Davies, Official Secretary and Chief of Staff. In the afternoon, Her Excellency was represented at the President's departure from Australia, by Squadron Leader Paul Summers, Honorary Aide-de-Camp.

## **FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor received Ms Maria Vandamme, Chief Executive Officer of Melba Recordings and Director of the Melba Foundation, at the Office of the Governor.

In the evening, the Governor attended the Ku-ring-gai Council's Centenary Commemorative Meeting, and subsequently launched 'Under the Canopy', a history of the Council, at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, as Guest of Pinchgut Opera, attended a performance of 'Idomeneo', at the City Recital Hall.

## **SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of The Boys' Brigade Australia in New South Wales, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented the 2006 Queen's Badge Awards, at Government House.

In the evening, the Governor, accompanied by Dr Rowan Nicks, attended a performance of 'Dutoit & Thibaudet: a Tour de Force', featuring pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet and conductor Charles Dutoit, at the Sydney Opera House.

## **SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, presented the 2006 Royal Life Saving Society Australia (New South Wales Branch) Commendation Awards, at Government House.

### **WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received His Excellency Mr Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, accompanied by Her Excellency Dr Hernani Coelho da Silva, Ambassador; Mr Abel Guterres, Consul-General and Mr Agio Pereira, Chief of Staff, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at a luncheon hosted by The Rats of Tobruk Association, to mark the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Siege of Tobruk in 1941, at the Five Dock RSL Community Club.

### **THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address at the School Based Traineeship Graduation, and subsequently officially launched the expansion of the program of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, at Glebe.

### **FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address and presented awards at the Willoughby Girls' High School Presentation Ceremony.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie were Guests of Honour at a dinner hosted by Major-General Mark Kelly AM, Land Commander Australia and Mrs Gabrielle Kelly, at The Bungalow, Victoria Barracks.

### **SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

### **SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2006**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, the Governor attended the Funeral Service for the late Ms Olive Melick, at St Martha's Catholic Church, Strathfield.

Subsequently, Her Excellency attended the Funeral Service for the late Ms Ann Sullivan, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Caringbah.

## **THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2006**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor received Mrs Laurel and Mr Keith Norris, of North Stradbroke Island, at the Office of the Governor.

Afterwards, the Governor presided at a Special Meeting of the Executive Council.

Subsequently, Her Excellency received Ms Stephanie Topp, 2004 Rhodes Scholar.

## **FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

## **SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER 2006**

No vice-regal news.

**MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**TUESDAY 2 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**FRIDAY 5 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**SATURDAY 6 JANUARY 2007**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, attended the Opening Night of 'Telophaza' by the Batsheva Dance Company, at the Capitol Theatre.

Afterwards, the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, attended the Opening Night Party, at the Hyde Park Barracks.

**SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Her Excellency, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, attended the Opening Night of 'Seemanslieder' by Christoph Marthaler, at the Sydney Theatre.

**THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, accompanied by Ms Kristen Bashir, attended the Opening Night of Samuel Beckett's 'First Love', by the Gate Theatre Dublin, at the Parade Theatre, NIDA, Kensington.

**FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, attended the Opening Night of 'The Adventures of Snugglepote & Cuddlepie AND Little Ragged Blossom', at the Theatre Royal.

**SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2007**

In the evening, Sir Nicholas Shehadie, as Joint Patron with Her Excellency the Governor of Cricket NSW, attended a Reception to celebrate 150 years of First-Class Cricket in New South Wales, at Parliament House.

**TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

**WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

**THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

## **FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2007**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, accompanied by Mrs Patricia Lovejoy, attended a performance by The Gate Theatre Dublin of Samuel Beckett's "I'll Go On", at the Parade Theatre, NIDA, Kensington.

In the morning, Her Excellency was represented at the Commonwealth State Funeral for the late the Honourable Sir James Killen AC KCMG, at St John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane by Lieutenant Commander Matthew Rowe RANR, Aide-de-Camp to Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland.

## **SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address at the Australia Day Luncheon hosted by the Fellowship of First Fleeters, at Cellos' Restaurant, Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, Sydney.

In the evening, Her Excellency was the Guest of Honour at a farewell concert by pianist Lukas Opacic at 'Theme and Variations', Greenwich.

## **SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2007**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, attended a performance by the Bossa Nova Hot Club, at The Famous Spiegel tent, Hyde Park North.

## **MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2007**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor delivered an Address at a Celebration of the life of The Late Mr Dimitri James Agapitos OAM, at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Later, Her Excellency, as Patron of the Sydney Festival 2007, accompanied by Mrs Susan Spry, attended the Opening Night of Anton Chekhov's 'Uncle Vanya' by the Maly Drama Theatre of St. Petersburg, at the Sydney Theatre, Walsh Bay.



## **TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of Sydney Symphony, attended the recording by the Orchestra, of “The Ships”, the second movement of ‘Symphony of Australia’, at Moore Park.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a dinner at Government House to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Australia Post’s ‘Australian Legends’, guests at which were: Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC CVO MBE and Mrs Anne Wrzeszcynski; Professor Emeritus Sir Gustav Nossal AC CBE and Lady Nossal; Professor Emeritus Donald Metcalf AC and Mrs Josephine Metcalf; Professor Fiona Stanley AC and Professor Geoffrey Shellam; Mr Herb Elliott AC MBE and Mrs Liz Elliott; Ms Dawn Fraser AO MBE; Mr Bob Ingham AO and Mrs Norma Ingham; Mr Graeme John AO and Mrs Diane John; Mr Bart Cummings AM and Mrs Valmae Cummings; Ms Betty Cuthbert AM MBE and Ms Rhonda Gillam; Ms Carla Zampatti AM and Mr Alexander Schuman; Mr Murray Rose AM and Mrs Jodi Rose; Ms Prue Acton OBE and Mr Merv Moriarty; Reverend Margaret Court MBE and Mr Barry Court; Mr Rod Laver MBE; Mr Roy Higgins MBE; Mr John Tapp OAM and Mrs Ann Tapp; Ms Jenny Bannister and Mr Paul Belin; Mr John Bradman; Ms Loretta Breasley; Ms Gwen Charlesworth; Mr Tim Claridge; Ms Barbara de la Hunty; Ms Collette Dinnigan and Mr John Leece; Ms Debra Ely; Mr Terry Hearity; Mr Akira Isogawa and Ms Penny Culliton; Ms Lea Jaensch; Ms Joy Kirkpatrick; Mr Noel Leahy; Mrs Iris Moore and Mrs Michele Leyshan; Mr Joe Saba and Mrs Marita Saba and Mr Stephen Walter.

## **WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

In the early evening, the Governor received Mr Lin Hong Ming, General Manager of the Shanghai Oriental Arts Centre, under the auspices of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade International Cultural Visits Program, and subsequently hosted a meeting with Dr Norman Gillespie, Chief Executive, Sydney Opera House; Ms Libby Christie, Managing Director, Sydney Symphony; Mr Adrian Collette, Chief Executive, Opera Australia; Ms Mary-Jo Capps, General Manager, Musica Viva Australia; Mr Stephen Deady, State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Mr Peter George and Mrs Diana Wang George, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency, as Patron of Combined Art Societies of Sydney Inc, officially opened the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual ‘Art of Sydney’ Awards Exhibition, at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour.

#### **THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, was the Guest of Honour at the Australia Day Luncheon, hosted by the Australia Day Council of New South Wales, at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

#### **FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended the Woggan-ma-gule Farm Cove Morning Ceremony, in the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas toured the Yabun Festival at Victoria Park, Broadway, observing activities in the Kulcha Tent, Youth Tent and others conducted by the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative.

Subsequently, the Governor and Sir Nicholas visited Cronulla, where they were met on arrival by Councillor David Redmond, Mayor of Sutherland Shire Council, who escorted them through local activities, including youth events, beach cricket and breakdance competitions.

In the evening, the Governor and Sir Nicholas embarked on the Admiral's Barge at Mosman Bay Wharf for the journey to Cockle Bay and Darling Harbour, where they were the Guests of Honour at the Australia Day State Reception and Spectacular, hosted by The Honourable Morris Iemma MP, Premier of New South Wales and Mrs Santina Iemma, at which Her Excellency's Australia Day Message was broadcast.

#### **SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

#### **SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, left Sydney for the University of Wollongong where she was admitted to the degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa) at a Welcome Ceremony for the first intake of students at the Graduate School of Medicine.

Following a tour of the facilities, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, was the Guest of Honour at a luncheon hosted by the Chancellor, Mr Michael Codd AC.

Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas returned to Sydney in the afternoon.

## **TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a Luncheon at Government House in honour of Sir Alec Bedser CBE, acclaimed English cricketer, guests at which were: The Honourable Doug McClelland AC and Mrs Lorna McClelland; Sir Ronald Brierley and Ms Elizabeth Rich; Mr Rodney Cavalier AO and Ms Sally Ray; Mr Alan Jones AO; Mr Ken Archer AM and Mrs Marion Archer; Mr Alan Davidson AM MBE and Mrs Betty Davidson; Mr Roger Wotton AM; Mr Richie Benaud OBE and Mrs Daphne Benaud; Mr Neil Harvey MBE and Mrs Barbara Harvey; Mr Arthur Morris MBE and Mrs Judy Morris; Mr Warren Saunders OAM and Mrs Clare Saunders; and Mr Graeme Laws and Mrs Mary Laws.

## **WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Afterwards, Her Excellency, as Patron, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially launched the Sesquicentenary of St Vincent's Hospital Sydney at a Liturgical Celebration which also marked the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the health ministry of the Sisters of Charity in Australia, at the Xavier Gardens, Darlinghurst.

In the afternoon, the Governor received Mr Michael Crouch AO and Mr Gavin Lockley, Composer, at Government House.

#### **THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie who delivered a eulogy, attended the Funeral Service of the late Mr Trevor (Tub) Allan, at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, North Ryde.

In the evening, Her Excellency, as Patron, and Sir Nicholas hosted a Reception for those involved in the organisation and delivery of the Sydney Festival 2007, at Government House.

#### **FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor attended a Mass of Thanksgiving, commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation, by Archbishop John Bede Polding, of the Congregation of Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict – Australia's first Congregation of women religious in the Catholic Church, at St Mary's Cathedral.

Later, Her Excellency, as Patron of Women's Golf NSW, attended a luncheon in support of the MFS Women's Australian Open Golf Championships, at Royal Sydney Golf Club, Rose Bay.

In the evening, the Governor attended the Opening Night of 'Lotte's Gift' by David Williamson, at the Ensemble Theatre, Kirribilli.

#### **SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

#### **SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron of The Royal Commonwealth Society (New South Wales Branch), accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, attended a service to celebrate the forthcoming 56<sup>th</sup> Year of Her Majesty The Queen's Reign, at the Parish Church of St James, King Street, Sydney.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas, as guests of the Australian Monarchist League, attended a service to mark the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's Accession to the Throne, at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

## **MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

## **TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, received His Excellency Mr Glen Lindholm, Ambassador of Finland and Mrs Tuovi Lindholm, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency officially opened the Exhibition 'The Humana Series – Shadow' (mixed media photographic work) by Maree Azzopardi, at Libby Edwards Gallery, Woollahra.

## **WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Her Excellency, accompanied by Mrs Alexandra Moir, attended the Opening Night of 'The Gates of Egypt', as guest of Company B, at Belvoir St Theatre, Surry Hills.

## **THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Jack Heath, Executive Director and Founder, Inspire Foundation and Mr Tony Bates, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Headstrong – The National Centre for Youth Mental Health in Ireland, at the Office of the Governor.

## **FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Sydney for Dubbo where they visited the School of Distance Education, participated in a satellite lesson and met with staff who demonstrated technologies used in the general 'face to face' learning classroom.

Later, they visited the Buninyong Public School – School as Community Centre and met with Aboriginal Elders and mentored young mother participants in the Early Starters Program.

Subsequently Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at the 'Women Out West' Luncheon, held at the Lazy River Estate, followed by a tour of the Shoyoen Japanese Gardens, where they met with volunteers and participated in a traditional tea ceremony.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas visited various exhibits at the Western Plains Zoo and toured the Veterinary Clinic facilities.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at a dinner hosted by the Alumni Council and Medical Graduates Association and School of Rural Health, Dubbo Campus, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine, The University of Sydney, at the Lazy River Estate.

The Governor and Sir Nicholas remained overnight in Dubbo.

## **SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened the Western Plains Cultural Centre, and joined in Family Fun Day Celebrations in the grounds, at Dubbo.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas attended a Civic Luncheon in their honour, hosted by Councillor Allan Smith, Mayor of Dubbo City Council and Mrs Pauline Smith, at the Dubbo RSL Club.

Afterwards, the Governor and Sir Nicholas visited Apollo House Community Centre on the East Dubbo Housing Estate where they met with Aboriginal Women Elders, Women's Leaders and Members of the Women's Group.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas returned to Sydney.

## **SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

## **MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor officially opened Microsoft Australia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Unlimited Potential Community Conference 'Making your NETwork', at the Coles Theatre, Powerhouse Museum.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency, as Patron of the Henry Parkes Foundation, presented a cheque to the State Library Foundation, to enable further processing of Sir Henry Parkes's papers, at the State Library of New South Wales.

Later, the Governor received a Delegation from the '19<sup>th</sup> Ship for World Youth' Program, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency was Guest of Honour at a Reception on board the 'Nippon Maru', The 19<sup>th</sup> Ship for World Youth, at the Overseas Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay.

## **TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Adrian Knight, Chairman; Professor Richard Telford AM, Director and Dr Jeanne-Claude Strong, Bluearth Institute, at Government House.

In the late afternoon, Her Excellency officially launched a forum on "Mental Health Awareness", attended by school prefects from Sydney government and independent high schools, at Sydney Girls' High School, Surry Hills.

### **WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency, as Patron of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (NSW), officially launched the book 'What Women (and their men) Need to Know About Prostate Cancer' by Professor Irena Madjar, Foundation Professor of Nursing, Newcastle University, at Parliament House.

In the afternoon, the Governor officially opened the Mental Health Screening Unit, at the Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie were Guests of Honour at a Dinner hosted by Mr Qiu Shaofang, Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, at the Consulate-General, Camperdown.

### **THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie left Sydney for Lord Howe Island, where they were met on arrival by Mr Nick Rigby, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr Barney Nichols, Vice-Chair, Lord Howe Island Board, at the commencement of their first official visit to the Island.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the arrival from Canberra of Her Excellency Ms Tarja Halonen, President of Finland and Dr Pentti Arajärvi, by Squadron Leader Alan Hunter, Honorary Aide-de-Camp.



## **FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie visited Lord Howe Island Central School, where they met with staff and students.

Later, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas toured Gower Wilson Memorial Hospital before visiting the Lord Howe Island Museum, where the Governor delivered an address to members of the Historical Society following tours of the History Gallery to view the Official Visits Display, and the Nature Gallery.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas, accompanied by The Honourable Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts and Ms Leela Smith; were Guests of Honour at a Dinner at 'Pandanus', hosted by the Members of the Lord Howe Island Board.

In the afternoon, Her Excellency the Governor was represented at the departure from Sydney of Her Excellency Ms Tarja Halonen, President of Finland and Dr Pentti Arajärvi, by Squadron Leader Alan Hunter, Honorary Aide-de-Camp.

## **SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, accompanied by The Honourable Bob Debus MP, Attorney General, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for the Arts and Ms Leela Smith, embarked on the vessel 'Phasmid' for a tour of the Lord Howe Island Marine Park.

In the evening, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address and presented shields and medals at the Lord Howe Island Discovery Day Games and Festivities.

## **SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie returned to Sydney.

## **MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, as Patron, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, delivered an Address and presented sponsor plaques, undergraduate scholarships and high school students' awards, on behalf of the Australian Lebanese Foundation at the Nicholson Museum, followed by dinner in The Refectory, Holme Building, The University of Sydney.

## **TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor invested Mr Alfred John Kirby with the Medal of the Order of Australia, at the Holy Spirit Nursing Home, Croydon.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended a luncheon in honour of Lady Salisbury, Dowager Marchioness of Salisbury, hosted by Lady Pagan, at her residence.

Later, the Governor and Sir Nicholas were Guests of Honour at a dinner hosted by Ms Carol Marlow, President and Managing Director, Cunard Line and Mr Gavin Smith, Managing Director, Cunard Line Australia, on board Queen Mary 2, at which Her Excellency delivered an Address, on the occasion of the maiden visit of Queen Mary 2 to Australia, at Garden Island, Woolloomooloo. Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas also witnessed the historic meeting of two Cunard 'Queens' when Queen Elizabeth 2 passed Queen Mary 2, the first such meeting in Sydney Harbour since 1941.

## **WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency received Lady Salisbury, Dowager Marchioness of Salisbury.

In the afternoon, the Governor received Mr Russell Grove PSM, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, accompanied by Mr Andrew Imlach, Director of Information Services, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Headquarters Secretariat, London, at the Office of the Governor.

#### **THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2007**

Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie entertained to luncheon Lady Salisbury, from London and Mr Vivian Liff and Mr George Stuart from the Isle of Man, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, addressed Captains and Vice-Captains from 34 Independent Secondary Schools, at Government House.

In the morning, Sir Nicholas Shehadie attended a Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life of Stella Steele Hills at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kensington.

#### **FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a Reception at Government House, to mark the National Meeting of The Order of Australia Association in Sydney.

#### **SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2007**

No vice-regal news.

#### **SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the evening, Her Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially launched Performance Space's new home and 2007 program at 'Singing the Space', at the CarriageWorks Centre for Contemporary Arts, Eveleigh.

#### **MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor and Sir Nicholas Shehadie received a Parliamentary Delegation from the European Parliament, led by Mr Giles Chichester, Chairman of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, at Government House.

In the evening, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas hosted a Reception at Government House for members of the New South Wales Consular Corps, with music provided by the Air Command Band.

## **TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor received Mr Lionel Majesté-Larrouy, Consul-General of France, at Government House.

Subsequently, Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie hosted a morning tea at Government House, to congratulate members of the newly formed NSW Aboriginal Youth Advisory Group.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, accompanied by Sir Nicholas, delivered an Address at the 2007 Dean's Gala Concert and later, was Guest of Honour at a dinner in the Atrium.

## **WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2007**

In the morning, Her Excellency the Governor presided at a meeting of the Executive Council, at Government House.

Later, Her Excellency, accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie, officially opened the Tripoli and Mena Association Aged Care Centre, at Lakemba.

In the evening, the Governor, as Patron of the Sydney Symphony, accompanied by Dr Helen Crane, attended a performance of Brahms' Symphonies 2 & 4, at the Sydney Opera House.