



A ROSE GARDEN CELEBRATION



The Rose Garden Pavilion was provided to the Society for the event by the Royal Botanic Garden



John Ruffels came down from north of Sydney for the event



Peter Jones told how he had proposed to his wife, Mary, on Thirroul Beach, near Wyewurk



Lindsay Foyle was elected Vice-President of the Society at the AGM



President Rob Darroch addresses the meeting

ON a balmy Sunday autumn afternoon on May 25, 2014, with the temperature climbing to 27 degrees, the DH Lawrence Society of Australia held its 22nd birthday party and celebrated the 92nd anniversary of Lawrence's arrival in Sydney.

With the roses blazing in the gardens outside the Rose Garden Pavilion in Sydney's Royal Botanic Garden, eleven DHLA members enjoyed a picnic-style lunch while an inquisitive ibis pattered about snaffling crumbs.

The President of the Society, Robert Darroch, addressed the gathering and imparted some important news - the last piece in the jigsaw of his 40 years of research into Lawrence's time in Australia had finally fallen into place. We now know the identity of the member of the Friend family whom Lawrence met in Sydney in 1922 and whose wife was the model for the main part of the character Victoria Callcott. (See Rob's item dated 5/5/14 in his [Research Diary](#), on this site.)

The Secretary of the Society, Sandra Darroch, then conducted an extremely brief AGM during which Robert Darroch was re-elected as President, Lindsay Foyle was elected Vice-President, and Sandra Darroch was voted unanimously as Secretary. Some events would be planned for the coming year, and members will be advised of these on the website and by email. A sum of \$55 was raised at the event.



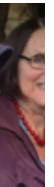
The ibis picked up some literary crumbs



Lindsay Foyle, Rob Darroch and the picnic spread



Robert Whitelaw



Jan Andrews



Antony Carr



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Sandra Darroch was re-elected Secretary of the Society at the AGM



Beverley Firth, Jan Andrews and Antony Carr enjoying the autumn sunshi

If you wish to join the DH Lawrence Society of Australia, it's free. Just send us your name and email address. Click [HERE](#)

