

**BEGA LITTLETON SISTER CITY EXCHANGE, INC.
AUSTRALIA DAY 2005 CELEBRATION
RECOGNITION OF OUR FIFTY YEAR RELATIONSHIP
WITH BEGA, NSW, AUSTRALIA 1954 TO 2004**

“FRIENDSHIP FOREVER”

JANUARY 26, 2005 – ROMANO’S, LITTLETON, COLORADO

WELCOME	David Necker, 1996 & 2001 Delegation Current President B/LSCE, Inc. Greeting from Paul Healey, President, Bega - Littleton Citizen’s Exchange (Australia)
AUSTRALIA NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>Advance, Australia Fair</i> – lead by Toni Lang 2001 Delegation
MY AUSTRALIA DAY	Mark O’Regan, Honorary Consul, Australian Consulate, Denver, CO and Order of Australia
INVOCATION	Dan Parker, B/LSCE Member
<i>DINNER and FELLOWSHIP</i>	
REMARKS	Ray Koernig, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Littleton, CO
TALE OF TWO CITIES	Pat Kenning, Historian, 1986 & 1996 Delegation
DELEGATION MEMORIES	Jose Trujillo, 1981 Delegation Member, many time visitor to Bega & Honorary B/LSCE Member
	Lebrun Hutchison, 1991 to 1996 Past President & 1996 Official B/LSCE Delegate
	Ken Coddington, 1996 to 2001 Past President & 2001 Official B/LSCE Delegate
	Warren Zeller, 1976, 1996 & 2001 Delegation
	Open Forum to all who have been to Bega, NSW
A FINAL NOTE	David Necker <i>Waltzing Matilda</i> – lead by Toni Lang
AND THE REST IS HISTORY	

In 1951, the US Information Agency made a documentary film of a rural newspaper in small town America to promote ‘freedom of the press’. This 20 minute black and white film, entitled “Small Town Editor,” featured the *Littleton Independent* and its editor, G. Houstoun Waring, III, selected because of Waring’s widely read editorials on international affairs. The film was translated into many languages and given world wide distribution.

One viewer in 1954, residing some 8,490 miles away (GPS measurement) in Bega, New South Wales, Australia, was C.W. ‘Curly’ Annabel, Order of Australia and Editor of the *Bega District News*, who noted the similarities of the two communities (Pop. 4,500) and initiated correspondence with Editor Waring. Communication between the two editors continued and flourished over the next few years. Annabel and the Waring’s visited each other in 1960 and 1961.

When President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced his “People to People” program and encouraged the establishment of sister cities, both men moved jointly to implement the idea in their communities. Annabel headed the first Bega delegation to Littleton in 1961. Two of the 4 delegates stayed with Jack and Barbara Karford. The four “first delegates” attended Bega’s 50th Celebration this past December and the Karfords are long time members of our group in Littleton. Talk about longevity! Since 1961, delegations from Littleton have visited Bega on years ending in 1 and 6, and Bega sends a group here on years ending in 3 and 8. The next Littleton Delegation to Bega is March 2006.

On Sunday, March 13, 2005, 3 PM at Bemis Library, we will have our first Delegation Organization Meeting for the 2006 Trip. The B/LSCE Annual Meeting will be Sunday, May 1, 2005 (Location to be announced).

Thank you to Jan & John Brosseau for all the arrangements for tonight’s program.

Advance, Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance, Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing:
Advance, Australia Fair.

Waltzing Matilda A.B. (Banjo) Paterson

Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong,
Under the shade of Coolibah tree.
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled,
"You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me?"

(Chorus)

*"Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,
You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me?"*
And he sang as he watched and waited till his billy boiled,
"You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me?"

Down came a jumbuck to drink at the billabong,
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee,
And he sang as he stuffed that jumbuck in his tucker bag,
"You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me."

(Chorus)

Up rode the squatter mounted on his thoroughbred,
Down came the troopers, one, two, and three.
"Where's that jolly jumbuck you've got in your tuckerbag?
You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me."

(Chorus)

Up jumped the swagman and sprang into the billabong,
"You'll never take me alive!" said he,
And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that billabong,
"You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me?"

(Chorus)