

## Welcome address

His Excellency, David Hurley

Governor-General of Australia

I am delighted to provide this message of congratulations to the Royal Society of New South Wales on the occasion of your Bicentenary Dinner.

As a former Patron of the Royal Society I thoroughly enjoyed the many occasions in which we gathered to consider some of the big issues of the day.

For 200 years the Society has enriched the lives of the people of New South Wales

and the wider nation through the pursuit of knowledge.

It is a remarkable achievement and a credit to all members, past and present.

Tonight's Anniversary Dinner is an occasion to celebrate your many achievements and to enjoy the fellowship of members.

As Patron of Royal Societies of Australia — enjoy the celebrations and Happy Birthday!

