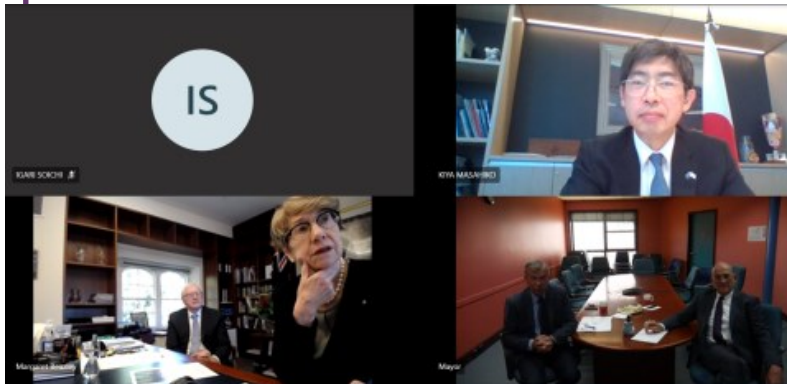


Governor Beazley's virtual visit to Cowra



On 27 August, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, and Mr Dennis Wilson, held an official virtual meeting with Cr Bill West, Mayor of Cowra Shire Council, and Mr Bob Griffiths, Chairman of the Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre.

Her Excellency, Mr Wilson, Cr West and Mr Griffiths discussed the history and the latest situation of Cowra and the Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre. The Consul-General of Japan in Sydney, Mr Kiya Masahiko, also participated in the meeting.

And Consul-General Kiya visits Cowra with JSS to attend the Service of Respect

This year, the Cowra Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom Festival) was cancelled due to COVID-19, but the decision was made by Cowra Shire Council to conduct the Service of Respect at the Cowra War Cemeteries as in normal years. On 27 September, Consul-General Kiya laid wreaths together with Cr Bill West, Mayor of Cowra, at the Australian and Japanese War Cemeteries [top right].

Mr Ishikawa Yoshikazu, Chairman of the Japanese Society of Sydney (JSS), also participated in the service [bottom right] and he wrote about the visit on the JSS website (Japanese language): www.jssi.org.au/2020/09/30/4280

The theme of issue #19 of Consul-General Kiya's newsletter is
Cowra as a Bridge between Australia and Japan
www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/document/CGKiya_19newsE.pdf



75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

This year, 15 August marked the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Consul-General Kiya laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in Martin Place in Sydney on the day.

The NSW state memorial service commemorating Victory in the Pacific Day (VP Day) was held at the Cenotaph in Martin Place in Sydney. This year, consuls-general were unable to attend the ceremony because the number of participants was limited due to COVID-19 precautions. After consulting with the RSL (Returned and Services League) NSW State Branch, the Consul-General went and laid a wreath at the Cenotaph after the state memorial service had finished.

Consul-General Kiya shared some thoughts and observations in issue #22 of his newsletter: "75th Anniversary of the End of the Second World War: From Enemies to Friends"

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/document/CGKiya_22newsE.pdf



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