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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Wikipedia article: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Alston_\(politician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Alston_(politician))

Richard Alston was an Australian businessman, politician and barrister. He served as a Liberal Party Senator for Victoria from 1986 – 2004. During the Howard Government he held several ministerial offices. He later served as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (2005 – 2008) and Federal President of the Liberal Party (2014 – 2017).

References:

Parliament of Australia 'Former Senator Richard Alston' https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=LD4
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection relates to the diplomatic career of The Honourable Richard Alston, AO. It includes diaries, files, newspaper clippings, programs and postcards relating to his time as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

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Box 1 (THL 017.B1)

Town Guide to Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire
Guide to Rules; London's oldest restaurant
Guide to Lartington Hall Park
Program for a celebration to mark the launch of Battle Order 204 by Christobel Mattingley, 3 September 2007
Guide to Lydiard Park, Swindon
Guide to Chippenham Museum and Heritage Centre
Guide to Richmond 'Britain's best kept secret ...'
Guide to Avebury, Wiltshire
Guide to The Fovant Badges
Guide to the World Cup 2006
Guide to Hillsborough Castle, Northern Island Office
Program for the Association of the Britain Australia Society Portsmouth Branch and The Portsmouth-Sydney Sister City Link Annual Autumn Dinner 9 December 2005, Guildhall Portsmouth [2 copies]
Program for the British Museum exhibition: 'Forgotten Empire the world of Ancient Persia', 9 September 2005 - 8 January 2006
Guide to Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire
Guide to Kenilworth Castle
Official Program for Royal Ascot 2006
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Newsletter 16 July 2006
Guide to the Old Master paintings at Corsham Court
Guide to Corfe Castle
Philharmonic Hall Venue Map, Berlin
Guide to London, April 1961
Founder's Day at The Royal Hospital Chelsea, 8 June 2006
Dinner at Cramer Room, Jesus College, Cambridge, 3 December 2007
Guide to The Battle for Arnhem
Program to Harold Pinter's The Lover The Collection
Order of Service at Westminster Abbey to mark Anzac Day, 25 April 2006
Australian Music Foundation 30th Anniversary Gala Concert with Sir Charles Mackerras at Australia House, London 26 November 2005
Floor plan for the Handel House Museum
Guide to Stonehenge World Heritage Site
Postcard of the 'School Yard' at Eton, 1852 by Percival Skelton
Postcard of 'Snow on a Spring Day', College Chapel, Ton
Seating arrangements for a Parliamentary Luncheon with Tony Blair and Cherie Blair at the Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra 27 March 2006

Wreath laying ceremony at the Gallipoli Memorial, St Paul's Cathedral on Gallipoli Day, 25 April 2006
 Guide to Runnymede
 Christmas card from Major General Michael Jeffery, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Mrs Marlena Jeffery
 Guide to William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings
 Guide to Lancaster House by John Charlton
 'Illuminating the Renaissance' - The Triumph of Flemish Manuscript Painting in Europe
 Guide to the Thyssen Bornemisza Museum by Tomas Llorens
 Guide to the Royal Cabinet of Paintings Mauritshuis, The Hague
 Guide to the J. Paul Getty Museum, Malibu California, 1992
 Art December 07 – Galleries
 National Trust Guide to Constable Country
 Guide to Richard III
 Sir Edwin Lutyens by Michael Barker
 Scotland's Castle Trail
 The Complete Works by the Royal Shakespeare Company April 2006 - April 2007
 Reception at Two Temple Place, 12 October 2005
 Guide to Hillsborough Castle
 Guide to Australian War Memorials on the Western Front, April 1916 - November 1918
 Guide to the Black Death
 Service of Thanksgiving to commemorate the life of Maurice John de Rohan, 1936-2006, St Clement Danes Church, 6 February 2007
 Guide to the Wars of the Roses
 Cambridge street map and guide
 Guide to York
 Dedication Service at the Australian War Memorial, London, 11 November 2003
 Program at the Theatre Royal Haymarket Programme for The Sea by Edward Bond
 Historic Northumbria 'Great Days Out in 2007'
 Dinner at the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers, 10 May 2007
 Program for the Welcome Museum and Exhibitions, Paris November 2007 - January 2008
 Program for Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, St Martin's Theatre
 Her Majesty The Queen Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour) 11 June 2005
 Ticket to 'The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club' tennis championships, 2005
 Program and seating plan for Gray's Inn Grand Day, 15 November 2007
 Street map of Cambridge and St Neots
 Castle Howard, York
 Guide to Avebury and surrounding prehistoric monuments
 Guide to Dunnottar Castle
 Gordon Winter, The Golden Years 1903-1913
 Guide to Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot
 Guide to William Shakespeare
 St Mary's Parish Church, Whitby
 Guide to Bath
 Welcome to Bath Abbey
 Lancaster House by John Charlton
 Catalogue for Narek Galleries, Old Tanja Church, NSW
 Card with envelope 'Whitby's 'Old' Whale Bones'
 Guide to Dubrovnik
 An Introduction to Crop Circles edited by Andy Thomas
 Guide to Churchill Archives Centre
 Museu de Montserrat Guia de visita, Barcelona
 Historic Royal Palaces Spring Events 2005
 The Gunpowder Trail
 Program for England vs West Indies, Lord's 17 May 2007 – 21 May 2007
 Britain's Kings & Queens - Michael St John Parker
 Chelsea FC Official Centenary Season Matchday Magazine 05/06 UEFA Champions League Chelsea vs Barcelona 22.02.06
 Historic Yorkshire and Lincolnshire - New days out in 2007
 Royal Opera House present The Royal Opera Cyrano de Bergerac Programme May 2006
 Explore Captain Cook Country Mini-Guide 05/06
 Nicholas Hawksmoor a TIMELINE
 Postcard Christ Church Spitalfields built 1714-29 Nicholas Hawksmoor (1661-1736)

The Great House Laleston A History
Berlin 1933-1945
Musee du quai Branly, Paris
Insight Map LONDON FlexiMap plus Travel Information
Discover the Real World of the Knights Templar and Knights Hospitaller - The Temple Church & St. John's Gate
The Tower of London Her Majesty's Palace and Fortress
Card colour photo of Whitby Harbour, North Yorkshire, England
Mary Queen of Scots - The Pitkin Biographical Series
McCulloch & McCulloch Australian Art Books
Blenheim Palace - A World Heritage Site - Britain's Greatest Palace
Christmas card Season's Greetings from Gordon Brown Chancellor of the Exchequer, 11 Downing Street
2005 Hever Castle & Gardens Where History Comes to Life
Blenheim Palace - Woodstock . Oxfordshire
Welcome to Blenheim Palace 2006 Information for Visitors Britain's Greatest Palace
The Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations - A LUNCHEON To cinnenirrate the 441st anniversary of the Dramatist's birth, 25 April 2005.
Westminster Abbey - Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 90th Anniversary of Anzac Day, 25 April 2005.
Chelsea FC Official Matchday Magazine 04-05 Chelsea vs Birmingham City 9 April 2005
Yorkshire ad Lincolnshire Borders New days out in 2007
Yorkshire's Moors and Coast - Place of power, rulers of land and sea
An artists' home Charleston
Winchester Cathedral - Pitkin Guides
Orangerie Museum Visit Guide, Jardis des Tuileries, Paris.
Nelson, by Colin White - The Pitkin Biographical Guide
St Luke's Music Society - Bringing music to the Battersea and South West London community. 25 January 2008 programme
Emma Kirkby and Jakob Lindberg
Postcard views of Cambridge - King's College, Trinity College and Darwin College
Postcard King's College Chapel Cambridge
Postcard Cambridge Statues I
Postcard Jesus College, Cambridge
Postcard Magdalene College, Cambridge
Postcard Eton College, The College Chapel
Postcard, Percival Skelton, Long Walk, Eton
Postcard, Rainbow in School Yard, Eton.
Five photographs with High Sheriff of Hertfordshire 20 May 2006 (in white envelope)
Christmas card from Buffy and John (House of Lords) to Richard and Megs
Card from Molly Watson to High Commissioner - thanks for dinner
Card from Ian to 'My Dear Rich', 10 October 2005 "Season's Greetings"
Card of G. Heywood Hill Old & New Books -handwritten note on back "A further present from Sir Victor Garland"
Photo of Richard Alston with Prince Charles
Photo of Richard Alston with the Duchess of Cornwall
Christmas Card from 10 Downing Street
Christmas Card from the Home Secretary
Christmas Card from Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Christmas Card from 11 Downing Street, Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown
Communion Service program 27 August 2006

Box 2 (THL 017.B2)

Correspondence 2003
Diary appointments 1 February 2005 - 4 March 2008
Head of Mission/Head of Post Preparatory program from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade including security processes and reporting at posts; Australian Public Service (APS) values and relationships; Australian Arts Promotion and Market Development Strategy United Kingdom 2005 and 2006; Administration Circular New Guidelines for the Management of Representation Funds 27 April 1999; Devolution of Head of Mission Representation Allowance 27 November 1991
Diary appointments 16 November 2000 - 20 December 2001
Correspondence 2002

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Diary appointments 12 June 2001 - 26 August 2002
Correspondence 2002
Photos taken at Lower Woodside, Hayfield, 20 May 2006 [x 8]
Diary appointments 1 January 2007 - 11 October 2007
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) minutes on the 'Assessment of London's Budget Situation', 14 May 2004 and
'FMB Briefing - Hon. Richard Alston - HOM Designate London', 2 February 2005
Diary appointments 1 February 2005 - 4 March 2006
Photocopies of business cards
NOTE: Richard Alston HOM-DESIGNATE LONDON PRE-POSTING CONSULTATIONS 28 January 2005 - Post and LES
Management Issues - London
Pre-posting briefing for Richard Alston, HOM-Designate, London 28 January 2005 - Training and Development Issues
Personal Security Briefing Notes: London (Part 1) and (Part 2) and (Part 3)
ICB Briefing for Mr Richard Alston, Ambassador-designate, London 27 January 2005
Itinerary for pre-posting consultations 2 February-18 February 2005
Letter from Daniel Sloper, Assistant Secretary, Staffing Branch, DFAT with preliminary advice on preparations for posting
Copy of Australian Workplace Agreement between Secretary, DFAT and SES Band 3.3
'Return of Private Interests' [blank]
Photo of Richard Alston with The Rt Hon Ann Clwyd MP Chair of British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union
POST REPORT - April 2004 - Complete Post Report for Printing
HOM COURSES
Administrative Circular: Departmental Pre-Posting Training Requirements 8 October 2001
20/21 BRITISH ART FAIR CATALOGUE 2005
The Freedom of the City of London - Caroline Arnold
Copies of press cuttings 'UK Politics'

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