

HISTORY OF THE AML



The Australian Monarchist League has its original roots in the Monarchist League in Australia which was founded in 1943.

The push towards a republic meant that monarchists were faced with the necessity to provide a rational opposition and as a consequence the League was re-formed fifty years later in 1993 as a totally Australian organisation geared to defend the Australian constitution and what had become the Australian monarchy.

Originally starting off with around 30 people, mainly elderly, it soon built up into a membership of thousands. Today the League is Australia’s largest member-based Monarchist organisation.

The League has always refused to water down its stand for the Crown and its defence of the Queen when under attack and have been criticised by other monarchists in this regard. However, many of our members come from traditional Labor electorates and country areas and, the results of the referendum clearly showed that, whereas an overall majority in the ‘blue-rinse’ Liberal electorates voted for a republic, the country and the outer city suburban Labor heartland in both New South Wales and Victoria, voted for the monarchy. Similarly, with all of the smaller states.

The League is even today recognised by many in these areas as having saved Australia from becoming a republic.

From 2000 the League has conducted an ongoing campaign opposing political, media, and business advertising attempts to ridicule the Queen and to oppose ‘republicanism by stealth’ i.e. by removing the outward signs of the monarchy’s sovereignty.

Today, there is rarely an attempt to disparage the monarchy due to our pro-active campaigns since the referendum.

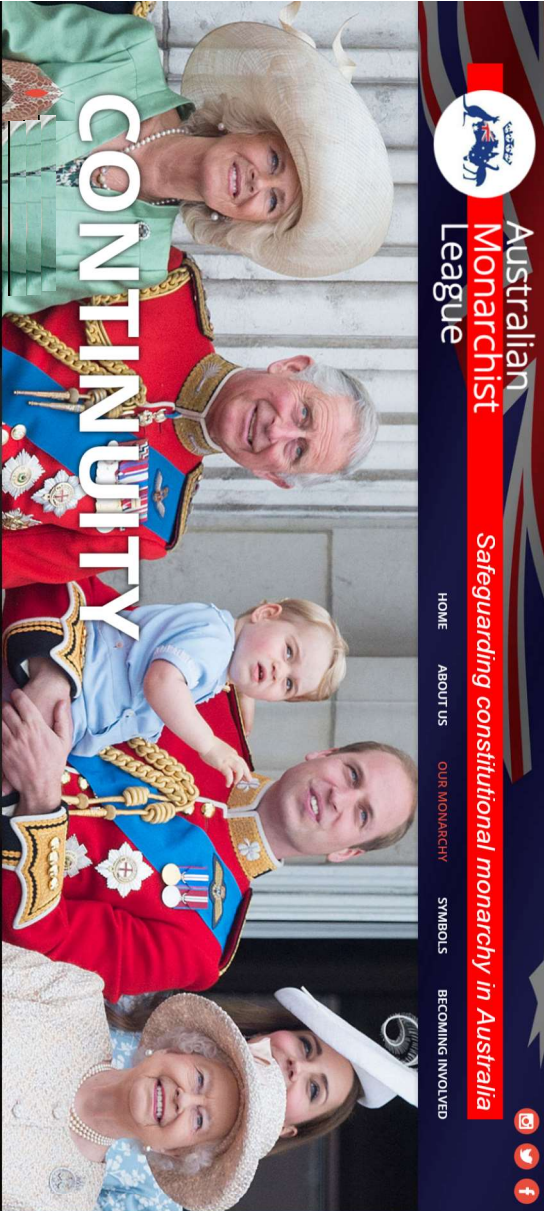
The several visits to Australia of the younger royals have started to recreate the emotional bond with the monarchy that Australians had once enjoyed. This is particularly so amongst younger generations who have enthusiastically embraced not only our links with the Royal family but also our system of constitutional monarchy with its inbuilt checks and balances thus ensuring a stability of governance rarely seen in republics.

The Australian Monarchist League has been in the forefront of this change. The League itself has undergone a metamorphosis with most of our members now being under 40 and with many of our office bearers in their twenties. With our young spokespersons dominating the airwaves, the media now view the League as the major constitutional monarchist organisation in the country.

The Australian Monarchist League is an incorporated association democratically based on members (with annually elected officers) and is totally reliant upon voluntary support from members and supporters. We receive no funding from government or business.

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About the Australian Monarchist League

WHO ARE WE?



The Australian Monarchist League is the largest member-based monarchist organisation in the country. We are an incorporated association established to uphold Australia's system of constitutional monarchy.

As an entirely voluntary organisation with no public funding we rely completely on members' financial contributions to fund our work.

We believe that our Australian system of governance best defends the democracy of this country. With an Australian Governor-General appointed by the Queen as her representative and thus officiating head of state during office, politicians are unable to exercise absolute power. All of us who assist the League as volunteers or as members believe that this system, with its many checks and balances on procedure, cannot be improved upon and thus we do what we do for our country and its future.

WHAT DO WE DO?



The Australian Monarchist League lobbies politicians and informs members, the public and young people (through its schools' programme) on the benefits of having a constitutional monarchy.

We have meetings, functions and the like but our main activity is in actively promoting - and defending where necessary - our monarchy and our Constitution.

We also become actively involved in those attempts to change our constitution which we believe will not be beneficial, such as the lapsed local government referendum (in which we were the largest online opposition) and certain elements of the proposed recognition referendum.

WHY DO WE DO IT?



Because we care passionately about the Australian way of life and want to ensure that our relative right to act freely under a dispassionate Crown continues for our descendants, we oppose any change to the structure of our governance. The Crown's protection has seen us through our entire history and has enabled a democracy the likes of which can hardly be bettered. This is why we believe and act as we do.

We are arguably the most active monarchist organisation in the country and combined with the many MPs & Senators with whom we have contact we are able to have our views put forward in the Parliament, which is our first line of defence against a move towards a republic or other detrimental change to our Constitution. [Click here for membership information.](#)

The Australian Monarchist League is an activist organisation. We have a large team of youthful spokespersons ready to face the media and to oppose any moves towards a republic.