## SI Adelaide 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration Mayfair Hotel Adelaide....Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 Marrion Saunders

With piano music playing in the background, we started the afternoon with a glass of Mumm champagne – served in a flute especially made for the Mayfair.

Next, came an array of the most delicious afternoon tea delicacies, from slivers of chicken sandwiches, through tiny hot pastries, to morsel sided cakes. No- we restrained ourselves and didn't ask for Rosella tomato sauce for the sausage rolls.

All this was served from three- tiered china cake plates onto fine china smaller plates.

We then called for tea. After all, it's not called High Tea for nothing! Tea, to our individual specifications, arrived, to be poured into fine teacups from equally elegant teapots. And if the Queen drinks her Earl Grey with milk, then so can I!!

This crockery reminds me of another time- when I was a bride. Every young woman aspired to have a Gypsy Tea Set then. Presents were given to the aspiring bride, of a cup, saucer and plate, usually from Wedgewood, Royal Albert and Royal Doulton. If you had enough friends, you could end up with at least six sets for your own forthcoming afternoon teas.! Not a mug in sight in those days.

A lovely interlude for a cold winter's day. Not extravagant, or OTT (over the top), as they day, just absolutely perfect. We were thrilled that Pauline could come along with her daughter Allison.

Thank you to all our members for their dedicated service to women and girls.

