

Scottish Commemorations Panel

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Jeau Provost Len.,

I am writing on behalf of WW100 Scotland to thank you and the Leader and Members of Argyll & Bute Council for the inestimable hard work on various fronts which went into the preparation for and the successful undertaking of the national commemoration of the losses of SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto on Islay last Friday.

At each and every twist and turn Charles Reppke represented the Council with both aplomb and efficiency, to the extent that not only was the War Memorial in Port Ellen and its surroundings renovated but also all the various infrastructure arrangements blended in beautifully with the WW100 Scotland team members and their experienced requirements.

It has been a real pleasure for us all to work with Charles and his Council colleagues as indeed it was to be able to welcome you as Provost of Argyll & Bute Council and your Leader Aileen Morton and your Chief Executive Cleland Sneddon and members of your official party to the Reception in the Ramsay Hall after the Service at Port Ellen War Memorial and I am only sorry that my hosting duties and responsibilities prevented me from spending longer with you.

Please will you kindly convey to the Council and to all those most intimately and intricately involved, and not least Charles Reppke, our gratitude and high regard along with the sense of partnership which WW100 Scotland feels with Argyll & Bute council in what the Americans would term "a good job very well done".

Thank you again and very best wishes to you and all yours.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Len,

**Royal Visit Islay 4 May 2018
Commemoration of the Losses of SS Tuscania and HMS Otranto 1918**

May I thank you, very much indeed, not only for your personal support in attending, with Beverley, the events in Port Ellen last Friday, but also through you for the extensive and generous support of the Council for the event.

Without that support, which took many forms, from health and safety, to traffic management, to service provision, then through the use of Ramsay Hall, to victuals and, last but not least, the Civic Reception at 1 Charlotte Street, the event would have foundered without trace. (I hope that metaphor is not inappropriate in the circumstances!)

I am writing to Charles Reppke separately. He was outstanding in providing support almost constantly, himself and galvanising his colleagues, across the Council, to efforts which had my admiration.

If you get an opportunity to pass on my thanks to Councillors and staff for their moral and material support, I would be most grateful.

*With kind regards,
Patrick*