



# British Friends of Vanuatu

## Breaking News

As at 23 January 2022

### Death of Richard B Dorman CBE

We regret to report the death on 9th January of the former British High Commissioner to Vanuatu (1982-85), and founder of the British Friends of Vanuatu, Richard B Dorman CBE. Richard retired from government service when he left Vanuatu and, with others, quickly set about forming the the 'British Friends of Vanuatu' in 1986, with the objective of helping to bridge the gap between the United Kingdom and the newly independent Republic of Vanuatu. Richard played the leading role in the association until he retired as chairman in 1999 and during all of that time his abiding priority for Vanuatu's younger generation was education, education, education. Throughout his years as chairman and beyond he maintained personal and friendly links with many of Vanuatu's church and state leaders he had worked closely with during his years of service as British High Commissioner to Vanuatu.

### The Effect of Coronavirus on BFoV Social Activities

The Coronavirus pandemic has severely affected the association's planning of future events. As a result, a number of events had to be cancelled or postponed during 2020-2021. Arrangements are now in hand for a BFoV Spring break and AGM to be held in April, 2022. Full details details of that and other events are given on the 'FUTURE EVENTS' page of this website.

### Census Results (Final) announced in December 2021

The latest official total population of Vanuatu were published in June, 2021 following the national population census held on November 16, 2020. The Minister of Finance formally announced the 2020 population as being 300,019. The trend emerging in the previous census of a surge in the numbers of young people, as a percentage of the population as a whole, has increased even further. Full details are available on the VanGov website and the BFoV newsletter issue 149 in July 2021. PDF copies are available on request.