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“Like wine, Australian Studies overseas can be said to have travelled well only if they are imbibed with pleasure by their hosts” So said Bruce when he and I travelled with a small group of European and Australian academics to Hungary in the spring of 1992.

What better ambassador could Australia have than this quietly elegant, modest and courteous man who travelled so widely in the far corners of the world to extend Australian Studies? A great wanderer who was at the same time profoundly rooted in his own native Western Australia.

A first meeting in Perth in 1980 and a last meeting in Barcelona in 2007. A wonderful day spent alone with him and Trish at their weekend hide-out in York, W.A. In between many others in different countries always imbibed with pleasure and admiration.

His many friends in many places will never forget him. To have known him was a privilege.



Trish and Bruce Bennet with Doireann MacDermott at York W.A. 1992



Trish and Bruce Bennett with Richard Nile  
Barcelona 2007. Imbibing in the Barceloneta



Bruce Bennett with Doireann MacDermott, Richard Nile and Peter Kuch  
Barcelona 2007