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## 32ND (2018) NATIONAL CONFERENCE ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA FROM THURSDAY 3RD TO SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

Adelaide is South Australia's capital and its economic, educational and cultural hub a vibrant, safe and sophisticated city situated on a square mile that shows off a picturesque colonial heritage. It is also a gateway to some of Australia's best wine country and home to world-class events; historic buildings, lush park lands, and an entire coastline of some of the country's best beaches.

The Order of Australia Association Conference 2018 is to be held at the recently redeveloped Adelaide Convention Centre, located on the Riverbank Precinct which includes the Adelaide Festival Centre, BioMed City, Adelaide Casino and the world famous Adelaide Oval. Within a five minutes' walk of the Adelaide Convention Centre, there are 3,500 accommodation rooms of varying star ratings to meet every budget.

In 1836 the city was born with a proclamation under a gum tree at Glenelg, now a seaside suburb west of the city. The original inhabitants of the Adelaide Plains were the Kaurna aboriginal peoples. Adelaide was established as a colony for the free settlers and is the only capital city that was inhabited by free settlers from its inception.

Adelaide has been nicknamed the City of Churches. Although it is not known as to who first started using this nickname, one only

needs to take a look around. There are churches boasting exquisite architectural designs in this beautiful city with the Holy Trinity Anglican Church built in 1838 and just opposite the Adelaide Convention Centre being the oldest.

In Adelaide, one of the world's most walkable cities, major tourist attractions include the famous Adelaide Central Markets, Adelaide Zoo, South Australian Museum, State Library of South Australia, Adelaide Festival Centre and Art Gallery of South Australia, all within close proximity. Beyond Adelaide, delegates may choose to explore one of South Australia's iconic wine regions with over 200 cellar doors within a 1 hour drive (e.g. Barossa, McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills), the unspoiled wilderness of Kangaroo Island, the seafood capital of Port Lincoln or the breathtaking Flinders Ranges.

Adelaide has one of the fastest airport to city transfers anywhere in the world (just 6kms) with regular direct international and domestic flights.

Come early or stay a few days after the conference to visit some of our special places. Bookings can be made at the RAA to obtain special rates on travel options. ALL WE NEED IS YOU!

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The Association website is a source of important information: it is easy, fast, up-to-date and includes:

- The Association's aims and structure.
- Membership application and renewal.
- Editing your basic membership contact details.
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- National Committee membership and contacts.
- National publication — The Order.
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  - Committee and contacts.
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  - Newsletter and local information.
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Make the website your first port of call. If you want further information please talk to your branch committee.

If you have ideas about information you would like on the website please contact your branch committee.

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## NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to be able to make contact with all members in this my first chairman's report. This has been an interesting and challenging year for our Association and much progress has been made on many fronts. New appointments were made to our National Board in July and the subsequent National Board meeting in August confirmed continuation on a strong path of development.

Our Board meeting in August reviewed the health of our Association, looked at our existing programmes and initiated several new ones. Directors are mindful of the need to ensure that our members needs are met and that they are properly represented in the management of our organisation. To this end some changes to the Association Constitution are being prepared, with the intent of putting them before members prior to the 2018 AGM.

A review, by your Board, of our financial performance indicated that it should be possible to make some economies particularly with regard to the increasing cost of The Order magazine. You will see later in this issue of our magazine some proposals for making economies by, for example, the use of email.

The Board also commenced a review of our National Strategy and the action plans necessary to further develop our Association. It was recognised that plans must be developed in cooperation with Branches to be effective. Work was also commenced on the concept of a National Project, more of this will be reported on in 2018.

This year we welcomed two further groups of contributing Australians to the Order in the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Honours Lists. I am pleased to report that increasing numbers of new recipients are joining our Association.

The strength of our Association is represented by the presence of our members in every State and Territory, in most of the towns and cities of our Nation, as well as in North America and in UK/Europe. We are thus well-placed to meet challenges, including

- Raising the awareness in our communities of the Order of Australia
- Increasing the nominations for an award from under-represented groups in our communities, particularly women and indigenous people
- Showing, by our achievements, the ongoing contribution that can be made through membership of our Association

We all have a part to play in meeting these challenges through our community contacts, our speaking out about the Order and our encouragement of recipients to join our Association.

This issue of The Order is the final one for this year.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all members on the achievements of 2017, wish you well for the coming holiday season and look forward with you to a successful 2018

**Barry Nunn AO**  
**National Chairman**

## NATIONAL CHAIRMAN - BARRY NUNN AO

Our National Chairman, Barry Nunn AO was appointed to the National Board in July of this year. He has been a member of the Association for 28 years, served as a Branch committee member, as WA Branch Chairman, WA Conference 2015 Chairman and was a director on the National Board for 4 years.

Barry was born and educated in NSW, graduating from the University of NSW with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He was employed by the Shell Group of Companies in Australia and overseas for 36 years. At retirement, he was a member of the Board of Shell Australia and Executive Director of Human Resources and Public Affairs for the company.

Following his time with Shell, Barry worked with KPMG Management Consulting and as a senior staff member with the Australian National Training Authority. In parallel with his business

activities he was a member of the Defence Reserves for over 40 years, from National Service in 1952. He achieved the rank of Major General and at retirement was the principal staff officer advising the Chief of Defence Force on Navy, Army and Air Force Reserve matters.

Barry and his wife Margaret, now herself an enthusiastic member of the Association, moved to Perth in 2000 and continue to live there in company with two daughters and two grandchildren

Barry's voluntary work has included a number of years with the Arthritis Foundation of WA, service on the Board of Arthritis Australia, and he is WA State Chairman of the Australian Shareholders Association. He is also Honorary Secretary of an RSL Sub-Branch.

Barry was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (Military Division) in 1989 and was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003.







## DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR COPY OF THE ORDER BY E-COPY?

The Board of our Association has been reviewing all areas of the Association activities with a view to assigning more of our limited resources to areas directly related to our Aim and Purpose:

*" .. To foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship and to uphold the high principles and prestige of the Order of Australia .. "*

Producing and distributing The Order by hard-copy costs about \$100,000 per year, which is about one third of our total expenditure. Within this about 50% is production cost and 50% is postage (even at the most favourable discount rates). While production costs can be constrained to some degree by competitive tendering, postal charges are beyond the control of the Association and are unlikely to decrease.

If we can find some economies in the production and distribution of The Order we will be able to divert funds to other productive activities

A range of alternatives are of course possible, including the frequency of publication, the print run numbers and the size and quality of each edition.

Over 60% of our members have registered an email address with our National Office and database.

Before embarking on other alternatives, the Board wishes to determine how many of our members would be willing to receive their copy of The Order by email (E-Copy).

Every 1% of our members who voluntarily opt for E-Copy would save the Association about \$1000 p.a mostly in postage charges, with additional savings from a reduced print run. Also a reduced hard-copy printing run would have favourable environmental outcomes.

Members who have registered an email address will shortly receive an email inviting them to respond if their opinion on E-Copy distribution is 'YES'.

'NO' responses are not required, in the interests of managing the administrative tasks; an absence of a response will be taken as a decision to remain with hard-copy.

For those replying 'YES' a suitable entry will be incorporated on our database and an E-Copy commence with the February 2018 Edition.

**Phil Morrall AM, CSC**  
**National Secretary / Editor**

## HOW DO I HAVE MY SAY....??

*As a new member of our Association I am keen to know how my voice can be heard, should I have a great idea to put forward or a concern to raise.*

Members each year elect from within their Branch a **Branch Committee**, that ensures the needs of the members of the Branch are met.

Regional Groups within the Branch also have Committees who make sure that attention is given to members' needs.

If you have an idea, or a problem, please first raise it with a local committee member. The aim is to deal with it promptly.

**Can I contribute in a management role.....??**

*I have a lot of experience that might be of value to the Association. How do I go about joining the management ranks?*

Association affairs are managed at the NATIONAL level by a Board.

Each State and Territory has a BRANCH Committee and within the States are REGIONAL Groups.

Several weeks before a Branch AGM, members are invited to nominate for **Branch Committees**. Members may nominate for the positions of Branch Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee-member. Voting is then carried out at the Branch AGM. In some States a similar process is followed for Regional Groups.

The **National Board** is responsible for the overall management of the Association

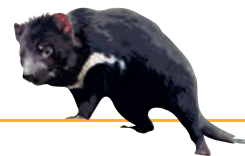
It has eight directors nominated by the Branches (the **Branch Nominated Directors**). An additional five directors are appointed directly from members who have been nominated for these positions (**Non-Branch Nominated Directors**).

Member nominations for director positions should match personal skills against a position description soon to be available on the OAA website and to be summarised when nominations are sought.

Nominations for director are called some weeks before the National AGM and the process of appointing the Board is as follows:

- Nominations are called from the members of each Branch for the position of **Branch Nominated Director**.
- Nominations are then considered by the **Branch Committee** who decide who is to be the director appointed from that Branch.
- The incoming **Branch Nominated Directors** take their positions at a National Board meeting immediately prior to the National AGM
- Nominations are called from the members of each Branch for the position of **Non-Branch Nominated Directors** (National Chairman [two-year term], National Deputy Chairman, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Membership Secretary)
- The newly formed Board Nomination Committee review the nominations received for the match of skills with positions.
- At the National Board meeting immediately before the National AGM, the Board members elect annually the **Non-Branch Nominated Directors** from the member nominations received.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Branch Chairman Dr John Thorne AM is currently in Iceland having left a few days after another very successful Post Investiture Dinner hosted by the Branch.

The venue was Blundstone Arena and Award Recipients, their families and friends and Association Members joined together to make it a memorable celebratory occasion following the Investiture in the Ball Room at Government House in Hobart.

This edition features two members of the Branch Committee, Ron Blake OAM Branch Treasurer and Sue Cox AM Branch Function's Manager who recently had her book "Banished Beyond the Seas" published.

The Branch congratulates the 22 Tasmanian recipients of the 2017 Queen's Birthday Awards.

**Maureen Rudge OAM**  
**On behalf of Dr John Thorne AM**

## BOOK LAUNCH



Sue's husband Harry Cox, Grandson Sam Meikle, Sue Cox AM & Granddaughter Lucy Meikle

Tasmanian, Sue Cox AM, is best known by thousands of families in Tasmania and midwives nationwide from her 35 years as a midwife, lactation consultant and author of parenting books. She is recognised nationally and internationally for her pioneering work in lactation consultancy, was the Australian representative on the inaugural international examiners board for lactation consultants and the first non-American president of her international professional association. Sue was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2004 for her work.

Now Sue has changed direction and her focus is on Tasmanian history - particularly that of female convicts – and has based a novel

on the life of her great, great, great grandmother who was transported to Van Diemen's Land as a convict in 1841. Sue's motivation for writing the story was to revise the written record on "Jeannie's" life, as she believed her ancestor's character had been tainted. Sue wanted instead to demonstrate "Jeannie's" strength of character and her ability to survive incredible hardship. She wanted to show the power of "Jeannie's" resilience and love for her six children, who she had devoted herself to and fiercely protected before her transportation – a trait that has endured through the generations and has been clearly evidenced in the many successful pursuits of her descendants.

Over 100 people travelled from around Tasmania and interstate for the launch of the historical fiction, published by Forty South, "Banished Beyond the Seas. A Saga of Van Diemen's Land," at the Richmond Town Hall in late August. The novel was launched by Ian Heads OAM.

Amongst other things he said:

"... It's a book that reflects love of place, friends and family and one that records the truth about hope of the chance that things can always get better, no matter how dark the clouds. Suffice to say that I found the story of Jean Haddo, a resilient Scottish lass, dealt rather too many dud cards in life, to be both educative and uplifting. The sense of the heroine's determination to keep going was inspiring..."

In his back cover appraisal he states "... a tough and authentic book that ... illuminates the saga of white settlement in Australia through its focus on a single woman." Ian Heads OAM, author & historian.

In addition to being a member of the Tasmanian Branch Committee for which she is Functions Manager for the Post Investiture Dinners Sue has worked as an extra on a recent television production which will be seen on the AB's upcoming second series of "Rosehaven".

## HONOUR BESTOWED BY ROYAL LIFE SAVING, TASMANIA



Ron Blake OAM and Graham Ford President of Surf Lifesaving Tasmania

Ron Blake OAM has had over 50 year's involvement with surf lifesaving in Tasmania. This commenced with gaining his Bronze Medallion in 1963. He has held many senior positions including President and Life Member of his surf club at Burnie. As well as being a Life Member of the Burnie Surf Life Club he is a Life Member of Surf Life Saving Tasmania and was a former Director of Surf Life Saving Tasmania.

In 1991 he was awarded a World Life Saving Citation of Merit and the Australian Sports Medal in 2000. He was awarded

the Order of Australia Medal on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006 "For services to surf life-saving in executive and administrative roles and to the community of Burnie".

Recently Ron was inducted into the Surf Life Saving Tasmania Hall of Fame at a celebration at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), Hobart. The citation read: *In recognition of his exceptional contribution to Surf Life Saving in Tasmania particularly in the area of administration.*

Ron is the Treasurer of the Tasmanian Branch of the Order of Australia Association and the North West Regional Group of the Association.



## PATRICIA ANN O'BRYAN OAM



Ted and Pat O'Bryan OAM

Born in Hobart, Tasmania in 1932, Patricia O'Bryan was educated in Burnie and Deloraine Primary Schools and St Mary's College Hobart where she matriculated at age 16. She gained a Bachelor of Music degree at Melbourne Conservatorium and returned to Tasmania to teach music both in Hobart and Launceston. She taught in Manila for a year and in America when her father took up an appointment at the United Nations. She was 23 years old at the time and remembers being sometimes mistaken for a student as many of her pupils looked older than her. At the time Pat retired from school teaching due to her husband's ill health she was coordinator of fine arts and in charge of the music department at St Patrick's College Launceston.

She competed in the Launceston Competitions over a period of almost 50 years, starting as a dancer at the age of four. Her first appearance on stage in a Scottish dance

section was greeted by laughter from the audience because she looked so tiny behind a very large overweight piper. Unperturbed, she soldiered on and actually later won this event. Pat was instrumental in supporting and encouraging huge numbers of young people to enter the competitions. In addition, spanning 40 years, she was organist for four Catholic parishes.

In retirement she, along with her husband Ted, was actively involved in the management and operation of the Launceston School for Seniors – she is a life member of this organisation.

Pat received an OAM in June 1999 for "her contribution to music and the arts in Tasmania and to the community of Launceston." She was an active member of the Northern Region Committee and the Tasmanian State Branch of the Order of Australia Association, attending several National conferences with her late husband.

Pat remains active – she was secretary of the residents Association of the Glenara Lakes Lifestyle Village, and is on the auxiliary of the nursing home, assisting as a volunteer and entertaining resident with weekly piano sessions and directing a percussion band which she formed three years ago.

Patricia Ann O'Bryan OAM is a shining example of lifelong community service.

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Mr John Pease OAM;  
Mrs Betty Hite OAM;  
Dr Nicholas Chantler AM;  
Mrs Maureen Oates OAM

## NORTHERN NOTES

Twenty members and partners attended lunch on Thursday, 10 August at Drysdale house – the hospitality campus of the northern TAFE. The meal was prepared and professionally served by students and the guest speaker was Ms Marie Gerke.

The annual mayoral reception in recognition of the order of Australia Association will be held on Thursday, 19 October at the town Hall. We are very grateful to Mayor Alderman Albert van Zetten in the city council for providing this opportunity to also recognise our newest awardees.

On Thursday, 9 November Association will be holding special cocktail function at 'Sheringham', the home of Mrs Joan Green OAM. One of the highlights of the evening will be the Northern launch of the book "Banished Beyond the Seas – A Saga of Van Diemen's Land" written by Sue Cox AM. Joan generously made her historic home available to the Association last year for a very



Linda Madill OAM, Betty Tasker OAM and Joan Jacks at the Drysdale restaurant

successful function and we thank her for providing it again this year as well as chairing our special functions subcommittee. Thanks to the work of this subcommittee, members can look forward to a vibrant and stimulating program in 2018.

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## DINING AT DRYSDALE – LAUNCESTON

The Drysdale Restaurant is a fully licensed training venue that is open to the public. It provides students with hands-on, industry-relevant experience and opportunities. All food and beverages are prepared and served by students with the support of qualified, industry experienced professionals.

Visitors and local residents are invited to sample the fine cuisine prepared and served by students as they undertake their practical training in pursuit of becoming qualified service personnel in Tasmania's growing hospitality and tourism industry.

Walk-ins are welcome, however reservations are recommended.

**The Drysdale Restaurant is located at 93 Paterson Street, Launceston.**



## VISIT TO CLAREMONT HOUSE

Members of the Southern Region recently visited historic Claremont House for a tour of this grand Victorian Italianate mansion which began life c1830 as a four room Georgian Cottage.

The first century of its life saw Claremont House being owned by wealthy merchants, businessmen and politicians, with material changes in the architecture and building over the years which are still evident today.

In 1940 the property passed into the hands of the Red Cross for use as a convalescent home for returned Servicemen and in 1951 it was acquired by the Royal Hobart Hospital as the Lady Clark Rehabilitation Centre until 1980 when it was then taken

over by the Education Department until 1996. By then the condition of the building had deteriorated and a demolition order on the House was passed by the Local Council.

Claremont House moved into private ownership and the current owner Joel Van Sanden has spent several years meticulously restoring this "Grand Old Lady" which is now open as one of Tasmania's premiere venues with luxury heritage accommodation in the mansion now available.

On the morning of the Southern Region's visit members were treated to a tour and talk on the House history and a sumptuous buffet tea.



Neil Hirt, Joel Van Sanden (owner) & Barry Hirt OAM



Southern Regional Group

## ROGER VALENTINE OAM & BARBARA VALENTINE OAM



Roger & Barbara Valentine

It is not uncommon for couples to receive an award under the Order of Australia for entirely different contributions to their community.

Roger Stuart James Valentine OAM, LLB was born in Hobart in July of 1932. He was educated at Hutchins School in Hobart and

graduated as a Bachelor of Law from the University of Tasmania in 1955. He was admitted to legal practice in the Supreme Court in Tasmania in 1956, was in private practice as a private Barrister & Solicitor in Hobart, practising in all branches of the law including crime, property, matrimony and town planning matters. Roger was involved in an extraordinary number of public service administrative positions – President of the Hobart Chamber of Commerce, founder of the Tasmanian Tourist Council, Chairman of the Liquor Licensing Board, Chairman of the Child Protection Board, Chairman of the Adoption Appeals Committee and Public Service Arbitrator. In January 1985 he was admitted as the first Commissioner of Review for Tasmania. He was Chairman of the Order of Australia

Association's Northern Tasmanian region and a committee member of the Association's Tasmanian Branch.

Roger married Barbara Darling in 1955. Barbara Valentine was a librarian and authority on Tasmania and Tasmanian history and was awarded OAM on Australia Day 2012 for service to the community through the preservation of the history of Launceston and the Museum and Galleries sector. They have three children, four grandchildren and one great grandson. Barbara has been involved as a contributor/compiler/editor of a huge number of books relating to Tasmanian history and particularly the northern part of the state. She is regularly consulted regarding assistance with matters relating to Tasmanian history and literary editing.

In two entirely different areas of service, Roger and Barbara Valentine have made a great contribution to Tasmania.



## POST INVESTITURE DINNER



## STOP PRESS!!!

Dr Michael Kennedy OAM, a member of the Victorian Branch Committee, has been appointed by the Board as a replacement National Membership Secretary after the resignation of Pat Galligan OAM, who unfortunately had to withdraw on health grounds.

Your National Board wishes to recognise the sterling service provided by Mrs Rosemary Everett CPA who retired as the National Manager of our Office on 30 September 2017.

A service provider arrangement has been finalised with Commerce Management Services to provide accounting services for an initial period of six months. A principal of this organisation is Dr Elizabeth Grant AM who members might recall has and continues to have an active involvement in Association activities in the ACT.

**Phil Morrall AM, CSC**





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I'm delighted to take on the role as Chair of the Victoria Branch and I pay tribute to former Chair, Paul Wheelton AM, KSJ for the tremendous legacy he has created over the past two years. Paul has significantly contributed towards modernisation of the Branch

functions, along with his focus on promoting more women to be nominated for Australian Honours. His generous philanthropy and his initiative in setting up the Inspiring Australians' Oration will long be remembered and we wish him continued success in his role as the Deputy Chair of our National Board.

Change to leadership provided new opportunities for Committee members, and I am pleased to welcome Dr John Basarin OAM as Deputy Chair Metropolitan and Helene Bender OAM as our Branch representative on the National Board.

We are currently exploring opportunities for expanding our mission into the community and encouraging greater diversity in the nominations process - targeting gender, youth and cultural background. I will continue to encourage the call for

more women to be nominated for Honours, but extend this to include a broader range of our population.

Through the generous donation of the family of the late Jack Joel OAM, we are again offering a scholarship through the OAA Foundation, this time in Jack's name to help a young person to achieve their academic potential. Our thanks go to Jack's wife Karen and their four children, in particular Craig Joel.

In September, we welcomed a presentation by Ruth McGowan OAM of the Honour a Woman campaign which is gaining significant momentum on social media, proving that social media is a space that the OAA needs to occupy in order to maximise our reach. I am most honored to be featured as an Ambassador for this campaign, which you can follow at [www.facebook.com/honourawoman](http://www.facebook.com/honourawoman). Well done to Ruth, Dr Elizabeth Hartnell-Young and Carole Kiernan for such an enterprising initiative.

Victoria Branch welcomed many new Honours recipients at a reception in August, held at the Alex Theatre in St Kilda. This is one of our three signature events throughout the year, along with the Oration, and our AGM Luncheon, where we focus on providing exciting and inspirational guest speakers for our members. Channel 9's Peter Hitchener OAM will address our AGM Luncheon guests this year.

**Diane James AM**

## FRED HARRINGTON OAM, VICTORIA BRANCH SECRETARY

Fred's involvement with Victoria Branch commenced in November 2012 when he accepted the role of Regional Groups minute secretary. In 2015 he was co-opted onto the Victoria Branch Committee to establish a quarterly state electronic newsletter. After preparing the initial nine issues Fred was elected to the Board in 2017 as Branch Secretary. Fred also holds the position of Regional Groups Coordinator.

In the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2011 Fred was awarded an OAM for his contribution to the community of Eltham.

Fred's service to the community commenced in 1973 when he was invited to join the Eltham Apex Club. Fred was a member of Apex for 15 years and held most position within the club including President in 1979/80. Fred was also elected to other positions outside the club including District Governor, Zone

Secretary (twice), Zone Vice President and Zone President which included a year as a member of the Apex National Board. In 1988 when Fred reached, the then retiring age of, 40 for Apexians he was awarded life membership of the club.

In 1983 Fred was invited to become a member of the Eltham Cemetery Trust and has been involved with the Trust in this voluntary position since then. In 1991 Fred was elected chair of the Trust a position he still holds. During his term as Chair the Trust has had a number of achievements including the introduction of a number of unique sculptures from local artists and most recently the installation of 30 ceramic panels with images depicting the history of the picturesque Eltham Region.

Fred spent 45 years working in local government mainly in Engineering Operations, managing Council's programs



including waste services maintenance and emergency management.

Fred has been married to Irene for 47 years and they have a daughter and son and four wonderful grandchildren. Irene was awarded an OAM in 2016 for her contribution to the community through a range of organisations.

**How to become a Member of our Association  
check our website [www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au)**



## CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL GROUP STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This year's proud recipients after the presentation of their awards:

*Back Row: Dominic McKendry, Joshua Van Den Hoek, and Michael Cappello, Second Row: Vivien Hucker, Maggie Russell, Annabella Lewis, Front Row: Chloe Walker, Chloe Linahan, Ibrahim Al-Ansari, (Nickales Ralston was unable to attend) [Photo Courtesy of the Ballarat Courier]*

The Student Citizenship Awards were presented by the Central Highlands Regional Group at a Civic Reception held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the

Town Hall of the Ballarat City Council. Students from Ballarat's Secondary Schools were recognised for not only their academic skills, but their achievements in sport and community involvement. Deputy Mayor Cr Mark Harris praised the time and energy the students have given to their school and community. Each of the young people who were nominated was there because they strive to make a difference, not only in their schools, but in their community and beyond. Past Chair Geoff Crick said he was pleased to be addressing the possible leaders of the future, and congratulated all the students on their contributions.



Further Civic Receptions to present rural students with their awards will be held at the Horsham Rural City Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council in October.

## EASTERN SUBURBS REGIONAL GROUP

The ESRG conducted a most successful event in the City of Whitehorse on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Fifty members and their guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Mitcham Hotel at 12 noon and then drove a short distance down to the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading for a 2.00pm matinee performance of "Great Composers of London's West End". It was a wonderful program of well-known musical comedy songs from "Cats", "Les Miserables", "Evita", "Forty-Second Street", "My Fair Lady" and many others brilliantly performed by three very talented singers accompanied by a top pianist. A most enjoyable afternoon!

Our most recent function was a very successful Cocktail Party for our Eastern Suburbs 2017 Order of Australia awardees held in the Knox Civic Centre and sponsored very generously by the Mayor of Knox, Cr. Darren Pearce on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Around 50 guests enjoyed a delightful couple of hours with fantastic finger foods and drinks supplied by the Mayor. Presentation of awardees and their citations read to the audience by Chair, Barbara Thompson OAM, assisted by Dot Browne OAM and Ken Lyons OAM, ESRG committee members were witnessed. The Mayor, Cr. Darren Pearce personally congratulated the awardees and a group photograph was taken as shown. Our newly elected

Deputy National Chairman, Mr. Paul Wheelton AM KSJ and his wife Angela also attended and gave their support.

The final function for the year will be our Annual General Meeting and morning tea to be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am at the Wheelers Hill Library on the corner of Jells and Ferntree Gully Roads, Wheelers Hill. Our guest speaker on that day will be Kathy Kaplan OAM, who will speak on her pioneering work in the area of women's health, domestic violence and working with Aboriginal and Islander adolescents in Northern Queensland. A greater part of her life has also been in the fields of educational management and fund-raising for worthy causes.



## SOUTH CENTRAL SUBURBS REGIONAL GROUP CONTINUING AN EXCELLENT TRADITION

The ninth annual Civic Reception for 2017 Order of Australia Honours recipients was co-hosted in August by our Regional Group and Kingston City Council. Our Group falls within the boundaries of the Cities of Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston and each year an alternating City Council provides an impressive function recognizing the noteworthy group of individuals residing within the three cities.

As Chairman Roger Wilson OAM presented each Awardee to Kingston City Council Mayor, Cr David Eden, who in turn presented handsome individually framed commemorative certificates, the depth of contributions made to the community was evident.

A major benefit of each reception is the opportunity for Committee members to put faces to names, as well as encouraging each person to join the Association and urging them to attend Victoria Branch and Regional Group functions, so enhancing their awards in the company of their peers.



Chairman Roger Wilson OAM and Secretary Geoff Oscar AM with 2017 Honours recipients



## RECIPIENTS OF AUSTRALIA DAY AND QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS WELCOMED BY THE VICTORIA BRANCH COMMITTEE

On 2nd August, The Alex Theatre in St Kilda was filled with an amazing array of talent and goodwill. The afternoon was the official function organised by the Victoria Branch Committee to honour, congratulate and welcome this year's Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Award recipients.

The incomparable David Mann OAM emceed the function with humour and style. Chairman Paul Wheelton AM KSJ and Committee Member Helene Bender OAM, spoke of the objectives and activities of the Association, nationally and throughout the State.

Creating a wonderful atmosphere The Australian Women's Choir, led by the wonderful Wendy Stapleton and her equally talented daughter Ally McNaughton, sang stirring renditions of the National Anthem followed by 'I Still Call Australia Home', and 'I am Australian'.

It was an honour for all to be in the company of so many distinguished

awardees - leaders and contributors in their fields: charity, sport, medicine, welfare and the arts, to name just a few.

Sponsored by the generous Mr Aleks and Mrs Susan Vass, owners of The Alex Theatre, along with the involvement of their fabulous team, guests were treated to a superb afternoon tea and the opportunity to meet and socialise with other worthy recipients.



Diane James AM, recognising Paul Wheelton's upgrade to Member in the Australia Day List.

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA REGIONAL GROUP SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES 18TH ROY WARD PRIZE

The 18th Annual Roy Ward Leadership Prize sponsored by Spowers Architects, was presented to Miss Danai Harawa by Ms Helene Bender OAM on Friday 18th August 2017. The event took place at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Group's Annual Luncheon at the Safety Beach Sailing Club and Community Centre. The Guest Speaker was Cathy Roth OAM Victoria Branch committee member who spoke with eloquence and humour on "the Journey to Leadership".

There were 68 members and guests, including Mr Fred Harrington OAM Victoria Branch Secretary and Mrs Irene Harrington OAM, the Mornington Peninsula Shire Mayor, Ms Bev Colomb and local Councillors, Hon Edward O'Donohue MLC, Mr Martin Dixon MP, Mr Barry Irvine Director and Mr Gary Sanford Manager, Bendigo Bank Rye Branch.

Nominations for students in years 11 or 12 from 29 Schools in the Frankston City and Mornington Peninsula Shire were invited.

The selection criteria included qualities of character, leadership and community service, which exemplify Australian Citizenship, over an extended period.

Miss Danai Harawa, as a leader, demonstrated an ability to manage change, one of the most difficult challenges of leadership and clear life skill planning that was guiding her future professional and personal life. She hopes to study International Relations and Law so that in the future her voice will not be limited to Australian communities, but the world around her.



From L-R: Mr Simon Cameron: FHS Acting Senior Campus Principal; Ms Helene Bender OAM: Victoria Branch Committee; Mr Allan Pizzey AM: Awards Convenor; Mr Brian Stahl OAM JP: MPRG Chairman; Miss Danai Harawa Winner at the Presentation Ceremony

## VICTORIA BRANCH OFFICE-HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Patron: The Governor of Victoria**  
Her Excellency The Hon.  
Linda Dessau AC

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**Honorary Treasurer**  
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**Regional Groups Coordinator**  
Mr Fred Harrington OAM

**Editor- State Electronic Newsletter and Vic content of The Order**  
Dr John Basarin OAM

**Events Coordinator**  
Ms Christine Unsworth AM

### Members

Ms Cathy Roth OAM  
Mr Neil Soullier OAM  
Ms Helene Bender OAM  
Dr Michael Kennedy OAM

### Co-opted Members

**Membership Secretary**  
Mr Tony Smith OAM  
**National Merchandise Officer**  
Mr Richard Rozen OAM

## VICTORIAN REGIONAL GROUP CONVENERS

**Barwon:** Barbara Abley AM  
**Central Highlands:** Jean Wise OAM  
**Eastern Suburbs:** Barbara Thompson OAM  
**Gippsland:** Beth Delzoppo OAM  
**Loddon Campaspe:** John Higgs OAM  
**Mallee:** Vernon Knight AM  
**Melbourne Central:** Trevor Clarke OAM  
**Mornington Peninsula:** Brian Stahl OAM JP  
**NE & Goulburn Valley:** Barbara Thomas OAM  
**North Central Suburbs:** Fred Harrington OAM  
**South Central Suburbs:** Roger Wilson OAM  
**SW Victoria:** Peter Habersberger AM RFD  
**Western Suburbs:** Vance Hilton OAM





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Congratulations to those who recently received awards in the Order of Australia in this year's Queen's Birthday honours. The Queensland Branch has been represented at the five award ceremonies hosted recently by the Governor of Queens-

land, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC. I want to encourage all awardees to take advantage of their unique opportunity to join The Order of Australia Association. The Association provides opportunities to meet with others who have also made significant contributions to our society and to promote the Order of Australia.

We can now look back on The Order of Australia Association's 31<sup>st</sup> National Conference hosted by the Queensland Branch with fond memories and look forward to the 32<sup>nd</sup> National Conference being held in Adelaide from Thursday 3 to Sunday 6 May 2018. I encourage you to attend this annual Conference which promises to be another stimulating event. Your participation and contributions to sessions such as the members' forum and the Annual General Meeting of the Association are important.

Since the 2017 Conference, the reconstituted National Board has been working on your behalf to implement the developments and changes recommended by the membership.

The recent well-attended events organised by the Queensland Branch Committee have included a celebration of the Queen's Birthday and the 2018 Commonwealth Games at a cocktail function hosted jointly by the Queensland Branch of The Order of Australia Association and the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship Brisbane in July; a memorable morning tea at the Queensland Club in August; and a welcome brunch for new

awardees, their partners and guests and the Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards ceremony held at Parliament House, both in September. These are in addition to the functions organised by the Regional Groups and reported in *The Order*.

The Regional Groups are very important in our decentralised State. They provide services and opportunities for interaction with fellow awardees and the contribution of ideas to the Branch and the Association. I encourage you to participate in your Regional Group activities.

Planning for future Queensland Branch events includes a morning tea visit to the Queensland Ambulance Museum at Wynnum on 6 December and the Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner to be held on 19 March 2018.

Please remember to check regularly the Association's web-site for updated information on Queensland Branch and Regional Group activities.

**John Harden AM, FAIAS,  
Chairman, Queensland Branch**



Bill Willcocks, Chairman of the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship (left) and Associate Professor John Harden AM, OAA Queensland Branch Chairman (right) greet His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland at the Cocktail Reception on 7 July at the 41<sup>st</sup> floor of 1 William Street in the Brisbane CBD.

## YOTKOM UGANDA – BRINGING HEALTH AND HOPE TO NORTHERN UGANDA

What a delightful morning tea held on Wednesday 30 August 2017 at the Queensland Club in the George Street historic precinct in the Brisbane CBD. The 55 guests were treated to an excellent talk from Dr Andrew Wright AM and Mrs Annette Wright AM, a very humble dynamic husband and wife duo, who set up Yotkom, a faith-based charity organisation that aims to provide better health services to the Acholi people of Northern Uganda.

Their talk provided an insight into the health difficulties faced by the Acholi people but also expressed great hope that the health and wellbeing of these people can be greatly enhanced by offering medical services, equipment and much needed medical training of local medical staff.

After their talk Associate Professor John Harden AM presented the Wrights with a Certificate of Appreciation and a donation from the Association of \$100 towards the ongoing work of Yotkom Uganda.



Dr Andrew Wright AM and Mrs Annette Wright AM, address the gathering at the 30 August morning tea.

## BUNDABERG REGIONAL GROUP

Twenty members and guests had a delightful high tea on Saturday 26 August at Aumakua Cafe in Bundaberg.

During the morning Molly Courts OAM spoke of her time in the Northern Territory. Molly was a nurse and she married Basil Courts who was a police officer in the Territory from 1952 to 1967. Together they have authored a book called *The call of the Territory* and I highly recommend it. Basil was commended for his police work and Molly was later awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community.

Our next get together is planned as a lunch at the Kingaroy RSL on Saturday 9 December. Members will be notified of the event in due course.

**Donna K Duncan OAM, Convener**

## DARLING DOWNS REGIONAL GROUP

On Friday, 17 November 2017 the members of The Order of Australia Association in the Darling Downs region will hold a morning tea at the Town and Country Club, 58 Neil Street, Toowoomba commencing at 10.30am and concluding about 12.00 noon. By now members will have received their invitations to the event.

On this occasion members and their guests will be treated to a special presentation by one of the Regional Group's own members, Professor Bob Beeton AM. Bob is an eminent Australian scientist who has a special interest in the environment and biodiversity conservation. Bob has served as a member and as chair of some thirty high-level government bodies in Australia and internationally.

Bob has chosen as the title of his presentation, *"Are we making progress in conserving biodiversity? What I have learned in 40 years."*

**Paul McNally OAM, Convener**

## CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

The Central Queensland Regional Group of the Association held its Annual Luncheon at the Rockhampton Leagues Club on 11 September and twenty-three members and partners attended. We welcomed Peter Milne AM, one of our new recipients from this year's Queens Birthday Honours and his wife Carolyn. Peter received his award for significant service to primary industry, particularly to the livestock sector, animal health and biosecurity programs, and to the community.

Our Guest Speaker was Brian Smith OAM. Brian spoke on sport in Rockhampton and district. As the author of a book on this topic, Brian spoke with authority on a wide range of sports including AFL, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Tennis, Hockey, Horse Racing and Basketball. Brian described how the various sports originated and when they were first played in Australia, Queensland and of course Rockhampton. Local players who have represented Australia in those sports were also mentioned. It is worth noting that on a per capita basis Rockhampton is one of the top cities in Australia for players who have represented not only at Olympic and Commonwealth Games but also at other international competitions.

**Raymond Young OAM - Convener**

## GOLD COAST REGIONAL GROUP

The next Gold Coast Regional Group function will be afternoon tea at the Southport Golf Club on Saturday 18 November 2017 from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm.

Invitations will be sent by post and e-mail to Gold Coast Region members but other members are welcome to attend by contacting the Gold Coast Regional Group Convener, Bill Collins AO on 07 5538 7375.

**Bill Collins AO, Convener**

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL GROUP

As this article goes to print, plans are underway for revitalizing the Sunshine Coast Regional Group. Unfortunately there has been no one to take on the role of Convener for the group since 2015 and members have been left in limbo. This is not something we like to see in our Regional Groups. Therefore when I was approached to take on the role of Convener, I was happy to accept the appointment at the Branch Committee meeting in September 2017.

Our first luncheon held at the Pelican Waters Golf Club on 2 November was met with enthusiasm by local members and has set the scene for interesting future events. I look forward to sharing further news of the Sunshine Coast Regional Group activities in future editions of *The Order*.

**Marjorie Voss OAM, Convener**

## 2017 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARD RECIPIENTS HONoured

On Thursday 14 September the Queensland Branch welcomed and congratulated thirteen of its newest award recipients from this year's Queen's Birthday honours at another Welcome Brunch at Hillstone St Lucia in Brisbane's western suburbs. The event was well received by the 53 guests who attended.



New Queen's Birthday award recipients at Hillstone St Lucia Welcome Brunch – Top row from L-R – Komaz Sclavos AM; Gitie House OAM; Brian Gent OAM; Gareth Saunders OAM; Hugh Sheardown AM; Dr Geoff Harding OAM; and Tony Forsyth OAM. Front row from L-R – Associate Professor John Harden AM, Chairman, Queensland Branch, OAA; Neil MacKenzie OAM; Marisa Vecchio AM; The Honourable Justice Michelle May AM QC; Margaret de Wit OAM; Nola O'Donnell AM; and Desree Crawford OAM.





## 2017 SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was wonderful to have The Honourable Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice of Queensland present the Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards in the Old Legislative Council (Red) Chamber of Queensland's Parliament House on Friday 15 September 2017.

In a moving ceremony, Her Honour presented awards to twelve outstanding secondary school students from across the State. The Awards showcase some outstanding Queensland secondary school students performing some amazing community service and fostering true Australian citizenship both at home and in countries abroad.

Her Honour warmly congratulated all twelve winning students on their outstanding achievements and gave a stirring address to the gathering after presenting the awards. Musical accompaniment for the event was proved by the Brisbane Girls Grammar School String Quartet. The Association is indebted to Tim Fairfax AC for his continued financial sponsorship which makes the presentations possible.

**Geoff Cowles OAM, Awards Coordinator**



Her Honour with the winning students – Back row from L-R – Alexandria Skrandies, Cavendish Road State High School; The Honourable Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice of Queensland; Jack Cobon, Ignatius Park College; Adam Doughty, Alexandra Hills State High School; Selena Ferguson, Mount Gravatt State High School; Karl Rosenberg, Ipswich Grammar School; and Cameron Hall, Southport State High School. Front row – from L-R – Darly Ngwe, Centenary State High School; Abirami Somasundaram, Brisbane Girls Grammar School; Sophie Taylor, All Hallows' School; Elizabeth Clarke, The Rockhampton Grammar School; and Chandler Kamradt, Noosa District State High School. Absent: Emma Nolan, Kirwan State High School (undertaking school activities in Indonesia)

## NEXT BRISBANE MORNING TEA – A 125 YEAR JOURNEY OF QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE HISTORY

Join us for a most interesting morning tea event on **Wednesday 6 December 2017**, commencing at 10am, at the **Queensland Ambulance Museum** located in the Brisbane bayside suburb of Wynnum, coinciding with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queensland Ambulance Service this year.

The Museum is the former Wynnum Ambulance Station located on the corner of Tingal Road and Cedar Street, Wynnum, with entrance via Cedar Street, where parking is available.

Our host for the event is Dr Mick Davis AM ASM, former Queensland Branch Chairman and current member of the Queensland Branch Committee who also happens to be the enthusiastic volunteer manager of the Queensland Ambulance Museum.

We will commence with a delicious morning tea and a talk about the Museum to be followed by a comprehensive Museum tour to see many historical images, fourteen historic ambulance vehicles as well as wheeled litters and sulky, the heritage Wynnum ambulance station, many historic artefacts, uniforms and equipment.

The cost is just \$30 per person and you may bring guests with you to the event. A flyer with more detailed information and a registration/payment form is included with this edition of *The Order* and is also included in the Queensland Branch pages of the Association website.



The imposing Queensland Ambulance building with former Ambulance Commissioner's cottage next door.



Two of the 14 classic Ambulance vehicles on display at the Museum.

## IN MEMORIAM

Phillip Gwyther AHERTON OAM  
John Robinson BELL AM  
Andrew Francis John FIELD OAM  
Harold Alexander Bell FOXTON AO

Francis David HOCKINGS AM  
Olof Hedley ISAKSSON OAM  
Mona Menzies AM  
Margaret Ann NEWMAN OAM  
Ralph Whaddon PARSONS AO  
Garth PROUD OAM

James Herbert STEELE OAM  
Ronald Arthur STEVENS OAM  
Keith William STUCKY OAM  
Jeffrey Thomas UNDERHILL OAM  
Ivan Albert VON HOFF OAM  
Maria Johanna WILLEMS OAM



## SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARD – A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE

Because the Queensland Branch Annual Dinner date has been changed to 19 March 2018 to meet changes to the Association's financial year, the Branch Committee has decided to extend the closing date for nominations for the Senior Volunteer Award to 30 November 2017. The Awards are presented at the Annual Dinner. The change of nomination date gives members of the Association in Queensland an additional opportunity to identify outstanding senior volunteers from their community and nominate those women and men for an award this year.

The Senior Volunteer Awards provide public recognition to those thousands of senior volunteers (women and men sixty years and over) whose wonderful contributions to the community are so vital to the organisation and operation of our society.

Any Queensland member of our Association can submit a nomination. Nomination forms were sent with the Autumn 2017 edition of *The Order* and can also be found at the Association's web-site in the Queensland section [www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/branches/qld](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/branches/qld) where you can print a copy out. The form is only two pages long and is easy to complete. If you know of a senior volunteer whom you believe should be considered for a Senior Volunteer Award 2017, please nominate that person.

Please send your completed nomination forms to the Queensland Branch Secretary, Geoff Cowles OAM, by 30 November 2017. Don't delay – complete the form and send it today.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM 19 MARCH 2018

Your Queensland Branch Committee has now set a firm date for the Annual Dinner to coincide with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The events will be held on Monday 19 March 2018.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Victoria Park Ballroom, Victoria Park, Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane from 7:30pm with drinks on arrival from 6:45pm on the Ballroom balcony overlooking the beautiful Victoria Park Golf Course. The cost has been set at \$95 per person and a flyer and registration/payment form will be included in the next edition of *The Order* and will soon be available on the Association's website. We will enjoy listening to a prominent guest speaker and during the evening the senior volunteer awards for 2017 will be presented.

Notice of the AGM to precede the Annual Dinner at 6pm, including the nomination form for election of 2018 office bearers and Committee members and a proxy form is set out in a flyer included with this edition of *The Order*.

## QUEENSLAND BRANCH TREASURER – NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Following many years of outstanding service as Queensland Branch Treasurer, Royce Voss OAM has indicated to the Branch Committee his intention to retire at the Annual General Meeting on 19 March 2018. Nominations for this important position on the Queensland Branch Committee will be called prior to the AGM. It is vital for the governance of the Queensland Branch that the position be filled at the AGM. Members interested in being nominated for the position are invited to contact the Branch Chairman, Associate Professor John Harden AM, Tel: 07 3408 2005 (H); 0418 988 659 (M), to discuss the position.

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**Townsville:** Please contact Geoff Cowles OAM, Branch Secretary

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As we approach Christmas and the Festive Season we have the chance to look back over the last 12 months at the many and varied things that we as individuals have achieved. As an Association of members we can also look at what has occurred over the last 12 months. We have a new National Executive – the Non Branch Nominated Directors - who join the State appointed Directors to make up the National Board. On your behalf I express our appreciation firstly to Professor John McKellar AM, ED – initially as Branch Director, then National Treasurer and until recently the National Deputy Chairman, and secondly to Jane Arthur AM. Jane worked tirelessly in her capacity as National Membership Director.

Our best wishes go with the new National Board, and its Executive, as they build on the work of the previous contributors and seeks to engage with the membership and enhance the profile and purposes of the Association. My term as your Director – I have reached my statutory term of 4 years – is about to conclude. The National Director's position of the State Branch does not specifically fall to the Chairman, although in South Australia this has generally been the case. I have only served 2 years of a possible 3 years as State Chairman and will be looking to forge a good working relationship with whoever is elected by

the Branch Committee as our National Director.

As we look back it is evident that a small group of people have committed considerable time and effort as we plan for the forthcoming National Conference from May 3 to 6 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. I would encourage each of you to join us at the Conference to show your support for the efforts of the Branch and Conference Committees. As I have said before, it will never be closer and it will be at least another 8 years before we get this chance again.

Other significant activities included our Investiture Receptions held during May and September in the Hall adjacent to the Payneham Library. There are further references to these events in this issue. Our Student Citizenship Awards continue to grow and this enables our membership to engage with schools within their communities across the State. It has been a busy 2017 - and 2018 promises more. But as we savour the festive season and the works of the last year we can look forward with anticipation and excitement to 2018 and what it holds for us.

In closing I take this opportunity on behalf of the Branch Committee, and indeed personally on behalf of Di and I, to extend Season's Greeting to you all. May you have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year and may 2018 be all that you want it to be.

**Ken Coventry OAM, JP**  
**Chairman, South Australian Branch**

## FUTURE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

The Branch Committee has decided that from 2019 the Annual General Meetings of the Branch will fall in the year following the close off of national accounts. A couple of years ago the financial year of the Association was changed from 30 September to 31 December annually. There was advice to the Branches at the time that they had a discretion in the timing of their AGMs and the Branch perceived that our AGM was better held in November annually.

The next AGM following our November 2017 event will be held in early 2019. The Committee elected at the 2017 AGM will decide the date in the early stages of its term.

However, at the AGM on 18th November this year, I propose to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion and reconvene it briefly at the Australia Day Luncheon for those present to note the financial statements as at 31st December, 2017 before finally closing the AGM.

**Ken Coventry OAM, JP**  
**Branch Chairman**

## IN MEMORIAM

We acknowledge the contribution of the following recently deceased members of the Association and express our sincere sympathy to their families.

Robert (Bob) Louis Dahlenburg AM  
Lady Edith Maud Badger OAM  
Shirley Wilhelm OAM  
Dean Horsnall Adams OAM  
Robert Piper AO  
Thomas Joseph Case OAM JP

William Raymond Cossey AM  
Kenneth George Davis AM JP  
Joan Brewer AM  
Jean Maxwell Kelso AM  
Shirley Gertrude Symons OAM  
Lyndall Hendrickson AM

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA OFFICE-HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Patron

His Excellency the Honourable  
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Governor of South Australia;

### Chairman (and Regional Co-ordinator)

Mr Ken Coventry OAM;

### Secretary

Mr Rob Clyne OAM;  
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### Treasurer and Deputy Chairman

Mr Anthony Metcalf OAM;

### Branch Membership Officer

Ms Jan Forrest OAM

### Committee Members

Mr Ken Davis AM  
Professor Alan Johnson AM  
Ms Jenny Macintosh OAM  
Ms Pamela Rajkowski OAM  
Mr Francis Wong OAM

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Christmas Morning Tea 6 December 2017

This year's OAA SA Branch's Christmas Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 6 December 2017, in the attractive grounds of the Fullarton Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton. The grounds offer ample free parking. Attendees are expected to arrive in the Dining Room by 10.00am and the event will conclude about 12 noon. Seating arrangements are conducive to sharing fellowship and conviviality. Our own members will provide delicious catering for all dietary requirements. Water, tea and coffee will be constantly available. We look forward to many members, partners and guests sharing in this Christmas celebration. Pins may be worn. There is no charge for this event. For any inquiries please contact Pamela Rajkowski OAM, Functions Coordinator 0400 810 196.

To assist with catering, please respond on Reply Slip No. 1 by Friday 1 December.

### Australia Day BBQ Lunch 2018

In 2018 the Order of Australia Association – SA Branch is offering its members, partners and guests a tasty, traditional two-course barbeque lunch of Australian favourites organised by the very competent chef and staff of Living Choice, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton. The dining area with its surrounding gardens and grounds provides a very attractive, relaxing venue to celebrate this auspicious day with members' families, friends and guests. Arrival time is 12 noon with food service commencing at 12.30 pm. The guest speaker, to be announced, always provides an engaging presentation. Parking in the street is free and ample. Large medals are encouraged. The cost is \$50 per person. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible attend. For any inquiries please contact Pamela Rajkowski OAM, Functions Coordinator 0400 810 196. Please respond on Reply Slip No. 2 by Friday, 19 January 2018.

## RECEPTIONS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AND QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

This year the South Australian Branch held two receptions for Australia Day and Queen's Birthday award recipients. The receptions took place on 5 May and 22 September at the Payneham Library Complex. The Branch members would like to express appreciation to Mayor Robert Bria, councillors and staff of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St. Peters for their hospitality in jointly hosting the event and to Vili and Rosemary Milisits [both OAMs] for their ongoing support to the South Australian Branch by assisting with the catering arrangements. A considerable number of Australia Day and Queen's Birthday recipients were able to join us at the events. The Branch Committee will be convening similar receptions in 2018. Further details will be advised as arrangements are made.

### Student Citizen Awards For 2017

The ongoing, successful community project of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association Student Citizenship Awards (SCA), has progressed to congratulating many South Australian schools and colleges on their successful nominations this year. The total number of submissions for 2017 was greater than previous years. This project is an opportunity to acknowledge students who have given exceptional and exemplary service and commitment to their schools and communities. The Panel of seven adjudicators, which met on Tuesday 13 June, aimed to select ten finalists out of the 57 student nominations in 2017. The standard of students nominated was so extraordinarily high that this year the Panel nominated eleven students among the finalists to be presented with their certificates and medallions on plaques by the Governor of South Australia at Government House in October. From those eleven finalists was selected the OAA – SA Student Citizen of the Year.

The above and the other students will be presented with Certificates in front of school assemblies in schools and colleges across the state by Branch members and other OAA members who are situated geographically closer to relevant and to more remote schools and are willing to participate in this project at that level.

Presenting SCA certificates to our youth who are true examples of service to community and citizenship is personally very rewarding. Any members who would like to know more about this project, or are willing to acknowledge the exemplary service of our youth by being an OAA presenter of a SCA certificate in schools or colleges are most welcome to contact the project's Convenor, Pamela Rajkowski, OAM, 0400 810 196 or e-mail [pamraj@bigpond.com](mailto:pamraj@bigpond.com)



2017 queen's birthday recipients SA sept reception





## LAUNCH OF THE 2018 THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE



SA Police Commissioner Grant Stevens with SA Branch Secretary Rob Clyne OAM



Cooking Paella observed by SA Branch secretary Rob Clyne OAM, Di Coventry and Prof. John McKellar AM ED

On August 23, a reception was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre to launch the 2018 Order of Australia Association Conference to be held in Adelaide from 3-6 May. The reception was organised by Francis Wong OAM and hosted by the staff of the Convention Centre, where the conference will be held. Invitations were sent to more than 60 people around Adelaide who might be interested in partnering with the Conference Organising Committee to host sessions of the conference.

The MC for the evening was Keith Conlon OAM, a veteran Australian broadcaster based in Adelaide, who previously presented a breakfast talk program on radio station 5AA. Keith introduced Ken Coventry OAM, SA Branch Chairman, who described the role and function of the Order of Australia Association. Professor Alan Johnson AM, the Chair of the Conference Organising Committee, described the outline of the Conference and the high profile speakers and facilitators to be involved.

Attendees were tempted with a range of snacks and a personal chef cooked a paella at the reception as an example of the sort of delicious food to be provided at the Conference. And with Adelaide the wine capital of Australia, the wines on offer at the reception and also to be offered at the Conference were naturally first class. The evening was an excellent example of the hospitality and collegiality with food and drink which visitors may expect.



Police Sergeant Robert Stewart BM



Greg Crafter AO Warrant Officer Greg Barron OAM, Jeff Ellison.



SA Branch Chairman Ken Coventry OAM with Charles Figallo OAM and Angelique Boileau

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## 2018 THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 3-6 MAY, ADELAIDE

We invite you to join us in Adelaide for the 32<sup>nd</sup> National Conference of the Order of Australia Association, **Challenges and Opportunities through Life: Youth to Ageing**. We have invited a number of high profile speakers and facilitators who will entertain and inform us on a range of topics. Some of the invited speakers who have accepted our invitation to participate in the conference to date are:-



### **Sergeant Robert Stewart**

**BM.** joined the South Australian Police as a Cadet in 1979 and following an initial posting in Adelaide, transferred to Kangaroo Island, the Riverland and Coober Pedy before returning to Metropolitan duties in 1992. He has been a General Duties officer for the majority of his career.

In 2005 he served in the Solomon Islands with the AFP as part of the Regional Assistance Mission contingent. Bob will give an overview of the national bravery awards system and then tell us how he was awarded his Bravery Medal, Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal and SAPOL Bravery Medal for successfully saving a young child from a burning building.



### **Rhonda Marriott Dip Psych, BSc, PGDip Mid, MSc, PhD.**

is Professor of Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing and Director of Ngangk Yiri Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and Social Equity at Murdoch University. Rhonda has been a registered nurse and midwife for more than 40 years. She was

the first Indigenous Head of a University School of Nursing in Australia. She has a passion to improve the social and emotional wellbeing outcomes of Aboriginal people and has expertise in Aboriginal health research. In this area Rhonda combines community participatory action research methods with Aboriginal "yarning" and quantitative data analyses to address questions of concern to the Aboriginal community especially Aboriginal women's choice to give birth on country.



### **Vincent Monterola AM, AFSM, JP.**

knows emergency management as a volunteer firefighter, as CEO of the SA Country Fire Service, and as CEO and Board Chairman of the SA Fire and Emergency Commission. He knows the selfless commitment made by more than 200,000 men and women nationally

who serve their community as volunteer firefighters. While Vince praises all emergency service responders, he maintains a particularly high regard for the many volunteer and career firefighters who go the extra mile. From such outstanding men and women he has been privileged to recommend many truly remarkable candidates for the Australian Fire Service Medal.



### **Keryn Williams AC, PhD, FAHMS.**

is an Emeritus Professor of Flinders University and was made a Companion in the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2017. Her award was for eminent service to medical science in the field of ophthalmology through the research and development of corneal

transplantation, as an academic and mentor, and as a supporter of young women scientists. With a career-long research interest in the immunobiology of transplantation, Keryn has focussed on trying to improve outcomes for people who need a transplant for congenital or acquired opacities of the cornea, the normally-transparent window at the front of the eye. She will emphasize the importance of the Eye Bank movement to corneal donation, describe the history of corneal transplantation in Australia, and explain the importance of measuring patient outcomes to assist in the development of surgical practice. Along the way, she will talk about the role of the scientist in medical research.



### **Rosie Castleton**

is a 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student of Flinders University studying Law and Arts, focusing on philosophy and sociology. Throughout High School and beyond, she has participated in, and often led, fundraising efforts for a variety of charities focusing on helping those in need, with a particular focus on

third world countries. Rosie was also part of her local council "Youth About Changing Reputation and Adult Perception", focusing on mental health in young people. She has a passion to improve the lives of those in impoverished countries, as well as those of the less fortunate in our own back garden. Australian millennials have the resources and capabilities to be able to make a positive impact on the world for all future generations. This voice needs to be heard and taken very seriously, for they are the future.



### **Val Smyth PSM, RN, RSCN, RCNT Dip N (Lond), Dip Counselling Cert Ed Teaching (Lond)**

was Director, Emergency Management Unit, SA Health until her retirement in 2014. Val has been a registered nurse for more than 40 years in emergency management/

disaster preparedness specialising in Paediatrics in Clinical, Management and Teaching areas. She is currently a volunteer and trainer with Red Cross Australia in the Emergency Services Section and has deployed both interstate and in SA to provide emergency assistance in times of disasters. In 2013 Val received a PSM and is current President of the PSM Association SA. Val will provide insight to the background of the PSM, the SA PSM Association and what led to her own award.





## OAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS – NT

Members of the Association who attended the National Conference in Brisbane Dinner will recall recognition given to Foundation Scholarship awardees at the Conference Dinner. These included **Mark Munnich** from the Northern Territory. Mark is studying Law at Charles Darwin University and works as a Community Legal Educator for the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA). Mark has an outstanding record of work and service with and for Indigenous peoples, being several councils and youth leadership programs designed to support and promote well-being and community strength. Mark is a member of the Winkiku

Rumbangi Indigenous Lawyers Association, Treasurer of the NT AIDS and Hepatitis Council and is the youngest board member of Danila Dilba Health Service.

Mark has completed international business studies in Indonesia and China, and on April 24th this year he was won the NT Young Achiever of the Year Award. His career goals are to guide Indigenous people in start-up business ventures, and being admitted to the Supreme Court of the NT.

Mark is now 2/3rds the way through his law studies at CDU, and his mentor is none other than our esteemed previous NT Administrator Honorable Austin Asche AC QC.



Having met with Mark recently, Austin says he is impressed with Mark's intellectual acuity and foresees an illustrious career for him.

## OAA NT FUNCTION AT THE AVIATION MUSEUM

NT's latest social function was held on Thursday August 24 at the Aviation Museum on the Stuart Highway, Berrimah and was attended by 36 members. There were some fresh faces and new members. We were treated to a short presentation by Dr. Tom Lewis about Japanese Navy pilot Hajime Toyoshima's Zero fighter, which was brought down in the first air raid on Australia. The aircraft is now a central feature of the museum.



Eddie Josephs OAM and Luke Gosling OAM at the Aviation Museum



Dr Tom Lewis OAM sharing history



Jeff Pinkerton OAM and Kaylene Anderson by the old B52

### NT BRANCH OFFICE-HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### Chairman

Tom Lewis OAM

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Michael Martin OAM

#### Committee Members

Wendy James OAM

Nora Lewis AM

Luke Gosling OAM





**Order of Australia Association  
32<sup>nd</sup> National Conference**

***Challenges and Opportunities through Life  
Youth to Ageing***

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**WEST BUILDING, ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE  
North Terrace, City**



## Welcome

As Chairman of the South Australian Branch I take this opportunity to welcome Association members and guests from all parts of Australia to the 2018 National Conference of the Order of Australia Association. We have the opportunity to showcase the wonderful Adelaide Convention Centre where a vast majority of the conference will be held. With a theme 'Challenges and Opportunities through Life – Youth to Ageing' we are planning a memorable conference that will enable us to renew old and build new friendships with colleagues and stimulate us by hearing from a range of high profile speakers on topics of interest to us all. We have enjoyed the support of a number of sponsors and supporters in convening this conference and to them I express our deep appreciation.

Ken Coventry OAM, JP.

Chairman, South Australian Branch



## Adelaide Airport

The airport is 7 kms from the city centre. A shuttle bus, taxi or public transport are available to take you to your accommodation.

## Adelaide Weather

May has some cool periods with light showers. We recommend layering your clothing and carrying a small umbrella with you on activities outside the Adelaide Convention Centre (ACC).

## Parking and Transport

There is parking available from North Terrace at the ACC. Your accommodation venue also has parking facilities – please check the day rate. A free tram runs from South Terrace to North Terrace past the ACC – the alighting stop is just past Morphett Street Bridge. There are steps or a lift to the entrance of the West Building, ACC from North Terrace.

## Cancellation Policy

All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing to the Conference Committee at: Order of Australia Association SA Branch, PO Box 1065, Clearview SA 5085 or email [metcalf1942@optusnet.com.au](mailto:metcalf1942@optusnet.com.au).

An administration charge of \$30 will be made to any participant cancelling on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. After 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, the full registration fee will apply to all cancellations or non-attendance. Substitutes are welcome at no additional cost. The Conference Committee will confirm receipt of your cancellation in writing. By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of this cancellation policy.

## Special Conference Activities

The highlights of the conference will include:

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| Friday afternoon   | A presentation where a panel of experts will discuss the topic <i>Challenges and Opportunities for future Australia</i> which will then be followed by questions and answers.   |
| Saturday morning   | Topics of interest presentations on <i>Health and Well Being</i> to promote discussion, followed by a topics summary and overview.  |
| Saturday afternoon | Two presentations where we will hear about <i>National Awards other than the Order of Australia</i> and hear from and meet some of the awardees, and then we will have the opportunity to meet some talented young citizens in the <i>Student and Youth Voices</i> session. |

## Accommodation Venues

The ACC does not have accommodation. You are asked to book accommodation of your choice and there are many hotels in the CBD within walking distance of the ACC. The following hotels are nearby:

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| ***** Mayfair Hotel, 45 King William Street (08) 8210 8888   | The Playford Adelaide, 130 North Terrace (08) 8213 8888      |
| **** Miller Apartments, 16 Hindley Street (08) 8410 1888     | Adelaide Rockford Hotel, 164 Hindley Street (08) 8211 8255   |
| **** Oaks Horizon Adelaide, 104 North Terrace (08) 8210 8000 | Mercure Grosvenor, 125 North Terrace (08) 8407 8888          |
| *** Adelaide Paringa Motel, 15 Hindley Street (08) 8231 1000 | Ibis Styles Adelaide Grosvenor, 125 North Tce (08) 8407 8888 |

## Partners and Guests Program

This program offers opportunities to enjoy the surrounds and sites of Adelaide at no cost.

On **Saturday morning 9.00am to 12.00noon** a **free guided tour** will be conducted. Commencing from the ACC, the tour will follow the iconic riverbank promenade along the River Torrens passing Adelaide's skyline, entertainment areas, casino, Elder Park, gardens and riverbank cafés, and rooftop venues. Comfortable shoes and bottled water are recommended.

**Registration is required** for this optional Guided Tour, on page 4 of this brochure.

Our friendly Registration/Information desk volunteers will be available to assist Partners and Guests to take full advantage of visits to places of interest around Adelaide. These may include the Adelaide Oval, Chinatown, Adelaide Central Market, North Terrace Cultural Precinct, Rundle Mall, the Botanic Gardens, Adelaide Zoo and tramway to Glenelg.

## Dress Code and Medals

Details of the dress code and medal requirements for each activity will be provided on receipt of your registration.

## Tours

Pre- and post-conference tours will be managed through the RAA. Details will be provided closer to the conference.



## REGISTRATION FORM

**IMPORTANT:** Please refer to the back page for details of each event for which you are registering

**NB:** Each delegate and each guest attending must register below:

## MEMBER INFORMATION

(if more than one member or guest, please complete a separate form for additional member or guest)

### PLEASE PRINT

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name (for badge use) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Post nominals \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Box \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Specific special requirements (please list individually) \_\_\_\_\_

## GUEST INFORMATION

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name (for badge use) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Post nominals \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Box \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Specific special requirements (please list individually) \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR ALL CONFERENCE INQUIRIES

**Prior to the conference:** Tony Metcalf OAM, phone 08 8262 4384 / 0412 774 122 or [metcalf1942@optusnet.com.au](mailto:metcalf1942@optusnet.com.au)

**During the conference:** Ask at the Conference Registration/Information desk.

## PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE PAYMENT FORMS TO:

Registrar 2018 OAA National Conference, PO Box 1065, Clearview, SA 5085

or email [metcalf1942@optusnet.com.au](mailto:metcalf1942@optusnet.com.au).

Payments options are:

1. By cheque to 'OAA Conference 2018', together with both sides of Registration Form.
2. EFT to Bank SA, Account Name – Order of Australia Association. BSB 105-096 Account No 067671340, together with your surname as a reference.

Please email or post your completed Registration Form to Registrar 2018 OAA Conference, PO Box 1065, Clearview, SA 5085 to confirm your bank deposit and your selection of activities.



Images L to R: *National War Memorial, North Terrace; Three Rivers Fountain, Victoria Square; Adelaide Town Hall, King William Street; Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk, Kintore Avenue. Cover Photo: Adelaide Convention Centre from Adelaide Oval. All photos: Jan Forrest OAM*

# CONFERENCE PAYMENT FORM

Please select your Activities/Functions options for each person by indicating with an X beside the Member or Guest option.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Registration can be for the full conference, or either of Friday and/or Saturday. **Please note that each option includes all functions and lunches for Friday and/or Saturday. The cost of the Saturday formal dinner and the Sunday farewell lunch is additional.** On every line please indicate with an X against Member and/or Guest which activities you wish to attend. Attendance at the AGM and Members' Forum only, does not attract a Registration Fee. Your early registration with payment is encouraged.

<b>Registration Fee</b> – Full conference excluding Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch	\$250pp	Member	Guest	Total \$
<b>Registration Fee</b> – Single day rate Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> excluding Lord Mayor's reception	\$130pp	Member	Guest	Total \$
<b>Registration Fee</b> – Single day rate Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May excluding Formal Dinner	\$150pp	Member	Guest	Total \$

### THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY Adelaide Convention Centre, West Building

12.30pm to 7.00pm Registration/Information Desk open			
6.30pm to 9.00pm <b>Conference Opening and Reception</b>	Member	Guest	

### FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY Adelaide Convention Centre, West Building

8.00am to 4.00pm Registration/Information Desk open			
9.00am <b>Annual General Meeting of the Association</b>	Member	Guest	
10.00am Morning Tea	Member	Guest	
10.30am <b>Members Forum</b>	Member	Guest	
1.00pm Buffet Lunch	Member	Guest	
2.00pm <b>Panel Presentation</b> <i>Challenges and Opportunities for future Australia</i>	Member	Guest	
4.00pm Free time			
5.00pm to 6.00pm <b>Lord Mayor's Reception</b> - by invitation only <b>Adelaide Town Hall, King William St, City</b> - (Numbers are limited) Transport – own arrangements. FREE tram stop on corner of Pirie Street, or taxi – no parking available. <i>Delegates own arrangements for evening dining afterwards if found necessary</i>	Member special invitation requested (full registrants only)	Guest special invitation requested (full registrants only)	

### SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY Adelaide Convention Centre, West Building

8.00am to 4.00pm Registration/Information Desk open			
9.00am to 12.00pm <b>Partners and Guests Guided Tour- Riverbank and North Terrace</b>		Guest	
9.30am <b>Special Topics</b> <i>Challenges and Opportunities through Life - Youth to Ageing</i> <i>Ageing and Driving; Nutrition; Leisure and Fitness</i>	Member	Guest	
10.45am Morning Tea	Member	Guest	
11.15am <b>Special Topics (continued)</b> <i>Opportunities in Ageing; Summary and Overview</i>	Member	Guest	
12.00pm Buffet Lunch	Member	Guest	
1.00pm <b>National Awards other than Orders of Australia</b>	Member	Guest	
2.30pm <b>Student and Youth Voices</b>	Member	Guest	
3.30pm Free time			

### Formal Conference Dinner. Presentation of OAA Foundation Scholarships Adelaide Convention Centre

5.45pm Assemble adjacent to dinner location  
6.00pm to 10.00pm Pre-dinner drinks and conference dinner

Full Conference Registrants	\$125pp	Member	Guest	Total \$
Association Members, other guests or Formal Conference Dinner only	\$150pp	Member	Guest	Total \$

### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY

9.00am to 12.00noon Registration/Information Desk open				
<b>War Memorial North Terrace</b>				
10.00am <b>Wreath Laying Service</b>	Member	Guest		
10.30am <b>Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk, Kintore Avenue</b>				
11.30am Free time				
<b>Adelaide Convention Centre, West Building</b>				
12.00noon Farewell lunch	\$50pp	Member	Guest	Total \$
<b>Handover to 2019 Conference Hobart, Tasmania</b>				

**TOTAL: FULL REGISTRATION COSTS \$**





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A highlight of the year was the Branch Annual Dinner at the Royal Perth Golf Club, with Hon. Kim Beazley, AC our guest speaker and The Hon Kerry Sanderson, AC, Governor of Western Australia and Patron of the Branch who proposed

the toast to The Order.

Over 140 people attended (despite a necessary increase on the entry price) which was a tribute to Kim Beazley as guest speaker and to the reputation of the event.

In early August our reception at the City of Melville for those honoured in the Queen's birthday list was also a great success. The City was host for the event and its warm hospitality and wonderful civic facilities added lustre to the reception. We enrolled a number of new members for the Branch as a direct result of the event.

Now, what's coming:

- Our annual Christmas lunch, again at RAAFA in Bull Creek, in association with the Royal Commonwealth Society, in late November;

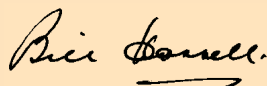
- The annual general meeting (which will be especially important for several reasons this time) in conjunction with a brunch event in February 2018.

The revitalisation of the national body continues apace under national Chairman Barry Nunn, and this has consequences for the Branch, including a renewed national perspective on activities and a larger role for the Branch member (currently the Chairman of the Branch) nominated to the national board.

The Branch will be calling for nominations from all branch members for the appointment to the national board position post the annual general meeting next year.

Also, it should be noted that both the current Chairman of the Branch and the current Honorary Secretary will be stepping down in February so those with an interest should watch for notices calling for nominations.

Financially your branch is sound, its projects are continuing (Police Academy mentoring and Careers Guidance Programme), its branch activities are scheduled as usual and our new "Let's talk about ..." activity has a very worthwhile event organised for October.



**Bill Hassell AM JP**  
Branch Chairman, Western Australia

## COMING EVENTS

**19<sup>th</sup> of November 2017**

**Great Southern Annual Dinner and Church Service**

To be held at St John's Church, Albany and dinner at Motel Le Grande

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

**OAA Christmas Luncheon**

At RAAFA Bull Creek

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**OAAWA Annual General Meeting**

This will be a Breakfast meeting to be held 10.30am at the River Room located right on the banks of the Swan River, Charles Court Reserve, The Esplanade, Nedlands.

The breakfast menu has been carefully selected to suit a range in tastes and requirements. All for \$30.00

All are welcome to attend this event. Not every day that you can watch the dolphins swimming by as you enjoy breakfast.

**How to become a  
Member of our Association.  
Check our website  
[www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au)**

## REPLACEMENT OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA LAPEL PINS AND LADIES BROOCHES

These are available to purchase by contacting the Honours Secretariat, Government House, CANBERRA.

The prices for these can vary so it would be advisable to telephone for current prices prior to requesting purchase.

The telephone number: 02 6283 3617. Payment for these can be made by cheque/money order to "The Collector of Public Monies" or over the telephone by quoting your credit card details.

**Should your insignia be stolen**  
you may request the purchase of a replacement from the Honours Secretariat. The request is to be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration and, if possible, a copy of the Police Report.



## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS INVESTITURE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE



Presided over by H E Kerry Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia



Margaret Nunn OAM with family friend former Governor of Western Australia Ken Michael AC

## ANNUAL ORDER DINNER HELD AT ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB



Pictured our Patron H E Kerry Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia with HON Kim Beazley AC guest speaker for the evening, and recently retired Australian Ambassador to United States of America, Bill Hassell AM WA Branch Chairman and Russell Aubrey Mayor City of Melville.

### WA BRANCH OFFICE-HOLDERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### Patron

Her Excellency  
Hon Kerry Sanderson AC

#### Chairman

Bill Hassell AM JP

#### Secretary

Professor Robin Watts AM

#### Treasurer

Ian Williams AO

#### Committee

Barry Nunn AO RFD ED  
Michael Bleus OAM  
Mark Bonser AO CSC  
Bettine Heathcote AM  
Professor Odwyn Jones AO  
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Mrs Glenys McDonald AM

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# ASPIRATIONAL CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

## Successful Conclusion of Phase 1

The world of work is continuing to change with ever increasing speed and intensity. The digital economy with its increasing use of computerisation automation and robotics has resulted in the loss of large numbers of labourers, machine operators, office workers and technicians over the past twenty years or so, and the trend continues.

Bearing in mind that Year 10 students need to select their subjects for the final two years of schooling leads to the self-evident conclusion they need prior assistance and sound advice to do so. This can be done very effectively by means of well-structured "Career Guidance Programs" whilst they are in Year 9, with classroom presentations and work-site visits organised by well qualified and experienced industry-sector representatives.

The WA Branch Committee decided to address this challenge with small pilot programs in the Kwinana-Rockingham region where the youth unemployment was, and continues to be unacceptably high. Having received the blessing of the State Training Board and the support of participating Industry Training Councils and Earth Science WA the first program for Year 9 students commenced at King's College, a small independent Senior High School, in 2014.

Its success encouraged us to consider its expansion to include a few more schools in the region, and with the cooperation and support of the Kwinana Industries Council a presentation was made to its "Senior High School Principals Group" which resulted in Hamilton Senior High School and Tranby College coming on board.

Consequently our "Three Schools Career Guidance Program" was launched in 2016 and its successful conclusion for the year was celebrated at a Parliament House Reception for Branch Committee members, School Principals, Career Teachers and Student representatives in December 2016, hosted by the Hon Liz Behjat MLC.

## Where are the Jobs of the Future?

Apart from the jobs already lost to the digital revolution the "Foundation for Young Australians" recently reported that some 40% of current jobs are also likely to be influenced by automation in the next decade or so. Not only are low-skilled jobs being lost but the growth of online services are eliminating many routine tasks formerly carried out by book-keepers and accountants. Couple these developments with the intrusion of automation and robotics in the Construction, Farming and Mining sectors one can appreciate the scale and extent of future job losses.

It appears therefore that Applied Mathematicians, Computer Technologists, Engineers and Forensic Accountants etc., with computer coding skills will be well sought after, as will those with high levels of interpersonal and enterprise skills, involving critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and good presentation skills. Other important requirements are financial literacy and digital skills which nowadays relate to most aspects of our daily life.

## Essential Elements of Career Guidance Programs

- Programs should commence with students exploring their personal aptitudes and interests using online self-assessment programs etc., against which they can match them against available career opportunities

- Programs should, whilst being all-embracing, ensure coverage of locally available jobs
- Emphasis must be placed on numeracy and literacy skills. Whilst the former should be re-enforced by industry-sector presenters, literacy can be embraced by having students produce their own Class Journal and/or Personal Portfolios
- Information and advice on career options should preferably be presented by carefully selected industry-sector representatives and must include worksite visits.
- Every attempt should be made to assess the success of each module, not forgetting the importance of the Class Journal as a good barometer of the program's impact.
- Parents must be kept informed of the program's content, intent and, if possible, its progress.

## Concluding Phase

The next and ongoing phase involves ensuring that relevant information about these programs are disseminated to other Senior High Schools throughout the State, hence our approach to the then Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier MLC. This led us to Peta Pollock, Manager Career Centre at the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD), organising an attachment to its Career Centre Website providing details of all three Aspirational Career Guidance Programs successfully completed in 2016.

Information on the programs are readily available by using the following online link: <https://wacareercentre.wordpress.com/tag/aspirationasl-careers-development-program/>

Finally, the Branch Committee also intends producing two short videos, which will be available on YouTube, for those seeking additional information.

In conclusion, it must be emphasised that the success of this project has many parents, all of whom are deserving of our sincere gratitude. Let's start with our former Chairman in 2012/13, Barry Nunn AO who encouraged us to broaden our community-based activities and was an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative. Thereafter the Branch Committee under its current Chairman Bill Hassell AM JP has been totally supportive of its development at every stage. Special mention is also due to the Principals and Career Teachers at each of the three schools, as well as participating Industry Training Councils (ITCs), Earth Science WA and Curtin University, all of whom provided experienced personnel for classroom presentations and assisted with worksite visits etc.

The contributions of the former Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier and Peta Pollock, Manager, Career Centre DTWD must also be recognised. A very special word of thanks is also due Dr Simon Karginioff, Deputy Principal, King's College, whose original idea it was to introduce an "Aspirational Careers Guidance Program" for Year 9 students at King's College in 2014.

Finally my personal and very special thanks to Norma Roberts, Executive Director of Retail and Public Services ITC., my colleague Ian Williams AO and fellow committee member for their consistent support, advice and cooperation.

**Emeritus Professor Odwyn Jones AO**



## RECEPTION FOR NEW AWARDEES – 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

Members and guests enjoyed an evening at The Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla and welcomed four new recipients of Queen's Birthday awards in The Order of Australia at the reception held on Thursday 14 September 2017.

Welcomed to the Branch were:

**Colonel Ross HARDING (Retd) AM.** For significant service to the veteran community through preserving and documenting the history of modern Army Aviation in Australia.

**Lieutenant Colonel John BULLEN (Retd) OAM.** For service to military history preservation and education.

**Dr Dianne FIRTH OAM.** For service to landscape architecture, and to education.

**Mrs Joyce GOODMAN OAM.** For service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory.

Also acknowledged at the reception were the following new Branch members from the Queen's Birthday Honours who were unable to attend:

**Mr Glenn KEYS AO.** For distinguished service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory through contributions to disability support programs, and to business and commerce as an advocate for corporate social responsibility.

**Mrs Deborah Ann ROLFE AM.** For significant service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory through medical, social welfare and charitable foundations.

**Mr Richard John ROLFE AM.** For significant service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory through philanthropic support of medical, cultural and social welfare organisations.

**Mr Gerard MAPSTONE.** For service to veterans and their families.

**Dr Mahomed PATEL OAM.** For service to medicine, particularly to field epidemiology.



John Bullen OAM, Dianne Firth OAM, Bruce Trewartha OAM, Ross Harding AM, Joyce Goodman OAM



Joyce Goodman OAM and Len Goodman AO



Malcolm Beazley AM, Geoffrey Lancaster AM

## AUSTRALIAN CENTRE ON CHINA IN THE WORLD



On Thursday 26 October 2017 members and ANU staff attended the Australian Centre on China in the World, ANU, Acton to hear the OAA-ANU Lecture with Guest Speaker Distinguished Professor of Physics, Chennupati Jagadish AC, with the Topic 'Nanotechnology: Opportunities and Challenges' at.

Professor Jagadish is head of the Semiconductor Optoelectronics and Nanotechnology Group which he established in 1990. He was awarded the [Federation Fellowship](#) (2004–2009) and Laureate Fellowship (2009–2014) by the Australian Research

Council. Professor Jagadish and his wife Vidya have launched The Chennupati and Vidya Jagadish Endowment to support students and researchers from developing countries to visit Australian National University Research School of Physics and Engineering.

In January 2016, Professor Jagadish was appointed a Companion in The Order of Australia *"For eminent service to physics and engineering, particularly in the field of nanotechnology, to education as a leading academic, researcher, author and mentor, and through executive roles with national and international scientific advisory institutions."*

## ACT BRANCH STUDENT AWARDS

Nominations from ACT schools and colleges have been received by the Branch and are being judged for the annual ACT Branch Student Awards presentation to be held at The Royal Canberra Golf Club. These awards honour students for their community activities which reflect the aims of The Order of Australia Association.

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## DR MAX DAY AO FAA – A CHAMPION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION



Max Day at Harvard 1939

ACT Branch member Dr Max Day AO FAA, a life-long scientist who championed the environment and conservation, passed away on 31 July 2017, aged 101.

His love of entomology was fostered in his youth when he was fortunate to be mentored on field trips with Dr G.A. (Athol) Waterhouse, a world authority and author of the book *'The Butterflies of Australia'*.

For his seventeenth birthday, Dr Waterhouse gave him a copy of his latest book *'What Butterfly is That?'*, writing inside: *"If you keep on as you have begun, you will make many new discoveries"*. For Max, it was the proudest moment of his life!

Max was determined to be a biologist, and was subsequently awarded First Class Honours at Sydney University in science and the University Medal in 1937 – sharing both with Doug Waterhouse, who later became chief of the CSIRO Entomology Division from 1961 to 1981.

After graduating, Max worked in the Entomology Division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR – the precursor to CSIRO). He worked as an assistant to a visiting Harvard professor who asked him to work as his assistant back at Harvard University.

Max gained his doctorate at Harvard, and after Pearl Harbour, moved to the Australian War Supplies Procurement (AWSP) office in Washington D.C. to help with the increasing demand for scientific equipment moving between the US and Australia. During the war years he married, and in 1947, the family moved back to Australia. Max returned to the CSIR Division of Entomology, but switched his

In 1951, Frank Fenner, who was working at the Australian National University, introduced himself to Max. Frank was researching the *myxoma* virus which he thought was mosquito-borne, so Frank asked Max to work on the mosquitoes so he could concentrate on the virus. This collaboration continued for five years, and resulted in huge reductions in Australia's rabbit plagues. Max maintained his work with Frank was the most satisfying achievement of his entire career but it was also the basis for a very close friendship, lasting until Frank's death in 2010.

In 1957, Max was appointed as Assistant Chief in the Division of Entomology.

Throughout the 1960s, Max was very active in conservation; he led the Australian delegation to the First World Conference on National Parks, was one of the first Councillors on the Australian Conservation Foundation and was also appointed to the Kosciusko National Park Local Advisory Committee, a position he held for 13 years.

In 1965 Max was asked by the then CSIRO Chairman, Sir Fred White, to be one of four full-time members on the CSIRO Executive. When Max asked what the job entailed, Fred replied *"You have to recognise good science and when you see it, support it"*.

Max subsequently wrote: *"To recognise good science was easy in entomology; but to do it in plant physiology, soil science, fisheries, all the other areas which were your concern as a member of the Executive, was an entirely different matter. ... in my case, all the Divisions dealing with plant and animal sciences. You also had to know about the industries they served; for example, agriculture, food production/processing, wool production... So you really had to know the industry, the science... and a large slice of human management"*.

During this time, Max worked closely with seven federal Ministers who were variously responsible for science. In 1970, Malcolm Fraser appointed Max as Chairman of the Interim Council of the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS). After the AIMS Act was proclaimed in 1972, Max continued as a longstanding Council member.

At the end of his second term on the CSIRO Executive (1965-75), an opportunity arose for Max to act as the first Chief of the new CSIRO Division of Forest Research. He emphasised multi-disciplinary research, recognising various other sciences could complement forest research (e.g. soils, plant physiology, hydrology, genetics). Soon the foresters were taking a much wider perspective in their research with beneficial results, and Australia's forest research began to gain international recognition.

Many of the scientists appointed by Max recollect his leadership skills as an effective Division Chief. Dr Sadanandan Nambiar wrote *"His ability to judge how scientists respond to challenges and how to gently but surely prompt them to take on major problems enabled me (and others I know) to pursue science which served Australia and the world well"*.

Max was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in 1977.

After "retiring" in 1980, Max kept working in numerous advisory roles and committees. Being an Honorary Fellow at CSIRO Entomology, he had desk-space at the Australian National Insect Collection and access to CSIRO's facilities.

Max continued to work closely with various colleagues, co-writing many publications. In 2012 aged 97, Max co-authored a paper with his entomological colleagues about scribbly gum moths, describing eleven new moth species; they recognised that different moth species made different scribbles, preferring different species of eucalypts.

Max was the longest serving Fellow of the Australia Academy of Science having been appointed in 1956. Sir Gustav Nossal AC described Max as *‘the driving force behind the Academy’s involvement in the environment’*.

In 2016, Max made a donation to the Australian Academy of Science which enabled the *Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship Award\** to help early career researchers similar to the way he was helped during his career. In May 2017, the two inaugural awards were presented by Max himself.

Max Day was one of a diminishing number of Australian science ‘elders’ and his passion for science, the environment and conservation directly influenced many others. His contributions to Australian science, however, were much broader than just entomology, conservation and forestry.

Dr Jim Cullen (ex CSIRO) wrote *“Max was the epitome of a great scientist; immensely knowledgeable, enormously capable, always enthusiastic and always with the time to pass on a bit of wisdom to his younger brethren. Not someone I will ever forget”*.

\* Information about the Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship is at <https://www.science.org.au/opportunities/research-funding/max-day-environmental-science-fellowship-award>. Donations (tax deductible) may be made to the Academy at <https://www.science.org.au/donate>. The annual award is a fitting legacy ensuring Max’s contributions to Australian science will be honoured into the future.

Max with Dr Marta Yebra, inaugural awardee of the *Max Day Environmental Science Fellowship* at the Academy of Science in May 2017.



## MULTI-FAITH OBSERVANCE

Members and friends gathered on Sunday 13 August at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture for the Annual ACT Branch Multi-Faith Observance to share time with representative speakers from a number of faiths.

The ACT Branch is grateful to the Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, the Right Reverend Dr. Stephen Pickard, for hosting the event where we are able to reflect on the different readings on the theme for the service, “Wisdom for Life”.



Multi-Faith Observance. L-R. Mr Dylan Esteban (Muslim), Mr Kanti Jinna ((Hindu), Rabbi Shmueli Feldman (Jewish), Bishop Stephen Pickard (Christian), Dr Natalie Mobini (Baha’i), Mr. Bruce Trewartha OAM (ACT Branch Chair), Mr Sam Wong AM (Buddhist).



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At our Annual Branch Luncheon on the 26th July, I had the great pleasure of entertaining our special guests and Patron His Excellency General David Hurley AC DSC (Rtd) Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Linda Hurley. Our Parliamentary Host for the day was Geoff Provest MP, Member for Tweed Heads. It was an excellent luncheon with well over 150 people attending and both the Governor and Mrs Hurley expressed their sincere thanks for a wonderful day.

From the 21st to the 22nd August I attended a two day National Board Meeting in Melbourne. It was a very constructive two days with a considerable amount of work being covered. Members can look forward to some exciting times ahead as the new National Board progresses through a whole range of issues.

On the 6th and 7th September I attended Queen's Birthday Investitures at Government House with Deputy Chairman Peter Falk OAM and Frank Kelleher OAM respectively. Also, on 7th September I attended the new Queen's Birthday Recipients Luncheon at Parliament House. With over 300 people attending, it was a marvellous occasion. Our Parliamentary Host was the Hon Robert Brown MP Shooters, Farmers and Fishers Party.

On the 24th September, I traveled to Orange for the Central West Regional Group luncheon held at the prestigious Duntryleague Golf Club. Accompanied by Deputy Chairman Peter Falk OAM and his wife Suzie, and Garth Doyle OAM Regional Coordinator it was a fantastic day and I congratulate Regional Convenor Audrey Hardman OAM and her Committee for looking after us so well.

**John Archer OAM**  
**NSW Branch Chairman**

## HUNTER REGION MORNING TEA, PORT STEPHENS 2017



June Cameron AM, Sheree Gemmell, Richard Jones OAM, Ian Lovell PSM

The Order of Australia Hunter Regional Group held a morning tea in the Recreation Hall of the Harbourside Haven Retirement Village, Shoal Bay on Wednesday 21 June 2017.

The Master of Ceremonies was June Cameron AM, Convenor of the Order of Australia Hunter Regional Group. She welcomed the twenty-eight who attended. She gave an update on Order of Australia happenings in the Hunter.

Sheree Gemmell, General Manager, Harbourside Haven Villages welcomed those present and gave an update on the happenings in the villages.

June and Sheree acknowledged Bart Richardson OAM who co-ordinated the Morning Teas at Port Stephens for many years. Bart passed away earlier this year and will be sadly missed. Ian Lovell APM has agreed to co-ordinate future morning teas at Port Stephens.

Surpluses from the Port Stephens' Morning Teas are paid into the Harbourside Haven Scholarship Fund. A cheque for a surplus of \$200 for this 2017 function was handed over increasing the total to \$2,867 since 2007.

Two of the six Port Stephens recipients of the Order of Australia Awards for 2017 attended and were congratulated. They are Mr Leonard James Graff OAM and The Reverend Francis Cornelius Duffy OAM.

Richard Jones OAM was the guest speaker. He is the CEO of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Since 1975 the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service has grown from a part-time voluntary summer beach patrol to world-class aero medical search and rescue operation.

On 20 October 1980 the very first Intensive Care Paramedic from the Ambulance Service of NSW travelled on board for a mission in the Hunter Valley. With the assistance of additional funds from sponsors and support from the community, the Service commenced 24 hour a day, year round operations in 1981. Today, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service operates 4 aircraft, following the recent purchase of an additional twin engine helicopter.

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service currently undertakes more than 1000 missions each year across the Hunter, New England – North West, Central Coast, Central West and Mid North Coast regions. This area covers approximately 132,000 square kilometers and includes a population of 1.2 million people. On the back of continued community support, no-one has ever paid to be airlifted from an emergency.

**Major Charles Stevens OAM, RFD, ED**

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## NSW BRANCH HONOURED BY PATRON AND NSW GOVERNOR'S ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL LUNCHEON

On the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 the NSW Branch celebrated its Annual Luncheon at Parliament House and was honoured by the attendance of its Patron and NSW Governor His Excellency General The Honorable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and Mrs. Linda Hurley. Over 150 members and their guests enjoyed pre luncheon refreshments as they eagerly awaited the arrival of His Excellency and Mrs. Hurley who was accompanied by Government House Protocol Officer Julia McSwan. Upon its arrival the Vice Regal party was greeted by NSW Branch Chairman Mr. John Archer OAM and Parliamentary Host for the day Mr. Geoffrey Provest MP, The Member for Tweed.

The Vice Regal party was then escorted to the Sir Henry Parkes Room where they were introduced to representatives of the NSW Branch and following introductions and a short respite then proceeded to "Stranger's Dining Room" where they were afforded a standing ovation. Following a rousing rendition of the National Anthem and the Loyal Toast proposed by MC Ian McKnight OAM, Grace was then offered by Branch Treasurer Mr. Jim Mein AM.

The gathering then sat down and enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and later received a warm welcome to Parliament House by the Parliamentary Host Mr. Geoffrey Provest MP who encouraged people following the completion of the function to enjoy the places of historical significance that surrounded them while they were within the confines of the House. The official welcome to his Excellency, Mrs. Hurley and all members and guests was given by Branch Chairman John Archer OAM who at the conclusion of his welcome invited His Excellency to present an Occasional Address to the gathering.

His Excellency then expounded on his role as the Governor of New South Wales, his strong connections to The Order of Australia and finally and some of his interesting travels and visits around the State and elsewhere. A vote of appreciation was offered to His Excellency by Branch Secretary Mrs. Carolyn Lyons OAM which was followed by resounding applause from the gathering. Rear Admiral Tony Hunt AO RAN (Ret'd) later proposed the final toast of the day to The Order of Australia. Finally the time had arrived for the Vice Regal Party to depart which was escorted from Parliament House by John Archer OAM and Geoffrey Provest MP.

It was obvious that everyone in attendance had thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and had very much appreciated the attendance of His Excellency and Mrs. Hurley who had taken time out from their busy schedule to attend the function. The large contingent of the Australian-Italian in attendance was also evident and they are keen supporters of the Branch and, as usual were generous in donating a number of gifts towards the day. Many thanks go to Silvana Vidoni OAM and Giulio Vidoni OA for their assistance and also to Giulio who with his camera is the Branch's "happy snapper" and again has provided some nice photos of the day.



Part of large Australian-Italian Community Group who are keen supporters of the Branch.



From L to R: Silvana Vidoni OAM, Jim Mein AM, His Excellency, Mrs. Linda Hurley, John Archer OAM, Mr. Geoffrey Provest MP, Ian McKnight OAM, Carolyn Lyons OAM.



NSW Governor delivering his Occasional Address

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## HUNTER REGIONAL GROUP MORNING TEA CARDIFF RSL CLUB, 19 JULY 2017



Recent Order of Australia award recipients who were at the Hunter Regional Group morning tea at Cardiff RSL Memorial Club on Wednesday 19 July 2017 were: Standing – Keith Parry OAM, Professor Stephen Deane AM, Robert Findley OAM, Super Hubert OAM, Sitting – John Smith OAM, Ruth Gorton OAM, Shirley Chapman OAM, Richard Ingall OAM.

The Order of Australia Association Hunter Regional Group held a morning tea at Cardiff RSL Memorial Club on Wednesday 19 July 2017 with 130 attending to enjoy each other's company and the occasion.

There were 20 Australia Day and 17 Queen's Birthday recipients of Order of Australia awards in the Hunter in 2017. The eight recipients who attended the Morning Tea, were congratulated on their achievements – Mrs Shirley Chapman OAM, Mr Richard Ingall OAM, Mr Keith Parry OAM, Professor Stephen Deane AM, Mr Robert Findley OAM, Mrs Ruth Gorton OAM, Mr Super Hubert OAM and Mr John Smith OAM.

Mrs June Cameron AM, The Hunter Regional Convenor, welcomed all present. She made presentations of Certificates of Appreciation to the Cardiff RSL Club and the Cardiff RSL Sub Branch for their co-operation and assistance in the conduct of luncheons and morning teas over many years.

Councillor Kay Fraser, the Mayor of the City of Lake Macquarie, welcomed all present to the area. She congratulated Order of Australia Award recipients on their awards and acknowledged their input into the community over many years.

The guest speaker at the Morning Tea was Mrs Colleen Wardell OAM. She is the Secretary of The Order of Australia Association.

She gave a resume of the history of awards in Australia. Gough Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister from 1972 to 1975, proposed that the Imperial Honours System of awards should be replaced by an Australian system based on the Canadian system. His proposal was accepted by the Queen and the Order of Australia system of awards was announced on Australia Day 1975. Colleen explained the procedure for nomination leading to the announcement of awards twice a year.

The Order of Australia Association was formed in 1978. Later, State and Regional Branches were formed to support local communities.

The next Order of Australia Association Hunter Regional Group activity will be a luncheon at the Cardiff RSL Memorial Club on Saturday 17 February 2018.

**Major Charles Stevens OAM RFD ED (Retd)**



Colleen Wardell OAM, June Cameron AM, and Lieutenant Colonel Laurie Kelly AM RFD ED (Retd) at the Hunter Regional Group morning tea at Cardiff RSL Memorial Club on Wednesday 19 July 2017. Colleen Wardell OAM was the guest speaker.

## NSW BRANCH TO REVIVE ITS FORMAL EVENING DINNER IN 2018

The NSW Branch Committee recently decided to revive its Formal Evening Dinner in 2018 following a lengthy period in abeyance as a result of the Branch's luncheons proving very popular with members and their guests. However, in more recent times a number of recipients are now receiving awards at a younger age

and it has been noticeable lately that quite a few of the recipients have replied with an inability to attend the luncheons citing work commitments.

Therefore, bearing this in mind the Branch Committee decided to resurrect its Formal Evening Dinner next year in order to provide an excellent evening of dining and entertainment for all of its members. It is intended that dress for the occasion will be black tie or lounge suit. Of course the success of this function will be dependent on the support of the members and their guests but in the meantime preparations are being made to ensure that the function will be an evening to remember.

The venue selected to play host to this important event will be Club York, 97-95 York Street, Sydney. The function will be held in the "Red Room" on the first floor (lift available) at Club York which is very centrally located in the CBD just north of the QVB and is close to all public transport. There is parking available underneath the club with the entrance at the rear at 168 Clarence Street. Parking is also available in York Street opposite the QVB. For those who wish to stay the night rather than travel home there is ample accommodation within close proximity of Club York. Please check with "Coming Events" column and further information TBA as it comes to hand.



## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY NSW RECIPIENTS ENJOY WELCOME AND LUNCHEON

Once again the grand old NSW Parliament House was the popular venue for 2017 Queen's Birthday Recipients Welcome and Light Luncheon held on the 7<sup>th</sup> September by the NSW Branch to recognize the deeds of the latest group of recipients and their input into their local communities. There was a wonderful gathering of over 300 people in attendance which included 87 new recipients. This was the highest number of recipients in recent years but did include several Australia Day Award recipients who could not be accommodated at the Light Luncheon held earlier in the year due to seating restrictions owing to the Parliament sitting.

Many of the new recipients, their families and friends travelled from far and wide in NSW as well as those who reside in the metropolitan area to attend the function. The large gathering assembled in the reception area of "Stranger's Dining Room" to partake of the pre luncheon refreshments while waiting for the group photo which had to be taken in two groups due to the large number of recipients in attendance. The merchandise/memorabilia table proved a popular place as Merchandising Officer Mrs. Silvana Vidoni OAM was kept busy as she served eager customers. At the conclusion of the photo shoot the large crowd proceeded to the Dining Room for the official formalities and the Light Luncheon.

The Parliamentary host for the day was The Honorable Robert Brown MLC from the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party who, in his usual inimitable style issued a warm welcome to all in attendance on behalf of the NSW Parliament and he encouraged everyone especially those who were on their first visit to Parliament House to enjoy the historical significance of the people's House. During the delivery of the Official Welcome NSW Branch Chairman John Archer OAM sincerely thanked all new recipients for their untiring efforts and dedication to their local communities and that they should wear their awards with pride when the opportunity to do arose. He also spoke on the "Young Endeavour Youth Training Scheme" and the "John Lincoln Youth Community Service Awards" as he described how the Branch was assisting NSW youth.

Branch Vice Chairman Peter Falk OAM proposed the toast to The Order of Australia while Rear Admiral Tony Hunt AO RAN (Ret'd) proposed the toast to the new recipients. Master of Ceremonies Ian McKnight OAM then invited The Honorable John Hannaford AM to respond to the toast on behalf of all new recipients which he did in magnificent fashion. The MC then requested that all new recipients be upstanding so that they may be recognized and the applause from the audience was simply outstanding. All too soon the function came to a conclusion in order to permit the afternoon recipients to make their way to Government House for the afternoon investitures. Many attendees remarked how much they enjoyed the occasion and thanked the Branch members who had made it all possible while others stayed, socializing and enjoying the ambience of Parliament House that surrounded them.



Photo courtesy of Jelyssa Photographics



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The large gathering in "Stranger's Dining Room" enjoying the Welcome and Luncheon for the New Recipients. Photo courtesy of Giulio Vidoni OAM.



A very happy group enjoying the Welcome and Luncheon for New Recipients in "Stranger's Dining Room". Photo courtesy of Giulio Vidoni OAM.

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## COMING EVENTS:

**Saturday, 18 November 2017**

**Illawarra Regional Group Annual Luncheon**

Dapto Leagues Club, Dapto

All Welcome. Further details: Lynn Wilson OAM e-mail: [lynnwilson@loadednet.com.au](mailto:lynnwilson@loadednet.com.au)

**Wednesday 6th December 2017 – 12 noon.**

**Pre-Christmas Luncheon. Venue: Club York/York Function Centre**

Bass Suite 2nd floor 99 York Street, Sydney. (Lifts available and some parking available underneath, entrance from rear at 168 Clarence Street). Enquiries contact Ian McKnight OAM Mob. 0407598588 or email [ianmckni@tpg.com.au](mailto:ianmckni@tpg.com.au)

**Friday 26th January 2018**

**Australia Day Sydney Harbour Luncheon Cruise**

Aboard "Captain Cook 111", boarding 10.15am at Circular Quay, Sydney. All Welcome. Enquiries contact Ian McKnight OAM Mob. 0407598588 or email [ianmckni@tpg.com.au](mailto:ianmckni@tpg.com.au)

**Saturday 18th February 2018**

**Hunter Regional Group Luncheon – Venue: Cardiff RSL Memorial Club**

**Tuesday 20th March 2018**

**OAA–NSW Branch AGM/Morning Tea**

9.30am York Function Centre, 2nd floor 99 York Street, Sydney.

All Welcome. Further details contact Carolyn Lyons OAM Mob. 0427374744 or email [carolynlyons97@bigpond.com](mailto:carolynlyons97@bigpond.com)

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE WEDNESDAY:**

**11th April 2018**

**Branch formal dinner Venue: Club York Red Room 95–97 York Street Sydney.**

Dress black tie/lounge suit Time 6.30pm for 7pm. Further details TBA.

Enquiries contact Ian McKnight OAM Mob. 0407698588 or email [ianmckni@tpg.com.au](mailto:ianmckni@tpg.com.au)

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## A VERY PLEASANT GATHERING

Autumn greetings to all. Keats' Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us. Have we actually had a summer?

A short report on the Reception hosted by Acting High Commissioner, Mr Matthew Anderson PSM followed by OAA Choral Evensong at St Mary-le-Bow on Wednesday 27 September.

Members who were unable to attend this event missed a quite exceptional talk from Deputy High Commissioner Matt Anderson PSM, our host at the pre-service Reception. As a group of twenty, we were well placed in the intimate surrounds of the Bruce Rooms. Matt (his preferred name) speaks with a rapidity that compels serious concentration.

He began with his own experience – as the first Royal Military College Duntroon graduate to be taken on as a trainee in DFAT, his time as Head of Mission in the Solomon Islands and later in Afghanistan. He paid tribute to the courageous quality of his team in that dangerous posting, and what they had been able to achieve in terms of assisting housing and education in the region.

In response to questions from the floor, Matt gave his views on the positive possibilities ahead in our new relationship with a global Britain. Australia had been the first to offer a post-Brexit free trade deal, and the various meetings he had attended had illustrated the unique relationship between Australia and Britain. A final question on "Who will win the Ashes?" brought a highly diplomatic response!

Matt joined us at the Service to read one of the lessons, (your Chairman reading the other). St Mary's is truly the most beautifully designed and cared for church. For the service taken by the Rector, the Revd George Bush, we again enjoyed the singing of the Lloyd's Choir, directed by Brian Bendle. All agreed it was even stronger and lovelier than last year.

St Mary's would like to have us back, it is not just for the regular church-goer, but an event - especially with the Australia House participation – that reaches out to many fields of interest: architecture, history, music, politics and much more. And the OAA banner hangs there in the church.

[ A more comprehensive report is contained in the September Newsletter at: <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/branches/uk/documents/NewsletterSeptember2017OAAUKEurope.pdf> ]

**News from members.** We are delighted to welcome as a new member of our UK group Mr James Hogan AO. Mr Hogan has been recognised for his distinguished career in aviation and business and was until recently CEO of Etihad Airways. We look forward to hearing more from him in the future.

**Penelope Thwaites AM**  
**Chairman OAA UK/Europe**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove has recently written to me encouraging more nominations of women and other under-represented groups within the community for awards in the Order of Australia. For

there to be honours list outcomes that reflect the diversity of modern Australia there needs to be a flow of nominations to support that.

The Association strongly supports Sir Peter's view. Last year there were 1593 nominations, of which 475 (29.8%) were in respect of women and 1118 (70.2%) in respect of men.

The Council of the Order tries to address this in part. Some 78% of the nominations of women were successful, a total of 370; a lesser proportion, some 71%, of the nominations of men were successful, a total of 799. Thus the total number of awardees last year was 1169. Another interesting figure is that nominations **by women** are mostly for men; 56% for men and 44% for women.

Over the years since the Order began the situation has changed only slightly, with women receiving now only around 31% of awards.

The Council's statistics do not distinguish indigenous awardees but all concerned know they are small in number. Some categories with few awards are the Disabled (1.5% of the total), Primary Industry (2.1% of total awards) and Community-Multicultural Affairs (2.8% of total awards).

Australia has a fine honours system based essentially on two principles, firstly that any Australian can nominate anyone, and secondly that a group of honourable citizens and not politicians decides who gets honoured. Increasing the number of citizens honoured is an important challenge for Government, Vice-Regal representatives, the media, professional bodies and organisations everywhere within the community and, of course, for all members of our Association.

I urge everyone to take action to help increase the number of nominations. And Branches and Regional Groups might look at Citizen of the Year Awards by local councils and at local people nominated for Australian of the Year to assess whether there are nominations worthy of being nominated for the Order of Australia.

**Philip Flood AO**

## A HALL OF AUSTRALIAN ACHIEVERS?

Scattered throughout Australia's towns and cities are thousands of memorials to our wartime servicemen and servicewomen. Justifiably, our nation erected a memorial in Canberra so all Australians can reverentially see the names of those who contributed to protecting our country. In Australia's history, conflicts have thankfully, been only for a small number of years. The majority of our years have been years of peace.

During those longer periods of peace thousands of Australians have made highly meritorious contributions in numberless aspects to our development. Yet nowhere is there any centralized station where

Australians can see the names of those who made peacetime contributions. Sufficient numbers of citizens with Order of Australia awards and their forerunner Imperial awards now exist to justify the establishment of a central station naming Australian achievers. Located in the National Capital on Commonwealth property, the achievers station will be complementary to the Australian War Memorial, not in any way competitive.

Better brains than mine can visualize the configuration of a building to house visitor access to the names of civilian award recipients. However, as a starting concept it is suggested that the building

be light and cheerful, utilizing our modern computer technology to assist visitors. No bronze plaques that properly and solemnly commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Canberra Visitors Centre welcomes new visitor attractions as do Tourist Coach operators. Running costs can be modest and a small entry fee, tourist entities incentives and gifts will make the project economically viable.

Comments and advice from members of The Order of Australia, pro and con, will be appreciated.

**Percy Cooper OAM ED**  
Email: [pernor@bigpond.com](mailto:pernor@bigpond.com)

## OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP FEES

This is just a reminder to those members who have not yet responded to requests for their 2016/2017 Annual membership fees. We are so reluctant to lose any of our members - each one is important to our Association.

If you are unable to locate your invoice please contact the National Membership Officer at the National Office:

The Order of Australia Association, Old Parliament House,  
18 King George Terrace, Parkes, ACT 2600

Ph: (02) 6273 0322  
or by email [oaanatmbrofficer@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:oaanatmbrofficer@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)



## WHAT'S THE POINT? DOES IT MATTER?

A good friend of mine tells me that he tests contentious issues with two questions. He says that he must get a positive answer to each of these for the subject to have any worth.

What's the point in having a national honours system? Almost every other nation in the world has a means of honouring those of their citizens who have made an outstanding contribution to the community. We should do the same in our country. Our Order of Australia awards are not only the nation's most prestigious civilian awards, but also the very best example of their kind in the world. Any citizen can nominate any other citizen, and there is no political, religious, racial, gender or any other political group that can influence the nomination or its consideration.

But sadly, the average Australian knows little or nothing of the Order of Australia awards system and places little or no value on it. This is in ironic contrast with the old imperial awards – almost every Australian understood a knighthood or an OBE. Other countries place great value on their awards – for example the French Legion of Honour, the American Congressional Medal of Honour is known and respected the world over. Does it matter that our citizens don't know their own award?

What is the point of using post-nominals? In all other walks of life where people have achieved qualifications and/or recognition they are proud to use the appropriate post nominal. Why do we repeatedly see people being interviewed on television wearing an Order of Australia lapel decoration and their name printed on the screen not including their post nominal? Does it matter whether we use them or not?

What is the point of giving insignias (medals) to recipients if they do not wear them? The military know the importance and significance of this and proudly wear their medals at every appropriate occasion. Many of our awardees put their insignias away in a drawer and never take them out again. We might as well give them a colour photo of a medal with their name at the bottom and save the cost of the silver and the expense of the investiture ceremony.

The word humble is overused when recognising an Order of Australia award. Does it matter? Sportsman, academics, the military, business people and groups in all walks of life, when given awards, are proud of them, proud of their achievements, and rightly so. Look up the definition of humble – 'low estimate of one's own importance – lowly rank or condition'. If we are not proud to receive recognition, we devalue the award. If we must feel humble, surely, we are entitled also to feel pride in the fact that we have been able to be of special service to our community.

I strongly believe that those of us that are honoured with an award have a responsibility to educate our fellow citizens. For this reason, because there was not one available, the Tasmanian branch designed printed and distributed an information pamphlet it was specifically designed to be given to new citizens at citizenship ceremonies and two other interested groups who will take the time to read it. It provides basic information on what The Order of Australia is about and how to find further information. It has been enthusiastically received. We should move to have it (or similar material) widely distributed in areas where it will be noticed.

I also believe that those of us who have received an award have a responsibility to actively seek out people in our community who are worthy of recognition and nominate them for an award. This will require an additional printed information brochure – attractively designed and produced, in simple language with simple instructions.

The Association has recently elected a new National Committee. It has the opportunity to become more dynamic, innovative and responsive to the needs of members and the community at large than in the past. It has the opportunity to reinvigorate the Association but even more importantly, be proactive in the area of public education, pursuing all means possible to bring information about The Order to the attention of the Australian community.

If we do not all work together to make sure that all Australians know and respect their National Order and if we continue to hide our award away, not using our insignias and post nominals at every appropriate occasion, there is every likelihood that The Order of Australia will disappear within a generation.

**Dr Frank Madill AM**

**Feedback may be forwarded to:**

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## THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

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### Annual General Meeting – 2018 Notification Of Special Resolutions

The Constitution of The Order of Australia Association Ltd requires that any business at the Annual General Meeting other than Financial Accounts & Reports be addressed through 'Special Resolutions'.

Such Special Resolutions are, in accordance with the By-Laws, to be approved by the Board no later than 35 days before the Annual General Meeting.

To accord with the requirements of the Official Notice of the Annual General Meeting and the intended Board meeting schedule, any Special Resolutions are to be lodged with the National Secretary no later than 10 January 2018.

Any member intending to lodge such Special Resolutions is requested to advise the National Secretary of the subject of the Special Resolution, no later than 11 December 2017.

**P L Morrell AM, CSC**

**National Secretary**

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## ADELAIDE'S NEW BIO MED CITY

The South Australian Government is overseeing the construction of the A\$3.6 billion Adelaide BioMed City - one of the largest health and life sciences clusters in the Southern Hemisphere. Located in the CBD, it brings together research, education, clinical care and business development.

**These facilities are all within walking distance of the Adelaide Convention Centre, the venue for our 2018 32nd National Conference.**

## ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

One of the largest and most advanced hospitals in the world, the new RAH which opened in September 2017, provides tertiary-level care and statewide services to patients, featuring:

- 40 large operating theatres.
- 800 beds, with all overnight bedrooms being single rooms with private en-suites.
- A fleet of robots to help move supplies and equipment around the hospital.
- Ambulances sending patient data ahead of arrival and test results available on monitors in patient rooms.

## SAHMRI

With state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment, the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) has attracted hundreds of researchers, practicing and producing world-leading medical and technological innovation, and nurturing a new generation of scientists, researchers and educators.

SAHMRI also houses a cyclotron producing radioisotopes and manages a world-class animal research facility, available for preclinical testing.



Royal Adelaide Hospital. Photo Jan Forrest OAM

## UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

This Health and Medical Sciences Building supports medicine, nursing and dentistry students as well as around 400 health sciences researchers.

It houses the innovative, state-of-the-art learning environment Adelaide Health Simulation - the most high-tech healthcare teaching facility in Australasia.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

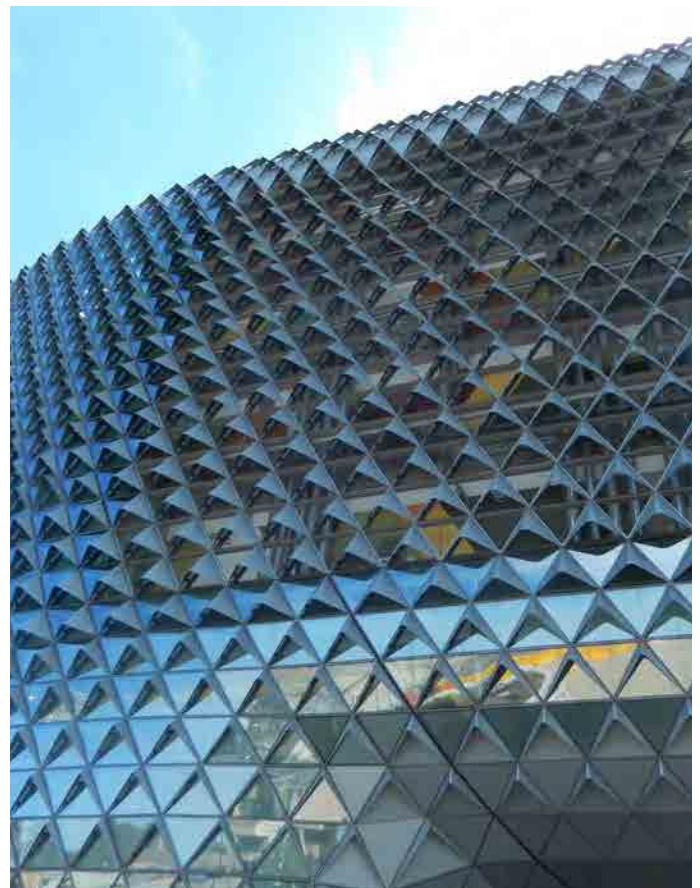
This Health Innovation Building will house the Centre for Cancer biology, an alliance between the university and SA Pathology, developing links between the UniSA community and up to 250 of Australia's top researchers who are working to develop a more in-depth understanding of cancer and health issues.

The Centre has a specific focus on fundamental research that is relevant to many types of cancer, as well as the research of blood-related cancers, such as leukemia and lymphoma.

Opened in 2017, the University's new building will continue to build on the 130-year partnership between the University of Adelaide and the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

## NEW WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

This new hospital which is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, will give women and babies access to the most advanced acute care. Collocating with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital it will support more complex obstetric and paediatric services for patients who need access to a wider range of specialist clinicians, with adult emergency specialist support and intensive care on hand when needed.



SAHMRI building. Photo Jan Forrest OAM



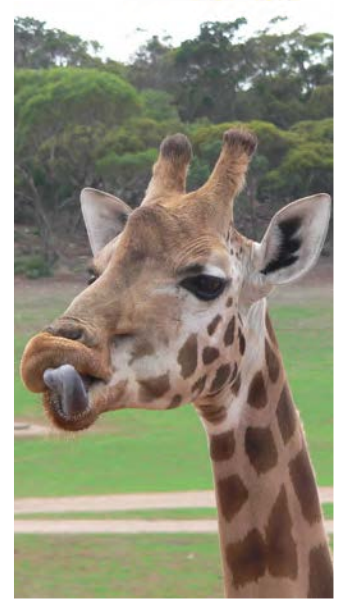


## MONARTO OPEN RANGE ZOO

Just an hour from Adelaide, Monarto Zoo is Australia's largest open range zoo. It's grown from humble beginnings since it was first established as a breeding and pasture area in 1983. Ten years later it opened to the public and is now home to over 500 animals roaming in amazing vistas as far as the eye can see. It's an escape from the city that immerses visitors in a natural safari style setting.

Monarto spans more than 1,500 hectares and houses more than 50 species of animals such as Lions, Cheetahs, African Painted Dogs, Giraffes and Zebras.

Over the years Monarto has celebrated outstanding breeding success and our captivating, quirky and unique animals have captured the hearts of visitors including our new arrivals, five cheetah cubs.



Top and right: Meerkat on the lookout, Giraffe and Plains Zebra. . Above: Cheetah and cubs (actually taken in Africa however what an opportunity it will be to see a sight like this at Monarto after or before the Conference!) Photos Jan Forrest OAM



## ADELAIDE ZOO

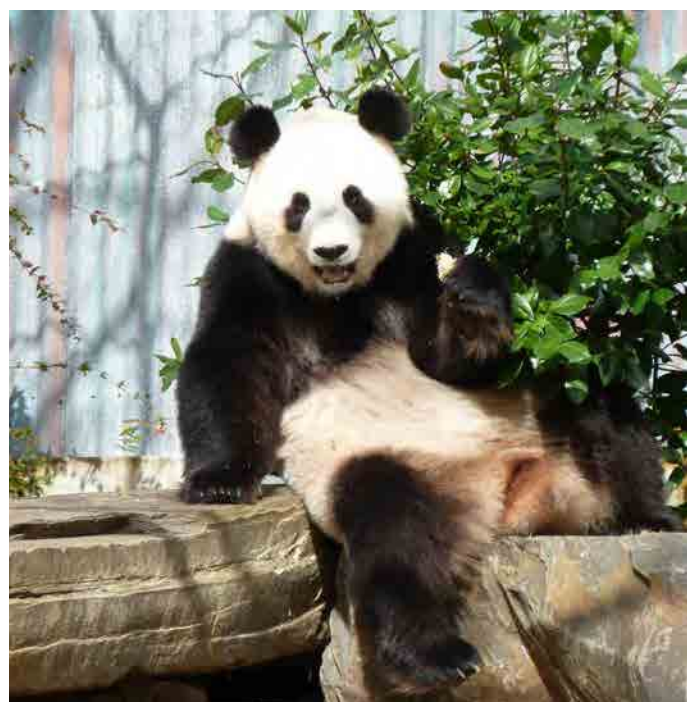
Adelaide Zoo located on the edge of the CBD in the park lands is one of Adelaide's most iconic attractions, is home to more than 2,500 animals and 250 species of exotic and native mammals, birds, reptiles and fish exhibited over eight hectares of magnificent botanic surroundings.

Adelaide Zoo is the second oldest zoo in the nation. It was first opened to the public in 1883 and represents a significant part of South Australia's heritage and social history.

It's a relaxing green city oasis and vibrant sanctuary that gives you the feeling of stepping into another world full of diversity, colour and unique things to see and do.

Adelaide Zoo is the only major metropolitan zoo in Australia to be owned and operated by a conservation charity, Zoos SA.

The Adelaide zoo is best reached by catching 'Popeye' at Elder Park on the hour from 10.00am. This boat trip takes 30 minutes to the zoo entrance which is just 200 metres from the boat landing.



One of our Giant Pandas Wang Wang, the only Pandas in Australia Photo J and S Ingham.



## ADELAIDE WAR MEMORIALS

A city memorial to those who fought in the First World War was first discussed in 1919. Architecture firm Woods, Bagot, Jory and Laybourne Smith won a competition with their design, *The Spirit of Sacrifice*. The firm worked with Sydney sculptor Rayner Hoff to create the memorial's sculptures. Construction took three years and cost £30,000.

There was some controversy around the project. Design entries had to be submitted a second time as the first ones were lost in a fire. There was also heavy debate about whether to cut down some of the large elm trees on North Terrace to create a proper view of the memorial.

Governor Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven unveiled the memorial at the Anzac Day service on 25 April 1931. Around 5,000 veterans attended the service. Among them were ex-servicemen from the country who were provided with free rail tickets to attend the event.

The marble angel framed within the main granite arch represents the "spirit of duty", and holds a sword in the shape of a cross signifying "battle and sacrifice". The three bronze figures below the angel are of a student, indicated by his gown and books, a farmer or ploughman, and a young girl. These three figures, weighing four tons, symbolise the wider community.

On the side facing away from North Terrace, you can see another angel under the arch. It holds a fallen soldier and a sword in its scabbard. A bronze lion on this side represents Australia's connection to Britain.

On 23rd April 2016 a new memorial was unveiled. The Anzac Centenary Memorial walk which follows Kintore Avenue to the peace and tranquility of the River Torrens.

On Sunday at the Conference we will take part in a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial followed by a guided walk along this very special Anzac memorial walk and view some of the other memorials adjacent to the River Torrens.



Top: War Memorial. Below: Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk, Right: Vietnam War Memorial, Indigenous Australians War Memorial. Photos Jan Forrest OAM



# A VENTURE INTO AUSTRALIA'S GALLIPOLI HISTORY

## THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR ANTONIO SAGONA AM – ARCHAEOLOGIST WHO DIED THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017



Antonio (Tony) Giuseppe SAGONA AM, B.A (Hons),  
Dip. Ed., PhD, FSA, FAHA

### THE TRENCHES OF GALLIPOLI PENINSULA, PROVIDED A RICH CHAPTER OF CONFLICT

The *modus operandi* of Professor Sagona was to unravel the story of the Trenches, Tunnels and Graves, by using radar impregnation, on this unique parcel of foreign land, of Australian History.

Tony Sagona, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Melbourne, passed away on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. As a scholar he had been recognised, for his unique field-work on the Gallipoli ANZAC Battlefield, a project jointly funded by the Australian, New Zealand and Turkish Governments.

Tony covered this ANZAC story in a most spectacular and special way.

The document of his research was published for the Centenary of ANZAC in 2015, to recognise his works on the peninsula. The research endeavoured to overcome the very poor record, of the location of the trenches and tunnels, and other major features, on both sides of the front line, of this historic battle. The method of location was by Global Positioning System. Generally, the maps of the battlefield, as available, were very limited and incomplete. This research was a significant contribution to Australia's History.

Tony's standing in archaeology and his base connections with Turkey, led to the Australian Government inviting him to direct the fieldwork. Despite the centrality that the Gallipoli Peninsula, and the 1915 campaign, have in the psyche of many Australians, the Battlefield itself has never been studied in great detail. Utilising non-invasive survey techniques and a multi-disciplinary approach, a vivid picture has evolved of the battlefield. We note the human sacrifice, the appalling living conditions, the daily needs of the soldiers, their utensils and equipment, and of course, all the personal items of the men who fought and died there, in and on top of the barbed wired trenches. This was a rugged and cruel terrain for the men of the three (3) nations of Australia, New Zealand and Turkey who fought there.

The project opened a new chapter in the ANZAC story. This tri-nation project, involving archaeologists from the 3 countries, was partially funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (Canberra), and welcomed by the Authorities and Governments of New Zealand and Turkey.

Tony Sagona had built over a period of time, a strong association with the Çanakkale Maritime Museum on Gallipoli, and the University, close by. And of course, the Gallipoli landing site is a living Museum in its own right, of a battle forged so long ago, which shaped the history of these three (3) nations, and involved a joint historical and Archaeological Survey of the ANZAC Battlefield. This was a collaborative project with Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart Universities of Turkey, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (Canberra), and the New Zealand Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

**Gary Tippet , in a University of Melbourne Magazine, writes the following:**

*"On certain mornings at Gallipoli in 1915, the Turks inflicted an added, unintentional, pain on the Anzacs dug into the ridges below. If the conditions were right, a breeze would waft down upon them carrying the unmistakable, tantalising smell of warm, freshly baked bread.*

*That, notes Professor Antonio Sagona AM, must have been a special sort of torture for the Australians and New Zealanders surviving on meagre rations of bully beef and hard biscuits.*

*The distance between the Anzac and Turkish trenches near Quinn's Post, where the fighting was often fiercest, gets down to 27 metres – "little more than a cricket pitch", says Sagona. And not far to the rear on the Turkish side, at a location known to Merkez Tepe, the survey team has found remains of a battlefield oven. There are locally handmade bricks, some with their makers' thumbprints, and the large flat stones, which would have been heated in the ovens before thin dough was poured on them to bake flatbread.*

*"This show one area where the two sides differed.. a colleague sent me the (Turkish) menu. They had lentil soup for breakfast and went forward with punches of dried fruit and nuts. So they would have had fresh food." The Anzac diet, on the other hand, was "pretty awful" – tinned, salty meat and hard, stale bread."*

The above initial article was written by Max Chester OAM, together with extracts by Gary Tippet of the University of Melbourne Magazine.

Max was a personal friend of Professor Antonio Sagona AM, and did nominate him for his Order of Australia.

**MAX CHESTER OAM**

## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH MIGRATION

On 5th of October 1967, the Turkish Ambassador and Federal Minister for Immigration signed an agreement between the two countries which established the platform for migration. A year later, Turks were being airlifted to Sydney and Melbourne from Turkey, initiating a new type of encounter since the Gallipoli campaign of 1915. Hence began one of the most successful immigration stories.

The commemoration of this event took place on Tuesday 17 October 2017, with a re-enactment with the participation of Turkish Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Vakur Gokdenizler and Immigration Minister the Hon Peter Dutton in the Parliament House in Canberra.

An oral history project is calling for

people who had an encounter with Turks in 1968-69 soon after their arrival or any memories of meeting Turks whilst visiting Gallipoli/Turkey to please contact Dr John Basarin OAM, Chairman, Friends of Gallipoli Inc. Email: chairman.fogi@gmail.com.





## FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE - JAMES HICKS

James Hicks was awarded an Order of Australia Association Foundation (OAAF) Scholarships in 2008. Funding for James' scholarship was provided by Mr David Mandie AM OBE. James, who was studying a double degree in Engineering (Mechanical) and Business (Finance) at the time, was awarded the scholarship for a combination of academic excellence, leadership potential and community involvement.

During his time at university, James fulfilled his desire to study overseas completing a winter semester at Swinburne University's Sarawak Campus in Malaysia and was also selected to participate in a Future Leaders Study Tour of China.

Following completion of his studies in Melbourne, James relocated to Roxby Downs, South Australia to take up a Graduate position with BHP Billiton Olympic Dam. During his time with BHP Billiton James had the opportunity to work in various different engineering roles supporting various functions of the business including the underground mine, surface processing operations and the vast services facilities on and off site. James explains the experience as being invaluable. "The training, development and overall experience that BHP Billiton provides to graduates entering the workforce is second to none."

James lived and worked in the outback mining town of Roxby Downs for three years before making the decision to take up a new career and lifestyle opportunity in Tasmania with Simplot Australia in food manufacturing. James spent two years working for Simplot in Tasmania as the Site Services Engineer overseeing the French Fry manufacturing sites steam, freezing and waste plant operations.

Earlier this year, James was promoted to the role of Engineering Manager at Simplot's Echuca manufacturing plant, which is the home of the famous Leggo's Pasta Sauce brand. James has taken on the responsibility of Engineering Manager at a critical time in the site's history as it embarks on a significant increase in production volume following the recent acquisition of the Chicken Tonight,



Raguletto and Five Brothers brands from Symington's.

Throughout his career to date, James has kept in close contact with his OAAF mentor Mr Graham Kraehe AO. "Graham supported me throughout the journey, particularly as I transitioned from university to professional life, helping me make key decisions along the way." James is now an advocate of the importance of mentoring and has taken a keen interest in guiding and mentoring his young staff engineers in their own careers.

James is currently seeking opportunities in the not-for-profit area as a director to develop a network outside his current professional contacts and to gain experience on a board.

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The Order of Australia Association is delighted to offer an extended range of merchandise to its members.

You may now choose from our ever popular products plus an extended range of recently released new items. We have also introduced credit card facilities to make your purchasing even easier. From time to time we will add new items and limited offers of special purchase products. If you think of other products that may be of interest to members, drop us a line with your suggestions so it can be researched by the merchandise committee.

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8	OAA Tie Blue/Gold	25.00	2.00	
9	OAA Tie Navy/Aqua/White	25.00	2.00	
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