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As is our practice, coincident with the National Conference in Adelaide our Association will hold its 32nd Annual General Meeting to be followed by a Members' Forum.

This year the AGM agenda contains several proposed Constitutional amendments, in addition to the normal administrative and financial reporting items.

You will find details and background on these proposed amendments in this edition of *The Order*. It is important that you consider the issues raised and exercise your right to have a say in the core 'processes' that govern our Association activities.

Your Board encourages you to attend both the AGM and the wider National Conference, if at all possible. Details of the conference program and a registration form are included here for your information.

A proxy form is enclosed with this magazine both in the hard-copy and e-copy formats, for use should you be unable to attend the AGM in person. Please give thought to completing this proxy and forwarding it to the National Secretary as soon as possible but no later than 16 April 2018.

In addition to the normal Branch news items, you will find in this edition several articles and reports on the Governance and Administrative matters considered by the Board over recent months. While so often these matters are viewed as dry and uninteresting, they are in fact essential to the professional and appropriate conduct of Association activities.

Space considerations preclude the inclusion of details of all the matters considered and resolved by the Board over the last seven months. But these range across, strategic



planning, charters for committees, position descriptions for Directors, investment strategies, risk management registers, financial activity reviews, National Office activities, website and communication processes and opportunities for increasing both nominations for awards and our own membership.

Please give thought to joining those who administer and guide your Association activities whether it be as a member of a Regional Group or Branch committee or perhaps as a Director. Innovative ideas, new perspectives and new blood are welcome. More hands make less work is an old but true maxim!



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- National publication — The Order.
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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

2017 was a year of considerable activity throughout our Association, both in the Branches and on the National Board. Your Board completed an in-depth review of the activities of our organisation, examined ways in which we might improve progress towards our objectives and considered how best to fund activities.

The Board Strategy Committee, led by Helene Bender AM, in 2017 completed a review and update of the Association 'National Strategic Plan'. In 2018 her team will continue to assist Branches with the integration of their efforts with this plan. A key part of this ongoing activity will be to increase awareness of the Order and its values within the community, promote the nomination of additional worthy Australians, and encourage awardees to join our Association. All members have a part to play in these activities.

A redesigned Association website has now been launched. As well as a contemporary design, the website provides faster and more logical 'navigation' and some innovations including a merchandise 'shopping cart'. The website will be extended with further 'member friendly' features during the year.

Adequate funding of National and Branch activities remains a key challenge for your Board. Some significant economies have been made. The wide acceptance of the recent offer of electronic distribution of 'The Order' magazine was a

significant contribution to cost reduction in what is becoming one of our largest single expenditures.

Email is increasingly becoming the most economic means of keeping members informed, with newsletters and the like supplementing the editions of 'The Order' magazine. If you have not yet provided the Association with your email address, we encourage you to do so.

The National Conference, to be held 3rd to 6th May 2018 in Adelaide, is a great opportunity to renew friendships, make new acquaintances and participate in the business of the Association. It is also a chance to enjoy the hospitality of the wonderful City of Adelaide. Our Annual General Meeting will be held during the Conference and, among other matters, will consider changes to the Association Constitution. These changes resulted from a review of governance by your Board and will increase member involvement in the election of office-bearers. I encourage you to attend the Conference and to vote at the AGM. If you are unable to attend, ensure your views are made known by lodging a proxy vote.

Branch Committees are keen to hear from members willing to give of their time and expertise on the committee or in project work. With Branch AGMs now in progress, it is a good time to consider nominating for a task.

I look forward to meeting members at the 2018 Conference and at other activities during the year.

Barry Nunn AO
National Chairman

DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN PAUL WHEELTON AM KSJ

Our Deputy National Chairman, Paul Wheelton AM, KSJ was elected to this position in July 2017 relinquishing the Director (Victoria) position.

Paul started life in Kyogle New South Wales in 1956 as the youngest of four children. His parents, who were "10 pound Poms" understood the value of education and borrowed the money to send him to a private school.

After finishing as Dux of Camberwell Grammar, he went onto Melbourne University graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1978. While at University he started part time work under the guidance and watchful eye of Bob Ansett, the founder of Budget Rent a Car.

Paul worked his way up through the company. For the last 30 years he has been Managing Director and owner of the largest Budget Rent a Car Franchise Group in Australia.

Paul was awarded the medal of The Order of Australia in 2009 and appointed as a Member of the Order in 2017 for services to a range of children's charities. As well as being the patron of several charities, Paul is a Board Member of Life Education Australia Foundation, Blue Ribbon Day Community Board, Pancare Foundation and Box Hill Hawks Football Club. He is a founding Board Member and Chairman of the Bali Children Foundation which, with his family via Wheelton Philanthropy, has helped to rebuild several Children's Homes (Orphanages) and provides an educational pathway for disadvantaged Balinese Children.

His latest major philanthropic projects include the Wheelton Centre at Camberwell Grammar, the Wheelton Knowledge Centre at Strathcona Girls Grammar and Wheelton Philanthropy is a lead funder for the Northern Hospital Research and Training Hub.



Paul recently became the first Australian man to join "Women Moving Millions" with a pledge of US\$1 million to organisations or initiatives that benefit women and girls. This reflects one of his longstanding goals to improve the gender and diversity balance in those receiving Honours within our Order.

Paul tries to balance his busy working life in the "Not for Profit" sector by supporting his beloved Hawthorn football club, walking and also travelling to different places. His travels always remind him that he lives in the best country in the world, with the advantages that we have in freedom, culture, food, climate, sport, art and people.



NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT AN E-COPY UPDATE

Thank You to over 1800 Association members who said Yes to receiving their copy of The Order by E-Copy. This represents about 22% of our membership.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this our current arrangement whereby a 'Link' to a password protected edition & the accompanying flyers has worked as intended. The introduction of the password has been designed to give value to our members over public access.

The intention is that as a new edition is loaded, the old edition will progressively be available to the general public, as a publicity and promotional item.

The actual savings resulting from the E-Copy option will become apparent as the accounts for this edition are processed in next few days. A full financial review of Hard and E-copy options will be conducted as soon as possible. As part of that review, the Board will consider:

- Retention of the current 4-edition annual schedule. With an E-copy link to those who have so chosen.
- Introduction of a 3-edition annual schedule in the current format and style. With an E-copy link to those who have so chosen.

- Introduction of supplementary E-Bulletins, with fewer pages, timed to maximise Branch / National information, involving distribution of a link to our website but only to those advising an email address. No hardcopy distribution.
- Changes to the style and paper quality choices, as well as the opportunities for sponsorship and advertising, to defray costs.

The outcomes of the Board deliberations will of course be promulgated widely.

P.S. To end on a humorous note! I don't want to suggest in anyway that our Nation's capital is somewhat remote or that Australia Post is slowed by the need to transit the wilds of the Tuggeranong Valley but; the first email response to our E-Copy email was from France!!

This being from a non-email addressee who had received his hardcopy a clear day before my copy arrived in my mailbox, here in Canberra!! He submitted an enthusiastic Yes and provided his email address to the Secretariat.

It is not too late to opt to receive an E-Copy, just send an email indicating your wish to do so to: secnational@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

If we can make that 1800 E-Copy climb closer to 2800 then significantly more funds become available for redistribution. Go for it!!

Phil Morrall AM, CSC
National Secretary / Editor



NORTHERN TERRITORY



The NT Branch of the Order of Australia Association has a new patron - Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM was sworn in as administrator of the Northern Territory on October 31 last year, replacing The Honourable John Hardy AO.

Her Honour has lived in Darwin since 1989 where she initially worked for the law firm Cridlands Lawyers and studied for a Bachelor of Children's Services at Charles Darwin University. In 1993, she joined Somerville Community Services, as deputy CEO and manager, and became CEO in 1998.

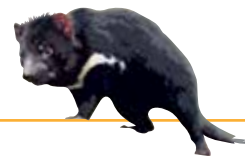
Her award as Member of the Order of Australia in 2014 recognized years of service to disadvantaged members of the community. As a leading advocate for the disability sector she has been involved in many organisations locally and nationally, including National Disability Services, NT Government Ministerial Advisory Committees on Disability Reform, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, but she is best known for her service as CEO of Somerville Community Services for nearly twenty years.

On December 18 our chairperson Dr. Tom Lewis OAM and Mrs. Nora Lewis AM accepted an invitation to visit Government



Nora Lewis AM, Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM, and Dr. Tom Lewis OAM.

House for an audience with the Administrator in anticipation of her patronage of the NT Branch of our Association. We explored our common interest in servicing the membership, and Her Honour expressed enthusiasm for maintaining close communications with our group.



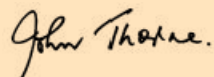
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In Tasmania we have three effective but different Regional groups serving members. I encourage all members to support those who are offering activities and trying to serve you. Your skills and time will always be appreciated. Each of the Regional groups operate in different ways - if you have suggestions or want to volunteer your time, please get in touch with the local Chair or Secretary and have a chat.

In April 2019 the National Conference of the Order of Australia Association will be held here in Tasmania. The Co-ordinator for this Branch is Alastair Douglas OAM and he has, with a small committee, a clear plan and much of the early work well in hand. Of course, as we get closer to the event he will need more helpers, so if you want to help make this a great success and make a difference, please get in touch direct with Alastair - alastair@tashost.com.au or 0418 127 897.

We are coming into the season of Annual Meetings for each Region and the Branch. Please support these meetings, listen to the Annual Reports, support the committees and make commentary as appropriate. It will be appreciated.

I encourage members from Tasmania to attend the National Conference in Adelaide in May. Details are elsewhere in this issue of *The Order*, but it is a great opportunity to represent the State, make new friends or renew old ones.



Dr John G. Thorne AM JP
Branch Chairman, Tasmania

In the last edition of *The Order* the article on Ron Blake OAM should have been headed "Honour Bestowed by Surf Life Saving Tasmania". Apologies for this error.

DR KARLA FENTON OAM: AN EVENTFUL LIFE OF ONGOING SERVICE



She studied in Tasmania and Melbourne, graduated and completed her early years as a doctor in Melbourne.

A close friendship and then marriage took Karla to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where quite quickly her caring nature and skills were recognised. She became the "Physician in charge of VIPs" and, over a 13-year period, Karla ministered among others to four kings and four prime ministers. During this time, her son Douglas was born and is now Head of Department at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney.

Karla returned to Australia and (mainly in Tasmania) served in psychiatric service for 46 years – making a total of almost 62 years as a practising doctor.

Having served in so many spheres of human activity makes Karla Fenton's story colourful. She was born in the Derwent Valley in Tasmania but her high school years were curtailed due to extended illness and she was unable to complete her secondary education. She was needed to help at home, but on turning 18 immediately enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force where she served as an instrument repairer in aircraft. She became skilled in instrumentation and later worked in an operational unit.

As a service veteran, Karla was entitled to continue her education, which she did with distinction enabling her to study medicine – her long-held ambition.

Not only has Karla been an admired professional, she has been a thoughtful and generous community member. Karla has for many years been an Honorary Fellow at Jane Franklin Hall, a College of the University of Tasmania. Karla has mentored dozens of young students and has now left as a legacy (in perpetuity) a scholarship to that college for a student to study overseas each year. In addition, she initiated an Education Fund (also in perpetuity) for the ADARDS Home for Alzheimer's Disease.

Considering the above achievements of Karla's outstanding and ongoing broad-reaching contributions, it is not surprising that Karla:

- was named the 2004 Tasmanian Senior of the Year
- received the 2005 Anzac of the Year Award
- was invested with an Order of Australia Medal in 2005
- was admitted to the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women in 2017.

Karla is especially proud to have received the Medal of the Order of Australia but, having served in the Armed Forces, Karla deeply values the words engraved on her Anzac of the Year Award medal: **"For exceptional service to the Australian community demonstrating compassion, endurance and dedication"**.

We are proud to know the extraordinary Dr Karla Fenton and are honoured to call her a friend.

Dr John Thorne AM, President, Hobart Branch Committee





GARY CARR OAM



Gary George Carr OAM was born on the 27th of April 1939 at Sandy Bay in Hobart. His family moved to Launceston when he was eleven and he went to school at the Launceston Technical College. He joined the Launceston YMCA aged fourteen and this marked the beginning of his sporting career representing Tasmania in both junior and senior basketball. Over a period of six years he worked in the ANZ bank in Launceston, Melbourne, Stanley and Hobart, finally moving back to Launceston where he married Geraldine on the 5th of November, 1960. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Gary's competitive basketball playing days ended in 1964 due to a severe knee injury. When recovered he took up refereeing and became an accredited Australian badge referee in 1967. The following year he was the first Tasmanian to be presented with an Australian Basketball International Referees badge. He went on to referee in all states of Australia until his old knee injury recurred and he had to give up on court activities.

In 1992 Gary was diagnosed with Obstructive Sleep Apnoea. This stimulated his interest in the condition and resulted in him volunteering to promote awareness of the condition in the community. In 1996, the year Sleep Disorders Australia was formed, Gary was appointed as State President for Tasmania; in 2010 he was National Deputy Chairman and he was awarded life membership in 2014.

In 1998 he was instrumental in obtaining a large grant from the Tasmanian Motor Accidents Insurance Board, designing and being involved in a major community awareness campaign, one significant result being the addition of the question "Do you suffer from Sleep Apnoea?" to all drivers licence applications.

Gary has maintained his commitment to public awareness of Sleep Disorders and has most recently obtained another significant grant from the Motor Accidents Insurance Board to mount another major awareness campaign

"Sleepy Drivers Die"

Despite his own ill health, Gary Carr OAM has worked tirelessly to bring to his community the importance of Sleep Disorders, particularly their role in motor car accident deaths and injuries. He continues this work, demonstrating that he is a very worthy recipient of an Order of Australia Honours Award.

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ASSOCIATION PHOTOGRAPHER FOR TASMANIA



From the age of fifteen Maureen Oates worked at the Huon News, the local community newspaper for the Huon Valley south of Hobart. Maureen developed many skills in this world of disseminating information from how to type on a manual typewriter and developing the photographs for each edition.

Proof reading was one of her favourite jobs. Maureen remembers that, "This was a period when Lino (hot metal) Type was used and after the proofs were run off they needed to be read in the long paper form."

In her early years at the paper she also learned how to develop and process rolls of film in the dark room at the paper. As photography changed Maureen became adept at using the latest cameras on her rounds to report on the many community activities which were and are an important part of community news.

Since receiving her Order of Australia Medal she has become the southern region, Tasmania Branch photographer including for the biannual State Post-Investiture dinners, and the Hobart Lord Mayor's Reception for recipients for that calendar year. Her photographs are sent to the attendees and much appreciated by the recipients.

HOBART LORD MAYOR'S RECEPTION

On 28 November 2017 the Lord Mayor of Hobart (Sue Hickey) hosted an afternoon tea at the Town Hall with Southern Tasmanian recipients of 2017 OA Awards being the guests of honour. In her welcoming speech the Lord Mayor stated:

"I see you as Tasmania's national treasurers, promoting national unity, reflecting the very best of our national character and serving as an aspiration for many women and men.

Your life stories and the paths that you have travelled are very important to our society as they are rich with the highest community standards and values.

On behalf of my fellow Aldermen and the citizens of Hobart I thank you for your generous contribution to your community and to the State".



Hobart City Deputy Mayor Ron Christie, Hobart Lord Mayor Sue Hickey, Hobart City Alderman Bill Harvey, Order of Australia Southern Tasmania's Vice President and also State Secretary Maureen Rudge, Order of Australia Southern Tasmania's President and also Tasmania's President John Thorne, and Hobart City Alderman Helen Burnet.

NORTHERN NOTES

Once again the northern region is indebted to Joan Green OAM for making her beautiful home 'Sheringham' available for our final function for 2017. 45 guests had a most enjoyable evening and heard from author Sue Cox OAM who told us about her latest book "Banished Beyond the Seas".

2018 will begin with a regional AGM on the 15th February, and the Branch AGM on 25 February – the latter to be held for the first time at Campbell Town in central Tasmania. February will also see a visit from National Chairman Mr Barry Nunn AO RFD ED to meet representatives of the three Tasmanian regions – a visit to which we are all looking forward.

As we leave 2017 behind, the regional executive and members wish for a happy and successful forthcoming year for all members and their families.



Mrs Joan Green OAM, Mr David McEwan AM, Mr Barry Dadson



Mrs Linda Madill OAM, Mrs Sue Cox AM



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We welcome 2018 with enthusiasm and excitement for what can be achieved in the year ahead. The start of a new year is also a time for reflecting on the year that has passed and to thank those who have given so generously of their time to this Association. Many of our contributors don't sit on our Victoria Branch

committee, but help in other ways. People like Voi Williams OAM and Max Chester OAM, both former State Branch members who are still active in the OAA community.

In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the contribution of Victoria's Membership Secretary, Tony Smith OAM. Tony hails from regional Victoria, and with his full-time career and other honorary pursuits, he's not able to attend our meetings in the city; however, his role with us is integral to the smooth processing of our membership and communications. We are indebted to him for the myriad hours he puts in to ensuring it works well. Quite frankly, we couldn't manage without him!

The new year brings a new list of Honours recipients and we look forward to welcoming many new members. We have spent much time articulating the 'benefits' that OAA membership brings but it remains a challenge to communicate these

to the large pool of new recipients each year. We look forward to the deliberations of the National Council in bringing clarity and direction to our branches, which in turn will help us guide our Regional Groups.

Excitement is building as our second Inspiring Australians Oration draws closer. This year, we are delighted our speaker will be Dr Susan Alberti AC, newly appointed Melburnian of the Year. Dr Alberti is a champion of AFL women's football, but is also known for her tireless efforts in the area of Juvenile Diabetes research.

We have just opened our third OAA Foundation scholarship account with a generous donation from the North East & Goulburn Valley Regional Group. Co-ordinating a state-wide effort through the Victoria Branch provides a tangible use of group funds. As we've seen with our first Foundation scholarship recipient, Jordan Eitler, having the recipient present at our events, gives our members a chance to see firsthand, the benefits of donating to the OAA Foundation.

Through the generous donation of the family of the late Jack Joel OAM, we have offered a scholarship through the OAA Foundation 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.

My best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Diane James AM
Chairman



CENTRAL HIGHLANDS YARRIAMBIAK SHIRE COUNCIL

At a Civic Reception held at the Yarriambiack Shire Offices on Tuesday 17th October, 2017 the Inaugural Order of Australia Association Central Highlands Regional Group School Citizenship Awards was held. Cr Jean Wise, OAM, Chair of the Central Highlands Regional Group, Deputy Mayor Helen Ballentine and Cr Corinne Heintz had the pleasure of presenting the Awards to Teneille Nitschke, Isaac McPherson and Chelsea Michael who were the first recipients in the Yarriambiack Shire to receive these awards at what will be an Annual event.

NORTH EAST VICTORIA AND GOULBURN VALLEY

Seventy three members and guests enjoyed a beautiful lunch on Sunday August 20th at the historic Euroa Butter Factory. The building dates from 1901 and was a butter and ice factory before becoming a function centre.

Guest speaker was Prof Jim Bishop AO [pictured], who was appointed inaugural Executive Director of the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) in 2011. Following the establishment of the VCCC and with funding secured for the next 4 years, he stepped down from these roles in December 2016. Jim, who has had a vast experience in medicine, spoke about this new facility which is the first Comprehensive Cancer Centre in Australia. The Centre has partnerships with 7 major hospitals, 2 leading medical research institutes and Australia's top research university.

It employs around 1400 cancer researchers and brings cancer research and cancer services together.





Mike Brady AM in full cry!

SOUTH CENTRAL SUBURBAN REGIONAL GROUP UP THERE CAZALY!!

The very prestigious Sandringham Club was the venue for last year's end-of year Dinner held in November

Seventy-five members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal and great fellowship.

We were pleased to welcome the Bayside City Council Mayor Cr Laurie Evans and several Councillors among our guests.

The night concluded with a rousing rendi-

tion of 'Advance Australia Fair'

Our guest speaker was one of Australia's musical legends, Mike Brady AM, who gave a moving and amusing address covering his early childhood and coming to Australia as a ten pound Pom and then his musical career covering 50 years!

In 2013 Mike was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for "significant service to the community, and to music as

a composer and performer". In 2017 he was named Victorian of the Year by the Victoria Day Council.

This was a wonderful event to wind up the year as Mike entertained us with many well-known songs and dozens of advertising jingles he has composed. And of course the evening was not complete without the audience joining him in singing his most famous song, that fabulous football war-cry "Up There Cazaly".



Chair Beth Delzoppo OAM, Prof. Hilton AO

GIPPSLAND

The fourth annual Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet address held on October 18th, was the highlight of our year. Held at the Premiere Reception Centre in Traralgon and with one hundred and forty guests in attendance, the evening celebrated achievements of Sir Frank, who was born in Traralgon and fostered his early interest in science in the countryside around the town.

Guest speaker, Professor Doug Hilton AO, C.E.O. of Walter and Eliza Hall Institute spoke on the topic of "From Bench to Bedside". In his talk he illustrated the practical applications of his work at the Institute, which can be used to prevent, diagnose and treat blood cell diseases such as leukemia, arthritis and asthma. His easy style and ability to communicate with lay people made the evening very enjoyable to all and his generosity in answering many questions, particularly those of the University students who attended, was greatly appreciated.



SOUTH WEST VICTORIA UNVEILING OF AE2 PLAQUE AT DUNKELD

The AE2, Australian submarine at Gallipoli penetrated the Dardanelles on Anzac Day but was scuttled five days later. Michael Williams a Victorian sailor on the submarine was captured by the Turks and sent to Belemelik labour camp to work on the Berlin to Bagdad railway. Michael Williams died of diseases prevalent at the time in 1916 and was buried in an unknown grave.

He was the only Australian from the AE2 crew who died in Turkey. Two bronze plaques were sculpted in memory of Michael Williams: one to be erected in Dunkeld where he was born and the other in Belemelik where he died.

The unveiling ceremony at Dunkeld took place on 22 October with the attendance of Minister for Veterans' Affairs and a large group of descendants, locals and members of Order of Australia Association-SW Victoria Group.

The plaque was sculpted by Dr Ross Bastiaan AM RFD and sponsored by well-known Dunkeld identity Mr Allan Myers AC QC. The event was organised by the Friends of Gallipoli Inc., a not-for profit organisation. The plaque commemorates Michael's memory and all the fallen from both sides.



LODDON- CAMPASPE

Members of the Loddon- Campaspe Regional Group have been offered a varied program of events organised by their Committee over the last 12 months.

These included attendance at the newly opened Ulumbarra Theatre to attend the Dame Kiri Te Kanawa recital followed by a reception where she addressed the attendees. This was one of her last shows before retiring.

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Mallee: Vernon Knight AM
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Mornington Peninsula: Brian Stahl OAM JP
NE & Goulburn Valley: Barbara Thomas OAM
North Central Suburbs: Fred Harrington OAM
South Central Suburbs: Ross Newton OAM
SW Victoria: TBA
Western Suburbs: John Ravenhall AM

PEACE@GALLIPOLI

Former Prime Minister Hon. Julia Gillard AC, Mr Mehmet Kucuksakalli the Turkish Consul-General and Dr Robert Webster OAM, President of RSL-Victoria were the guests of honour at a ceremony to mark the end of the war at Gallipoli, between the ANZACs and the Turks.

The guns fell silent in the ANZAC Sector at Gallipoli in the early hours of the 20th of December 1915. The 102nd anniversary of this important event was commemorated at the Shrine of Remembrance with a ceremony. There were several members of the Victoria State Branch Committee of the Order of Australia Association present at the Shrine. Mrs Christine Unsworth AM, Dr Michael Kennedy OAM and Fred Harrington OAM of the Committee of laid a wreath on behalf of the organisation [pictured].

The Friends of Gallipoli Inc. [FOGI], a not-for profit organisation co-ordinated this 6th annual ceremony at the Shrine of the Remembrance, to commemorate the start of peace at Gallipoli and the end of hostilities between ANZACs and the Turks.

The Chairman of FOGI and the Deputy Chairman of the Victoria State Branch Committee, Dr John Basarin OAM, said that "Remembering the conclusion of hostilities and silencing of the guns at Gallipoli between ANZACs and the Turks delivers a strong message of peace today. As Ataturk declared in 1934 "... Johnnies and Mehments are now lying in the bosom of a friendly country and are in peace..."



Former P.M. Hon Julia Gillard AC with East Loddon S.C. students who are going to Gallipoli next Anzac Day, at the Shrine of Remembrance.



RECOGNITION FOR BARWON REGIONAL GROUP FOUNDERS



January 1992 Chairman of the Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch Geoff Stevens OAM and Past Chairman Ian Vassie AM approached Geoff Neilson AM to organise an interim committee of the Order in Geelong region. Ian Vassie

knew Geoff, a past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Geoff also had an impressive record in charitable, educational and health services.

In April 1992 a planning meeting was held, Geoff Neilson AM [pictured] was provisional Chairman, John McClelland AM and the Very Rev. G.A. (Pat) Wood also attended and John Robb AM consented to be Treasurer.

Agreed:-

- Invite Sir Zelman and Lady Cowen as chief guests and Sir Zelman to propose the Toast to the Order at the inaugural meeting dinner at Rosnashane.
- Awardees on the Bellarine Peninsula, west to Colac and north to Lara were invited
- Agreed name - Barwon Regional Group.

Sixty-four members and guests, including fourteen from the Victoria Branch

Committee attended the inaugural meeting dinner on May 12, 1992. A photo of Sir Zelman planting a tree at the entrance of Rosnashane appeared in the Geelong Advertiser with a report on the purpose of the visit.

Twenty five years on, in 2017 two of the four founding members are alive; Geoff Neilson AM and John Robb AM. The OAA Barwon Regional Group Committee agreed to recognise the founders and present them with an Order of Australia Association thank you plaque.

Barwon Regional Group committee member Barbara Abley AM presented John Robb's plaque privately to his wife Margot early December and Chair Peter Doak OAM presented Geoff Neilson with his plaque at the Anam Cara House Geelong and Chesterfield 'Christmas thank you' drinks on December 14. Peter was honoured to have this opportunity; Geoff Neilson was his first employer. Also in attendance, Anam Cara House Patron Frank Costa AO and Ambassador Helene Bender OAM.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Wishing all a happy, healthy and fruitful 2018. No doubt at all that members of the Order of Australia will continue to serve Australia and its people according to the skills they can offer, and for which they have been recognised by their peers' recommendations.

My time as Chairman of the Western Australian Branch of the Association will end in February at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch. As per the rules I will continue on the WA Committee for a year. Several other of our committee members will complete their terms with the committee of the Branch at that time. I know that efforts are being made to keep them on *de facto* for the important contributions they have made.

It is my opportunity to place on record in The Order my appreciation of every member of the WA Branch Committee with whom I have worked in my term as Chairman. Never before have I had such fortune as to work with a committee every member of which both contributed in a material manner to the work of the organisation and individually carried out without exception and with total reliability everything they undertook to do as a committee member. If a Branch Committee could be honoured, this one should be!

Which brings me to aspects of service by our Branch. Led by Michael Bleus, OAM, the Police mentoring programme at the Western Australian Police Academy has continued, with new Branch volunteers to mentor the Police recruits as required. This work has been fully supported by the WA Police Commissioner over a long period, and there is every indication it is of value to the police service. Led by Emeritus Professor Odwyn Jones, AO, the careers guidance programme

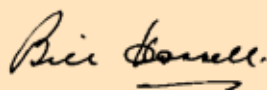
for young people has reached maturity. Through the persistence of Odwyn, ably and generously supported by Ian Williams, AO it has been integrated with educational, vocational and industry programmes as an on-line educational facility, so that our programme originally designed for young folks in areas of high youth unemployment is now available State-wide.

Another aspect of our service is what we provide our membership by way of friendship and fellowship. Mark Bonser AO, CSC led with arrangements for another very successful Christmas event at RAAFA in Bull Creek, again in combination with the Royal Commonwealth Society a group of whose members attended with us. Bettine Heathcote, AM, has now firmly established the "Let's talk about ..." series of events which in October was to talk about art with a visit to the important art collection of Wesfarmers Ltd in the HQ of the Company with stunning views over the Swan River as background to an historic collection.

Plans for 2018 are well in hand: our AGM in February will again be conducted riverside in Nedlands with a Brunch, and we are planning our reception for those honoured in the Australia Day list.

A word about our involvement in the national organisation. Its many activities have underlined the need, agreed generally, that we should separate the work of the Branch Chairman from that of the national Director from Western Australia. That will be done in 2018.

Finally, a special word of appreciation for our Patron, HE Kerry Sanderson, AC Governor of Western Australia. She is always most supportive of the Branch and its activities and very generous with allowing the Branch access to Government House whenever it is requested.



Bill Hassell AM JP
Branch Chairman, Western Australia

UPCOMING EVENTS

WA Branch Annual AGM:

10.00 am, Sunday 25th of February 2018 at Nedlands Rugby Club Premises, south end of Broadway, Nedlands.

LET'S TALK ABOUT

Plans are under way for year 2018 "Let's talk about" functions and the following are currently being considered:

March

"Let's talk about making money" – a visit to the Mint followed by a coffee at a local restaurant.

May

"Let's talk about crime" – a visit to the Police Academy in Joondalup followed by afternoon tea hosted by the Academy

September

"Let's talk about wildflowers" – a guided wildflower walk in Kings Park followed by afternoon tea in the restaurant.

Also under consideration is a visit to Fremantle Prison.

Future editions of "The Order" will have detailed information about each of these functions".

OAAWA Reception for Australia Day Recipients of Awards in the Order of Australia April 2018

Date and venue to be confirmed.

THE POLICE PATRON SCHEME CONTINUES TO GROW

Michael Bleus OAM

It is pleasing to see a number of new awardees have made enquiries about the Police Patron Scheme and have put their names forward to be a future Patron

Currently there are 4 squads training with 2 squads graduating on 4th January at the Joondalup Academy.

A single squad intake is planned for February 2018 with further squads to be announced.

The new Police Commissioner Chris Dawson is an avid supporter of the Police Patron scheme. At the annual Patron luncheon he was very pleased with the strong bonds that exist between the Academy and the WA Branch of the Association. He expressed

the wish that he wanted to see this relationship continue into the foreseeable future.

Chris Dawson was the Superintendent of the old Maylands Police Academy. He was given the task of gathering information to modernize the Police Academy. He went to the following countries, USA, Britain, France and Germany to look at their police training facilities.

Based on his report and recommendations the Joondalup Police Academy was built. He became the first Superintendent until a permanent head was appointed. Chris was then seconded to Canberra. Police Academies in other mainland states have been built on the same principles. The Joondalup Academy has trained police officers from a number of countries in the Asian region.

Enjoying Fellowship at the Great Southern Branch Christmas Function at Albany.



Michael Bleus OAM, June Hodgson OAM, Norma Beer OAM, Ken Pech AM

Formal Dinner Meeting following the service at St John's Church Albany



Barry Savage OAM, Secretary Jan Savage OAM, Great Southern Chairman Ken Pech AM, Judith Pech, WA Branch Chairman Bill Hassell AM, Sue Hassell.

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
Helen Smith OAM
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Great Southern Region

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As we head into 2018 we have an exciting year ahead with the upcoming National Conference from May 3rd to 6th. Hosted at the Adelaide Convention Centre this is our big chance to participate with other members and partners from around our great country. Di and I have made some

wonderful friends at previous conferences and those friendships go well beyond the Order of Australia Association activities. The National Conference will never be closer than it is going to be this year. Information in other parts of this copy of 'The Order' provides details of the Conference and a registration form for completion. I would encourage each of you as South Australian Branch members, if you have not registered, to do so.

During the year we will be continuing our Investiture Receptions for new recipients and plan further Luncheons where we will be taking the opportunity to 'listen to our members'. This involves

an invitation to one of our members to share their experiences through life and what led to their Award.

I take this opportunity to congratulate those persons who have been recognized in the 2018 Australia Day Honours Awards. Your outstanding service and achievements have been recognised. As a new recipient you will be invited to a reception where we can recognise and celebrate your award with family, guests and our members. You will also be invited to join this Association and participate in a number of activities, most of which are State based.

As I write this I am conscious that we are to hold our AGM and elections for Chairman on February 17th. I hope I have the opportunity to lead the Branch Committee and represent the South Australian members in the year ahead.

May 2018 be everything that you want it to be.

Best wishes to you all.

**Ken Coventry OAM, JP.
FLGMA [Ret], Dip.LG.
Branch Chairman**

2017 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARDEE CLAIRE DONOVAN OAM

Claire Donovan OAM of Glengowrie has given a lifetime of service to animals and children and this love put her on the path to being awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List last year for service to the blind or vision impaired and for her service to youth.

Claire has loved dogs since she was a child living in the small country town of Lamerloo, South Australia. She began volunteering for Guide Dogs SA/NT after the death fifteen years ago of her beloved Australian terrier. Since then, Claire has raised or fostered 80 Guide Dogs. 'Ebony' was the last one. But 9 year-old 'Hero', whose family are often overseas on holidays, stays with Claire at those times. Claire has kept a photo of every Guide Dog that has been in her care. Her family jokes "You've got more photos of your dogs than you have of your family".

Claire was also involved in creating 'Buddy's Garden' a memorial garden for dogs who have passed away. The ashes of her first dog 'Panda' are buried in this special site at Guide Dogs Headquarters in Morphett Street.

84 year-old Claire has also been a member of Girl Guides South Australia for over 40 years. She was a Brownie Guide leader for over 20 years, initially at Glenelg and then opened up a new unit at Glengowrie and was instrumental in opening up other units at Henley Beach, Semaphore and Osborne.

Claire continues her service to Girl Guides and has been a member of the BlueG's Trefoil Guild for 17 years, undertaking service projects for the community, and in particular assisting local girl guides to attend camps by part-funding their camp fees. As a member of the backstage crew of the Scout Association's Gang Show, she also has sewn hundreds of costumes in the wardrobe department.



In 2012 Claire was a nominee for the Pride of Australia Medal and was delighted to be 'runner up'. Claire is honoured and humbled to be given an award for doing what she just loves.

(Source: Roxanne Wilson, 'The Advertiser', 12 June 2017)

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The annual schools and colleges project of the South Australian Branch Committee, the Student Citizenship Awards [SCA] project, finished on another very successful note last year. In 2017 42 schools, more than in previous years, successfully nominated students for this award. With some campuses nominating two students, presentations of certificates were made to 57 students across the State, also more this year than in past years.

A panel of members, as adjudicators, selected eleven finalists from all 57 nominations who would receive their SCA certificates and an official plaque from the Governor of South Australia at Government House. Ellie Jones of Keith Area School was announced as the Order of Australia Association SA Branch 2017 Student Citizen of the Year. Members located geographically closer to schools or colleges of the other 'highly commended' nominees presented these students with their certificates at the student's school or college. Over 50 members of the Association, located in urban, rural and remote areas, volunteered to give their time to the network of school or college presenters of the Student Citizenship Awards.

Association members who volunteer to participate in the network of those conducting school presentations of the Student Citizenship Awards certificates assist in raising the profile of The Order of Australia Association by gathering and interacting with other local government representatives, Members of Parliament, and parent, service and armed services groups. By presenting certificates to Year 11s or 12s during Term 4 at whole school assemblies with guests, these members take the opportunity to talk about the Association and the honours systems to youth, diverse groups and communities across the State. The network of school or college presenters was officially thanked for their valued role in the Association by the Chairman Ken Coventry OAM and the project's Convenor Pamela Rajkowski OAM at the S.A. Association's Christmas Morning Tea on 6 December. Any members across South Australia who are interested in acknowledging the exemplary community service of our youth by being an OAA presenter of a SCA certificate in schools or colleges are most welcome to e-mail the Branch Secretary, robertclyne53@gmail.com or write to The Order of Australia Association, SA Branch, PO Box 1065, Clearview SA 5085.

(All photos in the SA section of this issue of 'The Order' courtesy of Jan Forrest OAM.)



South Australia's eleven student finalists of the SA Student Citizenship Awards received their SCA certificates and plaques from the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, at Government House in October, 2017.



Left to right: Val Baldwin OAM and Judy van Loenen OAM, two members who are dedicated volunteer presenters of Student Citizenship Awards certificates in schools and colleges across metropolitan Adelaide.



2017 Convenor of the South Australian Student Citizenship Awards Project Pamela Rajkowski OAM enjoying fellowship with Reverend Bob Macintosh OAM.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH 2018 AND BEYOND

There are several projects/activities that the Branch runs which place a heavy burden on the individual Committee member who has responsibility for that portfolio, in particular Student Citizenship Awards, Functions and Events.

The Committee invites any member who might be interested in participation on a subcommittee to contact the SA Branch Secretary Rob Clyne OAM, email: robertclyne53@gmail.com or by post – The Secretary, Order of Australia Association SA Branch, PO Box 1065, Clearview SA 5085.

In participating you will gain an appreciation of the work and activities of the Branch and Association and, we trust, a satisfaction by your contribution. You will also enhance the work of the Branch Committee and share the load. Furthermore, your contribution will be valued and appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Cedric Wells OAM

Laurie Walter Fox OAM

Robert John Coulthard AM

Victor Prosser AM

John Dyer OAM

Reuben John Myhill OAM

Devin Dominic Fisher OAM



SOCIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2018

This year's OAA SA Branch's social events program concluded with a very well supported Christmas Morning Tea held on Wednesday, 6 December, at the spacious, popular Fullarton Community Centre in suburban Adelaide. The function commenced at 10.00am. Seating arrangements were conducive to the many members, partners and guests who attended catching up with acquaintances, making new ones and sharing in fellowship and conviviality. The occasion was made more festive by the performance of musical items and a Christmas song from the Year 8 students of the Music Department of Brighton Secondary School. A delicious Christmas Morning Tea, courtesy of Vili's, added to the pleasure of the event.



Sharing in the celebrations of the Christmas Morning Tea from left to right: Dr Donald Worley OAM, Ailee Wilson and Fred Wilson OAM.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, MONDAY, 11 JUNE, 2018

Members, partners and guests are invited to the Queen's Birthday Luncheon on Monday, 11 June 2018. The venue is the spacious dining room, with its adjacent beautiful gardens and grounds, at *Damien's on Fisher Restaurant*, at the Living Choice Complex, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton. There is free and ample parking in the street. Large medals are encouraged. The cost is \$60.00 per person. Please respond by completing and returning Reply Slip No. 1 by Monday, 4 June, 2018.

WHICH MEDAL DO I WEAR AND WHEN?

I have been asked at several functions of late about which Medal to wear and when?

The normal protocol is: Medals can be worn on all appropriate occasions. Examples might be - Anzac Day Service, Remembrance Day Service, a funeral of an honour recipient colleague - and other occasions where the Branch Committee has given notice that medals are encouraged.

Neck Decorations are worn on all occasions - day or night. Large medals are worn to daytime functions.

Small medals - referred to as Miniatures - are worn to evening functions. The policy of the SA Branch suggests that any function commencing after 6pm is a function to which miniature medals can be worn.

The small pin can be worn at any time but it is not to be worn when wearing one of the above medals.

The Branch Committee has a policy of advising on the Reply Form Sheet as to which medal can be worn to a particular function if medals are encouraged at that event.

Ken Coventry OAM, JP.
Chairman, South Australia Branch.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OFFICE-HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patron

His Excellency the Honourable
Hieu Van Le AC,
Governor of South Australia;

Chairman (and Regional Co-ordinator)

Mr Ken Coventry OAM;

Secretary

Mr Rob Clyne OAM;
e-mail: robertclyne53@gmail.com

Treasurer and Deputy Chairman

Mr Anthony Metcalf OAM;

Branch Membership Officer

Ms Jan Forrest OAM

Committee Members

Professor Alan Johnson AM

Ms Jenny Macintosh OAM

Ms Pamela Rajkowski OAM

Mr Don Sarah AM

Dr Joe Verco AM

Mr Francis Wong OAM

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEES

The inaugural Fellowship Lunch was held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club, 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide, on Thursday 31 August 2017, followed by another successful lunch in November. These very pleasant occasions provide an opportunity for members and friends to meet with others and share stories and experiences as well as to foster fellowship and support for the Order of Australia Association, South Australian Branch.

During this current year (2018) it is planned that the lunches will be held on the last Thursday of every second month. Please make a diary note of the 2018 dates - 12 noon for 12.30 pm, 22 February, 26 April, 28 June, 30 August and 25 October, at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at the above address. For further information and to RSVP to any of the above, please contact Joyce tel. 8379 2869 or Flavia mob. 0438 873 021. A dress code (neat business attire, jacket preferred) is applicable at the Club. Some parking may also be available in the Club's car park.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Second Annual General Meeting of The Order of Australia Association Limited will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre North Terrace Adelaide, South Australia on Friday 4 May 2018 at 9.00AM.

AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Apologies.
3. Proxies.
4. To confirm the Minutes of 31st Annual General Meeting held in Brisbane on 22 April 2017.
5. To receive the Report by National Chairman (which is included with the Financial Report).
6. To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report and the Financial Report including the Auditor's Report for The Order of Australia Association Limited for the period ended 31 December 2017.
(The report will also be made available on the Association's website 21 days prior to the AGM. Members requiring a hard copy should write to the National Office and enclose a stamped self addressed C4 envelope.)
7. To note the Directors' Report and the Financial Report including the Auditor's Report for The Order of Australia Association Foundation and The Order of Australia Foundation Limited for the period ended 31 December 2017 (tabled at the meeting).
8. Results of the election of National Office Bearers.
9. Special Resolutions – To consider and approve amendments to the Constitution:
Motion 1. That this annual meeting of the Association decides to substitute National Membership Director for National Membership Secretary wherever occurring in the Constitution (Clauses 4,6,14,20 and 22) and to amend Clause 14(d)(i) of the Constitution, as detailed.
Motion 2. That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 20 (b) of the Constitution, as detailed.
Motion 3. That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 22(b) of the Constitution, as detailed.
Motion 4. That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 27(c) of the Constitution, as detailed.
Motion 5. That this annual meeting of the Association decides to delete Clause 14 (g)(iv) of the Constitution, as detailed.
Motion 6. That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 14(h)(i) of the Constitution, as detailed.
{Full details and the specific wording of the Special Resolutions are contained in The Order edition 50 Summer 2018}

By Order of the Board

Philip Morrall AM, CSC
National Secretary
15 January 2018



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

We invite you to join us in Adelaide for the 32nd National Conference of the Order of Australia Association, *Challenges and Opportunities through Life: Youth to Ageing*.

Please see the registration brochure in this edition of *The Order* for timings and other information, and deal directly with the RAA for pre and post conference tours.

- Meet old friends
- Make new friends and acquaintances
- Network
- Listen to excellent informative speakers
- Organised by quality facilitators
- Adelaide Convention Centre is an excellent venue with a magnificent view across the River Torrens to the famous Adelaide Oval
- Many hotels, at a range of prices, are next door or across the road
- All venues and walking tours are on flat land in short walking distance
- The registration fee has been kept low
- There are ideas and opportunities for the entertainment of partners and guests
- The RAA offers a range of tours to such iconic places as Clare Valley, McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley wine areas, Kangaroo Island, Flinders Ranges
- Be introduced by friendly Adelaide Greeters to Adelaide's CBD which is a leisurely walk from the conference venue, picturesque, diverse and exciting
- Hear how the National Board has responded positively to input from attendees at the last National AGM
- Have your say at the National Members Forum
- Enjoy the black tie gala dinner on Saturday night
- Enjoy the Lord Mayor's Town Hall Reception (but be quick, tickets are restricted to first come, first allocated)
- Attend the wreath laying ceremony at the State War Memorial on Sunday morning
- Discover and stroll along the nearby, exciting new Anzac Centenary Walk
- Within walking distance of the Adelaide Convention Centre are the internationally recognised, award winning buildings of the "Bio-Health Precinct", which includes the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.
- And for those of you in South Australia, the OAA conference will never be closer.

Queries can be addressed to:

Tony Metcalf OAM metcalf1942@optusnet.com.au or
Professor Alan Johnson AM info@rmsinternational.com

NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

AGM Registration and Voting

The AGM to be held in Adelaide on 4 May 2018 will have a rather large and somewhat complex Agenda. Several Constitutional amendments will be presented for consideration and approval. In accordance with our Constitution an affirmative vote by 75% of those members (including proxies) attending is required for the motions to be carried.

Association members attending the National AGM will be required to register at the door, so please allow sufficient time prior to 9-00am to complete this administration. The process will include:

- Certification of current Association financial membership and the signing of the attendance register.
- Issuing of voting slip.

The votes will be tallied after the AGM and results advised during the Members' Forum.

Call for 'topics' for Members' Forum

Suggestions for discussion at the Members' Forum may be forwarded to the National Secretary (preferably by email) no later than 4 April 2018.

oaasecretariat@ozemail.com.au

Questions may be asked from the floor without prior advice.

Phil Morrall AM, CSC
National Secretary

STOP PRESS

The Stamford Plaza Hotel Offer

The Stamford Plaza Hotel, North Terrace Adelaide has advised that National Conference delegates and their guests can avail themselves of an offer:

Premier City Room - \$160.00 per room, per night, room only.

Booking Code: ORD 020518 Phone: 08 8461 1111

Email: reservations@spa.stamford.com.au

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4 MAY 2018

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONSTITUTION PRESENTED FOR
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL:**

Motion (1) Explanatory Note

The Board comprises 13 Directors – a five member Executive and eight Directors appointed from six States and two Territories. Motion (1) below provides that the eight Branch nominated Directors of the Board, who collectively represent the membership as a whole, should be responsible for deciding who should be elected to the five positions of the Executive of the Association. The Motion also proposes that the position of National Membership Secretary should be called National Membership Director to avoid confusion with the role of the National Secretary.

MOTION (1)

That this annual meeting of the Association decides to substitute National Membership Director for National Membership Secretary wherever occurring in the Constitution (Clauses 4,6,14,20 and 22) and to amend Clause 14(d)(i) of the Constitution as follows:

Non Branch Nominated Directors. (i) At the Board meeting prior to the annual general meeting, the eight nominated Directors will elect from the Members of the Association a National Chairman, a Deputy National Chairman, a National Secretary, a National Treasurer and a National Membership Director. The office bearers referred to in this subclause will hold office from the commencement of the day immediately following the annual general meeting next following their election and will be eligible for re-election.

[Current text.

Clause 14(d)(i). The Board will, at its meeting prior to the annual general meeting, elect from the members a Chairman, a Deputy National Chairman, a National Secretary, a National Treasurer and a National Membership Secretary. The office bearers referred to in this subclause will hold office from the commencement of the day immediately following the annual general meeting next following their election and will be eligible for re-election.]

Motion (2) Explanatory Note

The present provision for appointment of a proxy in Clause 20(b) is too restrictive and the proposed change will be of particular benefit to smaller Branches.

MOTION (2)

That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 20 (b) of the Constitution as follows:

A Director nominated by a Branch Committee may appoint a Member of that Branch to be a proxy in his or her place and may, without any consent, remove that proxy. If it is impracticable for a proxy from the same Branch to be appointed, the Director may appoint another Director as proxy to exercise a vote on his/her behalf as directed by that Director.

[Current text.

A Director nominated to office by a Branch Committee may appoint a Member of that Branch to be a proxy in his place and may, without any consent, remove that proxy.]

Motion (3) Explanatory Note

This Motion limits the power of the Executive and, in particular, removes the provision that the Executive may exercise all the powers and carry out all the duties and functions of the Board.

MOTION (3)

That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 22(b) of the Constitution as follows:

The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as it shall determine. The Executive Committee may exercise such powers and carry out such duties and functions as are directed by the Board. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three persons.

[Current text.

The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as it shall determine. The Executive Committee may exercise all the powers and carry out all the duties and functions of the Board between meetings of the Board and when it does, the provisions of the clauses applicable to the Board shall apply to it, *mutatis mutandis*. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three persons.]

Motion (4) Explanatory Note

This Motion makes it clear that the Chairman does not have a casting vote in respect of the election of the Executive.



MOTION (4)

That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 27(c) of the Constitution as follows:

In the case of an equality of votes at a meeting of the Board (except in respect of the election of the Executive) the Chairman has a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

[Current text.

(c) In case of an equality of votes at a meeting of the Board, the Chairman has a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.]

Motion (5) Explanatory Note

The Board believes the current provision in Clause 14(g)(iv) is unnecessary.

MOTION (5)

That this annual meeting of the Association decides to delete Clause 14 (g)(iv) of the Constitution.

[Current text.

(iv) The rulings of the National Chairman of a meeting of the Board on all matters relating to the order of business, procedure and conduct of the meeting shall be final and no motion of dissent from such rulings shall be accepted.]

Motion (6) Explanatory Note

This motion clarifies Clause 14(h)(i) by providing, that in the case of a Director who is an office bearer, the office becomes vacant as at the date of a new election.

MOTION (6)

That this annual meeting of the Association decides to amend Clause 14(h)(i) of the Constitution as follows:

The term of a Director commences: (i) In case of a Director who is an office bearer, from the earlier of the commencement of the day immediately following the annual general meeting next following his or her election to that office and the date that office becomes vacant (but not earlier than the date of his or her election to that Office). An office becomes vacant as at the date of election in the event the Board decides to call a new election;

[Current text.

14(h)(i) In case of a Director who is an office bearer, from the earlier of the completion of the Annual General Meeting next following his election to that office and the date that office becomes vacant (but not earlier than the date of his election to that Office);]

AN UPDATE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – WEBSITE & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM & POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Continuing the theme of National news in this edition, the following is a summary of administrative matters the Board has or is about to consider as it reviews our Association activities.

A Revised National Website

Our new website will have been commissioned by the time you read this. The address remains unchanged:
www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au

The website has been re-designed and refreshed in both its look and structure and the new features include:

- A merchandise shopping cart is available with a capacity to pay directly with your credit card.
- An ability for editing by a Branch Webmaster of their Branch pages.
- The current National Webmaster facility will continue for those Branches not choosing to do their own editing.
- The consolidation of forms and links to wider sources of information about both our Association and the Order of Australia and Honours System.

Feedback is sought through Branch Committees and Directors or to the Secretariat at oaasecretariat@ozemail.com.au.

The Integration of an Administrative Support System for Directors

The Board's intention is to conduct and retain Association administration in one place – the website server – using a common set of files and folders, with all official Board emails being retained on the server.

The intention is that any current or new Director can call upon a consolidated history of views, activity and decisions.

Phase 1 will be for the Board and National Office – hopefully from February 2018.

Subject to the success of Phase 1, expansion to Branch Executives and perhaps Branch Committee activity.

Then perhaps Phase 3, expanding to Regional Group activity.

Director Position Descriptions

Further in the magazine you will see reference to a call for nominations for Non-Branch Directors accompanied by Position Descriptions. This is another facet of administration that has been resolved and approved in the last few weeks.

Phil Morrall AM, CSC
National Secretary



**Order of Australia Association
32nd National Conference**

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

Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th 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.

An administration charge of \$30 will be made to any participant cancelling on or before 3rd April 2018. After 3rd 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 _____

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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

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.

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.

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

THURSDAY 3rd MAY Adelaide Convention Centre, West Building

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

FRIDAY 4th MAY Adelaide Convention Centre, West Building

8.00am to 4.00pm Registration/Information Desk open			
9.00am Annual General Meeting of the Association	Member	Guest	
10.00am Morning Tea	Member	Guest	
10.30am Members Forum	Member	Guest	
1.00pm Buffet Lunch	Member	Guest	
2.00pm Panel Presentation <i>Challenges and Opportunities for future Australia</i>	Member	Guest	
4.00pm Free time			
5.00pm to 6.00pm Lord Mayor's Reception - by invitation only Adelaide Town Hall, King William St, City - (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 5th MAY Adelaide Convention Centre, West Building

8.00am to 4.00pm Registration/Information Desk open			
9.00am to 12.00pm Partners and Guests Guided Tour- Riverbank and North Terrace		Guest	
9.30am Special Topics <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 Special Topics (continued) <i>Opportunities in Ageing; Summary and Overview</i>	Member	Guest	
12.00pm Buffet Lunch	Member	Guest	
1.00pm National Awards other than Orders of Australia	Member	Guest	
2.30pm Student and Youth Voices	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 6th MAY

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

TOTAL: FULL REGISTRATION COSTS \$



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As New South Wales Branch Chairman, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a very successful and healthy 2018.

It has been a very busy time over the past few months. On 6th October I travelled to Dubbo for their Annual Dubbo Regional Luncheon. Also joining me at the luncheon was Branch Secretary Carolyn Lyons OAM and Regional Coordinator Garth Doyle OAM. This was Regional Convenor Ruby Riach's last year as Convenor, a position she has held with distinction for a great number of years. With over 70 people attending, the luncheon was a huge success.

Our Annual Morning Tea was held on 26th October at the NSW Parliament House with Guest Speaker Detective Superintendent Michael Willing APM, Commander NSW Police Homicide Squad. It was a most captivating talk outlining some of New South Wales most infamous murders and major crimes. Since giving his talk, Michael has been promoted to Assistant Commissioner Police in charge of Terrorism, a subject he briefly touched upon.

On 3rd November, National Chairman Barry Nunn met with a number of our Branch Committee members for a brief introduction and discussion of matters of mutual concern. The discussion was very informative and warmly welcomed by all present.

On 12th November our Annual MultiFaith Service was held at the historic St James Anglican Church in Sydney. St James is Sydney's oldest church. We thank the Reverend Andrew

Sempell, Rector of St James and the other distinguished guests present, including the Reverend Graham Long AM CEO and Pastor of the Wayside Chapel.

The 17th November saw a group of some 50 of our members and guests travel to Canberra for a visit to the Australian War Memorial. It was a very memorable and emotional day which included a talk and guided tour by Memorial Director Dr Brendan Nelson AO and Memorial staff. Lunch was at the famed Poppy's Restaurant. During The Last Post Ceremony, Deputy Chairman Peter Falk OAM and myself had the honour of laying a wreath at the Pool of Reflection. I would also like to thank ACT Chairman Bruce Trewartha OAM and his guests for joining us on the day.

The 6th December saw our Annual Pre-Christmas Smorgasbord held at Club York (formally the Bowler's Club). It was a most enjoyable luncheon with plenty to eat and drink and convivial company.

On 12th November, I had the pleasure of attending the New South Wales Governor's Christmas Reception and Carol Singing at Government House. It was a very pleasant evening with enjoyable company overlooking Sydney Harbour as the sun set.

Please check The Order Magazine or our website for upcoming events, as we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout the year.

John Archer OAM
Chairman
New South Wales



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Association Brooches	\$17.00

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Car Stickers (57mm x 78mm)	\$ 6.00

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NSW BRANCH MAKES A VISIT TO AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL



On the 17th November 2017 the NSW Branch arranged for 50 people to visit the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. Everybody who attended including several members of the ACT Branch, were very honoured to be part of such an occasion.

The visit began with an address from the War Memorial Director Dr. Brendan Nelson AO who spoke for nearly an hour to our group the whole of which was in awe of his understanding and knowledge of the history of the War Memorial. The group was then split into two with the first half enjoying a private tour for little more than an hour while the remaining half enjoyed lunch at the conclusion of which the situation was reversed enabling the second half of the group to proceed with their tour.

This was followed by some free time to move around the War Memorial after which our group gathered together for the Last Post Ceremony which was very impressive and everyone found it to be profoundly moving. It was indeed a great honour for the NSW Branch Chairman Mr. John Archer OAM and Deputy Chairman Mr. Peter Falk OAM to lay a wreath on behalf of the NSW Branch of the Order of Australia Association.

Out of the funds collected on the day the Branch was able to give a generous donation towards the Australian War Memorial.

Peter R A Falk OAM

DUBBO REGIONAL GROUP ANNUAL LUNCHEON

On 7th October 2017 family and friends of the region's new recipients of Australian Awards met to enjoy fellowship and acknowledge the 2017 awardees. The Annual Luncheon was held at the Dubbo RSL Memorial Club and the introductory musical entertainment was provided by the Director, staff and students from Dubbo's Macquarie Conservatorium.

It was a pleasure to welcome visitors from Sydney and to thank them for coming west, namely Mr. John Archer OAM, Chairman

of the NSW Branch of the Association and Mr. Garth Doyle OAM, the co-ordinator of Regional Groups.

The Special Guest, Michelle Leonard OAM, founder and Director Mooramilla Voices presented an entertaining and informative outline of the growth of the impressive programme she has developed to support the education of children from the west of New South Wales. Michelle spends time in the west to organize and teach children for performances where

they work with professionals and extend their experience. She will be remembered for her dedication to the needs of children and for the memorable delivery of an address which captured the attention of all.

The Dubbo Group is pleased to publically acknowledge the generous support given each year to the Annual Luncheon by the Dubbo RSL Memorial Club.

Ruby Riach

NEW VENUE FOR NSW BRANCH PRE- CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The function having been held in Chinatown for several years the Branch decided that it was time for change and so selected the York Function Centre in the Sydney CBD as the venue for its 2017 Pre-Christmas Luncheon organized for its members and their guests who, on the day delighted in meeting up with old friends during a meet and greet session prior to lunch.

The luncheon was in the form of a smorgasbord and the vast array of food available was just superb and following a generous serving of prawns the group marvelled at the selection of main courses on offer and the array of deserts just had to be seen to be believed. It was quite noticeable of the number of people who managed to make it back to the sweets table for seconds.

All too soon the function came to an end but it was obvious that everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves mixing with friends old and new and all were high in their praise of the abundant food on offer. Also everyone was in agreement that they would be quite happy for the Branch Pre-Christmas luncheon to again be held at the same venue in 2018.

After receiving advice from a number of members that they would have liked to attend the luncheon they were unable to do so because of prior commitments to other functions it was agreed that perhaps this event was a little too close to Christmas and so the Branch is considering holding the luncheon a little earlier, probably towards the end of November in 2018

Ian McKnight OAM

CHANGE OF DATE FOR BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As the result of change brought about by the National Board the NSW Branch found it necessary to alter the date of its Annual General Meeting. Therefore the Branch's Morning Tea and Annual General Meeting will now be held on the Tuesday the 20th March 2018 with the AGM to be held at 11am following the Morning Tea at 9.30am. As several members of the current Branch Committee will be stepping down as the result of having completed their term of office the Branch is seeking members who have the time and are willing to work on the committee. Any member who is prepared to assist on the committee is asked to contact the Branch Secretary Mrs. Carolyn Lyons OAM on mobile 0427 374 744 or email carolynlyons97@bigpond.com and she would be only too pleased to forward a nomination form to any interested member.

CHANGES ON THE FAR SOUTH COAST



Dr Jenny Munro AM, convener for the NSW Far South Coast Regional Group.

Inclement weather over the first weekend in December caused the Far South Coast Regional Group to cancel its pre-Christmas function. Although much needed, heavy rain made travelling risky and a last-minute ring-around confirmed the wisdom of rescheduling the get-together in early 2018.

The event had been planned to congratulate three people from our area honoured in the Queen's Birthday list – Tina Philip, Medal of the Order of Australia, Detective Inspector Kevin McNeill, Australian Police Medal and John Steele, Emergency Services Medal. We look forward to welcoming them to our midst.

It was also to mark the handover from Eleanor Robin OAM, who has filled in as convener for the last 12 months, to Dr Jenny Munro (Wray) AM. Jenny has been secretary to the group and is well known throughout the region for her contribution to rural medicine. Jenny may be contacted by email at jenny@munro.com.au

**How to become a Member of our Association
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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROUP: 2017 ANNUAL LUNCHEON



John O'Dwyer OAM, Sue Chapman, Janet Walsh, Reece Flaherty OAM, Dot Hennessy OAM, Keiran Tonge OAM, Garth Doyle OAM

Regional Convenor John O'Dwyer warmly welcomed 65 members and guests to our 22nd Annual Luncheon which was held at Dapto Leagues Club on Saturday 18th November 2017.

Among those welcomed were NSW Branch Regional Convener Garth Doyle OAM, Guest Speaker Sue Chapman and her husband Gary Chapman OAM; New Recipients Reece Flaherty OAM, Dot Hennessy OAM and Bob Hennessy, Keiran Tonge OAM and Leela Cruzdeff and Maureen Baker OAM who recently moved to the Illawarra.

Following a most delicious meal Brian Mackander OAM introduced Guest Speaker Sue Chapman spoke about her work in Solomon Islands with the United Nations.

A vote of thanks was given by Jim Lyon who also presented Sue with a gift and a certificate of appreciation.

Members were once again commented how happy they were with the venue, the food and the service.

Our Functions for 2018 are as follows: -

Mid-Year Luncheon – Friday 25th May 2018.

Annual Luncheon – Saturday 10th November 2018.

Both functions will be held at the Dapto Leagues Club – Bong Bong Street Dapto.

Our Committee for 2017-2018 is as follows: -

John O'Dwyer OAM	Regional Convener.
Brian Mackander OAM	Deputy Regional Convener.
Phil Thompson OAM	Treasurer.
Lynn Wilson OAM	Secretary.
Jim Lyon OAM	Committee.



APPLAUSE FOR BILL HAWKEY



Professor Bill Hawkey MBE OAM and Elizabeth Hawkey

Maestro Emeritus Professor Bill Hawkey MBE OAM, of Akolele NSW, bowed out of his concert on 22 November 2017 to a standing ovation and the grateful appreciation of a wide and loyal audience on the Far South Coast.

Bill is retiring after a long and productive career as pianist, composer, choir master, conductor and teacher in New Zealand and Australia. For many years he conducted the Montague Singers, based in Narooma, raising their standard and presenting high quality productions in the towns of the region. He also fostered young talent, through his contacts at the Canberra School of Music and the Sydney Conservatorium, providing opportunities for budding performers at the same time as bringing exquisite live music to local people.

The concert was the last of the many twilight programs Bill has presented over the last couple of decades, often in association with another artist or his wife, Elizabeth. Now in his 86th year, he has decided his days performing are nearing a close, although he will continue other musical pursuits.

Tears mixed with smiles in the audience as Bill and Elizabeth accepted the applause. Our new convener, Dr Jenny Munro AM, presented a bouquet of flowers to Bill and Elizabeth on behalf of members of the OAA Far South Coast Group with our thanks and best wishes.

COMING EVENTS:

Saturday 18th February 2018

Hunter Regional Group Luncheon

Venue: Cardiff RSL Memorial Club

Friday 9th March 2018 5.30pm.

Southern Highlands Regional Group Annual Reception to welcome New Awardees

Venue: Bradman Museum, Bowral. Contact: Virginia Adlidge OAM, Convenor.

Email: Adlidge@gmail.com

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

Postponement Notice later in 2018

Branch formal dinner

Proposed Venue: Club York Red Room 97 York Street Sydney. Dress black tie or lounge suit.

Further details TBA. Enquiries contact Ian McKnight OAM on Mobile 0407 698 588 or email ianmckni@tpg.com.au

Friday 25th May 2018

Illawarra Regional Group – Mid Year Luncheon

Venue: Dapto Leagues Club, Bong Bong Road, Dapto. Contact: Lynn Wilson OAM Secretary. Email: lynnwilson@loadednet.com.au

Wednesday 25th July 2018 11.30am for 12 noon.

Annual Luncheon NSW Parliament House, Sydney.

Special Guest: TBA. All Welcome. Further details: Ian McKnight OAM, Mobile 0407598588 or email: ianmckni@tpg.com.au

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OAA-ANU LECTURE

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

Professor Jagadish gave the audience a fascinating insight into the world of nanotechnology with the wide range of current and potential applications which reach into everyone's life. The lecture can be viewed at the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jnf4DnxSL4>

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.*"

The annual OAA-ANU lecture has become a special event for the Branch and is strongly supported by the ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt AC, who introduced Professor Jagadish to the audience.



Prof Brian Schmidt AC, Philip Flood AO



Prof Brian Schmidt AC, Prof Chennupati Jagadish AC, Bruce Trewartha OAM

STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION

The annual OAA-ACT Student Awards Presentation was held at the Royal Canberra Golf Club on Thursday 23 November. This is always a special event on our calendar where the Branch can acknowledge the good citizenship examples displayed by ACT students. The presentation of plaques, medals and certificates were made by the Branch patron Gen Peter Gratton AC. The ACT Government was represented at the awards by Ms Suzanne Orr MLA, member for Yerrabi.

There were three group awards approved by the judging panel. These were:



Charles Weston School Water Raisers

"Charles Weston School Water Raisers". Starting as a leadership project, this group of Year 5/6 students created their own small business while being encouraged and mentored by 'Abundant Water', a local charity developing a strong community partner-

ship. The students were moved by their learning of the plight of people living without clean water and undertook strategies to raise money to buy water filters to enable a Laos village to have clean drinking water for two years.

Fadden Primary School – Lochy's Mates. When a student was injured and away from school for a period, a group of his school friends showed initiative and caring for his wellbeing to raise money for an Ipad to keep him in touch with fellow classmates and classroom and sports activities while he was in Sydney. School Principal Ms. Wallace noted that the friends showed outstanding citizenship and community spirit, and Lochy's family refer to the classmates as heroes for helping their son through the challenging time.



Fadden Primary School – Lochy's Mates



Marist College students

Marist College – Year 7-12 Service Learning Program, ‘Strong Minds and Gentle Hearts’.

The Service Learning Program runs over five years for participants, and at workshops, Marist students initially learn about cultural awareness and people in need. They are challenged to step up beyond the Marist community and help those in need. In years 10-12, students spend time once a fortnight in the community participating in a variety of service projects, mostly supporting students with special needs at Woden School and Malkara School. Over 350 students have participated in the program over five years. Senior Marist students attended the awards ceremony to represent the Service Learning Program.

There were two individual awards presented.

Ms Leah Smith from Calwell High School. Leah has made a huge contribution to the community through her fundraising efforts with “Sweet Charitea”, founded by her family after a health crisis. Leah developed a unique understanding of the effects that chronic medical conditions and poor health has on families. Leah’s continued support of “Sweet Charitea” has provided her with a developed sense of community spirit, generosity and selflessness which she has imparted to others. Deputy Principal Mr Paul Campenhout noted that young people



Sam Stubbs and Leah Smith

like Leah will be the ones to carry on the fundraising legacy and whose children and future families will benefit from the research that will be funded from community led initiatives like “Sweet Charitea”.

Sam Stubbs from St Edmunds College. Sam was part of the Youth Ministry team from St Edmunds that won an OAA group award last year. The judging panel was moved by the individual contribution that Sam has continued to make as a fine example for young people. Sam approaches his service activities with humility and initiative.

He spends much of his school holiday time and weekends contributing to St Vincent de Paul Society, the MaryMead organisation and Camp Quality. He has a genuine passion to support those in need.

The judging panel of Ms Narelle Hargreaves OAM, Ms Elizabeth Grant AM, Mr Les Blackley OAM, Mr Brian O’Keefe AO and Mr Bill Maiden OAM, with Student Awards coordinator Ms Trish Keller OAM were impressed by the quality of nominations where the students exhibited initiative, concern for others, leadership and made contributions reflecting the values inherent in active Australian citizenship.

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MORNING TEA WITH DUNCAN SMITH OAM AT JOHN JAMES VILLAGE 18 OCTOBER 2017

At our Morning Tea at the John James Village, members were moved by a very personal talk by Mr Duncan Smith OAM on his cultural journey as a Wiradjuri man. Duncan spoke of growing up in the NSW mid west and learning the ways of his elders, and his later work supporting indigenous youth. Duncan is the founder of The Wiradjuri Echoes, a Canberra based indigenous dance group and is a member of the Branch Committee. Duncan was awarded an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2016 *"for service to Indigenous youth, and to the community."*

The venue for the morning tea also gave members the opportunity to see firsthand the Leukaemia Foundation's John James Village which provides accommodation and support to people from around the Southern Tablelands region being treated for blood cancers, and which our Association continues to support. Duncan has a prominent art work 'Scar Tree' displayed at the village, shown in the background of the accompanying photo.

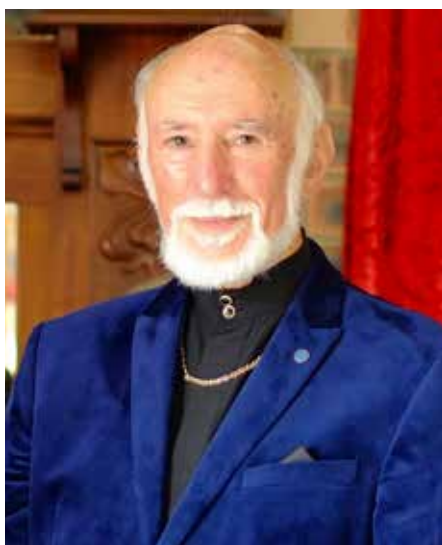


Trish Keller OAM, Duncan Smith OAM, Sue Packer AM

ACT BRANCH AGM 1 MARCH 2018

The annual ACT Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday 1 March 2018 at the Royal Canberra Golf Club. Members now have nomination forms for Committee positions and are encouraged to attend.

At 7.00 pm, following the AGM, Branch member Bill Stephens OAM will talk on **"Memories as National Treasures"** regarding the National Library's Oral History Collection for which he has recorded over 200 interviews since 1985, specialising in personalities from the performing arts. Bill received his OAM in 2017 *for service to the performing arts through a range of roles*. Refreshments will be provided and this event will be at no cost.



VALE TO PAST MEMBERS

The ACT Branch extend our sympathy to the families and friends of the following past members and honour their contribution to our society.

Mr Freddy Argy AM OBE – Queen's Birthday 1992 – In recognition of service to national economic planning.

BRIG J. Garth Hughes AM – Queen's Birthday 1982 – For service to the Australian Army.

Mrs Patricia Hill OAM – Australia Day 1991 – For service to the community, particularly aged people.

Dr Peter Ilbery OAM – Queen's Birthday 2001 – For service to the community, particularly through the recording of the history of the air training school at Uranquinty

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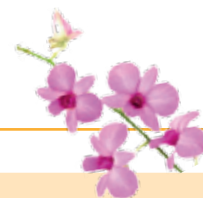
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MAJ GEN Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM
Ray Newcombe OAM
Derek Robson AM
Duncan Smith OAM
Sam Wong AM

Immediate Past Chair

Trish Keller OAM

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2017 was a very successful year for the Association in Queensland with the National Conference in Brisbane and interesting activities in all our regional groups except Townsville. We are looking forward to appointing a Regional Group Convener for this important region early in 2018.

The most recent Queensland Branch function, a morning tea visit to the Queensland Ambulance Museum at Wynnum, was excellent.

My thanks go to the members of the Queensland Branch Committee for their support and hard work in servicing the members of the Association throughout 2017. My very sincere thanks to the members of the Conference Committee and the many supporters who contributed so much to the success of the 2017 National Conference held in Brisbane. I also thank and congratulate the Regional Group Conveners for the effort they have put into organising interesting activities for members. My wife, Di, and I enjoyed attending Regional

Group functions in Far North Queensland (Cairns) and the Sunshine Coast. Regional Groups are essential in servicing the interests of the membership throughout our decentralised state. I hope that Regional Group Conveners will be able to attend the Queensland Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Dinner in March 2018.

The next major activity for the Branch will be the AGM and Annual Dinner to be held on Monday 19 March 2018. The details are included in the flyer provided with this issue of *The Order* and also on the Association's website. We are especially pleased that Major-General Professor John Pearn AO KStJ RFD has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker at the dinner and thank him in anticipation.

May I remind you to register for the National Conference being held in Adelaide from 3 to 6 May 2018. The details and registration form are included in *The Order*. I hope to see many of our Queensland members at what promises to be another stimulating and interesting conference.

I hope you had an enjoyable and safe 2017 festive season and wish you a successful and safe 2018.

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

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND MEMBERS AND NEW RECIPIENTS HONoured AT MAYORAL MORNING TEA

On Tuesday, 24 October 2017, invited members of the Association in Far North Queensland attended a morning tea at Cairns Regional Council to meet and honour the new recipients of the Order of Australia in 2017.

Regional Convener, Carole Miller OAM had persuaded Mayor Bob Manning OAM to hold such a civic event. Her motivation was to greet and recognise those honoured this year, to promote the awards and to encourage nominations.

Queensland Branch Chairman, Associate Professor John Harden AM and his wife, Di, travelled to Cairns to attend, along with 40 members and partners. Of the 8 new recipients of the Order of Australia this year, 6 were able to attend, as pictured. Acting Mayor Terry James informed the award recipients that to receive an award in the Order of Australia was "a particularly special honour." "It's recognition not only by your community, but also by your country of an outstanding contribution to a positive society."

Recognised in the Australia Day 2017 honours were Ricky Hanlon OAM of Bungalow for transforming lives through Aussie Rules; Sandra Kelly OAM of Mareeba known as the 'Outback Angel' for her service to the indigenous community of Far North Queensland; and John Hardy OAM of Tolga for his service to veterans and their families. In the Queen's Birthday 2017 honours Maisie Smith OAM of Babinda was recognised for her lifelong contribution to her community; Helga Biro OAM of Cairns for

her service to social welfare groups; Associate Professor Alan de Costa OAM of Parramatta Park for his service to medicine in Far North Queensland; Susanne Rea OAM of Holloways Beach for her contribution to Rotary Australia and Rotary International; and Shaaron Linwood OAM of Herberton for her contribution to local government and the community of the Atherton Tablelands.

Media coverage of this civic recognition of the recipients and the work of The Order of Australia Association was excellent and included TV news that evening and a two-page spread in *The Cairns Post*. The chance of the event becoming an annual one is looking extremely promising.

The year's end was celebrated with a Christmas Lunch at Yorkeys Knob Boating Club on Saturday 2 December and fund raising commenced to purchase a second pull-up Association banner for members to use when public speaking to community groups about the work of the Association and to promote nominations for the award.

Carole Miller OAM, Convener.



Citation: Pictured in front of their brand new pull-up banner at Cairns Regional Council, Queensland Branch Chairman, Associate Professor John Harden AM, on the left and FNQ Regional Convener, Carole Miller OAM, on the far right are joined by six new recipients of the Order of Australia in 2017. (L to R) John Hardy OAM, Maisie Smith OAM, Shaaron Linwood OAM, Associate Professor Alan de Costa OAM, Helga Biro OAM and Ricky Hanlon OAM.



A MOST INFORMATIVE VISIT TO THE QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE MUSEUM



The Association presents a commemorative plaque to the Museum.
From L-R Dr Mick Davis AM ASM; Mr Craig Emery ASM, Deputy Commissioner, State Local Ambulance Service Networks Operations, Queensland Ambulance; Associate Professor John Harden AM, OAAQ Chairman, and Museum volunteers Monika Rickwood and Ray Rickwood (Curator).



The Museum showcases the contribution of ambulance services in Queensland spanning 125 years.

The latest in our series of travelling morning teas organised by the Queensland Branch was a most informative visit to the Queensland Ambulance Museum at Wynnum, a southern bayside suburb of Brisbane, on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

The visit coincided with the 125th anniversary of the Queensland Ambulance and there were 40 guests in attendance.

After an impressive morning tea, courtesy of *Fabulous Catering*, the group was made welcome by Mr Craig Emery ASM, Deputy Commissioner, State Local Ambulance

Service Networks Operations, Queensland Ambulance. Associate Professor John Harden AM responded to the Deputy Commissioner's welcome by presenting him with a commemorative plaque from the Association to hand to the Museum.

Formalities over, the group was then treated to a most interesting and comprehensive twenty-minute talk on the history of the Queensland Ambulance from none other than Dr Mick Davis AM ASM, one of the most passionate Queensland Ambulance men one could ever meet. His talk was outstanding and he produced excellent PowerPoint slides to complement his presentation.

Mick opened with two important overarching principles on the need for maintaining history which are very relevant when it comes to expressing the history of the Queensland Ambulance Service

- *History can and should inform the future.*
- *Historical insights help avoid repetitive errors and provide an understanding of the significant elements of evolution.*

Mick commenced by acknowledging the humble origins of the Ambulance services in Queensland in 1892 when military medic Seymour Warrian held the first meeting of the City Ambulance Transport Brigade on 12 September of that year. His talk then gave a snapshot of the next 125 years to the situation today where the Queensland Ambulance Service is one of the largest ambulance services in the world providing a high level of emergency care and transport services to the vast State of Queensland, which has almost 5 million people and covers an area of 1.85 million square kilometres.



Dr Mick Davis AM ASM outlines the evolution of the Queensland Ambulance logos since 1892 – here he is pointing to the logo used from 1991 to 2003.

The event concluded with the group divided into three groups to do comprehensive tours of the Museum organised by volunteer Museum staff. Highlights included historical images, fourteen historic ambulance vehicles as well as wheeled litters and sulkies, many historic artefacts, uniforms and equipment. The group also admired the well preserved 91 year old heritage Wynnum ambulance station building and its adjacent "Queenslander" cottage used as an Ambulance Station from 1922 to 1927.

The Queensland Branch wishes to express its appreciation to Dr Mick Davis AM ASM and volunteer staff from the Museum, Ray Rickwood, Monika Rickwood, Janet Garside, Greg Eustace and Michelle Connolly for their contribution to the success of the visit.

Geoff Cowles OAM, Secretary

SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARD - 2017

The judging panel appointed by the Queensland Branch Committee to assess the many nominations received for the Senior Volunteer Award 2017 has completed its work and recommended three nominees to receive the awards at the Annual Dinner on 19 March 2018. The panel reported on the outstanding contributions to their community made by each of the volunteers nominated and the difficulty in determining the three winners for 2017.

All members of the Queensland Branch are encouraged to attend the Annual Dinner on Monday 19 March 2018 to witness the Award winners receiving their awards and to congratulate each of them on their contributions and achievements.

There is no time like the present to think of senior volunteers in Queensland whom you might nominate for a Senior Volunteer Award in 2018. Every Order of Australia Association member in Queensland is eligible to nominate a senior Queensland volunteer 60 years or older for a 2018 Award. A nomination form is included with this edition of *The Order* and is available at the Queensland section of the Association's website <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/branches/qld/QLDSeniorVolunteerAward.php>. The form is quite short and easy to complete. Nominations need to be forwarded to the Branch Secretary, Geoff Cowles OAM, by 31 October 2018.

DON'T MISS OUR GALA BLACK TIE ANNUAL DINNER PRECEDED BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018

Join us for a fabulous evening of fun, good times and fellowship as we kick start 2018 with our Annual Dinner, preceded by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 19 March 2018.

We have an impressive guest speaker for this year's Dinner in Major-General Professor John Pearn AO KStJ RFD who will speak on the interesting topic of *"The Colour Maroon and how it relates to Queensland and the Maltese Cross"*. Those of you who attended the 31st National Conference in Brisbane in April last year will recall John's excellent address at the Commemorative Service at historic Anzac Square. He is sure to be very entertaining at our Annual Dinner.

A major highlight will be the announcement of the winners of the 2017 Senior

Volunteer Awards. The winners will be presented with their awards during the formal part of the proceedings.

The Dinner and AGM will be held in the ornate Ballroom at Victoria Park in the Victoria Park Golfing Complex, Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane.

The AGM commences at 6pm followed by pre-dinner drinks on the Ballroom balcony with the Dinner itself commencing at 7:30pm. Ample parking is available.

The Annual Dinner is black tie and priced at \$95 per person. A promotional flyer with registration/payment form is included with this edition of *The Order*.

Prior to the dinner we will maintain past practice and conduct our AGM at

the same venue, commencing at 6:00 pm sharp. We hope many of you will come early and attend this important meeting. Notice of Meeting, Nomination for Committee positions form and Proxy form were included with the Spring 2017 Edition of *The Order*.

Traditionally our Annual Dinner/AGM event has always happened at the end of the year in November. However, with the national financial year for the Association changing to 1 January to 31 December, the date for this combined event has change accordingly.

We look forward to your attendance.

For all enquiries contact Geoff Cowles OAM, Branch Secretary, phone 3351 4991 or email secqld@theorderofaustralia.asn.au



The magnificent ornate Victoria Park Ballroom – venue for the Annual Dinner



The impressive Victoria Park Ballroom Balcony – where pre-dinner drinks will be served

GOLD COAST REGIONAL GROUP

The Order of Australia Association Gold Coast Region held a successful afternoon tea at the Southport Golf Club on Saturday 18 November 2017 despite the wind and rain that day. The function was attended by 38 members, relatives and friends.

Attending for the first time was Brian Gent OAM and his wife, Noreen Gent. Brian was in the Queen's Birthday 2017 honours list for service to the community of the Gold Coast.

The next Gold Coast Regional Group function will be a lunch planned to be held at the Southport Golf Club on a date to be selected in May 2018. Posted and e-mailed invitations will be sent to all Gold Coast Region members.

Bill Collins AO, Convener

IN MEMORIAM

Vaivao John ANTONIO OAM
Alison Laura ARMSTRONG OAM
Norman James ATTWOOD AO
Anne Mary BRENNAN AM
Douglas Norman DOHLE OAM
Victor Alan DOIG OAM
Arthur James HAYES OAM
Gordon JONES AM
Stan PILECKI OAM
Stanley Edgar SLIPPER OAM
Joy VICKERSTAFF AM
Margaret Patricia WHITE OAM



BUNDABERG REGIONAL GROUP MEETS AT KINGAROY

Twenty members of our Group from the South Burnett travelled by bus to Kingaroy on 9 December where they joined members from that area to enjoy a delightful lunch at the Kingaroy RSL Club.. Altogether thirty members and guests were present and were delighted to have Royce Voss OAM and his wife, Marjorie Voss OAM from the Queensland Branch Committee join us. They presented our Group with an Association pull-up banner. The banner will be displayed at all our future functions. For many of our members it was the first time they could attend one of our gatherings - mainly because of travel distance. We had a little over two hours at Kingaroy - not nearly long enough; but it was most enjoyable to spend some time with fellow members of The Order of Australia Association. There were some tired travellers when we returned to Bundaberg that evening from a very enjoyable and successful function.

Marjorie Voss OAM, who is Convener of the Sunshine Coast Regional Group and I are planning to have a function in 2018 combining our two groups. We hope to have the function at a location about halfway between the two groups - probably at Gympie - where we will have lunch and enjoy fellowship. We will let you know when it will happen. I will also contact the Central Queensland Regional Group centred on Rockhampton to see if we can have a combined function with them. Should make for an interesting 2018!

Donna K Duncan OAM, Convener

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

The next function for members of the Central Queensland Regional Group will be a morning tea on Monday, 12 March 2018. As usual we will have an interesting guest speaker at the event and there will be lots of good fun and fellowship for all. Invitations will be sent to members in due course.

A Happy New Year to everyone.

Raymond Young OAM, Convener

QUEENSLAND BRANCH TREASURER – PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING FOR THIS VITAL POSITION

The Queensland Branch Committee has been advised by our Branch Treasurer, Royce Voss OAM, that after many years of outstanding service, he has decided to retire from the position at the Annual General Meeting on 19 March 2018. Nominations for this important position on the Queensland Branch Committee were called for in the last issue of *The Order*. It is vital for the governance of the Queensland Branch that the position be filled at the AGM. If you wish to obtain information about the position, feel free to contact Royce Voss OAM (Telephone 07 3410 0348). Members who are interested in being nominated for the position are invited to contact the Branch Secretary, Geoff Cowles OAM, (Telephone 07 3351 4991) to discuss the nomination process.

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QUEENSLAND BRANCH

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ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LTD

ELECTION OF FOUR NON-BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTORS

For 2018 there will be an election for four (4) Non-Branch Nominated Directors noting the National Chairman was elected in 2017 for 2 years to 2019, no nominations are required in 2018 for this position.

The four (4) positions for 2018-2019 are:-

Deputy National Chairman

National Secretary

National Treasurer

National Membership Secretary

who shall each be elected for one year, existing Directors are eligible to re-nominate.

Nominations to those positions are invited from Members of the Association. A Member is defined as an eligible applicant [a person who is a recipient of an Order of Australia Honours Award] and who is currently financial. The nomination form is to be completed by two Members and the nominee.

Nominees are requested to provide a resume of no more than 400 words noting their skills and experience relevant to the position/s they are nominating for to support their nomination.

Nominations are to be lodged with the Returning Officer on or before 5pm on 6 April 2018.

Mr John Archer OAM
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Order of Australia Association Ltd

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ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LTD

ELECTION OF NON BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTORS

NOMINATION FORM 2018-2019

I, being a financial member of The Order of Australia Association Ltd, DO HEREBY NOMINATE

_____, _____ [post nominal]
NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS

of [address] _____

for the position indicated below, for the year 2018-2019

Please place an X in the appropriate box

☐ DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

☐ NATIONAL SECRETARY

☐ NATIONAL TREASURER

☐ NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

FINANCIAL MEMBER MAKING NOMINATION

NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS

SIGNATURE

FINANCIAL MEMBER MAKING NOMINATION

NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS

SIGNATURE

I agree to accept this nomination for 2018-2019

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER NOMINATED

Date: _____ / _____ / 2018

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LTD

NATIONAL BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

APPROVED JANUARY 2018

BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR

Purpose of the Position

A Branch Nominated Director is a National Board Member.

Responsibilities

1. Membership of the National Board
2. Reports to the Board Chairman
3. Regularly attends board meetings and important related meeting
4. Makes serious commitment to participate actively in Board/Committee work
5. Volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments and completes them thoroughly and on time
6. Stays informed about committee matters, prepares themselves well for meetings and reviews and comments on minutes and reports
7. Gets to know other Board members and builds a collegial working relationship that contributes to consensus
8. Is a partner with the Board in achieving the organization's mission
9. Plays a leading role in effective representation of the Association and in fundraising activities.
10. Performs other responsibilities assigned by the Board.

Accountabilities

- a. Responsible representation of issues of importance to nominating Branch
- b. Supports decisions that are in the best interests of the National organisation
- c. To represent the National Organisation position in all Board deliberations
- d. Ensure the financial viability of the organisation long term
- e. Ensure growth in the membership is a priority
- f. Increasing awareness of the Association and of the Order in the community
- g. Awareness of the needs of, and involvement with the members of the Association in all locations.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Purpose of the Position

The National Chairman is a Non-Branch nominated director with role of chairing the National Board.

Responsibilities

1. Membership of the National Board
2. Serves as the Chief Volunteer of the organisation (non-profit only)
3. Is a partner with the Board in achieving the organisation's mission
4. Provides leadership to the Board of Directors in the setting of policy
5. Ensures that the functional Executive are engaged with their counterparts in the Branches
6. Chairs meetings of the Board after developing the agenda in consultation with all directors
7. Encourages Board's role in strategic planning
8. Appoints the chairpersons of the committees, in consultation with other Board members
9. Serves ex officio as a member of committees of the Board and attends their meetings when appropriate
10. Guides the response to issues confronting the organization with the Executive and the members of the Board as appropriate
11. Guide and mediate Board actions with respect to organizational priorities and governance concerns
12. Reviews with the National Deputy Chairman any issues of concern to the Board
13. Monitors financial planning and financial reports
14. Plays a leading role in effective representation of the Association and in fundraising activities
15. Conducts regular evaluation of the performance of the Board as a team and provides guidance and critique to directors on an individual basis
16. Evaluates annually the performance of the organisation in achieving its mission and goals
17. Performs other responsibilities assigned by the Board

Accountabilities

- a. A cohesive and mutually supportive Board
- b. Effective Board performance in the execution of Association strategies
- c. Succession planning to ensure continuity
- d. Exemplary governance, supported by an appropriate policy framework
- e. Increasing awareness of the Association and of the Order in the community
- f. Awareness of the needs of, and involvement with the member of the Association in all locations
- g. Anticipation of, and planning to meet challenges



DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIR

Purpose of the Position

The Deputy National Chairman is a Non-Branch Nominated director with the role of assisting

The National Chairman and as necessary deputising for the National Chairman and interacting with

Directors and the membership as a whole for the betterment of the Association.

Responsibilities

1. Membership of the National Board
2. Reports to the Board Chairman
3. Works closely with the Chairman other Executive members and directors
4. Performs Chairman responsibilities when the Chairman cannot be available (See National Chairman position)
5. Is a partner with the Board in achieving the organization's mission
6. Participates closely with the Chairman to develop and implement plans for effective management of the organisation
7. Plays a leading role in representation of the Association promotion of the Order and in fundraising activities
8. Performs other responsibilities assigned by the Board.

Accountabilities

- a. To represent the National Organisation position in all Board deliberations
- b. Ongoing effective organisation development
- c. Ensure the financial viability of the organisation long term
- d. Ensure growth in the membership is a priority
- e. Increasing awareness of the Association and of the order in the community
- f. Awareness of the needs of, and involvement with the members of the Association in all locations

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Purpose of the Position

The National Secretary is a Non-Branch Nominated director with the role of coordinating, administering and reporting Association administrative activities and interacting with directors and the membership as a whole for the betterment of the Association.

Responsibilities

1. Act as the Company Secretary for ACNC administrative purposes
2. Ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirement
3. Participate as a member of the Executive Committee in accordance with its approved Charter
4. In consultation with the National Chairman coordinated the administration of Board meeting activities
5. In consultation with the National President, National Chairman and other designated Association Directors coordinate and administer arrangements necessary for the conduct of the Association's Annual General Meeting
6. As directed by the Board undertake such other administrative tasks as are necessary for the effective and efficient conduct of Association activities
7. Maintain a comprehensive system of accessible documentation on the affairs of the organization
8. Provision of guidance on secretarial matters to Branch Secretaries

Accountabilities

- a. Regulatory requirement are met
- b. The AGM is conducted effectively
- c. Board meetings are arranged at appropriate times and locations
- d. Board agendas are set with appropriate input from directors
- e. Briefing material for and minutes of meetings is provided in a timely manner
- f. Effective participation in Board deliberations
- g. Documentation is readily accessible
- h. Good relationship with Branch Committees

STOP PRESS DIRECT DEPOSIT RENEWALS

A gentle reminder please. If you are renewing your membership by Direct Deposit please include your Invoice Number and your name in the E-transfer identifier.

Cryptic entries just make renewal administration impossible

CHECKING ALL EMAIL AND MAILING ADDRESSES

It is most important that we keep our data base as accurate and up to date as possible so if you have had changes to your address, phone contacts, both landline and mobile and if you have added or changed an email address please let us know through contacting the National Membership Officer at aanatmbrofficer@theorderofaustralia.asn.au or by phone (02) 6273 0322.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Purpose of the Position

The National Membership Secretary is a Non-Branch Nominated director with the role of coordinating, administering and reporting the Associations Membership recording and interacting with State Membership officers and the membership as a whole for the betterment of the Association

Responsibilities

1. Membership of National Board
2. Reports to the Board Chairman
3. Acts as Membership secretary in relation to all aspects of recording the membership
4. Development and maintenance of a database platform to record all membership details
5. Enables via the database all branches to have up to date Membership lists for communication
6. Provide direction and advise to Branches on all Membership issues
7. Active marketing of the features and benefits of membership, both as a retention measure and to attract new awardees to join
8. To enable growth in membership numbers by having communication regarding Membership value
9. Provide Membership Reports to the Board as required (Quarterly)

Accountabilities

- a. To represent the National Organisation position in all Board Deliberations
- b. A growing membership, with reducing loss rate
- c. Cost-effective employment of National Office staff member
- d. Branches have access to timely and appropriate membership information

NATIONAL TREASURER

Purpose of the Position

The National Treasurer is a Non-Branch nominated director with the role of recording and reporting on the Associations finance and interacting with Directors and State Treasurers to enable accurate and compliant financial reporting.

Responsibilities

1. Membership of National Board
2. Manages finances of the Organisation
3. Provides annual budget to board for members approval
4. Provides Financial Reports to the Board as required (Quarterly)
5. Ensures development and Board review of financial policies and procedures
6. Holds appropriate accounting qualification
7. Provide direction and advise to Branches on financial matters
8. Provide Financial recommendations to the Board as requested
9. Assist with advice and management of Audit and Risk Management issues

Accountabilities

1. To represent the National Organisation position in all Board deliberations
2. Ensure financial viability of the organisation by providing input in financial Investment policies
3. Timely advice of financial performance, required corrective actions and opportunities.
4. Branch financial management complies with national requirements

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



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION BATTLEFIELD TOUR

The National Board as part of its recent deliberations has been keen to identify opportunities to enhance the 'value' of Association membership.

You are invited to join a 10 day tour of Gallipoli/Turkey in October 2018, followed immediately by a 9 day tour of the WW1 Belgian and French battlefields.

This tour is exclusive to Association members and their guests with the Centenary of Armistice as the special focus.

I and my wife participated in an Association Battlefield Tour in 2002 together with 58 others (we had to form two groups travelling three weeks apart) and we still recall it as an educational, inspirational and at times emotional experience.

I urge you to take up this opportunity.

For registration of your expression of interest please contact: Alan Valpied at Ballarat Travel & Cruise on 03 53335913 or alan@btac.net.au

Phil Morrall AM, CSC
National Secretary

On the occasion of Centenary of Armistice, you are invited to join on a 10 day tour of Gallipoli/Turkey in October 2018, followed immediately by a 9 day tour of the battlefields of Western Front.



- ✓ This fully escorted tour is reserved only for OAA members and their guests.
- ✓ Highlights of the Turkey tour lead by author and historian Dr John Basarin OAM will be visits to Gallipoli Battlefields [Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Chunuk Bair, Shrapnel Gully, The Nek, Ari Burnu, Quinn's Post, Krithia and Helles], Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus and Istanbul.
- ✓ Western Front tour highlights, lead by historian Garry Snowden OAM, will include cities of Paris, Leper, Amiens and Arras and the battlefields of Menin Gate, Polygon Wood, Passchendale, Fromelles, Bullecourt, Pozieres, Compiègne and Villers-Bretonneux.
- ✓ You can choose to tour Turkey on its own, the Western Front on its own, or combine the two. Approximate costs are:-
 - a. Turkey \$2380.00 twin/double per person. Single supplement \$298.00.
 - b. Western Front \$3960.00 twin/double per person. Single supplement \$880.00.
 - c. Combined \$6690.00 twin/double per person. Single supplement 1178.00 (this includes the flight from Turkey to Paris).
- ✓ All accommodation, breakfasts, several meals, site entrance fees, coach travel, sightseeing, services of professional tour guides are included.
- ✓ Not included are international airfares from Australia, insurance, some meals and expenses of personal nature.

Please register your expression of interest at your earliest opportunity as this tour will book out quickly. Further details can be supplied on request by contacting Alan Valpied at Ballarat Travel and Cruise on Phone 03 53335913 during business hours, or email alan@btac.net.au. Web sites for information: www.btac.net.au or www.friendsofgallipoli.org

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HOW CAN WE MAKE THE POINT?

In the previous edition of The Order, I posed two questions regarding the relevance and importance of our National Order of Australia Awards. Thank you to the few who took the time to provide constructive comment and feedback. But the questions still remain, and there is a bigger question. If my prediction of the demise of the Order of Australia is accurate, are we, the recipients of the award, going to do anything to prevent this happening?

You may think that as individuals we can have little influence on the future of Order of Australia Awards. I believe there are three areas of activity where each one of us can collectively have a significant impact.

Firstly we should wear our insignias at every appropriate opportunity. While there are not as many opportunities for civilians to wear medals compared with members of the Armed Forces, there are a number of national events which we should make an effort to attend and show our colours. We cannot blame the public lack of awareness of our award decoration if we never wear it.

Secondly we should use post-nominals routinely in all correspondence and demand that they be attached when our names are used in the media. Again, we cannot blame the public when they don't understand what the different abbreviations mean if they never see them. Nor can we blame them if they don't know who in our community has received awards.

Thirdly we should talk to people at every opportunity and tell them about the award and how to nominate someone whose achievements they think are worthy of National recognition. We should go further and offer to help them to nominate an appropriate person of their choice. Wearing our insignia and/or using our post nominal often provides the means of initiating discussion. If every member of the Association's talks to 12 people a year and informs them of the Order of Australia awards, this will mean that almost 100,000 people will have been given direct personal information.

Are you doing all you can to make the point that our National Order of Australia is special, important and available to every worthy Australian citizen?

Dr Frank Madill AM

MY CHOICE OF A LIFE TIME – HELGA HILL OAM

I stepped ashore in Fremantle on Sunday, April 26, 1959, to be confronted by old wooden buildings, dusty streets, closed shops and nothing by way of entertainment. And then there was that middle-aged lady, out and about with bright red lipstick, curlers in her hair and lambs' wool slippers on her feet. Never in my twenty years had I seen such an apparition!

As I looked around I experienced what Manning Clark later termed 'the cry of horror' emitted in earlier times by Europeans arriving in Australia. I really thought I had landed in the American Wild West and my immediate concern was to get back to Germany as soon as possible.

Yes, back to Germany to the top-level job I had relinquished, back to the mandolin and guitar orchestra in which I played and, best of all, back to Aachen Opera House where my love of theatre and live performances had just taken root.

But, hesitantly, I decided to give Australia a go. I re-boarded MV Arendskerck, sailed on to Melbourne and eventually met and married my former pen friend, Mark. We had four children and, up to 1972, family life prevailed.

But when we started playing early music on period instruments there were dramatic changes. We formed the Early Music Consort of Melbourne and, almost over-



night, found ourselves on concert tours around Victoria and interstate.

In 1976 the National Trust invited us to base our Melbourne performances at Rippon Lea in Elsternwick. There, in the ornate ball room, I founded the Rippon Lea Renaissance Dancers whose costumed performances soon attracted substantial media attention.

News of my classes spread and, from 1977 to 1998, I accepted many engage-

ments to teach historic dance in New Zealand, Austria, Sweden and England. Gesture came later and I taught the art at Dartington International Summer School and at the Early Music Studio, University of Melbourne.

On April 26, 1959, I voted 'yes' for this wild, beautiful country. It turned out to be a remarkably fortuitous choice for which I am forever thankful. Australia has been extremely kind to me!



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