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Annual Conference Hobart April 2019 MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

In our first newsletter it was suggested that if you have never visited Tasmania it was a good idea to allocate at least 10 days to tour the State as you would and explore the unique places and experiences Tasmania can offer.

Autumn colours in the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens.

Autumn in Tasmania is a pleasant time of usually settled weather with maximum temperatures in Hobart in the high teens to low twenties. However, being located in the Roaring Forties our weather can quickly change at any time of the year.

The 2019 Conference programme will be published in full soon in *The Order* and will include a reception at Government House kindly hosted by Her Excellency, the Honourable Professor Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania.

The Symposium will feature five speakers covering a variation in topics from marine and medical research, of the Antarctic and the special aspects of our rural production, all people who have been "*Making the Difference*", the theme for the Conference.

We have managed to retain periods of free time for you to enjoy some of the local aspects of our State such as markets, art, history, maritime and our city's association with the Antarctic.

To assist you in budgeting the indicative costs for the main items of the Conference are:

Registration \$95

Presentation Dinner \$125

Farewell Lunch \$65.

The cost for all activities will be approximately \$330 per person. Items such as bus transport between venues may marginally increase this amount.

Most venues are within short walking distances from the main venue, Hobart's Grand Chancellor Hotel located adjacent to Hobart's famous waterfront and just metres away from where Lt Gov David Collins and his party of convicts, military and free settlers set foot on Hunter Island to found the first European settlement on Van Dieman's Land on 20 February 1804.

Look for progressive information about the Conference that will soon be posted on the Association's website: www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/branches/tas and included in our magazine *The Order*.

The Organising Committee Chairman, Alastair Douglas OAM, can be contacted on 0418 127 897 or email at TasConference@theorderofaustralia.asn.au



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THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

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

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- Membership application and renewal.
- Editing your basic membership contact details.
- National Conference — Hobart 2019.
- National Committee membership and contacts.
- National publication — The Order.
- A link to each branch with current information:
 - Committee and contacts.
 - Upcoming functions.
 - Newsletter and local information.
- Frequently Asked Questions about The Order of Australia.
- Nomination process and documentation for awards.

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

The Queen's Birthday Honours List saw more than 1000 worthy Australians recognised for their contribution to our society. It was uplifting to read the citations for so many everyday Australians who have given so much. The efforts of all in seeking inclusion of under represented groups has seen a pleasing increase in the number of women being recognised. The work of members of our Association in contributing to this outcome was significant. This effort needs to continue with the aim of extending nomination into additional under represented sectors of our society.

Our Branch Committees are now well into preparations to welcome new awardees into the Order. The hospitality offered at the range of Association welcoming activities is critical in encouraging more awardees to join our Association and is enhanced by strong member attendance.

We have now launched the first edition of the Association e-News to those who have provided their email address.

This cost-effective means of providing additional information to members will continue as newsworthy national issues arise. It is not intended that it replace our flagship publication 'The Order' that will continue to be sent to members in hard copy, or by email if they have elected to receive it in this form.

Keeping members informed remains an ongoing objective throughout our organisation.

Many Branches have now established regular email newsletters to update Branch members on local activities. To take advantage of this and the national e-News your email address must be available. If you have not yet provided your Branch with an email address I encourage you so to do.

I look forward to meeting many members and to hearing their views during my continuing visits to Branches. I also look forward to meeting and talking with as many members as possible during the 2019 National Conference in Hobart from 12th to 14th April.

Barry Nunn AO
National Chairman

NATIONAL TREASURER – POSITION VACANT

The position of National Treasurer has become vacant. This is a critical position on our Association's Board. We urgently seek expressions of interest from members willing to assist in the governance and management of our Association.

Please contact me on: natchair@theorderofaustralia.asn.au or by phone at (M) **0408 540 082** to discuss how you may be able to assist in this vital role.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

The National Treasurer is a Non-Branch nominated director with the role of managing and reporting on the Association's finances and providing input to the Board on financial and other issues.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Membership of National Board
2. Manage 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 or is experienced in financial matters
7. Provide direction and advice to Branches on financial matters
8. Assist with management of Audit and Risk issues
9. Provide business input to all Board deliberations

ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Sound input to the Board on financial matters
2. Timely advice on financial performance, required corrective actions and identification of opportunities.
3. Full participation in all Board deliberations
4. Leadership of Branch financial managers in meeting National requirements

Barry Nunn AO
National Chairman



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Queen's Birthday Honours List this year saw a quick uptake of new memberships for our Branch. We are grateful to Barry Nunn AO, our National Chairman, for the timely mail out of congratulatory letters. I was pleased to welcome many of

these new members at our New Awardees Reception on 25 July, which was generously provided by Alex Vass OAM.

Victoria Branch has now completed its project to maximise our electronic communications by increasing our email database. The response has been very pleasing with a 62% turnaround of those members who had not previously supplied an email address. That means, Victoria Branch can proudly state that around 91.6% of our members can now receive our communications electronically.



Diane James AM and Ken James

With the assistance of actor and presenter, Ken James, members received a telephone call or letter and were asked to provide either their own email address, or the address of a friend or family member who would receive emails on their behalf. The messages of support and encouragement were pleasing to receive, but we also understood that not everyone wanted to use digital communications and I believe our Branch, and most certainly Ken, have responded to these people with understanding.

Thank you all for your positive responses in helping us become more financially sustainable and ensuring you receive communications in a timely and efficient manner. Our thanks also to Ken James for his warm and sensitive manner in engaging with our members. We are pleased to hear he is now undertaking this role for other Branches.

We've had a number of changes to our Board structure and composition. The appointment of our Branch-Nominated Director, Helene Bender OAM, to the role of National Membership Director provided a vacancy and I am most grateful to Cathy Roth OAM for agreeing to take on this role for our Branch. Cathy brings a strong strategic leadership background to our Association, and was recently recognised internationally with a distinguished service award for her outstanding contribution to the Rotary Leadership Institute.

A big win for us has been the appointment of Peter Jones AM, who runs one of our country's leading event management companies, and who will bring myriad skills and expertise to our Branch. Many of you will know of Peter's mother, the late Diana Jones AM, a highly regarded former National Chairman of our Association.

Diane James AM
Chairman

MELBOURNE CENTRAL REGIONAL GROUP MEETS BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL

At our most recent members' networking evening event on 19 June, Melbourne Central Regional Group was honoured to have as Guest Speaker Mr Chris Holtby OBE, the British Consul-General [pictured with Trevor Clark OAM on the left and Pam Robinson OAM]. Mr Holtby hosted our networking event in his Collins Street Melbourne office.

We learned about the high security that is put in place for such offices. Once in the boardroom, we had the chance to enjoy the wonderful views from the windows, which for many meant seeing our capital city with its sparkling nightlights from a new angle and with extended views across the city.

The Consul-General told us about the work he does in developing growing busi-

ness relations between Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and the UK.

He also explained how the Melbourne Office has expanded over the last year to accommodate increasing business between the UK and Australia.

Generous with his hospitality and time, the Consul-General acknowledged those present as citizens who had done interesting and important work, having been honoured by the Order of Australia. All present had the opportunity to speak with Mr Holtby as he moved among his guests.

There was a buzz around the room and a sense of 'joie de vivre' among members as they met known friends and new acquaintances.

It was a very good night and enjoyed by all.



VICTORIAN CONNECTION TO A UNIQUE EXHIBITION IN THE NGA, CANBERRA

Watercolours by HRH The Prince of Wales; 10 August – 18 November 2018



An experienced watercolourist and passionate patron of the arts, the Prince of Wales [Prince Charles] has been painting for most of his adult life. To celebrate his 70th birthday, the National Gallery of Australia will host an exhibition of 30 of his works. Further details of the exhibition can be found at the National Gallery of Australia website: [<https://nga.gov.au/princeofwales/default.cfm>]

The idea for the exhibition was born when a Mornington Peninsula resident and member of the Association, Andrew Mackenzie OAM [pictured] wrote to The Prince of Wales in April 2011 and offered to organise an exhibition of his watercolour works in Australia. After a series of exchanges, Andrew received a positive response which spurred him to take the proposal to Allan Myers AC

QC, Chair of the National Gallery of Australia.

After seven years of effort, Andrew was delighted when it was announced that the exhibition will be opened on 10 August. Already this exhibition has generated a lot of interest, since this will be the first time in Australia that the public will have the opportunity to view the original watercolours of HRH The Prince of Wales, whose works follow in the footsteps of his Great Great Great Grandmother, Queen Victoria.



DID YOU KNOW?

William Lye OAM Barrister at Law

Did you know that the awards conferred by the Australian Government (eg Order of Australia Medal) may be included in an Australian passport as an endorsement on the Observations page?

Section 55 of the *Australian Passports Act 2005* provides:

"The Minister may endorse, or make observations on, Australian travel documents in the circumstances specified in a Minister's determination."

The Minister delegates this authority to the relevant officers in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

The use of an endorsement is the only way additional information can be added to an Australian passport either at the time of issue or subsequently.

A person who wishes to amend any particular in a current and valid Australian passport will have to make an application for the issue of a new passport and the normal procedures must be completed, including payment of the full application fee.

An applicant who is a member of the Order of Australia will then need to provide:

- A completed Form B-11 which can be found at <https://www.passports.gov.au/files/b11-general-declaration-passport-applicant>

The full description of the award or decoration must be noted in part 2 of Form B-11. For example, 'Bearer holds

the award of the Order of Australia Medal', not OAM.

- The text used for endorsements, which must follow the standards set out by DFAT, and proof of the grant of the award. The original copy must be made available for inspection during the passport interview process, and a colour copy is to be provided with the completed Form B-11.

An application or renewal for an Australian passport is usually made through Australia Post or the Australian Passport Office. Members of the Order of Australia Association intending to have their titles, decorations or awards endorsed are advised to be prepared with all the required documentation. If an Australia Post staff member is uncertain as to such an application, members should ask the staff member to telephone the Australian Passport Office 'hotline'.

VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART EXHIBITION at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Winter Masterpieces 2018

In June this year, 133 members and friends were given the opportunity to see an exhibition from New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) at The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV).

In an introductory lecture, Dr Miranda Wallace, Senior Curator of International Exhibitions Project NGV spoke of the establishment of MoMA, introducing and recognising 'modern art'. She described how each piece in the collection reflects the developing and changing world. Modern/contemporary art challenged the traditional definition of art. Dr Wallace provided a superb insight into the background and provenance of the 235 works on display, including those by such famous artists as Cezanne, Van Gogh, Dali,

Seurat, Gauguin and Picasso, each represented in the exhibition.

The exhibition includes elements of mixed media, design and textiles, and is displayed thematically in eight sections: Acadia and Metropolis, Machinery of the Modern World, A New Unity, Inner and Outer Worlds, Art as Action, Things as They Are, Immense Encyclopedia and Flight Patterns.

After the talk and viewing, 94 members and friends enjoyed a delicious lunch and companionship at the NGV's Café Vic.

Sincere thanks to Mr Brian Martin OAM who organised this very special event and gave our members the opportunity to see this wonderful exhibition.





SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL GROUP: MID-YEAR LUNCHEON

Guest speaker Mr. Peter Hitchener OAM gave an excellent presentation which enthralled 78 members and guests at the West Brighton Club on Wednesday 4th July. It was a clear, blustery dry winter day in Melbourne but the atmosphere within the Club rooms was warm and welcoming. During his welcome address Chairman Ross Newton OAM drew attention to Mr. Ralph Butcher OAM who was recognized in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours as having turned 100 years of age last month.

Peter was born in Texas, outback Queensland. He first worked for the ABC in Queensland and then for a time in Sydney before coming to Melbourne and Channel 9. In 1998 Peter was appointed as Chief Newsreader at Channel 9 and this year marks 20 years in that role.

Peter took us for a walk down memory lane with anecdotes about when television started in Australia and the viewing habits and programs from the early days. This resonated with most in the room. He then reminisced about the 1970s' safari suits and fondues.

Changes in news reporting and the advent of "instant news" coverage with smart telephones meant the halcyon days of TV advertising that raised enormous revenue for the various channels is long gone. Peter likened the News to a service-type industry that caters to the general public. He spoke of Bulletins of Hope which resonated with many, where reports are given on health issues that have a positive outlook and give the prospect of a breakthrough, which pleases and comforts many.



Guest Speaker Mr. Peter Hitchener OAM, Ms. Rayleen Haig OAM, Group Vice Chairman and Mr. Ross Newton OAM, Chairman.

Peter was kind to take questions and gave answers to all in his considerate, gentle and warm manner. After a vote of thanks, he was presented with an Order of Australia Association tie which we believe he will wear with pride.

TWO OAA MEMBER WARRIORS AGAINST THE KILLER DISEASES



Photo credit: Royal Society, 2014

PETER COLMAN AC

Professor Peter Colman AC, who works with Walter and Eliza Institute, was made a Companion of the Order, "for eminent service to medical research, particularly in the fields of structural biology and medicinal chemistry, as a leader in the commercial translation of scientific discoveries, to professional organisations, and as a mentor of young scientists."

Peter is a structural biologist who discovered the 3-d structure of an enzyme that spreads the influenza virus. This led to the development of a series of anti-influenza drugs beginning with Relenza which checks the spread of viruses. Drug stockpiling for pandemic preparedness also owes its genesis to Peter. Recently he has been working on understanding the structure of proteins that control cell survival and death. This fundamental research led to the development of drugs to fight certain forms of cancer, such as leukaemia.

PAUL ZIMMET AO

Paul Zimmet AO is Professor of Diabetes at Monash University, and Honorary President of the International Diabetes Federation. His AO citation reads "For service to medical research of national and international significance, particularly in the field of diabetes as a leader of investigations into social, nutritional and lifestyle diseases and to biotechnology development in Australia."

Paul, 2018 Victorian Senior Australian of the Year, is an international leader in diabetes research. He warns that diabetes is one of the world's and Australia's greatest health threats. His 1980s research predicted the current global epidemic. In 1984 he founded Melbourne's International Diabetes Institute, an Australia first with a diabetes focus. The legacy of his research can be found in numerous programs promoting healthier lifestyle to prevent diabetes and improving treatment for people with diabetes, nationally and globally.

VICTORIAN REGIONAL GROUP CONVENERS

Barwon: Peter Doak OAM

Central Highlands: Jean Wise OAM

Eastern Suburbs: Barbara Thompson OAM

Gippsland: Doug Caulfield OAM, RFD

Loddon Campaspe: John Higgs OAM

Mallee: Vernon Knight AM

Melbourne Central: Trevor Clarke OAM

Mornington Peninsula: Brian Stahl OAM JP

North East & Goulburn Valley: Barbara Thomas OAM

North Central Suburbs: Fred Harrington OAM

South Central Suburbs: Ross Newton OAM

South West Victoria: Dr Peter Habersberger AM RFD

Western Suburbs: John Ravenhall AM

VICTORIAN NOMINATED DIRECTOR ON THE NATIONAL BOARD: CATHY ROTH OAM



A post-war baby, Cathy Roth spent her earliest days in the idyllic Gisborne countryside, where three generations of her family had farmed. Employment and schooling necessitated a move to Melbourne's southern suburbs, where the family's strong community service ethos led to Cathy attaining her Queen's Guide whilst attending Presentation College Windsor.

Cathy's father's teaching appointment to Geelong and her mother's fractured ankle, led to Cathy undertaking, and graduating in Radiography (Medical Imaging) through RMIT University, while based at Geelong Hospital. After working at a number of hospitals, Cathy returned to Geelong, where the unexpected and long-term illness of the head of department led her to senior management at a relatively young age.

Following their marriage, Cathy's husband John completed his surgical Fellowship at the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg. Meanwhile, Cathy managed a private hospital radiology department, before a period as a home-stay mother of three young children.

A move to the UK enabled John to pursue more specialist surgical work, while Cathy resumed her community service as an elected Parent representative on the Wood-eld County Infants' School Council.

When they returned to Australia several years later, Cathy continued to be involved on school committees and local business organisations.

When Rotary International had opened to women in Australia in 1989, Cathy was invited to join the then new Rotary Club of Geelong Central. The club was chartered in 1990 and Cathy, elected Charter

President by its members, became the first female club president in the Australia/New Zealand region. Cathy held a range of community and government committee and Board appointments over the next few years, including President of the Geelong Chamber of Commerce – again as the first female President. She chaired the Barwon region Development Framework for Victoria, was on the Geelong Economic Development Board and Barwon Water Board, a Trustee of the Geelong Performing Arts Centre and Chair of the Mercy Health Rice Village Community Engagement Committee for more than ten years.

At the same time, Cathy was caring for her mother as well as her parents-in-law, both of whom had Alzheimer's disease. As a result of this personal experience, Cathy established PALZ – Professionals with Alzheimer's. Already established in several countries, PALZ aims to provide high-functioning diagnoses, with workplace-style presentations by CEOs, fostering new neural pathways, and linking new memories to long-term memory.

Cathy has held numerous local and international Rotary roles, including District Governor 2004-05 and has represented the Rotary International President at Conferences. Cathy has received a number of Rotary and community awards and received the Order of Australia Medal for services to the Geelong Community in 2013.

In 2007, Ian Riseley, then Director, subsequently Rotary International President 2017-2018, asked Cathy to establish the Rotary Leadership Institute in the region. The Institute, established in 411 of the 529 Rotary International Districts and operating in 182 countries and Territories, appointed Cathy as Regional Chair of the ANZO region, and as an International Trainer, a position Cathy still holds.

At a function attended by hundreds of Rotary dignitaries, Rotarians and guests, at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in June 2018, President 2018-2019, Barry Rassin, presented Cathy with the Rotary Leadership Institute's highest award: The Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Service.

When time allows, Cathy and John enjoy time with their nine grandchildren, travel and the Arts.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Four investiture ceremonies for Queenslanders recognised for their special contributions to our society in the Australia Day Honours list were held in May at Government House, Brisbane and one was held in Townsville. Congratulations

to all award recipients. We were very pleased as the Queensland Branch of The Order of Australia Association to host nineteen of these awardees and their families and friends at a celebratory lunch on 24 May. We enjoyed your company and hearing of your many and varied achievements. Congratulations again and we look forward to your joining the Association and participating in future events organised by the Branch and the Regional Groups.

Congratulations also and thanks to the South Australian Branch and its Conference Committee for organising and hosting a very successful and enjoyable National Conference in Adelaide in May 2018. In addition to the programme of excellent speakers, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association and the Members' Forum provided an opportunity for members to comment on and discuss the Association's activities since the Conference in Queensland in 2017. Other highlights included the welcome reception and the formal dinner in the presence of His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia.

At the AGM during the Conference, the six resolutions previously published in *The Order* were passed. Subsequently the Constitution, By-laws and Model Rules of the Association have been amended to reflect these changes. The National Treasurer reported that the Association is in a sound financial position. This will support the future

activities of the Association. The discussion at the Members' Forum was wide ranging with members exchanging ideas and this resulted in some useful suggestions for consideration by the Association.

I am pleased to report that we were very well represented by the twenty-nine Queensland delegates at the Conference. It was a pleasure to organise a special dinner for the Queensland delegates and some honorary Queenslanders on the Friday night at the Mercure Grosvenor. This was a very enjoyable and memorable event made extra special by the group's rendition of *"Irene goodnight"*. I thank my fellow Queenslanders for their interest and support of this and other events and their contributions to the Members' Forum and the AGM in South Australia. May I strongly recommend that you consider attending the next Association Conference to be held in Hobart from 11 to 14 April 2019.

I am looking forward to the second half of 2018 and attending events organised by the Queensland Branch and its Regional Groups.

John Harden AM
Branch Chairman



The happy gathering at the Queenslanders' Dinner at the Mercure Grosvenor in Adelaide.

SUNSHINE COAST AND WIDE BAY BURNETT REGIONAL GROUPS COME TOGETHER FOR LUNCH

Members from the Sunshine Coast Region and the Wide Bay Burnett Region with their guests joined together in Gympie for a most enjoyable lunch on Saturday 16 July. We were pleased to welcome as our special guests the Mayor of Gympie, Cr. Mick Curran and his wife Sue and our guest speaker, Mr Sean Ryan and his wife Kay.

Local members of the Queensland Country Women's Association were responsible not only for preparing a delicious meal which was served in the Dining Room of the local Masonic Temple, but also for the table settings featuring native wild flowers.

Our guest speaker, who lives in the local community and has had over 43 years' experience within the Natural Resources Management industry, spoke on the development of the forestry industry in the Gympie area from its early beginning up to the present time.

With his vast knowledge, Sean was happy to answer the questions put to him following his very interesting and informative address.

It was a pleasure to meet with members from the northern area of the Sunshine Coast Region and those from the Wide Bay Burnett Region. Members appear to be taking advantage of the functions being held in various areas of the Region. The next event will be a luncheon to be held on Friday 31 August at Pelican Waters Golf Club which takes in the central area of the Region.

This year we have had the pleasure of welcoming to the Region, many new recipients of awards made in the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday honours for 2018. We also are pleased to welcome two members who have relocated to our mild climate.

Marjorie Voss OAM, Convener

WELCOMING OUR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS IN STYLE

Queensland Branch members welcomed and congratulated nineteen of its newest award recipients from this year's Australia Day honours at the Celebratory Lunch in the Walter Taylor Room at Boulevard Gardens at Indooroopilly in Brisbane's western suburbs on Thursday 24 May. This was the first time venue for our celebratory lunches and it proved a real hit with the 92 guests who attended.

A feature at the venue was the courtyard, adorned with lush green vegetation and weeping trees, where guests enjoyed a drink on arrival whilst listening to beautiful music provided by the St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School String Quartet. The Quartet also played a wonderful version of the National Anthem to commence the formal proceedings.

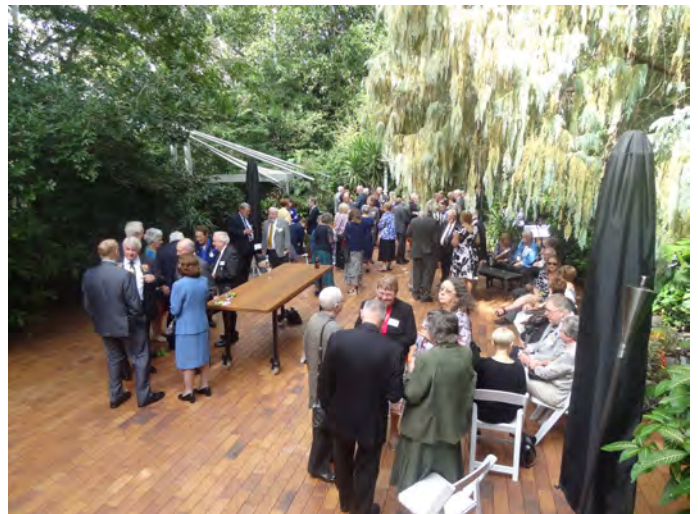
Another celebratory lunch will be arranged during September for this year's Queen's Birthday award recipients. Details will be available on the website or you may contact Geoff Cowles OAM, Secretary, by phone on 3351 4991 or by email at secqld@theorderofaustralia.asn.au



Our nineteen award recipients – Back row (standing) – from L-R – Eddie Codd AM; David Bevan AM; Dr John O'Donnell AM; Robin Wales OAM; Collin Myers AM; Rev Paul Bland OAM; Dr Dennis Young AM; Andrea Messenger OAM; Dr Ian Fraser OAM; Trevor Weatherhead AM; Roly McAtee OAM; Dr Barry Hickey OAM; Dr Rod Campbell AM; Front row (seated) – from L-R – Professor Patricia Hoffie AM; Dr Roslyn Dunbar-Wells OAM; Lorna Bowen OAM; Nerida Smith OAM; Gail Hyslop OAM; Margaret Miller OAM.



Queensland members and guests (seated) salute our 19 award recipients (standing).



Guests enjoy fellowship and a drink on arrival in the delightful courtyard.

VALE ROBERT BRAYE ROGERS AM

Bob Rogers AM was widely known and recognised for his enormous and tireless contributions in so many community service organisations in Queensland and beyond. In 1999 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia "for service to rural health care, particularly through the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and to the community through Rotary International."

Members of Probus will fondly remember Bob's enthusiastic involvement. Bob began his Probus membership in 1991, was

instrumental in the formation of the Kenmore Village Probus Club in 1993 and over the next twenty years or so helped form more than twenty Probus Clubs in south-east Queensland and the Queensland Probus Association.

Bob was also an active member in many other community service organisations and charities. He epitomised the ideal of "service above self."

Born in 1929, Bob died in Brisbane on 2 June 2017.



OUR 20TH ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Members are encouraged to attend the Presentation of the 20th annual Secondary School Citizenship Awards at Parliament House in Brisbane on **Friday 21 September 2018**.

Awards will be presented to those outstanding secondary school students who have made significant contributions to society, through service to their school and their community.

For a copy of the registration form to book up for this important event in the Queensland Branch calendar, please consult the Queensland segment of the website or contact Geoff Cowles OAM, Secretary by 'phone on 07 3351 4991 or email to secqld@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

As this is the Queensland Branch's 20th year presenting these awards, I thought it would be worthwhile to provide a few interesting facts about the program. The first awards ceremony was held in September 1999 at Government House, Brisbane and one of the twelve awardees then was a student from Caloundra State High School by the name of Jarrod Bleijie. Jarrod, along with the 11 other secondary students, received his award from Major General Peter Arnison AC CVO, the 23rd Governor of Queensland. Jarrod has since become a



The historical, ornate Old Legislative Council (Red) Chamber at Parliament House where the Presentations will take place. (photo taken at the 2016 Presentation)

very successful Queensland state politician as the Member for Kawana on the Sunshine Coast since 2009 and Attorney General and Minister for Justice in the Newman Government. Since 1999, awards have been presented to 232 outstanding secondary school students representing 114 secondary schools from all parts of

Queensland. Kirwan State High School in Townsville has been the most successful school with 12 awardees since 1999.

We hope you can join us on Friday 21 September at Parliament House to meet and support the winners of this year's awards.

Geoff Cowles OAM, Secretary

EXPLORING THE ICONIC EMPIRE THEATRE, TOOWOOMBA

On Friday, 6 July 2018 members of the Order of Australia Association in the Darling Downs region were able to tour the Empire Theatre complex in Toowoomba.

The Empire Theatre is considered one of Australia's significant historical and architectural treasures and is one of Queensland's busiest working theatres. The complex comprises three main performance venues – the Empire Theatre (the current building

dates from 1933 and replaced the original theatre which opened in 1911 and was destroyed by fire early in 1933), the Empire Church Theatre and the Armitage Centre. The Empire Theatre, which was completely refurbished and renovated in 1997 and has seating for 1,565 people, is an example of art deco style architecture. You can find out all about this splendid theatre complex at www.empiretheatre.com.au

Following the tour members and their guests enjoyed lunch at the highly-regarded Encores Restaurant which is right in the Theatre precinct.

Paul McNally OAM, Convener

IN MEMORIAM

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Roderick Samuel Fisher CAMPBELL AM

Kenneth James CROTTY OAM

Charles Phillip CULLIN AM

Eleanor June DEAN OAM

Kevin Charles DUFFY OAM

Ronald Cecil GATES AO

Kevin Frederick HOSKINS OAM BEM

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Lorna Jane RICKERT OAM

Raymond George SINGER OAM

Constantine (Con) Michael SOUVLIS AM

Charles Sinclair WATSON OAM

AN ENJOYABLE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Twenty-four guests from the Queensland Branch combined with guests of The Victoria League Brisbane for Commonwealth Friendship at a Black Tie Queen's Birthday Dinner at the Queensland Club on Saturday 9 June.

The guest speaker was Mrs Archana Singh, the Honorary Consul for India in Brisbane who spoke about the valuable role India plays in the success of the British Commonwealth. Prior to the Dinner the guests were entertained by Vanessa Chuah who performed three songs in the Gold Room following pre-dinner drinks. Vanessa was one of twelve recipients of the prestigious Secondary Schools Citizenship Award in 2016 presented by the Association's Queensland Branch. Vanessa is currently embarking on a physiotherapy career and continues to offer her worthy voluntary community service helping and encouraging others.

This was a most memorable occasion enjoyed by all present.



Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ, Queensland Branch Deputy Chairman presenting flowers and a certificate of appreciation to Vanessa Chuah at the Queen's Birthday Dinner.

LUNCH AT THE GOLD COAST

The Gold Coast Regional Group of the Association held a lunch on Monday 14 May 2018 at the Southport Golf Club. Sixty members, relatives and friends attended and heard an interesting speech from Donald Waters OAM, a member of the Association. Donald is an artist and spoke on the role that art can play in assisting people with disabilities in their daily life.

The toast to the Sovereign and the Order were proposed respectively by Keith Anderson OAM and Clive Mitchell-Taylor OAM, both former members of 8RAR.

Clive's toast to the Order covered some interesting history leading up to the formation of the Order and its changes over the years. Clive said that in preparing his toast he was surprised to learn that the idea of an Australian honours system was first mooted in 1949 and that the work leading up to the Australian flag being recognised and legally defined as the Australian National Flag in the *Flags Act 1953* may have been a catalyst for the discussion.

Prime Minister, John Gorton had asked for the concept to be further developed but the issue was not finalised until the Order of Australia was created by the Queen in 1975 on the advice of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. Two divisions were established – the Civil List (later to become the General List) and the Military List – each with three levels Member, Officer and Companion. A year later two further levels were added – Knight/Dame and the Medal. Knight and Dame were phased out in 1983, enjoying a brief but somewhat divisive revival in 2014-2015.

Members and their guests thanked Clive for providing the brief history of the Order.

Bill Collins AO, Convener



Donald Waters OAM, guest speaker at the Gold Coast lunch



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I had the pleasure of attending the 32nd National Conference of the Order of Australia Association in Adelaide from the 3rd to 6th May 2018. It was a thoroughly enjoyable Conference and, in my opinion, a very successful one with a number of positive outcomes. I thank South Australian Branch Chairman Ken Coventry OAM and his committee for their hard work and dedication.

On the 25th May, I attended the Illawarra Regional Group Mid-Year Luncheon at Dapto Leagues Club. Also attending with me were Regional Groups Co-Ordinators Peter Veenstra OAM and Garth Doyle OAM. It was a marvellous day, and I thank the Illawarra Regional Group Convenor John O'Dwyer OAM and Secretary Lynn Wilson OAM for organising such a wonderful day.

On the 11th June, I attended Government House for the Trooping of the Colour by the New South Wales Mounted Police to celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday. Music was

presented by the NSW Police Pipe Band and Brass Band and by the King's School Pipe Band. The Queen's persona ag wa own and the Salute was taken by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Rtd) Governor of New South Wales representing Her Majesty The Queen. Cadets from a number of schools took part in the ceremony which also include y past by the RAAF.

Please check The Order Magazine and our Website for upcoming events. A special reminder to our members and guests that we will be having a formal dinner on the 22nd August, 2018 at the York Func on Centre, our Guest Speaker for the evening will be Andrew Scipione AO APM, former Commissioner New South Wales Police. Full details are on our website.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our functions throughout the year,

John Archer OAM
Branch Chairman

ILLAWARRA REGIONAL GROUP: 2018 MID-YEAR LUNCHEON

Ninety-Nine people originally booked in for our Mid-Year Luncheon but there were some apologies due to illness and other factors. This is a record number of bookings for our group.

Regional Convenor John O'Dwyer warmly welcomed 88 members and guests to our

15th Mid-Year Luncheon which was held at Dapto Leagues Club on Friday 25th May 2018.

Among those welcomed were State Chairman John Archer OAM, NSW Regional Conveners Peter Veenstra and his wife Linda, Garth Doyle and his wife Nancy, Wollongong City Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury AM OAM and Stephen Jones – Federal Member for Whitlam, and Guest Speaker Trevor Allan.

Following a delightful meal Brian Mackander OAM introduced Guest Speaker

Trevor Allan who spoke about his work, working at four different universities with students with a disability.

Our scouting and guiding recipients were acknowledged. They had a display of thei ags and other memorabilia for those attending the luncheon to peruse.

A vote of thanks was given by Ron Dryburgh who also presented Trevor with a gift and a certi cate of appreciation.

Members were once again very happy with the venue, the food and the service.

Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Saturday 10th November 2018 Dapto Leagues Club, Bong Bong Street Dapto. Our Guest Speakers will be Mike and Kathy from "Mercy Ships."



Illawarra Regional Group: - 2018 Mid-Year Luncheon

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YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

Dear Young Endeavour crew,

I'd like to thank you for such an amazing voyage. You were all so much fun and we never had a bad day. I learned so much every day, about sailing and about myself.

I'd just like to share a short story with you.

After the voyage ended and my grandparents and I boarded the ferry from Pyrmont to Circular Quay, I was pulled to the side by one of the crew. "You're with the Young Endeavour? Come with me," he said. He took me up to the bridge of the ferry- we had a great conversation with the skipper; the Young Endeavour really is a big deal. The next thing I knew, I was driving the 'Fred Hollows' to the next two ports. Me. A 16 year old with 10 days of sailing experience. On the bridge of a ferry. Transporting about a hundred people through Sydney. With the skipper (Nick) and another crew member (Andy) beside me. Just because he noticed and took interest in my YE t-shirt and massive backpack. It was such a great highlight that really tops off my Young Endeavour voyage- I still cannot believe the turn of events.



I thought this might interest you as it really displays the influence Young Endeavour has in the community.

Yours sincerely
Bridget Lunn



HASTINGS/MACLEAY

On Thursday 7th June 2018, twenty-six members of the Hastings/Macleay Branch of The Order of Australia Association gathered at the Newman Technical College for a luncheon prepared by an outstanding group of students. The meals were of restaurant quality and an absolute credit to the standard being set at this great education facility. A reflection of the standard was that our members voted to return for our next luncheon.

Our guests were thoroughly intrigued by our guest speaker Dr Tony Hanks OAM who spoke on eye health, and the challenges facing millions of people in underdeveloped countries who are blind for no other reason than having no access to glasses. Tony and his wife Vicki have, and continue to spend much volunteer time in countries such as Vietnam endeavouring to assist people with accessing qualified optometrists.

New OAM recipients Maurice Fuller OAM and Greg Laird OAM were welcomed to the luncheon for the first time. Maurice has been acknowledged for a lifetime of commitment to Motor Sport and Surf Lifesaving, while Greg was recognised for his contribution to Veterans and the Port Macquarie local community.

Our members would like to thank Helen Bagust and her dedicated staff and students for making the luncheon such a pleasant occasion.

AUSTRALIA DAY RECIPIENTS AND GUESTS GATHER AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

The NSW Parliament House was once again the popular venue for the 2018 Australia Day recipients, their families and guests for a welcome and light luncheon held on the 3rd May 2018. Unfortunately, again the date clashed with a Parliament sitting week which meant that with only half of the "Stranger's Dining Room" available the Branch had to restrict the number of recipients and guests that could attend. Sadly, this restriction resulted in some recipients missing out on the opportunity of attending the function but all is not lost as they are welcome to attend the September Welcome and Light Luncheon if they so desire. Any interested Australia Day 2018 recipients should contact the Events Manager (see NSW Office holders and Committee column) and suitable arrangements can be made.

The capacity crowd gathered for pre-luncheon refreshments in the reception area while the new recipients gathered for the usual group photo at the conclusion of which everyone proceeded to the dining room for the official function where the Parliamentary Host for the occasion was the Honorable Robert Brown MP who, on behalf of the NSW Parliament congratulated all of the recipients on their awards as well as welcoming one and all to Parliament House and encouraged everyone to enjoy their visit to Parliament House.

The welcome address is normally delivered by the NSW Branch Chairman Mr. John Archer OAM but on this occasion his presence was required at the National Conference being held at the same time in Adelaide and he sent his apologies as well as his congratulations to the new recipients. The Master of Ceremonies Ian McKnight OAM stepped into the breach and delivered the welcome speech and congratulated the new recipients on their awards and for the service that they had contributed to their communities. He was well supported by Branch Secretary Mrs Carolyn Lyons OAM who, when proposing the toast to the new recipients strongly urged them to become involved in the Branch and encouraged them to support the functions that it conducts from time to time.

The response on behalf of all the recipients came from a former Member of Parliament the Honorable Ted Pickering AM who responded brilliantly and finished by sincerely thanking the Parliamentary Staff and the NSW Branch of the Order of Australia for organising such a wonderful function. All too soon the function came to an end in order to permit the attendees attending at Government House for the afternoon investiture ceremonies to arrive on time while those who remained behind continued to socialize and enjoy the surroundings and amenities of Parliament House.



Guests in Strangers Dining Room



Group of Recipients



TV personality Tracy Spicer AM with her husband and son chatting with the Governor of NSW His Excellency General The Honorable David Hurley AC DSC (Rtd)

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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

How to become a Member of our Association
check our website www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au

COMING EVENTS

NSW Branch Formal Dinner

Wednesday 22nd August 2018 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Venue: Club York Red Room 97 York Street Sydney.

Dress: Black Tie or Lounge Suit All Welcome

Special Guest: Former NSW Chief Commissioner Andrew Scipione AO APM

Further details contact Ian McKnight OAM, Mobile 0407 598 588

Email: ianmckni@tpg.com.au

Morning Tea and Seminar

Thursday 25th October 2018 10am

Venue: NSW Parliament House Theatre

Special guest Bryan Coleman, Chairman and Instigator of The Banksia Project focussed on mental wellness and early intervention in mental health. All welcome.

Further details: Ian McKnight OAM Mobile 0407 598 588

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Illawarra Regional Group Annual Luncheon

Saturday 10th November 2018

Venue: Dapto Leagues Club, Dapto. All welcome.

Bong Bong Street, Dapto.

Further details contact Lyn Wilson Email: lynnwilson2830@loadednet.com.au

Pre-Christmas Luncheon 12 noon

Wednesday 22nd November 2018

Venue: Club York, 97 York Street, Sydney. All welcome

Further details contact Ian McKnight OAM Mobile 0407 598 588

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(Events Assist.)



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Having just been elected to the role of Branch Chairman I would firstly like to thank my predecessor Dr John Thorne AM for his hard work and contribution as Chairman, Branch Director, Southern Regional Chairman and as a member of the 2019 Conference

Committee. He has indicated his availability to continue to assist the Association and we wish John well for his future activities.

Eighteen Tasmanians were awarded with honours in the Australia Day list and many attended with their families at the Branch Post Investiture Dinner in May. The new recipients are joined by many existing members to enjoy a celebratory evening that rounded off a special day for the awardees and their families after the Investiture at Government House. The dinner to be held in September will have the chance to congratulate the 22 awardees in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

The three Regions have had successful well attended lunches or morning teas with guest speakers, visits to organisations and family homes.

Our recent mailout exercise of seeking missing email addresses from our members has been most successful lifting the participation rate from 66% to over 81% at the time of writing. This increase in the number of members with emails will assist the Association at all levels with communications including the national e-news, Branch and Regional Groups communications. The saving in costs will also be significant.

Elsewhere in this magazine will be initial information about the next National Conference that will be held in Hobart in April 2019. The framework for the conference is well in place with detailed planning now underway.

In my role of Branch Chairman I look forward to working with our Committee for the benefit of our members.

Alastair Douglas OAM
Branch Chairman

DIRECTOR (TASMANIA) THE HON. DR FRANK MADILL AM M.B.B.S. (MELB), F.R.A.C.G.P



The Honourable Dr Frank Madill AM M.B.B.S. (Melb), F.R.A.C.G.P. was born Francis Leslie Madill on the 5th of September, 1941 at the Pakenham Bush Nursing Hospital in Victoria. Educated at Garfield Primary School, Drouin Central Classes and Warragul District High School, he graduated MBBS from Melbourne University in 1965. He and his wife Linda moved to Tasmania where he was Resident Medical Officer at the Launceston General Hospital 1966 – 1967.

He commenced fulltime General Practice in 1968, and during this period also managed his Romney Marsh sheep stud farm at Nunamara. Elected to the Tasmanian

House of Assembly in 1986 he was a Cabinet Minister from 1992-96 and Speaker of the House from 1996-1998. Frank retired from the Parliament in 2000 and resumed part time General Medical Practice in the Northern Suburbs of Launceston. He lectured in the School of Human Life Science at UTAS from 2004 – 2014 and was visiting lecturer at the Australian Maritime College and at the Medical School at the Sydney University during this period.

He is the author of five (5) books – *If You Faint Fall Backwards*, *It All Comes Back to Sheep*, *Why Politics Doctor* and *Sanders DFC – Out of the Darkness, On Giants' Shoulders*. He is a life member of the Bell Bay Seafarers Mission, Mowbray Cricket Club, North Launceston Football Club, Saints Softball Club and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. He was a recipient of the Centenary Medal in 2003, the Serving Brother of St John in 2004 and was honoured with the award of Member of the Order of Australia in 2014 for services to Parliament, Medicine and the Community. Frank is currently the Tasmanian Director on the Order of Australia Association national board and Vice-President of the Northern Tasmanian Region.

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SOUTHERN REGION NOTES

WALKABOUT INDUSTRIES VISIT

On the 11 April 2018 a group of members visited Walkabout Industries which delivers a range of services from paper recycling (1 tonne per hour), security shredding, potting mix production and packaging of kindlin rewood. The security shredding service has customers including large commercial operators, document storage facilities, government departments, local of ces and general households etc and the service includes certi cates of destruction to verify the security of each shredded piece. The organisation continues its commitment to providing employment and training to Tasmanians with disabilities.



“THE OLD CHAPEL” TEAROOMS VISIT

Following the visit to Walkabout the group went for lunch to “The Old Chapel” Tea Rooms operated by Aurora Disability Services and is a hospitality training centre for Tasmanians with disabilities.



QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

ON 12 June 2018 some of the OAA members attended the Royal Commonwealth Societies’ Annual Luncheon to celebrate Queen Elizabeth’s 92nd birthday. The Governor, Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Kate Warner AC, accompanied by her husband Mr Richard Warner mingled with guests prior to lunch where she proposed the Toast to Her Majesty the Queen.



L- R. Patricia Rubenach OAM, Bev Harris OAM, Dr Karla Fenton OAM & Bernadette Connor OAM

NORTHERN SUBURBS COMMUNITY CENTRE (MOWBRAY)

Northern Suburbs Community Centre Inc was established in 1983 and provides a range of services to the Launceston communities of Rocherlea, May eld, Newnham, Mowbray and Invermay. It operates a neighbourhood house from three sites: Newnham, Rocherlea and Mowbray and provides a friendly relaxed meeting place for all members of the community. It offers time out, family support, recreational and educational programmes and childcare.

Persons using the centre will have the opportunity to grow personally, socially and educationally in a non-threatening environment. The centre is committed to developing a sense of community.

The Northern Region held its most recent lunch function at the centre’s new premises in George Town Road.



New Northern Suburbs Community Centre Facility.



The Order of Australia Association ANNUAL CONFERENCE, HOBART APRIL 2019

Making the Difference

TOURS BEFORE AND AFTER THE 2019 CONFERENCE

Delegates attend the Conference in Hobart will be treated to a number of exciting and different tours taking you to places and experiences with a difference. Because of the exclusivity of these tours there are limitations in numbers participating. All proposed tours are subject to final appointment and numbers who wish to book.

A summary of each of the tours is shown below but more details will be progressively shown on the Association website at www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/tas/tours/. Early expressions of interest with no obligation will assist and can be sent to TasConference@theorderofaustralia.asn.au. Tours 1 and 2 are scheduled before the conference on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April and tours 3 and 4 after the conference on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th April.

These tours have been designed for our Association by Kim Dudson of award winning Bespoke Tasmania, who specialises in exclusive visits to private properties not open to the general public and unique experiences at those that are.

TOUR 1

COLONIAL RESOURCEFULNESS

This is a remarkable story of Tasmania's super- fine merino wool industry, prized by prestigious Italian woollen mills. In 1828 an English woman walked the breadth of Saxony, buying sheep with coins sewn into her skirts, then walking them to Hamburg's Port. Leading Tasmanian properties now track their premium wool through to "single-origin suiting". Hear a far-sighted 4th generation farmer speak about this exciting development, combined with conservation/restoration of the land.

Added to this tour delegates will visit a country town with exceptional Georgian colonial buildings to observe fascinating heritage building skills such as shingle splitting, stone masonry - shaping superb sandstone and the restoration of colonial wall-papers from oilcloths to beautiful French based designs.

Minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10, \$315 per person (8) \$280 (10) including morning tea and lunch.

TOUR 2

FAB FARM TO FORK

Driving past beautiful coastal waterways, and fertile hills, be uplifted with the success stories behind some of the following producers:

- visionary establishment of sheep's cheesery, and world award-winning distillery using sheep's whey;
- native botanicals and herbs prized internationally amidst a verdant kitchen garden, native bush and wonderful sculpture park along with an iris farm;
- ground-breaking saffron farm, producing some of the best in the world;
- smoked salmon and trout, sustainably sourced, using native Tasmanian timbers and organic apple-wood from nearby extensive orchard;
- taste and hear why some of Australia's leading Pinot Noir makers have chosen an unrecognised corner of Tasmania to make remarkable wine.

Minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 at \$315 per person (8) \$280 (10) including morning tea and lunch.

TOUR 3

HOPS, HOOCH AND HERITAGE

In a mountain ringed valley, we visit privately owned colonial properties to hear about leading edge agriculture on the edge of the world: then and now, including:

- the first hops grown for commercial production in Australia;
- their crucial role in founding a new colony, and exciting future;
- the first trout breeding and therefore fishing in Australasia;
- visit an 1860's pastoral property, restored meticulously, with a world award winning distillery; and
- lunch* at internationally renowned restaurant, highlighting locally sourced heritage produce. *The lunch is of your own choice and not included in the price.

Minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 at \$325 per person (8) \$300 (10), including morning tea.

TOUR 4

MAKE YOUR OWN GIN, AND EXPLORE THE TASMAN PENINSULA

In possibly the only place in the world you will distil your own gin using your own mini still, hear the fascinating history of gin combined with a tutored tasting, watch centuries old water bubbling up in a natural spring amidst a beautiful bushland mountain setting. This is located at one of Gourmet Traveller's favourite distilleries. Includes gin-favourite matched picnic lunch.

Combine this with a selection from the following:

- private guided tour of Port Arthur;
- hear how entrepreneurial wife of a diesel engineer and sheep farmer, "rebranded" lavender, with her own farm to make it stylish and sustainable;
- discover how a potato farmer uses second grade potatoes most profitably;
- arising from the ashes of major bushfire, entrepreneurial farming families have created a most successful vineyard cafe/oyster outlet.

Minimum of 4 at \$650 per person and a maximum of 10 at \$540 per person including morning and lunch.



TASMANIA BRANCH POST INVESTITURE DINNER

The Australia Day Post Investiture Dinner was held on May 18 2018 at the "Pickled Pear" at the University of Tasmania with an attendance of 154 guests made up of awardees, families, friends & OAA members. It was a memorable evening a highlight being the guest speaker Dr Dianne Snowdon AM.



Mr Daniel Yuen-Lee Chan OAM and guests.



Mrs Mandy Forteath OAM and Professor Nigel Forteath AM.



Dr Tim Mooney AM and Louise Mooney.

NORTHERN REGION NOTES

Congratulations to the Northern Regions' Queens' Birthday awardees, Jennifer Fraser OAM, Elizabeth Swain OAM, Merrilyn Young OAM and Dr Susan Zichy-Woinarski AM. We look forward to them joining the association and getting to know them well. Also our congratulation to the other 18 Tasmanian recipients.

Our most recent function was at the new Northern Suburbs Community Centre in Newnham, Launceston. It was a well-attended lunch with our guest speaker the Commander of the Northern Police District, Brett Smith APM. He gave an excellent talk on a range of policing activities relevant to our local community, and the wider national and the international terrorist and cyber-crime issues. The next function will be a visit to the historic property Woolmer's, which is the site of the National Rose Garden. Although the roses won't be in bloom at this time of year, the new tourist facilities and the absorbing history of this heritage property will be an excellent outing for all members who are able to attend.

It is pleasing to see more and more members of the Northern Region wearing their insignias at formal events – well done everyone.

DOROTHY MERLE CUNNINGHAM OAM (NEE CAMERON)

Dorothy was born in 1940 in the era when the Second World War was raging. Times were tough and she was taught the value of hard work to achieve, not only financial security but academic and sporting rewards.

Dorothy was educated at Burnie Primary, Smithton High and the University of Tasmania earning a Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood). She was privileged to be able to learn the piano from the age of ten. Dorothy used both these skills throughout her life, teaching and encouraging many young students.

As a piano teacher she became involved with the Burnie Eisteddfod in 1967. She later took on the role of joint secretary in 1979 with her husband Barry and in 1989 they added treasurer to their role. They continued doing this right up until her death on 26/12/2017. Dorothy was made a life member of the Eisteddfod Society in 1998.

Dorothy worked tirelessly making sure everything was in order for each eisteddfod – adjudicators, schedules, and programmes etc. While the Eisteddfod was happening Dorothy and Barry were there making sure everything was running smoothly. Dorothy took great pleasure in investing in young lives as they performed on the stage each year.

As Dorothy's health deteriorated, she joined the Lungs in Poor Shape group in 2008 and before long took on the role of President.

Dorothy, along with her husband Barry were awarded Order Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2016 for services to the Burnie community, especially for dedication to the City of Burnie Eisteddfod.

Dorothy will be greatly missed.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since the Branch AGM in February, we have held two significant and well attended events. Firstly, the reception to honour awardees on the 2018 Australia Day list. And secondly, the annual evensong at which our members renew vows to the Order and the community.

The Australia Day list reception was held at the University of Western Australia Club and, was hosted by the Chancellor, the Hon Robert French AC. The Chancellor, a member of our association, was a very gracious host. He spoke about the purpose of the awards in defining, encouraging and reinforcing national aspirations, ideals and standards by identifying role models and, how the University associates itself with that function and those purposes. His introduction to the evening is included in these pages.

The annual evensong at St George's Cathedral was again quite special. Rather than having a sermon, the Dean of Perth, the Very Reverend Richard Pengelly held a discussion with two awardees from the 2018 Queen's Birthday list. The discussion involved John Inverarity AM MBE and, Lyn Foreman OAM. John received his AM for significant service to education and cricket and, Lyn her OAM for services to athletics. The Dean, a dual Olympian in water polo, led a very significant and insightful discussion about life skills, community and how the interviewees look to instil and maintain appropriate standards in those they influence. Girls from the Perth College Choir led the sung responses in the service and sang a delightful Rutter anthem; "For the Beauty of the Earth".

In a sense, both of these events and the key speakers were reinforcing the purpose of the Order and the Objects of our association. I thank them all for reminding us of where our focus should lie.

As many would know, the Hon Kim Beazley AC replaced the Hon Kerry Sanderson AC, when her term as Governor of Western Australia was completed. The WA Branch of the association is very grateful to Mrs Sanderson for her great support as patron of the WA Branch and, the work she has personally done to promote the nomination of more, worthy West Australians in the Order.

His Excellency has graciously agreed to be our Branch patron. The Governor has also agreed to propose the toast to the Order at our annual dinner in September. The Hon Robert French AC, former Chief Justice of the High Court, will be the keynote speaker at the dinner.

The recent Queen's Birthday honours list recognised 56 outstanding West Australians. While the numbers are not quite representative of the State's 10.5% of the national population, the number of successful nominations has increased, as has the number of women receiving awards for merit. Please encourage more West Australians to nominate worthy fellow citizens for recognition in the Order.

The Branch Committee is working hard to further develop the Police Patron Scheme and the Careers Guidance Program for high school students. A video on careers guidance is now included in the Department of Education web site that complements the written guide.

Finally, the Queen's Birthday list reception will be at the City of Wanneroo civic centre, hosted by Mayor Tracey Roberts JP. I encourage all members, to please make every effort to attend and honour our new awardees. Thank you.

Mark Bonser AO, CSC
Branch Chairman

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

On the 25th July the Mayor of the City of Bunbury hosted an afternoon tea at the Bunbury Function Centre for members and the new recipients of an award in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

GREAT SOUTHERN BRANCH

An end of the year celebration will be held in Albany on Sunday the 18th November commencing with a Church service at 10.00 to be followed by lunch at the Grand Motel.

Further information from and RSVP to Ken Pech 0427 171 904

COMING EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Gala Annual Dinner to be held at Royal Perth Golf Club Labouchere Road South Perth. Our Patron and the new Western Australian Governor, The Hon Kim Beazley AC, will be attending and the speaker for the evening will be Robert French AC.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

A visit to Fremantle Jail followed by Devonshire Tea in the 'Convict Cafe' is planned to replace the Wildflower Walk in Kings Park which was originally advertised. September bookings for the walk were oversubscribed so we will make a much earlier booking for 2019.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

The Annual Christmas lunch will be held at the RAAFA Village in Bullcreek and once again we will be sharing this meal with members of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

For further information about any of the above events please contact Bettine Heathcote on 9409 9626

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS ADDRESS BY THE HON ROBERT FRENCH AC



Ladies And Gentlemen may I begin by welcoming you all to this celebration of the Western Australian Recipients of the 2018 Australia Day Honours Award in the Order of Australia. I would particularly like to acknowledge the presence of Mark Bonser AO, the Chairman of the WA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, his predecessor, Bill Hassell AM and the Warden of the University Convocation, Doug McGhie.

Given the number of Award recipients present and their friends and guests I shall not attempt any further subdivision according to your distinctions and merits. The awards speak for themselves.

The Australian Honours website explains the function of the Australian Awards system as providing recognition of excellence, achievement or meritorious service and contributions to our society. The purpose of the awards is to define, encourage and reinforce national aspirations, ideals and standards by identifying role models.

The University associates itself with that function and those purposes. Its core business is to engage in the great task of transmitting knowledge and generating new knowledge in the interests of the State, the nation and the global community. To that end it seeks to encourage

and recognise excellence and achievement in teachings, research and scholarship. In so doing it seeks to foster world views which rise above narrow self-interest to have regard to the interests of the wider Australian community and, beyond, that, the human community of which we are all part.

This celebration of the achievements of Australian Honours recipients is entirely consistent with that mission.

We are glad to be associated in this celebration with the Western Australian Branch of the Order of Australia Association. The nature and achievements of its members mean that the Association is not just a group formed to engage in mutual self-congratulations over cocktails. Such an organisation would very quickly become insufferably tedious.

The Order of Australia Association is expressly concerned to provide its members, among other things, with opportunities to engage in community service activities – in particular the Western Australian Police Patrons Scheme and the Student Careers Guidance Program. The Association is also concerned to ensure that the Western Australian community is aware of the awards system and the nomination process so that deserving people who may not necessarily be in the public eye may be considered for nomination and be nominated.

The importance of fostering awareness of the awards and encouraging nominations cannot be understated. Many years ago I sat on a Western Australian Citizen of the Year Nominations Committee and was struck by the number of people in communities right throughout the State who, in the absence of mechanisms such as the Order of Australia and Citizen of the Year Awards, would have been and remained unsung heroes and heroines. Their recognition is not just a matter of rewarding good works. It is also a matter of reinforcing for the whole of our community the incalculable value of voluntarism

and selfless public service which is an essential underpinning of what some people sometimes call “our social capital”

On behalf of the University I welcome you here. I congratulate all of the awardees. I commend the Association for its continuing efforts to encourage and celebrate achievements and service of the kinds which have earned you your awards.

WA BRANCH OFFICE-HOLDERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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**How to become a Member of our Association
check our website www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au**

ROGER UNDERWOOD AM - RESPONSE

Distinguished Guests,

It is a pleasure to respond on behalf of the Honours awardees.

First, we thank the University of WA, in particular the Chancellor, the Hon Robert French AC for hosting this function tonight. Second, we thank the Order of Australia Association for welcoming us into their membership. This is an honour within an honour!

I attended the awards ceremony at Government House on Friday, but initially with some scepticism. I had not fully appreciated its significance. To my surprise I loved it. What the ceremony was about, I discovered, was the recognition and celebration of wonderful people making wonderful contributions to our wonderful country!

One after another, up they walked to receive their awards, mostly shy, invariably modest, but proud to be representing their profession, organisation or community.

An Order of Australia brings national recognition, which is pleasing, but I don't think this meant too much to anyone on the night. On the other hand, we all knew that the reason we were there was that we had been recognised as deserving of an honour by our peers and by our colleagues, the people who nominated us in the first place.

Each of us also realised that we had become part of a community of people who had been nominated by *their* peers. This, it seemed to me, generated an almost palpable feeling of shared pride.

When the awards were announced, my grandson said to me "Well, Papa. You are famous now".

Afterwards I reflected on fame.

I grew up with a famous father, an internationally-recognised scientist. For years in the early days of my career I would be greeted by people who would say to me "Roger Underwood? Hmm ... you must be the son of Professor Underwood". I didn't mind, as I was proud of my father. Then many years later my eldest son became a well-known musician, and now I was greeted with "Roger Underwood? You must be the father of Tim Underwood". I didn't mind that either, as I was proud of my son, and I was amused by the way that family fame had skipped a generation.

Then at Government House the other night someone came up to me and said, "You must be *the* Roger Underwood!"

My moment of fame had arrived.

But, as we all know, fame is momentary, and always ephemeral. We can celebrate it on the night, but the next morning, the journey continues. We have been honoured for our passion, our commitment to a cause, our philanthropy or whatever. But mostly we remind ourselves that it is a reward for *hard work*.

I feel sure I speak for my fellow-awardees when I say that in the fields in which each of us work, the job is not done. Tonight, we celebrate, tomorrow its back to work.

Thank you again for welcoming us into this association of honourable and hard-working people. We will do our best to live up to this "honour within an honour".

VISIT TO THE POLICE ACADEMY

In May, 22 people attended this function which was hosted by the Superintendent of the Academy. A very comprehensive tour included a visit to classrooms, a sneak look at a mock trial being held in the most realistic Moot Court and, a most interesting talk by an indigenous liaison officer in which he explained the way in which indigenous people were encouraged to take part in training at the Academy. A very revealing experience watching a scenario being played out highlighted the kind of incidents our Police men and women are faced with on a day to day basis. The tour ended with morning tea in the Executive Dining Room.

Whilst this visit was not a recruiting drive for new Patrons it was an opportunity for members to see just what is involved at this very modern Academy. There is a requirement for more members to fill the role of Patron for new squads starting in the New Year. For more information please contact Michael Bleus OAM on 0450 603 643 or michael.bleus@bipond.com



Main entrance to the Police Academy in Joondalup



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the time of writing my last report we were approaching the National Conference of the Order of Australia Association that the South Australian Branch was hosting at the Adelaide Convention Centre on the first weekend in May.

It was a very successful event with an exceptional venue and a staff team at the Adelaide Convention Centre that were very professional and courteous in showcasing the hospitality of South Australia. The success of the Conference was well summarised by the National Chairman when speaking at the closing luncheon he commented that South Australia 'has now raised the bar' providing a Conference 'where every activity was executed smoothly and exceeded expectations'.

To the team of South Australians who gave willingly to support the administration and background of the Conference, whether as a Branch Committee member, Conference Committee member or one of our committed volunteers, I express my grateful thanks.

On behalf of our South Australian membership, I take this opportunity to extend congratulations to all those who, on the Queen's Birthday in June, were recognised with an Honour in the Order of Australia. Your outstanding service and achievements have been recognised. We trust that each of you will join us at an Investiture Reception to be held on Thursday, September 27th as we take the opportunity to honour you and recognise your contribution that led to your Award.

The Branch Committee is presently looking at a way to serve our members better. To do that we need to ascertain the thoughts of our membership. I anticipate that will occur towards the end of this calendar year. We have a membership of approximately 850 in South Australia and yet only have a nucleus of approximately 100 that are involved in activities and functions convened by the Branch Committee, and unfortunately we are unable to fill all positions annually on the Committee. In a following article I have signalled the fact that I will not be renominating for the position of Chairman at the next AGM in February 2019 as I will have served the 3 years I set out to do [and that was the mandatory period at that time].

Ken Coventry OAM, JP
Branch Chairman

PROFILE

Emeritus Professor Alan Johnson AM has been reappointed as the National Director of the Order of Australia Association from SA. Alan has had 30 years in academia and is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Technology Sydney and an Adjunct Professor at the University of New South Wales. His last academic posting was as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) at the University of Adelaide.

Alan has Masters degrees in Technology and Social Change and Strategic Planning in universities and a Doctor of Philosophy degree and a Doctor of Science degree in biology. He worked in Washington with the US Department of Agriculture as a Fulbright Fellow and served a term as an Executive Director of the Australian

Research Council in Canberra. Alan now runs a small but globally focused company based in Adelaide assisting universities, medical research institutes and hospitals increase their research profile. Because of his extensive business, management and leadership focus he has been elected as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He has been a member of the SA State Branch Committee for the last few years and chaired the committee which organised the excellent 2018 conference in Adelaide.

Alan was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2006 for services to higher education, science research and publishing. He served for 14 years as an Officer in the Australian Army Reserve which included postings to an Australian

regular army regiment and the US National Guard. He was awarded the US Army Achievement Medal and is a graduate of the US Army Air Assault School. He is the inaugural Chair of the Advisory Board of the Murdoch Ngangk Yira Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and Social Equity.



Emeritus Professor Alan Johnson AM

IN MEMORIAM

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

Gregor Allen Ramsey AM
Walter Stamm AM
D.A.A. Simpson AO
Keith Norrish Skillicorn AM
Barry S. Fry OAM

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

To be held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at St. Francis Community Centre, 833 South Road, Clarence Gardens at 10.00 to 12.00noon. Entry via Dinwoodie Avenue off South Road. There is no charge for this.

Our Christmas Morning Tea events are always happy occasions as we 'mix and match' with each other. Do come along and enjoy our Christmas festivity as we all share some special treats. Parking is available on the tennis courts adjacent to the hall and on Dinwoodie Avenue.

Please see the attached Reply Form.

FROM – THE SA CHAIRMAN TO - MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

We have a big challenge!!!

I need to share the following with you and through this medium I am assured that each of you will receive a copy of my report. As I have said before – it is easy for anybody to say ‘how do we know’ of the present issues facing the Branch ‘unless we are told’. Can I suggest that this matter has now reached a crisis point.

At the next AGM of the Branch I will have served 3 years as your Chairman. At the time of agreeing to be nominated I undertook to give my unquestionable commitment to the position for 3 years – the maximum term permitted at the time. During that period I was aware that the Branch would be called upon to host the 2018 National Conference and my role as State Chairman would be pivotal to that. Indeed it was and we hosted what has since been described as a Conference that ‘raised the bar’ with many comments referring to it as an exceptionally welcoming and friendly Conference, in an exceptional venue with great speakers and facilitators.

I have also represented the State as National Director SA on the National Board for 4 years – again the statutory period at the time I accepted the appointment.

The purpose of this report is to advise all that I do not intend to re-nominate for the position as your Chairman when the positions are called prior to the AGM as while the Constitution of the Association has been changed to enable a Branch Chairman to serve for 5 years, it is time for me to move on and a new leader to be elected.

I believe we have achieved much in my period as firstly a member of the Branch Committee and over the last 3 plus years as Chairman. This has included –

- increasing the participation of nominations in the Student Citizenship Awards held annually,
- lobbying and successfully having the Australian Honours system (that includes the Order of Australia Awards) in the elaborations (teaching guides) included in the Australian Education Curriculum. This has potential to develop into a National project but the lack of personnel to develop such a concept into reality has seen this deferred indefinitely,

- varying the format for welcoming new recipients after each Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday Holiday from a very costly luncheon to an Investiture Reception partnering with local government,
- greater engagement with and enjoyment by those members that do attend Branch-convened functions.

Ideally I wish I could say that all Committee positions are filled and we have been able to provide the Committee and members with a succession plan. However, such is not the case and my past encouragement seeking nominations has not been successful to the extent needed, and too much has been left to too few. Certainly I recognise the efforts of the present Committee members. Of further note, we have 2 members who will also be ineligible for nomination at the next AGM as their maximum term will have been reached. The present Committee does not have a Secretary following our inability to fill the position at the last AGM in February. Consequently that position is presently being shared (as we need to have appointed a person to that position) between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman (who is also the Branch and National Treasurer). We have a Committee capacity of 12 but only have 8 members at this time.

One has got to ask what the members want of the Branch Committee and indeed nationally, and how it will be managed if the Branch Committee is not sufficiently supported and members do not put forward their names to serve on that Branch Committee.

It is a challenge for all of us to ponder and I sincerely ask each of you to consider – health permitting – offering yourself for election as Chairman/Secretary/Committee Member.

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OFFICE-HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Professor Alan Johnson AM

Branch Membership Officer

Ms Jan Forrest OAM

Committee Members

Mr Francis Wong OAM

Mrs Judith Leeson AM

Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM

Mr John Phillips OAM

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEES

Fellowship Lunches are held on the fourth Thursday of every second month (12 noon for 12.30 pm) at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club, 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide. These are very pleasant occasions and 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 members of the Order of Australia Association.

A dress code [neat business attire, jacket preferred] is applicable at the Club. Some parking may also be available in the Club’s carpark.

Upcoming lunches are planned for 23rd August [no, it is not too late to book] and 25th October – both at 12 noon for 12.30pm. For further information and to RSVP please contact Joyce – tel 8379 2869 or Flavia – mob 0438 8730 25 or Glenys mob 0409 848 746



32ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 32nd. National Conference of the Association was held in Adelaide at the beginning of May. Most of the events were in the Adelaide Convention Centre which is located on a spectacular site along the River Torrens and overlooking the famous Adelaide Oval on the other side of the river.

The conference was opened by Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC at a reception which included a welcome on behalf of the State Government by Matthew Cowdrey OAM paralympic gold medalist and recently elected State MP, and a performance by the Tal-Kin-Yeri Dancers under the leadership of Major 'Moogy' Sumner.

During the conference there were many spirited presentations including a fascinating talk by Chris Selwood AM, the event director of the World Solar Car Challenge, in which solar-powered cars from around the world travelled from Darwin to Adelaide. Another energetic presentation was made by Bec Goddard, an Australian rules football coach who served as the head coach of the Adelaide Football Club in the AFL Women's competition (AFLW) in 2017 and 2018.

The City of Adelaide welcomed delegates to a reception in the Adelaide Town Hall, hosted by Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese, in which he commented that he thought the Town Hall had never had a reception for so many people with initials after their names!

The Gala Dinner attracted many additional South Australians and was attended by His Excellency the Governor of South Australia the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC who presented the Foundation Scholarship Award Certificate to Juanita Kelly-Mundine. Previous awardee Alyssa Fitzpatrick also was in attendance.

The final day comprised a wreath-laying ceremony in brilliant sunshine at the State War Memorial followed by a fascinating tour of the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk alongside the wall of Government House. The conference concluded with a luncheon.

Attendances for the conference were made up from the following States - SA 24%, Qld 22%, Vic 16%, NSW 15%, WA 7%, ACT 6%, NT 5%, Tas 5%.

Richard House
SA Conference Committee Secretary



Members of the Tal-Kin-Yeri Dancers performed at the Opening Ceremony. Photos: eventphoto.com.au



Standing: Mrs Carole Flood, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, Mrs. Le, Mrs Di Coventry, Mr Hugh Morgan AC
Sitting: Mr Phillip Flood AO, Professor Alan Johnson AM, MAJGEN Barry Nunn AO, RFD, ED, Mrs Margaret Nunn OAM, Mr Ken Coventry OAM JP. Photo: Jan Forrest OAM



Conference delegates enjoy the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk, Kintore Avenue, City. Photo: Jan Forrest OAM

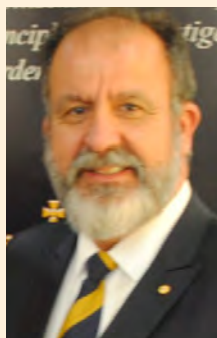
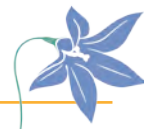
INVESTITURE RECEPTION – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECIPIENTS

An Investiture Reception will be held at the Payneham Library Complex on Thursday, 27 September, 2018. Members, partners and guests are invited to join us as we honour the new recipients. It is also an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones in a social setting. To be held on Thursday evening, 27 September 2018, the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters and His Worship Mayor Robert Bria are joint hosts with the SA Branch Committee. The function commences at 5.30 pm and continues until 8 pm. The Payneham Library Complex is situated at 2 Turner Street, Felixstow (corner of OG Road and Turner Street). Large medals may be worn. Please see the attached Reply Form.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON 2018

The Living Choice Auditorium [Fisher Street, Unley] was the scene of the Luncheon for members, partners and guests on the Queen's Birthday Holiday.

The luncheon saw the continuation of the recognition of the talent and expertise we have amongst our membership and we took the time to 'listen to our members' again. 3 members were invited to share their experiences that led to their award. Richard House OAM, Norm Paterson OAM and GCAPT Robert Barham Black AM RFD were interviewed informally by the Chairman.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The ACT Branch has had a busy few months. On Thursday 17 May, we welcomed new recipients in The Order of Australia and new members of the Association at a reception at the Commonwealth Club. On Thursday 24 May, Air Vice Marshal Warren McDonald AM, CSC, the

Defence Force's Chief of Joint Capabilities, delivered the 2018 Order of Australia Association – Australian Defence Force Oration entitled *Joint Capabilities: Why, and where to next?* and on Tuesday 12 June, the guest speaker at our 2018 Queen's Birthday Luncheon, Mr Glenn Keys AO, spoke about *Giving Back: from Defence to business to disability*. You can find reports on all these functions on our Events page on the website <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/act/events/> and here in this edition of *The Order*.

At the request of the National Membership Director, we have been contacting some members to ask for email addresses. I'm pleased to report that we now have email addresses for about 85% of ACT Branch members. If you're uncertain

whether we have your email address but would like to start receiving communications by email, please let me know (T: 0467 719 020; E: mandmcrane@live.com).

A sub-committee working on finding practical ways to promote more nominations for women has also been very busy over the past three months. An initial round of letters offering help has been sent to more than a dozen ACT organisations and the response has been pleasing.

I'm sorry to advise that our Branch Membership Officer, John O'Neill OAM, has resigned from the Branch Committee to progress his novel and give more time to his business interests. On behalf of all Branch members, I thank John for his contribution to the Committee, particularly on the email and nominations for women projects.

Finally, we have more terrific events coming up in the next quarter, with the Multi Faith Observance on 19 August, the next reception for new recipients on 19 September, and the 2018 Order of Australia Association – Australian National University Lecture on a date to be confirmed in October. We do hope to see you there.

Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM
Chairman ACT Branch

RECEPTION FOR NEW RECIPIENTS 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

The ACT Branch holds bi-annual receptions as an opportunity for members to honour and fellowship with new recipients of awards in The Order of Australia, and the next reception will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at the Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla following the scheduled investiture of Australia Day awardees at Government House on 6-7 September 2018.

Register online at Sticky Tickets (preferred): <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/73101>

Members: Click on "Ticket/Register", order number of tickets required.

New recipients: Click on "Ticket/Register", then enter promotion code QB18.

Your ticket is free, guest tickets \$47.50

This event is generously sponsored by the ACT Government.

DR KATIE HELMS AO



We regret the recent passing of Branch member Dr Katie Helms AO. Dr Helms had a distinguished career of 41 years at the CSIRO after obtaining her PhD in virology in the USA at the University of Madison, Wisconsin. She became a dedicated plant research scientist focusing on investigating the causes of crop diseases damaging the economy of the pastoral industry, particularly viruses affecting subterranean clover. Dr Helms was appointed an Officer of The Order of Australia in 1989 *for service to agricultural research*. At this time OA awards at this level were relatively rare for women.

RECEPTION FOR AUSTRALIA DAY RECIPIENTS – 17 MAY 2018.

The ACT Branch welcomed 11 new members to the Association at a reception held at the Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla.



L-R: Jan Paulga OAM; Peter Ashworth OAM; Alpha Gregory OAM; Jim Quick OAM; Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM (ACT Chair); David Cossart OAM; Ian Sayers OAM, ED; Robin Eckermann AM; Ingrid Moses AO; Alan Morrison AM; Michael Coper AO; Gordon Gregory OAM

2018 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH – TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018

Members enjoyed the Queen's Birthday luncheon on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at The Royal Canberra Golf Club where our guest speaker and Branch member, Mr Glenn Keys AO gave an inspirational talk on his subject "Giving Back; from Defence, to business to disability".

Glenn provided an insight into his journey from defence to being the co-founder of Canberra-based Aspen Medical, and a significant philanthropist.

His career in the Australian Defence Force saw him undertake a range of tasks from training to testing and engineering to logistics support for Army aircraft. Aspen Medical was founded in 2003 and Glenn considers the discipline of military experience to work for practical outcomes has enabled him to provide agility in managing the business. He takes pride that Aspen Medical can respond quickly to provide services where required, it now has a team of over 2,000 staff and operates across 3 continents and 14 countries, from Australasia, the Pacific Rim, the Middle East, Africa, the USA and the UK. The company is a global provider of healthcare solutions which has included establishing the Remote Area Health Corps in Australia and managing Ebola Treatment Units in West Africa in the 2013-16 outbreak.

An advocate of business having a social purpose, Glenn said he placed social responsibility and community involvement at the heart of Aspen Medical's culture. A percentage of the company's profits are allocated to the Aspen Foundation, which was established in 2009 and today is dedicated to the tackling health issues that are often forgotten or missed by larger campaigns. The Foundation has been involved in the eradication of the eye disease Trachoma as well as scabies in remote Indigenous communities in Australia.

As the parent of a child with an intellectual disability, Glenn showed his passion about helping people with a disability reach their full potential. He is the founder and Chair of *Project Independence*, a housing initiative for people with intellectual disabilities, which was officially launched in Canberra in February 2015. Under the model, with land granted by the ACT government and a system developed by charities that cater to those with a disability, he explained how *Project Independence* has built properties for people with a mild intellectual disability with an arrangement for them to develop equity in a home. Glenn believes that this model could be established Australia wide.

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Immediate Past Chair

Bruce Trewartha OAM



Michael Crane DSC and Bar & Glenn Keys AO

As an active member of the Canberra Business Chamber, Glenn is encouraging businesses to incorporate philanthropy into their businesses and professional lives.

In 2013 Glenn was appointed to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and in November 2014 was awarded the 2015 ACT Australian of the Year. He is a Board Member of the National Capital Authority & was appointed Chair of the Canberra Business Chamber in Feb 15. Glenn was appointed an Officer of The Order of Australia in June 2017 for distinguished service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory through contributions to disability support programs, and to business and commerce as an advocate for corporate social responsibility.

2018 ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION – AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ORATION

Delivered On 24 May 2018 At Defence Headquarters, Russell by Air Vice Marshal Warren McDonald AM, CSC Chief Of Joint Capabilities



Members and guests were treated to a very personal and insightful Oration by the Chief of Joint Capabilities (CJC), Air Vice-Marshal Warren McDonald AM, CSC in detailing the establishment of the new Joint Capabilities Group (JCG) within the ADF.

AVM McDonald began by explaining that while each of the Services has its own strong sense of purpose and identity, the Australian Defence Force needs the JCG to rise above inter-Service rivalry. He noted that the process of building cooperation between the services has been happening in the ADF for some years, but contrasted this with defence forces such as Israel's, which have not had the luxury of coming to that maturity over time.

He described his own journey to recognition that a wider perspective is required, citing his experience as a junior pilot working with the Navy at Nowra and on a posting to Canada, where he was struck by the way that search and rescue operations were organised and conducted without bickering about who owned what part of the job. He described how these impressions were reinforced as he grew more senior, when it became clear that the development of the Air Operations Centre and Joint Operations Command would demand change. He pointed particularly to his experience in the Middle East, when some elements of the Air Force initially resisted the idea of employing the AP-3C Orion, which was designed as maritime patrol aircraft, in support

of land operations over Iraq.

AVM McDonald said that JCG was established in July 2017 to bring together several of our joint capabilities, and that it comprises principally:

- Joint Health Command,
- Joint Logistics Command,
- Australian Defence College, and
- Information Warfare Division.

He reasoned that the establishment of JCG allows more attention to be paid to important elements of the Defence Force that have been given insufficient attention. For example, as part of forming JCG, he was asked to take on the military policing function. He found that while the service had been neglected, the people were passionate about their job, and that relatively little new investment would be well rewarded.

He explained that there are 2,740 personnel in JCG, half uniformed, half civilian. He said he had been well supported in assembling these personnel by senior Defence leaders, and that his task has been to get across the business as quickly as possible and to homogenise the Group.

AVM McDonald then touched briefly on each of the main elements of the Group, describing some of the key challenges. He added that he has a very lean headquarters and needs to focus exclusively on doing only that which is important.

In concluding, AVM McDonald posed the question "What if there was no Joint Capabilities Group?" He considered the answer is that we would find ourselves increasingly behind in the information game, and the progressive introduction of increasingly modern platforms would eventually force us to invent it.

A full transcript of the Oration can be found at <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/act/events/>

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- 3166 had opened it = 58.5%
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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION - SCHOLAR



The Order of Australia Association Foundation Limited provides a national focus for the aim of The Order of Australia Association - "Love of and pride in Australian Citizenship." It does this by awarding prizes to young Australians undertaking post-secondary vocational training, who would greatly benefit.

Some of us were privileged to meet **Mr. Mark Munnich** in Brisbane last year,

where he was celebrated as the recipient of a Foundation Scholarship to assist with his law degree at CDU. Mark was born and raised in the Territory and is a descendant of the Yawuru peoples from Broome Western Australia and the Gungandji peoples from Yarrabah in Cairns Far North Queensland. Mark has been employed as a program officer for the Bilata Legal Pathways Program and is a former community legal educator with the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA). Describing himself as an "Indigenous Renaissance Man", Mark is currently in his final year of his Bachelor of Laws, and facing exams next month. His Honour Justice Austin Asche was appointed as his mentor and the two shared aspects of the learning pathway only 2 weeks ago.

Mark reports on a highlight of the last few years – his trip to Geneva last June-July to take up a month-long United Nations (UN) Indigenous Fellowship with the

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The journey to Geneva began in 2015 when Mark participated in the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) on human rights at the University of New South Wales, where he was encouraged by peers to apply for the Fellowship. "I am passionate about human rights and I want to extend my knowledge in the field," Mark said. "The DTP program was a stepping-stone but this Fellowship will allow me to put what I've learned into practice." Mark said he expected to return with a solid foundation of practical knowledge to supplement the theoretical human rights law studies he has already completed at Charles Darwin University.

Mark looks forward to a myriad of job opportunities when he completes his degree, and wishes to thank the Order of Australia for supporting him, in particular Mr. Nick Paspaley AC as a significant benefactor.

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Lions Need for Feed - <http://www.needforfeed.org/>

Any branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

AN ORDER TO ASPIRE TO

MAJOR PAUL A ROSENZWEIG OAM JP (RET'D)

There has been ongoing speculation as to why the Order of Australia is not more widely acknowledged. I would like to offer some insight from my own experience.

For 26 years of my Army service I was a commissioned officer. As most of us would, I still recall very clearly the day I first wore my Lieutenant's rank stars on my shoulders.

The Australian Army rank star is based upon a diamond-shaped figure in the form of a cluster of rays, bearing the emblems of an ancient British order of chivalry. The star is actually a stylised version in miniature of the breast stars of the Knight Grand Cross (GCB) and Knight Commander (KCB) of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in the Military Division. This 'Bath Star' continues to be worn by most officers of the British Army and of officers of the Royal Marines, and is common throughout the Commonwealth armies.

At its centre, the star contains three crowns, surrounded by a red enamelled circlet bearing the motto of the Order, *Tria Juncta in Uno* (Latin for "Three Joined in One") – referring to the kingdoms of England, Scotland and Ireland although with an allusion to the Holy Trinity. Historically, the star has represented the highest accolade that might be achieved by a young officer through their military service – membership of the Order of the Bath. In effect, the rank star was a reminder to a young officer of what they might aspire to.

As the Order of Australia has increasingly become recognised in our community, would it not be appropriate to adopt its emblems to show the uniquely Australian nature of our Army? To represent what young officers might now aspire to – a prestigious Australian society of honour, rather than an imperial Order with symbolism of little direct relevance to the Australian Army of today.

I first advocated such an idea in 1993 – 25 years ago! Imperial honours had been formally discontinued for Australians in 1992, and admission to the Order of the Bath was now effectively unattainable.

While many military traditions were adapted around this time to enhance their relevance, and the Chief of the General Staff noted that my proposal had 'considerable merit', there was no action taken to change the Army rank star.

Another formal proposal a decade later also attracted no interest from Army to make change. In response to a further submission in 2014, the Chief of Army acknowledged my argument as 'convincing' but declined to institute change.

While retaining the form of the traditional star which has been in use since before Federation, I believe a new rank star could incorporate the design of the Order of Australia. This would comprise a simple modification – to replace the symbolism of England, Scotland and Ireland with the emblems of our uniquely Australian society of honour.

The three crowns could be replaced with a convex golden disc representing a single ball of mimosa ('Golden Wattle') blossom.

The green laurel wreath and red circlet bearing the motto of the Order of the Bath could be replaced with a circlet of dark blue (representing the oceans surrounding our island continent) bearing the title 'AUSTRALIA' in gold below two sprigs of Golden Wattle.

I again ask, why do Australian Army officers still wear rank stars depicting an unattainable order of chivalry, one to which Australian military officers have not been eligible for admission for some four decades.

When an officer is commissioned and wears those Australian Army rank stars for the first time, should those stars not symbolise the highest accolade they might hope to achieve through their future service, whether military or civil – membership of the Order of Australia.

Note: The phrase "membership of the Order of Australia" is the wording which appears on the Warrant which accompanies an award; this may comprise being *appointed* as a Member, Officer or Companion of the Order, or being *awarded* the Medal.

Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP

Paul Rosenzweig served for a total of 32 years in the Army Reserve and Australian Regular Army, retiring on medical grounds in 2011 with the rank of Major (Royal Australian Infantry Corps). He now volunteers as an officer in the Australian Air Force Cadets. Paul has been a non-professional author of military history and biography for some 35 years, and is a Fellow of the Military Historical Society of Australia. He is an Australia Day Ambassador for South Australia, and an active Justice of the Peace.



Left: a current pattern Australian Army rank star, based upon the breast stars of the Order of the Bath in the Military Division.

Right: a potential new Australian Army rank star, incorporating the emblems of the Order of Australia: a central golden disc (a single mimosa blossom) surrounded by a circlet of dark blue bearing the title 'AUSTRALIA' in gold below two sprigs of Golden Wattle. This central design is superimposed upon a simple Maltese Cross, sitting upon a cluster of straight rays, retaining the traditional form of the rank star which has been in use by the Australian Military Forces since before Federation.

A FORUM FOR INTERESTING IDEAS!

FRANK MADILL AM

Nov 17 – What is the point? Does it Matter?

Feb18 – How can we make the point?

May18 – How can we make it matter?

PERCY COOPER OAM

Nov17 – A Hall of Australian Achievers?



MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA

LETTER TO EDITOR 1

Re nominations for Australian honours, in particular of women from multiculturally diverse communities.

It has been brought to my and some others' attention that nominations of women from some ethnic communities for an OA honour are, or may be, blocked by the leaderships of their communities.

Many such communities in multicultural Australia are led by men from ancient patriarchal societies. However, many of the women involved in serving their communities are also helping to raise the

status of women in their ethnic groups within our Australian society.

This may constitute somewhat of a 'conflict of interest' for their leadership if they are asked to second a nomination for a female 'activist' from their community.

I urge Association members not to seek endorsements from ethnic communities' leaderships unless they are listed as seconders for the nominee.

If we believe that honours should be bestowed on the people who work for the benefit of the citizens of Australia, regardless of their ethnic background, then

it may mean that they have to overcome resistance from their own cultural groups to institute changes in accordance with Australian laws and values.

I therefore urge the Honours Secretariat to take the above matters into account when assessing female nominees from culturally diverse communities in Australia. They are too few who are represented in the awards, for it to be purely by chance.

**Malvina Malinek OAM
Victoria**

{Editor Note: Ms Malinek's comments have been passed to the Honours Secretariat}

LETTER TO EDITOR 2

Re a Multicultural Australia

Reji (Regep) Mustafa - Albania

Carl Mellick - Lebanon

W J (Bill) Harwood - Ireland

Aged 27/28 they arrived at Fremantle on October 29th 1924 on the Italian passenger ship Carigano.

After 7 months in WA where not a lot of work was available. Dad commenced the journey to FNQ by walking, road and train.

On arriving in Babinda 45 mins south of Cairns he found work as a labourer with the Trembath Bros sugar farmers, pastoralists and butchers. He became the farm manager and eventually purchased his own sugar farm; which is still run by his son Angle and grandson Wayne.

Carl Mellick was the RM Williams of his time.

Bill Harwood also became successful in the sugar industry.

The country of Albania was under the Ottoman empire for 500 years hence my surname.

I was born in Babinda 5/3/1938 and moved to Melbourne in 1973.

**Warm regards
Jeanette Mustafa OAM**

{Editor Note: For service to the Albanian community in Australia.}

Editor Commentary: Ms Malinek's remarks raise an issue that I had not thought about before and perhaps warrant consideration whenever well intentioned nominations are pursued.

Ms Mustafa's story arrived by pure chance and fits rather well into a short analysis of Multicultural Australia and the Order of Australia.

Like so many things defining terms is so important. What do we mean by 'Multicultural Australia'? How do we determine if it is appropriately recognised within our Society of Honour?



AUSTRALIA DAY

1991

Reji – Carl and WJ

Three lonely migrants did one day,
Meet as they had just set sail.
Bound for Australia 1924
It seems that they had been told
Our streets were really paved with gold.
Reji, Carl and WJ,
All three were merrily on their way,
Never dreaming they all would meet.
Once more in our small Babinda Street.
Several months had passed them by
With neer a teardrop in their eyes
So far from their dear friends back home
Australia soon would be their home.
One day while Carl was passing by,
With his bright eyes he did espy.
WJ along the road,
Cracking stones with strength untold.
Whilst not so very far away,
Our bright young Reji had his say,
With how he prospered on his farm.
Hard work it seemed had done no harm.
They look back over the years and shout,
A "Miracle" how this did come about.
How three young men who met at sea,
Did prosper here for all to see.
We sometimes met at Christmas time,
To have a chat and drink some wine.
With WJ and Reji gone,
Fond memories still will linger on
Australia Day has come once more,
Still bringing migrants to our shore.
While those of old as we've been told,
Will share the honour now bestowed.

Mrs Ann Mellick
Babinda Queensland

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FACTS – FIGURES & STATISTICS !

Is Multicultural Australia recognised? – A couple of ‘amateur’ search statistics:

Citations containing - For service to the ‘ ‘community:

	AC	AO	AM	OAM
Multicultural	4	22	69	140
Italian		4	26	97
Greek	2	3	26	125
Vietnamese			3	24
Chinese		4	10	95
Indian		1	5	22
Croatian				5
Serbian				6
Turkish			4	5
Total	6	34	143	519
All Awards since inception in The Order of Australia = 38018	557	3017	10397	24047

Observation: Since the inception of the Association some 19000 recipients have been or are currently members – 50% of those Honoured.

A search of ‘QB 2018’ for ‘Non-Anglo’ surnames:

	Number with ‘Non-Anglo’ Surnames	Female	% Female	Number with ‘Service to a multicultural or specific community’
AC	2	1	50%	Nil
AO	10	5	50%	2
AM	20	12	60%	3
OAM	41	20	50%	15
Total	73	38	52%	20

LIMITATIONS:

Self-evidently the surname classification is a ‘crude’ search criterion.

It appears that only about 30% of ‘non-Anglos’ receive an award for ‘service specific to multicultural communities’.

Multi-cultural background Australians excel in so many fields of endeavour! Perhaps that is the true test?

The solution to any perceived deficiency in recognition of any ‘group’ in Australian society is simple -Nominate those you think worthy of recognition. Some further sources of information:

<https://www.gg.gov.au/media-release/media-release-significant-increase-nominations-and-awards-women-order-australia>

Honours Branch Report 2012 - 16: <https://www.gg.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/honours/HonoursBranchReportFinalOct2016.pdf>

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HOLIDAY DIALYSIS AT SEA!

As a Nephrologist dealing with patients on dialysis I am only too aware of the difficulties that going away on holidays may pose for such patients.

Having never been on a cruise before, I gladly accepted the invitation to join a small group of dialysis patients from around Australia as they went on an 8 day cruise from Sydney to Hobart and Melbourne then back to Sydney.

The ship was the Emerald Princess and the cruise was organised by Dialysis Escape Line Australia. This is a not-for-profit charitable organisation that seeks to provide support for dialysis patients and enable them to enjoy themselves on a good holiday.

It was FUN. The 10 patients on board came from various places around Australia: Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne, Sydney. Each had their dialysis in 2 adjacent cabins on Emerald deck using Fresenius machines. Each dialysis went smoothly without any problems.

There were 3 nurses who had volunteered their time for the cruise: Jane came from Melbourne, Florey from Brisbane and Chris from Adelaide. They were ably assisted by a dialysis technician from Brisbane.

On the cruise we went from Sydney to Hourglass Bay then on to Hobart. We were able to go ashore and see some of the sights. Then on to Melbourne for a couple of days ashore then back to Sydney.

The trip was not without its excitements. One unfortunate patient became sick as they travelled from interstate to Sydney to join the cruise. They had to go from the plane to hospital and missed the cruise. Another patient on the cruise received the good news that a kidney had become available for her. The only problem was that we were hundreds of kilometres off the coast somewhere around the border between NSW and Victoria. Somehow the ship's doctor and captain, the Australian Coast Guard and the hospital were able to arrange for a helicopter to come out to sea, collect the patient, take her back to the mainland and make it possible for her to get back to Sydney and have the kidney transplant operation that very night. News of this spread quickly and the ship was abuzz. It appeared on the News the next day. It was a happy day.

I would like to pass on a personal reflection. I have been a kidney doctor for a long time and have seen the highs and the lows that patients on dialysis go through. Throughout the cruise I had a genuine sense of joy as I saw patients, some of whom were no longer spring chickens and some had been through some rough times with their health, enjoying themselves and having a good time on the cruise.

The Dialysis Escape Line (DELA) arranges cruises to different destinations. You can contact them at PO Box 324, Stepney, South Australia 5069 or send them an email: info@dialysisescapeline.com. You can also visit their website at Dialysis Escape Line Australia.

**A/Prof Greg Perry,
Department of Nephrology,
Royal Perth Hospital**



The Emerald Princess docked in Hobart.



Patient being winched on board the helicopter en route to Westmead Hospital Sydney for a kidney transplant.



Just about to start treatment.



Nancy Douglas-Irving OAM



Group photo: patients, family, nurses, doctor, DELA staff.



Our trusty dialysis technician and photographer.



Our 3 dialysis nurses: Jane, Florey and Chris.



One of several dolphins giving us directions.

MAX CHESTER OAM 1933–2018



A large number of mourners attended the Memorial Service at Mary Immaculate Church in Ivanhoe for the renowned architect, Max Chester.

Max was born on 28 February 1933 to David and Rose Chester, the youngest of three children. His father died when Max was two years old, leaving his mother to work in factories to give him and his two sisters an education. At 14 Max worked at the Victoria Market to help his mother pay the bills and put food on the table.

In his early years, the family lived near Melbourne University and Max attended University High School. He had always dreamed of being an architect but that seemed only for the privileged.

He recalled vividly his Sergeant pulling him out of line during National Service at Puckapunyal to notify him that he had received a Commonwealth Government Scholarship to study Architecture at Melbourne University.

The University brought about a dramatic change in his life and outlook, an opportunity rich in colour and lifetime involvement, which continued right up until his death.

It was shortly after graduating that he met Elaine Turner from Warrnambool. He saw her on a tram, and after getting off, asked her on a date. Despite an initial knock-back, Max persisted. Max married Elaine in 1961 and took her to Eaglemont Hill promising her that one day they would live there. It was a special place to Max as it was sub divided by Walter Burley Griffin about whom he had written his University Thesis.

Max converted to Catholicism and so began his lifelong association with the church and catholic education.

Four years after graduation, when the Architectural firm he was working for folded, he started his own practice. It was not always easy.

The architectural practice was mostly focused on Schools, Homes for the Elderly and Churches.

He designed some 200 Catholic school projects, nine Catholic Churches and four Mosques. His work also included major hotels and several war memorials.

From his earliest days, Max was involved in community affairs. He was Vice President of the Melbourne Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1963, then in 1968 joined Rotary which would remain his great community passion for fifty years.. He received a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1997, and held every office including President of the Heidelberg Club.

More recently, he worked with the Centre for Islamic studies, which established a Committee under his Chairmanship to equip young people of the Islamic Faith, with skills to integrate them into the wider community and the Australian way of life.

Max was a councillor at the City of Heidelberg, the honorary architect for the Fitzroy Football Club, a member of the Commonwealth Schools Commission, and a member of the Heritage Council of Victoria, amongst many other roles.

In 2000 Max received an Order of Australia Medal for services to Rotary, Architecture and Education, and was the secretary of the Order of Australia Victoria Branch for some four years. He was proud to have nominated some 36 successful candidates for Order of Australia awards.

Max's outside interests included military history, visiting many of Australia's overseas memorials, classical music, reading, and up until he was hospitalised – running every day of his life with his beloved Golden Retriever "Alex" in the beautiful parks of Heidelberg.

It was fitting that Max should spend his last days at the Olivia Newton John Centre at the Austin Hospital, as he was on the Board of the Hospital from 1968 to 1982 and made a Life Governor in 1970.

Max is survived by his wife, Elaine, and three children, Craig, an Architect, Matthew, a Pharmacist in Ballarat, and Leigh, a teacher in Ivanhoe; and four grandchildren.

Among the congregation were many of Max's political and academic friends and colleagues.

Matthew Chester

VALE – THE HON SIR LAURENCE STREET AC, KCMG, KSTJ, QC

On Thursday 5 July 2018, more than 700 senior legal dignitaries and political leaders filled the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall, joining Sir Laurence's large contingent of family and friends to pay their respects.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull – a protégé of Sir Laurence – said his eloquence, trademark charm and "movie star good looks" earned him the moniker early as "Lorenzo the Magnificent".

But Mr Turnbull said it was his "magnificent role in public life" – in war time in the navy and later in the judiciary – which marked him out as a remarkable Australian.

Sir Laurence followed his grandfather and father as the family's third NSW Chief Justice, appointed at the age of 47 in 1974. He was part of an extraordinary family dynasty which has left its mark on Sydney's legal and cultural life for more than a century.

Former Chief Justice of the High Court, Murray Gleeson, AC QC, told the gathering while Sir Laurence's death would cause terrible suffering for his family, it was also a great loss for the law. "The state's judiciary owes him a great deal".

Federal Circuit Court judge, Sandy Street SC, one of Sir Laurence's five adult children, delivered the final eulogy to his father,

"Laurence's mind sparkled with Latin, law, and the endless quest of learning ... a great lion has fallen. On behalf of my siblings, Sarah, Ken, Sylvia, Jessie and I ... forever and ever loved father, hail and farewell."

(Acknowledgment: Deborah Cornwall The Australian July 5, 2018)



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