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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This edition of *The Order* will reach you in the month of the centenary of the end of WW1. The Great War ended after a successful 100-day campaign, begun on 8 August near Amiens in north-western France.

The campaign by the British Fourth Army, led by General Sir Henry Rawlinson, included four Canadian, five Australian and five British divisions. Rawlinson declared, after the successful Amiens battle, "The Canadians have done splendidly and the Aussies even better...". For his part the German commander Ludendorff wrote "August 8 was the black day for the German army". He told his superiors that Germany's only option was defensive operations en route to seeking terms for the end of the war.

For today's generation, and earlier generations, the nation has largely forgotten Amiens (and the conclusive victories which followed in 1918 at Mont St Quentin and Peronne, culminating in the

breaking of the Hindenburg Line). We should remember Amiens, and the battles before and after, as the most momentous actions in Australia's military history. This was a moment of Australia's greatest influence on world affairs.

The battle of Amiens made a national hero of Sir John Monash. Monash was then commander of all Australian forces consolidated into an Australian Army Corps. When Monash died in 1931 over 300,000 lined the streets of Melbourne, reflecting the esteem in which he was held. Shortly before his death the most famous living Australian was asked to lead a coup against the national government. Monash rejected this, declaring "The only hope for Australia is the ballot-box and an educated electorate". These words adorn the new statue of Monash unveiled this year at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The Association is delighted Monash joins Weary Dunlop and Simpson as the preeminent figures featured in statues at the Memorial.

We share too Monash's emphasis on education which is reflected in so many of our activities across Australia.

Philip Flood AO

National President



NOTICES & EXCLUSIONS:

This is our first attempt at an accessible version, feedback would be welcome.

This version of our National magazine is not intended for general distribution to the wider public but is prepared as a service to those of our members who require the use of vision-impaired screen-reader technology. Thus, certain pages of the hard-copy version involving complex graphics or page layout have been omitted.

A summary of these pages and other notes of a general nature will be listed here.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE – HOBART APRIL 2019.

Our National Conference including the Annual General Meeting of our Association will be held in Hobart from 11 to 14 April 2019.

For further information about the conference, tourism venues, suggested places to visit, or matters generally relating to Tasmania please contact the Conference Committee Chairman and we will do our best to give you the answers you need.

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NATIONAL BOARD NOMINATIONS for 2019. – A HEADS-UP!!

Included in the hard-copy and E-copy mailout of this edition of the Magazine is a separate flyer containing details of the National Board nomination process for 2019. Copies can be obtained from the National Secretary at Email: natsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

BRANCH COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS for 2019 - CALL TO ACTION NOW!!

Our Association governance documents permit a maximum period of 5 years for normal Branch committee members and a maximum of 5 years for a Branch Chairman. Very limited extensions under extenuating circumstances are allowed with formal Board approval.

Several Branches are facing significant numbers of committee members being required to stand down at the forthcoming 2019 AGM's having served their 5-year terms.

The reality is if we wish to have functioning Branches then renewal is necessary now! Putting things off rarely makes things better. You need to volunteer right now.

BRANCH FLYERS & FUNCTION RETURN SLIPS

Included in the hard-copy and E-copy mailout of this edition of the Magazine are separate flyers relating to the following, details can be obtained from the respective Branch committee see details in the Branch pages.

New South Wales - AGM & Morning Tea 26 February 2019.

New South Wales - Australia Day Sydney Harbour Cruise 26 January 2019

South Australia - Australia Day Lunch 26 January 2019

South Australia - Christmas Morning Tea 5 December 2018

NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

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

To accord with the requirements of the Official Notice of the Annual General Meeting and the intended Board meeting schedule, any Special Resolutions are to be lodged with the National Secretary no later than 10 January 2019.

Any member intending to lodge such Special Resolutions is requested to advise the National Secretary of the subject of the Special Resolution, no later than 5 December 2018.

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National Chairman's Report

The message from our President Philip Flood AO on the Centenary of Armistice and the incredible contribution of the ANZAC Corps emphasises the uniqueness of our Australian society. In 1915 volunteers came together from all walks of life and from vastly different backgrounds and cultures. They endured together more than 4 years of conflict. Their greatest strength was the bond of 'mateship' which we still see today, not just in our servicemen and women, but throughout our society. While the word 'racism' continues to be a source of debate, we enthusiastically accept the individual for his or her contribution to society.

The Order of Australia is a unique honours system, in that a nomination may be made by any Australian in respect of another, without political or other bias. The Order of Australia thus reflects the value placed on community contribution at all levels in our society.

Your Board is mindful of the need for open and transparent management and has for over a year been overhauling policies and procedures throughout the organisation. This work continues.

We began the year with a call to encourage more nominations for awards in the Order, and this has been taken up at all levels in our Association. We have seen a significant increase in the number of awards as well as a higher proportion of women being nominated. Association membership is increasing, with more new recipients joining and a higher rate of renewal of annual membership. Receptions for new recipients held in Branches and Regions have contributed to this pleasing result.

Members are encouraged to provide the Association with their email address. Nationally we have achieved over 80% acceptance, but in some areas, take-up remains low. Email allows both your Branch and Region, as well as National, to keep you better informed of issues of importance at a lower cost than by letter. Provision of email address does not result in your copy of The Order magazine coming by this means – to take it electronically requires you to 'opt in'.

We are now approaching the Annual General Meeting 'season' both for Branches and the National organisation. You will have received in this copy of The Order the necessary nomination forms for the appointment of 'non-Branch nominated' directors to the National Board. Soon you will also receive advice and nomination forms for your Branch management committee, and for 'Branch nominated' directors. I ask you to consider whether you have the skills and enthusiasm to contribute to the leadership of our Association. We need continual renewal at all levels, together with the injection of new ideas. Now is the time for you to nominate or for you to encourage others to do so. Without this necessary renewal the functioning of our Association will be adversely affected.

Our National Conference in Hobart, from 11th to 14th April 2019, will be a great opportunity to meet up with fellow members and to express your views on the future of the Association. I look forward to meeting as many members as possible in Hobart.

Barry Nunn

National Chairman

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT - A REVIEW OF CURRENT ACTIVITY

A very substantial number of items have over recent months reached the point of decision. The timing of this edition allows an unusual opportunity for a summary of these issues.

Increased Branch Administrative Grants.

Having considered the financial outcomes for 2018 so far and the forecast for 2019 the Board has agreed to calculate the BAG for the 2nd 2018 payment and for each of the two payments for 2019 based on:

\$1000 per Branch plus

\$2.00 per member

UK/Europe Group to receive a flat BAG of \$750.

The purpose of the BAG as the name suggests is to assist Branches with their necessary administrative costs and to provide some funds to progress activities associated with the Association's goals of increasing awareness and nominations.

The Board has also funded additional 'one-off' requests for assistance in relation to specific administrative circumstances and projects, which are considered on a case by case basis.

Constitution, By-Laws and Model Rules. Having received an assurance, supported by legal opinion that the current Governance documents are compliant with all necessary Regulatory requirements, the Board has decided not to embark on a 're-write' of these documents at this time. Rather the Constitution Working group has been tasked to report on two questions:

Question 1. What within our current Constitution, By-Laws and Model Rules inhibits the governance and management of the Association?

Question 2. What fundamental principles should be included in a future suite of governing documents?

A report on Question 1 by the April 2019 Board meeting has been requested.

Policy and Other Primary Documents. Having previously established a policy on Policy; the Board has so far formally approved the following documents:

G1 – Policy & Procedures.

G3 – Board Renewal.

G4 – 1 – Interim Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

A1 – Records Management

Committee Charters:

Executive Committee

Strategy Committee

Audit & Risk Committee

Strategic Plan 2018 – 2023

Annual Business Plan 2019

Risk Register.

Budget 2019.

A Primary Document Review Register listing approval and intended review dates.

Insurance Renewal – Policy Ramifications

The Association maintains a comprehensive insurance policy that encompasses in part, Public Liability, Volunteer and Director Insurance. Renewal in November this year involved the imposition of two caveats (common now to this sort of policy) that require us to have established:

A Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Policy.

A Volunteer Register and Associated Policy.

These issues are being staffed as a matter of priority. Please note these are mandatory conditions on the insurance coverage.

The Board seeks the cooperation of all Association members in complying with the appropriate outcomes and procedures, when they are developed and promulgated.

Membership Administration

The Board has approved several proposals relating to the National Membership database, explanatory brochures, National and Branch newsletters and other communication options.

Western Australia Branch

WA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since the last edition of The Order, the WA Branch has held three well attended events for the members and new awardees. The events included a reception to honour awardees on the 2018 Queen's Birthday list, the annual black-tie dinner and, an organised tour of the old Fremantle gaol. The South West region also held a luncheon to honour local awardees.

In early September, our National Chairman Barry Nunn AO and I had the opportunity to call on the Hon Kim Beazley AC, our Branch Patron. The Governor gave us a considerable amount of his time to discuss the Order and the association. The Governor was particularly interested in what might need to be done to increase the number and level of awards among Western Australians, so that it is more representative of the whole State population. Barry and I were thankful for the time given to us by the Governor.

The next scheduled events are the Christmas Lunch on 29 November and, the Branch AGM in February 2019. The relevant invitation and notice of meeting will be issued separately.

The Branch Committee continues its work in promoting the Objects of the association. In particular; good citizenship, a constructive and positive sense of national unity and, Australia's history, national institutions, traditions and culture. Readers will see some of this reflected in the events described in these pages. Promoting these Objects is not always easy and, depends upon the goodwill and commitment of the volunteers in the Branch. Little of it is achieved through the hide bound regulation and policy that more and more seems to control our day to day lives. I do ask all the members to continue to show the care and compassion that led to your awards in the Order. More volunteers and good ideas are always welcome.

Thank you – Mark Bonser AO, CSC.

WA BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER



Pipe Major Letitia Martin from PLC, who piped the official party to their table, pictured with WA Chairman RADM Mark Bonser AO, Mrs Janice Bonser and Hon Kim Beazley AC Governor of WA and Ms Susie Annus.

The annual dinner at Royal Perth Golf Club had 132 attendees including; the Hon. Kim Beazley AC (the Governor of WA), Ms Susie Annus, the Hon Robert French AC, Her Worship Tracey Roberts JP (Mayor of Wanneroo) and, Mr Peter Roberts. The members were delighted the Governor (the Branch Patron) and Ms Annus were available to attend. Robert French, former Chief Justice of the High Court, was the keynote speaker. His talk was titled; ***'Against Incivility – Bad manners and general crossness in Australian civic discourse'***. A copy of this most insightful presentation will be posted on the WA pages of the OAA website.

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The ACT Branch continues to provide a variety of events to suit all interests. In this edition of the *The Order*, you'll find reports on our annual Multi-Faith Observance (19 August), our second reception for new recipients for the year (19 September), and the 2018 Order of Australia Association – Australian National University Lecture (3 October). We recently hosted a fascinating morning tea with Di Johnstone AM, and still to come this year, the 2018 Student Awards (22 November).

Our sub-committee working on promoting more nominations for women has been working quietly in the background, engaging organisations across the ACT. It's also sometimes been working not so quietly – in this edition of *The Order* you'll find a report of a terrific interview given by sub-committee Chair, Narelle Hargreaves OAM, to Canberra's *City News*. Narelle pulled no punches in telling it like it is – put simply, we need to nominate more women for honours and awards in the Order of Australia. We hope you'll be inspired by what Narelle said to nominate a woman yourself and to encourage colleagues, family and friends to do the same.

On 26 July, the Branch Committee hosted National Chairman, Barry Nunn AO, for dinner at the Ottoman Restaurant in Barton. We were delighted that National President, Philip Flood AO, was also able to attend. The evening afforded a wonderful opportunity for our Branch Committee to engage with our national leaders to hear their views, and to put an ACT perspective to them.

Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM

Chairman ACT Branch

ANNUAL MULTI-FAITH OBSERVANCE – 19 AUGUST 2018

Members and friends gathered on Sunday 19 August at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture for the Annual ACT Branch Multi-Faith Observance to hear a variety of inspirational speakers, and reflect on their different readings on the theme for the service, "*Wisdom for the Common Good*". This was followed by fellowship while enjoying a light afternoon tea.

The ACT Branch is grateful to the Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, the Rt Reverend Professor Stephen Pickard, for hosting and moderating the service. This event continues to underscore the importance of a focus on the things that bind our community together rather than the things on which we might disagree.

RECEPTION FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECIPIENTS – 19 SEPTEMBER 2018.

The ACT Branch welcomed six new members to the Association at a reception held at the Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla. The reception followed their investiture at Government House on 6-7 September. This event was generously sponsored by the ACT Government.

OAA-ANU LECTURE



On 3 October 2018, members and guests were privileged to hear Professor Ann McGrath AM, Director of the Australian Centre for Indigenous History, deliver the 2018 Order of Australia Association – Australian National University Lecture, entitled *Time Immemorial: dates, history and the deep human past*. The lecture sketched an outline of the work Professor McGrath is leading as part of the Kathleen Fitzpatrick Australian Laureate Fellowship.

Professor McGrath began by explaining that the methods employed by traditional western historians – literature, anthropology, linguistics and so on – stand in contrast to indigenous ways of recording history, which include stories around the campfire, dance, song and rock art. Western accounts, she said, reduce history to dates, whereas she feels it is important to humanise the story.

She went on to say that there is a particular problem in Australia, where there has long been a sense that prior to 1770 the continent was 'historyless'. British settlers conceived Australia as a new world, free of the problems of the old (European) world, and indigenous history was ignored.

A further issue is differing understandings of time. For western historians, history only becomes history when it is framed by dates and periods. In contrast, Australian aboriginals have a sense of 'everywhen' – the idea that there is a deep past that is also present and future, in which spirits live on.

Professor McGrath then introduced the term 'time immemorial', which is an expression found in western law, poetry, identity and history. In law, it connotes the idea that something has been enjoyed for so long that the owner no longer needs to prove that they own it. This principle has been adapted by indigenous peoples for strategic purposes. In the United States, the Cherokee used it in two cases in 1831 and 1832 against the US Government to show that long occupation established ownership of their land. Indigenous Australians drew on the Cherokee argument in their land rights cases in the 1970s.

Professor McGrath said that her project will analyse Australia's indigenous narratives alongside relevant new scientific evidence in order to create a big picture history of Australia. Through critiquing the evolution of traditional western disciplines, especially the world history/pre-history divide, the project will develop future-oriented trans-disciplinary techniques for researching the deep human past. She said that this work will transform the scale and scope of history, and that fresh 'periodisations' and understandings will reorient this history in its wider global context.

Professor Ann McGrath was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2007 for *service to education, particularly in the fields of indigenous history, as a teacher, researcher and author, and through leadership roles with a range of history-related organisations*. She was appointed a Member in the Order in 2017 for *significant service to the social sciences as an academic and researcher in the field of indigenous history, and to tertiary education*.

The OAA-ANU Lecture was established in 2010 with the aim of further recognising the contribution made by academic members of the Order of Australia to the fabric of Australian society.

The ACT Branch of the Association is grateful to the Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Brian Schmidt AC, for his continuing support in this important community outreach endeavour.

Victoria Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Last month, our Branch was delighted to attend two Investitures by our Governor, the Hon Linda Dessau AC for the Queen's Birthday Honours. Such is the interest in this event that it is now held over two days and attending these very special occasions is an opportunity to meet with the Governor of Victoria, patron of the OAA Victoria Branch, and also to personally congratulate many of the recipients.

It is obvious to those attending, that the Governor genuinely relishes this occasion as she reminds awardees that they must enjoy the day, put humility aside to accept the recognition, and to go on to wear their pins with pride.

Last month, we were saddened to receive the resignation of Cathy Roth OAM, who leaves us to concentrate on her health. We thank Cathy for her contribution to our Branch strategic planning as well as the warm and empathic style that she brought to our Branch. William Lye OAM has stepped up to accept the Director Nominee role with the National Board, brought about by Cathy's retirement.

I mentioned the wearing of pins previously. I know that many female members are as concerned as I have been about the difficulty of pinning through delicate fabrics. We're currently addressing this through our merchandising committee and hope to have some good news for you soon regarding the availability of magnetic-backed pins. The feedback to date is that this will be welcomed by all (not just the women)!

There has been considerable liaison with our National Board in recent months as policies and procedures are formalised, with a focus on providing a sound governance structure, together with an agreed strategic framework for our Association. This can only strengthen the OAA and Victoria Branch has been a willing participant in providing feedback when asked. Thank you to those who give their time to this important work on our National Board.

Finally, our Branch has been offered an extraordinary fundraising opportunity of one of four NFPs to share the proceeds of a special charity performance of Jersey Boys in Melbourne on Friday March 1, 2019. Perhaps some of our interstate friends will consider timing a forthcoming visit to Melbourne with a ticket to this fabulous show! You can book tickets by going to <https://jerseyboys.com.au/>

That's all for this edition,

Diane James AM

VIC BRANCH WELCOMES PETER JONES AM



In July the Victoria Branch welcomed a new member to the committee, Peter Jones AM replacing Cathy Roth OAM who stood down for health reasons.

Peter Jones is one of Australia's leading event producers, who has been creating special events for over 25 years.

Based in Melbourne, Peter and his team have been the recipient of over 35 Meetings & Events Industry Awards over the last 25 years, including induction into the Hall of Fame in two separate categories – Special Event Organiser and Public Event of the Year.

In 2010 Peter was awarded the International Special Events Society Michael Milburn Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2012 he was presented with the Outstanding Contribution Award by the Meetings and Events Industry. In 2016 he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Australian Event Awards and he also received a Certificate of Commendation from the Lord Mayor for 25 years of outstanding service to the major events industry in Melbourne at The Melbourne Awards.

This year he was appointed a Member in the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours for significant service to the tourism and hospitality sector, particularly through event management, as an advisor, and to the community.

He has continually dedicated a great deal of time to representing and supporting the industry at many levels. He recently stepped down as Chairman of the Victoria Events Industry Council and as a member of the Victoria Tourism Industry Council. He was also a board member of Destination Melbourne, past President of the Melbourne chapter of the International Special Events Society and on the Tourism Australia Business Events Advisory Panel.

Peter is the eldest son of David and Diana Jones, with Diana being a past President of the Order of Australia Association Victorian Branch. He is married to Brenda and has a 14-year-old daughter, Camryn. When he is not organising events, Peter is a 15-handicap golfer at Metropolitan Golf Club and firmly believes the Demons will finally win a Grand Final soon.

CENTENARIAN RALPH BUTCHER OAM



Aged ninety-nine Ralph Butcher was a 2018 Queen's Birthday awardee for service to the community through a range of organisations; he has since celebrated his 100th birthday. Born in the United Kingdom towards the end of the First World War he spent time in New Guinea; served in the British Army for 6.5 years during the Second World War and had service in the CMF

in Australia.

Former employee for 27 years with BHP then 12 years with CRA/Rio Tinto before finishing his working career at Liquid Air.

While working, he volunteered his time and industry knowledge to RMIT and University of Melbourne and the Victorian Advisory Council on Technical Education. Away from work he devoted his time to Legacy and continues to have a strong involvement today.

Ralph attended the OAA VIC Branch New Awardees Reception in July at the Alex Theatre, refer to photo.

The power of positive thinking – Ralph Butcher OAM has joined the Association with a three-year membership.

We wish Ralph ongoing good health.

OAA BATTLEFIELD TOUR OF TURKEY AND THE WESTERN FRONT

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of the trip is to provide OAA members and their guests with the opportunity to visit Australian WW1 battlefield locations and associated historic sites in Turkey and the Western Front to enable a deeper understanding and appreciation of the historic events.

OUR ORGANISATION:

The tour has been arranged under the leadership of Dr John Basarin OAM and Mrs Hatice Basarin OAM for the Turkey leg, and Mr Gary Snowden OAM for the Western Front campaign.

TOUR STATUS as at October 3:

This report is written by Tom Harding OAM (Barwon Regional Group member) only after Day 6 of the overall period of 20 days, during which we have covered Istanbul sights and the Gallipoli battlefields and related historic sights

TOUR IMPRESSIONS TO DATE:



There has been instant camaraderie developed amongst the current group of 35 members, reflecting their common interests in gaining on-site exposure to the terrain, timelines and objectives our service personnel encountered.

We have necessarily learnt of the impact of Turkish political history, which contributed significantly to the Battle circumstances at Gallipoli.

Also, we have learnt that Gallipoli was only one part of the German/Turkish endeavour to maintain sovereignty over the very large peninsula that commands the Dardanelles Straits - a large European/Asian shipping trade route.

Turkish/German forces were well established in heavily defended positions at strategic points on the Peninsula to protect Turkey's sovereign interests.

Through well informed leaders and on-ground inspections we have learnt of several variations to the traditional and previously publicised aspects of the ANZAC story, which we consider justifies participation in this section of the tour.

Recognition of the fear, pain and accomplishments of the service personnel and the solemnity of the war graves and historic locations made several of the location visits emotional occasions.

Our own wreath laying ceremony at Lone Pine compounded all of these things and made the occasion highly memorable

NORTH EAST & GOULBURN VALLEY REGIONAL GROUP – 25th YEARS

At the recent Order of Australia Association VIC Branch Regional Groups meeting, Chair of the North East & Goulburn Valley Group Barbara Thomas OAM was given an interesting piece of memorabilia to add to her Group's historical records. The timing of the hand-over was fitting given the Group was soon to celebrate its 25th Year Luncheon.

The Official Program for the Inaugural Luncheon and Election of the Group Committee for the inaugural year and adoption of the rules was handed over by Pam Robinson OAM (Deputy Chair Melbourne Central Regional Group) a former member of the North East & Goulburn Valley Group who was present at the inaugural event in 1993.

The OAA Office Bearers at that time were Victorian Chairman Mr Geoff Stevens OAM and National President of the Association: Sir Zelman Cowan AK GCMG GCVO

Pam lived in Benalla area farming and was awarded her OAM in 1990, she attended the Inaugural Luncheon for the new North East & Goulburn Valley Regional Group at the then Rafferty's Restaurant in Benalla on May 16, 1993. Pam still had the original Official Program (in mint condition), together with other items she values, and in this instance, it is the Proceedings and Menu for the Inaugural Luncheon held 16.05.93.

John Charles Brown Snr AM (Brown Bros Winery) was appointed the first Chairman and Pam joined him as a committee member, sometimes standing in for Margot Ballard OAM who was the Secretary.

John Brown AO son of the inaugural Chairman, who is the immediate past Chair of the North East & Goulburn Valley Regional Group, cut the 25th Anniversary Cake during the Celebration Luncheon.

Current Chair Barb Thomas OAM said the North East & Goulburn Valley Regional Group was delighted to receive the inaugural program and thanked Pam Robinson for her donation.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL GROUP VICTORIA

Order of Australia Association Central Highlands Regional Group has held three School Citizenship Award Presentations in the Central Highlands/Wimmera Region over August & September. Hosted by the Yarriambiack Shire Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council and Ballarat City Council, with a further Presentation hosted by the Horsham Rural City Council last month, these events highlight the community spirit of many of the youth in our region.

The Hindmarsh and Yarriambiack Shire Councils, being small rural Councils, both have three Secondary Colleges within their boundaries, and each College was represented. We look forward to seeing more of these fantastic young people in the future.



Yarriambiack Photo (Courtesy of the Warracknabeal Herald)

L-R: Tayla Roulston - Warracknabeal Secondary College, Secretary Clive Crouch OAM, Jacob Holm - Hopetoun P-12, Mayor Graeme Massey, Sheridan Baker - Murtoa College, Chair Jean Wise OAM

MELBOURNE CENTRAL REGIONAL GROUP EVENTS

Following our very interesting networking evening with the British Consul-General we have been fortunate enough to have the President and Vice Chancellor Prof. Margaret Gardner AO Vice Chancellor Monash University as our host at their Collins St Conference Centre. Prof. Gardner gave us a very informative address on the University and its international endeavours. It has students studying overseas as part of their course and recognises the need for them to be international in experience and their studies. Further she spoke of the standing of the Order of Australia and its recognition of worthy individuals; there are many countries that do not have an equivalent. We appreciated having Prof. Gardner as our host. As with the previous evenings it was also a great opportunity for those present to meet and talk of their endeavours.

At our luncheon series in August we had guest speaker Launa Inman, a former retail Managing Director and now Non-Executive Director of a number of companies. Launa was the recipient of the Telstra Businesswoman of the Year and was recognised for her contribution to marketing with the Sir Charles McGrath Award. Launa spoke enthusiastically about the future of “bricks & mortar” retailing as it battles internet shopping. She spoke and gave examples of how successful retailers were building their businesses around developing the customer experience.

We will be continuing our program of networking events and luncheons that will provide experience information to those present.

ROY WARD LEADERSHIP PRIZE SHOWCASING YOUNG ACHIEVERS

The Roy Ward Leadership Prize is granted to a Student in years 11 or 12 attending a secondary school within the boundaries of the City of Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula Shire who has shown qualities of leadership, character and community service, which exemplifies Australian citizenship over an extended time period.

It has been recognised by secondary schools and students, since its inception in 2000, as prestigious, with the process providing an insight for the tertiary interview process and community involvement.

Twenty-one secondary schools within the zone were invited to forward submissions. These were evaluated by a selection panel with six submissions short listed to interview to determine the winner.

The winner of the **2018 Roy Ward Leadership Prize** is Amy Youngman from Woodleigh School, a year 12 student involved in all aspects of school life. She has tutored children of Sudanese refugee families, a program established by Woodleigh School and operated through the Brotherhood of St Laurence in Frankston.

In years 10 and 11 she was selected by her school to work with Ampilawartja and Miwati indigenous communities. At the end of year 11 she was selected to go to Cambodia to teach English at Chumkriel Language School.



2018 saw the introduction of **The Roy Ward Leadership Prize for Courage and Fortitude**. The Award recognises a secondary student who has demonstrated, outstanding qualities of leadership, character and community service, which exemplifies Australian citizenship, whilst facing significant challenges in their own lives.

This year's winner is Will Hipkin, who has been a student at Mornington Secondary College for 4 ½ Years.

In February 2017 he was diagnosed with Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON) and is now identified as being legally blind. As Will was continuing to study he spoke to a Staff meeting in term 1 of 2017 explaining his condition, so that staff would be aware of the severity of his LHON.

Will is currently in a Year 11 Sport and Recreation VCAL class. When he completes his studies, he is intending to establish a fitness gym for visually impaired and disabled members of the community. He is an inspiration to all areas of the community having developed the capacity to manage his condition and adapt to everyday life at school. He has remained optimistic and positive, deciding to undertake additional VCE units in addition to his VCAL studies. He was appointed as a Year 11 Captain in 2018 and has organised and presented assemblies alongside two fellow students.

He is highly regarded by staff and students due to his thoughtful and considerate nature and the resourcefulness and resilience that he has demonstrated in coming to terms with his diminishing eyesight. Will has also devoted his time to assist Mark, a wheel chair athlete, to access and use the Orbit Gym fitness suite (Nepean Highway).

Mornington Peninsula Regional Group is proud to host this event showcasing young achievers.

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South Australia Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As this report reaches members the Festive Season will be well on the way. We will take the time to look back over the past year and identify the many things we have achieved and perhaps the things we could have done better. But, I guess, if we look at our communities and the rural areas of our country we will be well aware of the dire times that our farming communities will be experiencing. Of course, this has a flow-on effect to our industries as well. Our thought and prayers go with them – and particularly those of our members who are presently having that experience.

Following the recent call for members to give thought to joining the Branch Committee, I advise that there was some interest. I am pleased to report that Paul Thomas AM has accepted the role of Secretary and June Genders OAM has taken up the position of Merchandise Officer. Their contributions have already been appreciated.

We now turn our attention to the AGM on 16th February where all positions will again be vacant. Details for nomination are included with this copy of The Order.

We are planning our Christmas Morning Tea. It always proves to be a great morning. Details are included in this issue. And we are holding an Australia Day luncheon which plans to be a great event.

I invite you to consider attending each of those.

In closing I take this opportunity to wish you – on behalf of Di and I - all Christmas Greetings and a safe and happy New Year.

Ken Coventry OAM, JP.

Chairman, SA Branch.

WILLIAM (BILL) COREY OAM



William (Bill) Corey was born in Riverton on 7th August 1917 and grew up in the mid north town of Tarlee in South Australia. Both his parents came from SA pioneer families. His mother's family came out from Scotland in 1837 and his father's family in 1838 from Cornwall. His father was born at Robertstown in 1882 and ran a butcher shop.

In June 1940 Bill joined the 2/43rd Infantry Battalion. After six months training at Woodside in the Adelaide Hills he left for overseas service. During the next five years he served in different locations including: Tobruk (Libya), El Alamein (Egypt), Lae and Finchafen (Papua New Guinea), Labuan Island and on the mainland to Beaufort (Borneo). He returned to Australia in November 1945.

His personal accounts of his war service can be found on the 'RSL Virtual War Memorial' web pages.

As one of the few surviving 'Rats of Tobruk' Bill, who turned 101 in August this year, uses his life experiences to talk to young people in schools and through a program called 'The Ice Factor' a program set up by magistrate Marie Shaw QC. She was concerned at the number of teenagers coming through her court. The program targets at risk, disengaged and disadvantaged teenagers identified by high schools. It uses the sport of ice hockey and provides these students with a focus through which they can develop vocational and life skills in a team.

Bill does not talk much about the war but rather about how they lived during the war, in the desert and in the jungle. How they were all different, but how they all got on together, the importance of his mates and everyone helping each other. He tries to give advice such as "life has its ups and downs and if you are not prepared to do a good turn for others then don't expect to get anything back".

When he returned from the war he was lost as it was all so different and you were expected to go back to normal life.

However, when he met his wife Iris she changed his life. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me". Bill went on to set up and run a successful business, had two children and now has five grandchildren, four great grandchildren and two more on the way.

On 9th June 2014 Bill was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. *For service to veterans and their families, and to the community.*

His secret. "Positivity and a smile is my secret to longevity, everyone wants to know a smiling person. I can't say no! Also, you have to learn to accept help. I used to say I'm OK I don't need help, now I realize that when someone is helping you, you are helping them to feel good". "I was a scout – we were taught to do a good turn every day so if you can't do a good turn then at least smile!" Bill pulled out this poem from his wallet; he carries it around with him all the time.

SMILE

The thing that goes the farthest towards making life worthwhile

that costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile.

The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellow men,

will drive away the clouds of gloom and coax the sun again.

Its full of worth and goodness too with genial kindness blent.

it's worth a million dollars and doesn't cost a cent.

Sadly, Bill passed away on the 10th October and our condolences are expressed to his family. It was a privilege and an honour to interview Bill Cory at his home earlier this year for this article, he was a humble and inspiring man. Pic: Jan Forrest OAM

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Wednesday 5th December, 2018, 10 am – 12 noon

St. Francis Community Centre, 833 South Road, Clarence Gardens (around the corner and two streets south from the underpass at Cross Road). Entry via Dinwoodie Avenue off South Road. There is no charge for this. Lapel badges may be worn.

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. Public Transport is available: the hall is approximately 200m walk along South Road from Emerson Railway Station, and South Road buses stop near the Cross Road underpass. Reply date: *Friday 23rd November 2018*. See attached reply slip

AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCH

Saturday 26th January 2019, 12.00noon for 12.30pm

West Lakes Resort Hotel, 141 Brebner Drive, West Lakes. Cost \$60 per head. Large Medals to be worn.

Reply date: Tuesday, 1 January 2019. Please use the enclosed form.

Our Guest Speaker for the luncheon is - John Phillips OAM.

John is Executive Director of iconic community- based South Australian environmental sustainability education NGO KESAB environmental solutions.

For over 50 years KESAB programs have underscored pollution reduction and cleaner environment and recently delivered education and STEMSEL initiatives engaging India, Mongolia and Kiribati.

AGM FOR THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION (SA BRANCH)

Proposal for Morning Tea followed by optional lunch at a nearby venue.

Saturday 16th February 2019 at 10.00am.

Venue to be confirmed and will be advised via email.

Committee Elections – AGM 16th February 2019

Nominations are invited for the positions of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 9 Committee Members and are to be completed on the form enclosed'. They are to reach the Returning Officer [RO] OAASA by close of business on Thursday 20th December, 2018. RO details via email on – kencoam08@internode.on.net or by mail to 54 Thiele Road, Murray Bridge East. SA 5253.

National Director SA on the National Board.

The Branch is also inviting nominations for the position of National Director SA. This position is an appointment made by the Branch Committee of the day to the National Board prior to the AGM of the Association. It is likely to be made in March 2019. See enclosed form.

IN MEMORIUM

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

Dr Helen P Jones AM

William Wills AM

Betty Ann Gransbury OAM

William John Wills AM

Herbert John Holds OAM

John Michael Sholto Stacy AM

William (Bill) Corey OAM

INVESTITURE RECEPTION – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECIPIENTS

The South Australian Branch and Norwood, Payneham and St.Peters Council once again jointly hosted a reception for 2018 Queen's Birthday award recipients. Our thanks go to His Worship Mayor Robert Bria and his staff for their hospitality and to the family and friends who attended to support the recipients. Congratulations to all recipients from the SA Branch Committee and members.



Caption: South Australian recipients of the Queen's Birthday Awards at the Branch reception 27th September 2018.

ADELAIDE EISTEDDFOD CHORAL COMPETITION

I recently attended the Adelaide Eisteddfod Choral Competition to present prizes to the place getters in section C003 School Years 8 to 12 small choirs (10 – 12 voices). The South Australian Branch has sponsored this section for a number of years and it was a delight to hear six wonderful choirs from Brighton Secondary School – Bel Canto, Marratville High School -Girls' Choir, Pulteney Grammar School – Jazz on the Terrace, Scotch College – Soul collective, St.John's Grammar School – Senior Vocal and Marratville High School – Swing Tones.

Each year the Adelaide Eisteddfod Society Inc. hold competitions June to September. There are a ten Divisions including guitar, choral, piano, recorder, flute, brass, woodwind, string, ensemble, concerto and vocal. All competitions are open to the public, so next year, if you want to experience a wonderful afternoon or evening of special entertainment from our young people and the not so young, go on-line to find out the dates and venues.



Caption: Marryatville High School Swing Tones. First prize winners and winners of the Bank SA Perpetual Shield in Section C003 for School Years 8 to 12 small choirs Marryatville High School Swing Tones.

Photo Jan Forrest OAM

OFFICE-HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patron

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

Chairman and Regional Co-ordinator

Mr Ken Coventry OAM

Secretary

Mr Paul Thomas AM

Treasurer and Deputy Chairman

Mr Anthony Metcalf OAM

National Director

Professor Alan Johnson AM

Branch Membership Office

Ms Jan Forrest OAM

Committee Members

Ms June Genders OAM

Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM

Mrs Judith Leeson AM

Mr John Phillips OAM

Mr Francis Wong OAM

NOEL HENDER OAM, CSTJ, BEM



Noel joined the South Australian Branch Committee last year and is now the co-ordinator for the Student Citizenship Award Program.

Volunteering for St. John has been part of Noel Hender's life for the last 60 years. Even as the busy principal of an Adelaide secondary school for 10 years, and with a professional teaching and administrative role extending over 45 years, Noel put much of his personal time into serving St. John Ambulance Australia (SA). Joining in

1957 as a cadet, Noel worked voluntarily and trained over the years to achieve and perform the clinical role of ambulance transport officer for about 35 years during the period when St. John was responsible for the ambulance service in South Australia. In 1968 he was awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry, along with two Metropolitan Fire Service officers, for rescuing another fireman who had been trapped in the basement of the burning News building in the early hours of a Saturday morning in October.

Since 1993 when St. John withdrew from the ambulance service, Noel has continued as an advanced first aider and advanced responder, attending community and commercial events and providing emergency first aid support when required at local and interstate bushfires, floods and major incidents.

Within St. John, Noel was able to use his knowledge and expertise from education to support much of the earlier training curriculum and leadership development which is now provided largely by salaried officers. He has been a volunteer accredited instructor for many years, a divisional superintendent with both adults and cadets, a state training officer, has had responsibility for emergency preparedness, has been a state duty officer, a member of the St. John Board of Directors and rose through the ranks to the position of Commissioner, the most senior volunteer position. Although officially retired, he is still connected with St. John as a Commander in the Venerable Order of St. John and is currently leading a formal review of the Cadet and Youth Engagement Program for St. John SA.

As a school principal and later as an educational administrator, Noel also provided voluntary service to the University of Adelaide for 12 years as a workshop facilitator and member of a steering committee, providing enterprise education and business links to secondary students in the western and northern districts of Adelaide.

Noel was awarded an OAM for service to the community of South Australia in June 2017.

Tasmania Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Twenty-two Queen's Birthday Honours recipients attended the investiture at Government House in September. The Tasmanian Government House was built in 1857 from sandstone quarried on site, local timbers and roof slate from Wales UK. The magnificent ballroom with its chandeliers, high gallery at the rear from which the trumpeters play the fanfare and National Anthem and timber arch beams that support the roof adds atmosphere to the formality of the investiture ceremony. With excellent acoustics, the ballroom has been used by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra to record various musical items.

Following the Investiture, the Branch hosted a dinner at the University Club's Pickled Pear where members were able to celebrate the recognition of awardees, eight of whom attended with their family and friends. With an attendance of 106 members and guests it was another successful and enjoyable evening.

The Tasmanian Branch financial membership remains virtually static with 18 new members joining from this year's honours lists that had 18 Australia Day and 22 Queen's Birthday recipients; in total a 55% membership take-up. The gender imbalance has lessened with 16 (40%) of the 40 awardees being women and in fact included 50% of the Queen's Birthday awardees.

Members are invited to not only attend the forthcoming 2019 National Conference from 11 to 14 April 2019 but are urged to extend their stay and take time to explore some of Tasmania's wineries, galleries, museums and tourist destinations. For tours with a difference there are four special tours organised especially for delegates by Bespoke Tasmania that has been voted as "Australian Bespoke Tour Operator of the Year" for 2017. There are two tours before and two following the Conference from which to choose. Details can be viewed on the Association website. For those wanting to organise their own activities details again there are suggestions on the website.

The Tasmanian members are looking forward to greeting you in Hobart.

Alastair Douglas OAM

Branch and Conference Organising Committee Chairman

Dr Patricia Cameron AO



Patricia (Patsy) Cameron was born in 1947. She grew up on Flinders Island that is situated in eastern Bass Strait. Patsy proudly traces her Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage through her mother's line to Tebrakunna Country in the far northeast of Tasmania. Her Italian heritage is connected to her father's birthplace on Ponza - an island in the Mediterranean Sea.

Patsy left Flinders Island Area School at the age of 15 after gaining her Secondary Schools Board Certificate. In 1964 she began her working life in a small island grocery store and, after moving to Launceston, was employed as a supermarket checkout operator, and later as a clerk for a local medical benefits association. Patsy has been married to Graham for 51 years; they have four children and nine grandchildren.

For over forty years Patsy has been a passionate champion for Aboriginal education and the promotion of cultural heritage and traditional practice. She was an inaugural member of the Flinders Island Aboriginal Community Association and the National Aboriginal Education Committee, a Tasmanian member on the National Museum of Australia Aboriginal Advisory Committee, a member of the Tasmanian World Heritage Area Advisory Committee, founder of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee, and founding director of Melythina Tiakana Warrana Aboriginal Corporation. She is currently co-chair of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Aboriginal Reference Group, co-chair of the Tasmanian Regional Aboriginal Communities Alliance, a member of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Reference Group and a community member on the Peter Underwood Centre Advisory Committee. Patsy recently joined the Tasmanian Reconciliation Council. Her commitment to reconciliation underpins her engagement with the wider Tasmanian community.

The first family member to attend university, she has a Bachelor of Arts with major studies in Archaeology and Geography (1991) and a Master of Arts in Aboriginal History (2008). Her MA thesis *Grease and Ochre: The blending of two cultures at the colonial sea frontier* was published by Fuller's in 2011. In 2016 Patsy received an honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Tasmania.

She was inducted into the Tasmanian Women's Honour Roll in 2006 for service to education and training, and to Aboriginal Affairs. In June 2017 Patsy was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the Indigenous community of Tasmania through the promotion of educational participation and achievement, and to the preservation of culture, custodianship and traditional knowledge. Patsy considers her AO as the pinnacle of her life's work, and, while acknowledging her humble island origins, is extremely proud to be considered worthy of this recognition by her country.

PROFILE – CHLORIS (CHLO) MARTIN OAM



Chlo Martin was awarded an OAM on the 25th January 2011 for services to the community of George Town Tasmania, through Historical, Business and Service organisations.

She was born in Brisbane and educated in Queensland. She married in 1959 and moved to Tasmania with her husband Peter. Sadly, Peter passed away 45 years ago.

At that time, much of George Town's early architecture had been lost in the post war years. In 1969 she and her late husband restored the 1835 two story very dilapidated George Town house "The Grove", developing it into a prime tourist attraction – the first in the George Town area.

Chlo Martin was the inaugural President of the National Trust of Australia George Town group and was a member, past President and Public Officer of the George Town Chamber of Commerce since 1970. She was a member of the George Town Tourist Committee and its President during the 1980's. She was involved in the welcome committee for the first fast cat Tasmania to Victoria service when it berthed in George Town in the early 1990's.

Chlo has also been a member of the George Town Police and Citizens liaison group since 1980 and is still a member and current Treasurer of the George Town and District Historical Society. She has been a member of the George Town Rotary Club since 1996 and is a past President. Chlo was actively involved in organising festivities as part of the George Town Bicentennial organising committee in 2004.

Chlo Martin has given a great service to the George Town Community over many years and has been a leader and inspiration in the all-important tourist development area. We are proud to have her as a member of the Northern Tasmanian region Order of Australia Association.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL GROUP

MYSTERY BUS TOUR - Sunday. 7th October 2018



Happy members and guests departed Burnie at 9am, collecting others at Ulverstone, Devonport and finally at Anvers Chocolate site at Latrobe.

The group of eighteen, then enjoyed a morning tea of chocolate milk shakes, hot chocolates, chocolate pieces and biscuits.

Onboard again, we had no idea where we were going, so along with happy laughter, guessing 'where-to' as we headed East.

Ashgrove Cheese was our next stop for 'tastings', purchases and chatting.

Our driver played tricks on us when we arrived in Deloraine. We seemed to go around in circles slowing toward a venue then driving past!

We finally stopped at 'Cruizin' an American "fifties" styled diner where the hamburgers were two feet high (well, nearly!) and options of seafood, chips, pies and steaks available ...all in the American style.

A fabulous lunch was enjoyed by all, we then climbed back on board the bus and headed out of town stopping off at "Yarns".

This is a magic place where you can sit in theatre style and watch the story of Deloraine worked in silks, satins, ribbon, lace and a multitude of other mediums and hear and see the detailed story and layout of Deloraine - Excellent!

There was also a layout of an old-style home with a bedroom, dining room, kitchen, and laundry all showing the items our grandparents used to utilise and own.

The historic recreation brought back a lot of fond memories.

Our final stop was at the Cherry Shed at Latrobe where we all managed to eat – with great difficulty, ice-creams made of cherries, loganberries, strawberry plus many more varieties.

A great day was certainly had by all and a vow that further tours will be arranged in the New Year.

Our driver generously donated her time for the day. Friends.... we all have them.

NORTHERN NOTES

In August, 25 members attended a function at Woolmer's Historic Estate at Longford. The tour began with a warm welcome by the Hon. Peter Rae AO at the new Nigel Peck Centre, a luncheon and then a tour of Woolmer's Homestead and the National Rose Garden. It is a world heritage classified historic site and well worth a visit – it would be at its magnificent best in the spring.

The West Tamar Council purchased an Order of Australia Medal Board and they will use it to promote the Order of Australia Awards and raise awareness of them in their community. Members of the Northern Committee congratulated Mayor Holmdahl and the Council for taking up this initiative. We are continuing to contact the other councils in our area in the hope that they will also acquire a medal board to use for community educational purposes (see photo).

Our next function will be the annual Town Hall reception hosted by Mayor Albert Van Zetten to recognise the newest awardees from our area. As in the past, we will be entertained by members of the Launceston RSL Band.



Photo – L to R: Sue Shea OAM, Mayor Christina Holmdahl, Dr Nicholas Chantler AM, Clive Lee AM, Therese van Samorzewski OAM, Joan Green OAM & Dr Frank Madill AM

SOUTHERN NOTES:

Several Members of the Southern Regional Group attended a reception at Government House on 23 September 2018 on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Royal Commonwealth Society. There were a number of attendees from other Commonwealth Countries present to join in celebrating the occasion.

POST INVESTITURE DINNER

The Branch hosted a dinner at the "Pickled Pear" for recipients of the Queen's Birthday Order of Australia Awards following their investiture at Government House on Friday 14.09.18.

The recipients were presented to the gathering by Board Director the Hon. Dr Frank Madill AM with an acknowledgement of each person's outstanding service to the community.

The Guest Speaker at the Dinner was our Branch Chairman Alastair Douglas OAM who gave a very interesting talk on two early Tasmanian settlers Sir Alfred Stephen and Ronald Campbell who "made a difference" to life in early Tasmania.

106 guests attended the dinner and travelled from all regions of Tasmania.

TASMANIAN BRANCH OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS: (REVISED)

- ***Chairman & National Conference Committee Chairman***

Mr. Alastair Douglas OAM

- ***National Board Director***

The Hon. Dr. Frank Madill AM

- ***Deputy Chairman & Northern Regional Chair***

Mr. Clive Lee AM

- ***Immediate Past Chairman***

Dr. John Thorne AM

- ***Hon Secretary & Southern Regional Chair***

Mrs. Maureen Rudge OAM (P: 0417 324 005)

- ***Hon Treasurer***

Mr. Ron Blake OAM

Branch Committee

- Mr. Barry Hite OAM (North West Chairman)
- Dr. Nicholas Chantler AM
- Mrs. Sue Shea OAM
- Mrs. Maureen Oates OAM

- Mrs. Therese Von Samorzewski OAM

Regional Coordinators

- South - Mrs. Maureen Oates OAM (P: 03 6266 4114)
- North - Mrs. Therese Von Samorzewski OAM (P: 03 6330 3047)
- North – West Mrs. Betty Hite OAM (P: 03 6442 2444)

Corrigan Article

Dr Patrick Corrigan AM



Patrick Corrigan has long held a special position in Australia's art community as an avid collector, generous philanthropist and tireless promoter of Australian indigenous and contemporary art and photography.

His collection has underpinned countless exhibitions and he has donated or loaned an enormous number of works to art institutions, universities and organisations around the country. He was made a member of the

Order of Australia in 2000 for his dedication as a patron to the arts.

But Corrigan has two other great preoccupations in his life; sport, specifically sailing and rugby union and jazz! The Australian jazz scene has long benefitted from his support, from hiring bands for big events such as the opening of the National Portrait Gallery (where he is now a Director of the board), sponsoring travelling scholarships for young jazz musicians, and underwriting regular concerts at the Art Gallery of NSW for 20 years.

He has been a compulsive collector since childhood, when he was into toy soldiers. A recent Braithwaite Archibald portrait has a Chinese lacquer-red wall behind him, referring to his beginnings in China, where he was born in 1932 to English parents and raised in comfort until the age of nine.

But then came the war. Attempting to flee, he and his mother were caught in the Repulse Bay Hotel siege in Hong Kong and ended up in a prisoner-of-war camp for four years before being liberated by Australian Navy frigates.

He was introduced to the world of art collecting through his friend Ron Hodgson, who sold second-hand cars in Parramatta when not frequenting art galleries and auctions and at one point set the record price paid for an Australian painting. Corrigan was with him at that auction. "That's where the adrenalin started pumping'.

Like many art collectors, he cannot explain exactly why he buys what he buys, he just responds to it and wants to own it. And then share it. When asked what being part of the Australian art community has given him over the years, apart from fun, he hands over a stack of photos of the medical school that opened at Bond university on the Gold Coast in 2005.

He was at a charity dinner seated next to the new school's deputy head when she said she had a lot of blank walls, "you wouldn't have a spare picture?" she joked. He installed 300 of his indigenous artworks.

He may not be able to paint a stroke or play a note ("too lazy") but it is clear why for so long, Pat Corrigan has been the life of Sydney's arty party!

For life, work, music and sport the ethos is it's got to be fun!

Acknowledgement: Jacqui Taffel – Wentworth Courier.

Troy Snook for the shots of Patrick at home.

Queensland Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Seven investitures were held in Queensland during September, one in Cairns and six at Government House, Brisbane, at which I or my representative was present. I thank His Excellency the Governor of Queensland for kindly inviting the Association to attend the ceremonies. The Queensland Branch welcomed the new awardees, their families and friends at a celebratory luncheon at Victoria Park, Brisbane on 20 September 2018.

In July I was pleased to welcome the National Chairman of the Order of Australia Association, Major General Barry Nunn AO to Queensland and organise a meeting with our Patron, His Excellency the Honourable Paul De Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland. Following this very productive meeting the National Chairman then joined the Queensland Branch Committee for its monthly meeting. We welcomed this opportunity to discuss State and National issues important to our members with the National Chairman.

A recent Branch highlight was organising and hosting the annual Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards at Queensland's Parliament House. This drew nominations from secondary schools throughout the State. We thank Her Honour the Honourable Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice of Queensland, for presenting the awards and Mr Tim Fairfax AC for sponsoring this very successful event and presenting Certificates of Community Service to non-award students.

Another recent morning tea event was a visit by Branch members to the Port of Brisbane where we were provided with a very interesting insight into the operation of the Port; a very important part of Queensland's infrastructure. Our next visit is to the QMIR Berghofer Medical Research Institute on Wednesday 21 November.

Congratulations again to the most recent recipients of awards in the Order of Australia. We look forward to your joining the Association and participating in Regional Group and Branch activities.

John Harden AM.

20TH ANNUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Her Honour the Honourable Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice of Queensland presented the Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards at the 20th annual Awards Presentation Ceremony in the Old Legislative Council (Red) Chamber of Queensland's Parliament House on Friday 21 September 2018

Awards were presented to twelve outstanding secondary school students from across the State. The Awards showcase some outstanding Queensland secondary school students performing some amazing community service and fostering true Australian citizenship both at home and in countries abroad.

One hundred and twenty-two guests including students and their families, school representatives, State Members of Parliament and members of the Association were in attendance.

20th Annual Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards



Caption: Her Honour with the 2018 award students – *Back row from L-R -*

Soraya Houghton (Gordonvale State High School); Darcy Larkin (Proserpine State High School); Kody Jorgensen (Maroochydore State High School); Joshua Theakston (Mareeba State High School); Sotari Turley (Palm Beach Currumbin State High); The Honourable Catherine Holmes, Chief Justice of Queensland; Samara Welbourne, (Mountain Creek State High School); William Blair (Cavendish Road State High School); and Madeleine Bishop, (Moreton Bay College). *Front row – from L-R –* Shenetty Makoti (Mareeba State High School); Jessica Wilson (Southport State High School); Rebecca Bright (Noosa District State High School) and Bridget Hegerty (SCOTS PGC College, Warwick).

2018 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARD RECIPIENTS HONOURED

On Thursday 20 September 2018 the Queensland Branch welcomed and congratulated 21 of its newest award recipients from this year's Queen's Birthday honours at a Celebratory Luncheon in the Ballroom at Victoria Park, Herston, Brisbane. The event was well received by the 125 guests who attended.

Queen's Birthday luncheon



Caption: Our 21 Queen's Birthday award recipients at the Celebratory Lunch

Back row (standing) from L-R – Professor Donald Stewart AO; Adj. Professor Iyla Davies OAM; Bob Kretchmann OAM; Wallace Bishop AM; Bart Sinclair OAM; Professor Tony Brown AM; Robert (Benny) Wilson OAM; Rev Lyn Burden OAM; Professor Ram Chander Dalal AM; Geoff Batkin AM; Derek Tuffield OAM; Dr Natalie Jeremijenko AO; Noel Prior OAM; Les Micale OAM and Associate Professor John Harden AM, Chairman, OAAQ. *Front Row (seated) from L-R –* Major Geoff Haigh OAM RFD (Ret'd); Jan Hadfield AM; Esther Austin OAM; Professor Ortrun Zuber-Skeritt AO; Dr Marie Porter AM; Barry Wright OAM and Adj. Professor Nicholas Feros OAM

DATE CLAIMER - ANNUAL DINNER AND AGM

The Annual Dinner to coincide with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Monday 25 February 2019**.

Both the AGM and the Annual Dinner will again be held in the ornate Victoria Park Ballroom in the Victoria Park Golfing Complex, Herston, Brisbane. Roly Sussex OAM, Emeritus Professor of Applied Language Studies at the School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies of the University of Queensland, has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker on the night. The Annual Dinner will be preceded by the AGM commencing at 6pm. The Dinner will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 6:45pm. Further details of both events will be provided to all members closer to the date.

In the meantime, make this a date claimer in your diaries.

OUR SHIP SHAPE MORNING TEA AND TOUR OF THE PORT OF BRISBANE PROVED A REAL WINNER

Forty guests enjoyed a most informative and interesting tour of the Port of Brisbane at Fisherman's Island on Monday 6 August 2018.

The tour was preceded by an excellent morning tea and talk from Craig Wilson, their Environmental Manager on the facilities and daily activity at the Port and the Port's environmental stewardship. Associate Professor John Harden AM, the Queensland Branch Chairman presented a plaque to the Port of Brisbane to commemorate the visit.

The Port of Brisbane it is the third busiest port in Australia and the fastest growing container port. It was recognised as Australia's Port of the Year in 2017.

TOWNSVILLE REGIONAL GROUP IS BACK IN BUSINESS



Caption: Proudly showing off the Townsville Regional Group's new Association Banner at the Dinner on 5 October – from L – R David Jackson OAM (Convener); Tony Cadet-James OAM; Pauline Woodbridge OAM (Committee member); Ron Piper OAM RFD (Committee member); Mark Stoneman AM and Ethel Wharton MBE (seated)

After a sustained period of inactivity, the Townsville Regional Group was successfully re-launched with a Dinner at the RSL Club attended by 48 guests on Friday 5 October. New regional convener David Jackson OAM welcomed everyone at the event and paid tribute to his fellow committee members Judy Hunter OAM; Ron Piper OAM and Pauline Woodbridge OAM for their enthusiasm in getting this first event up and running.

Geoff Cowles OAM, Queensland Branch Secretary and Patrick Galligan OAM, Queensland Branch Membership Officer represented the Queensland Branch Chairman and the Branch Committee at the event to lend strong support and encouragement to the new committee. Geoff was invited to address the gathering on Queensland Branch matters and presented the group with their Association promotional banner.

The regional group committee looks forward to organising more interesting events including possibly lunches and morning teas for the members in the future.

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL GROUP LUNCHEON

The delightful Pelican Waters Golf Club was the venue for the Sunshine Coast Regional Group lunch on 31 August.



Caption: Sunshine Coast luncheon guest speakers Graham and Beth Harden (on the left) with their three sons and (on the right) Di and John Harden AM, Queensland Branch Chairman.

Our guest speakers Graham and Beth Harden held the attention of over 50 members and guests as they recounted their roles as community development workers in rural Central Asia since 2004 working alongside local partners and other Australian volunteers. They spoke of how they use their professional skills in agriculture and health to help rebuild communities and of their dedication to community and technical development in the region. We were delighted to have their three sons join us for the function.

We were pleased to welcome our special guest, the Hon. Mark McArdle MP, State member for Caloundra together with Queensland Branch Chairman, Associate Professor John Harden AM and his wife Di (parents of Graham Harden our guest speaker).

We also welcomed Mr Jerry Gwynne, one of three recipients of the Queensland Branch's Senior Volunteers Award for 2017. Jerry was unable to receive his award at the March 2018 Annual Dinner, so we were delighted to have our Queensland Branch Chairman present the award at this Region luncheon. The event was a time of fellowship and renewing friendships, two good reasons for organising regional functions.

I look forward to welcoming members and guests to the first function for 2019 which will possibly be held on beautiful Bribie Island.

Marjorie Voss OAM, Convener

NEWS FROM THE FAR NORTH

Cairns Mayoral function



Caption: Seven of the new recipients of the Order of Australia with their host, Mayor Bob Manning OAM at the Mayoral morning tea held in Cairns on 25 September. *From L to R:* Carole Miller OAM FNQ Regional Convener of the Association; Raymond Fry OAM; Terence Newman OAM; Her Honour Judge Josephine Willis AM; Mayor Bob Manning OAM; Lotte Bullerjahn OAM (Hon); Associate Professor Henrietta Marrie AM; Terry Cranwell AM; and Ross Dunkerton OAM.

September was a busy month for members of the Far North Queensland Regional Group. On 8 September, the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency the Honourable Paul De Jersey AC, and Mrs de Jersey visited Cairns for the investiture for seven Far North Queenslanders receiving Order of Australia awards.

On 25 September, some 50 of us were delighted to attend the Cairns Mayoral morning tea for our 2018 recipients of awards in the Order of Australia. We are indebted to Mayor Bob Manning OAM and his staff for this wonderful annual event which is welcomed in the Far North. It recognises the importance of these outstanding achievers and promotes both the Order of Australia and membership of the Association.

Carole Miller OAM, Convener.

WIDE BAY-BURNETT REGIONAL GROUP

The next gathering of members of our regional group will be held on 1 December 2018 at the QCWA rooms at Gayndah. Invitations have been sent to members. Please make sure the date is in your diaries.

Donna Duncan OAM, Convener.

IN MEMORIAM

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Bevan CHRISTENSEN OAM

Russell Gordon CLOSE OAM

Michael Dudley COLLINS-PERSSE OAM

Rev. Judith Claire DEWAR OAM

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Ida Maud KENNEDY OAM

Dr Phillip William LADD OAM

John David (Jack) LOADER AM

John (Jack) MACKAY OAM

Donald McKNIGHT OAM

Brian George MELLIFONT OAM

Mavis Waugh MORGAN OAM

Mervyn Stanley NEUMAN OAM

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New South Wales Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a very busy period over the past few months attending a number of functions.

On the 25th July I attended our Branch's Annual Luncheon at the NSW Parliament House. Our Guest Speaker was Senior Crown Prosecutor Margaret Cunneen SC who spoke about the application of current law and also gave an insight into ICAC.

The 27th August saw the Branch hold a Formal Evening Dinner at Club York in Sydney. Our Guest Speaker was Andrew Scipione AO APM former NSW Police Commissioner. Andrew gave an amazing insight into current policing in New South Wales and took questions from a very appreciative audience.

The 5th and 6th September I attended Investitures at Government House with Frank Kelleher OAM and Eddie Selwyn OAM. On the 6th September also attended the Queen's Birthday Recipients Luncheon at the New South Wales Parliament House. Several hundred members and their guests together with the new Recipients enjoyed a wonderful luncheon.

The 14th September saw the John Lincoln Youth Services Awards presented to 25 selected students by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Rtd), Governor of New South Wales at Government House. The awards are in recognition of community service by Years 11 and 12 students and nominations are accepted from all schools in the State.

John Archer OAM

NSW Branch Chairman

BRANCH ARCHIVIST RETIRES

At a Branch meeting on 15th February 2000, the Newsletter Editor Mr Giulio Vidoni OAM tabled a proposal for setting up a NSW Branch photographic archive.

The meeting on 11th April 2000 agreed that funds should be made available for the purchase of image portfolios and Mrs Helen Christian AM accepted the role of archivist, initially as a co-opted Branch member and then as a Committee member.

Helen approached Mr Alan Tasker of the Mitchell (State) Library regarding the conservation of photographs and Mr Ross Warr of Identity Studios for early Investitures and Functions photographs. Image Portfolios were purchased from Zetta Florence Pty Ltd in December 2001 and early prints from Ross Warr in June 2002. A second portfolio was purchased in 2003 and another in 2005.

In the meantime, Ross Warr became ill, sold Identity Studios and donated his store of photographs taken between 1982 and 2003 to the Branch.

Helen reported in June 2002 that she 'had sorted through every photograph received into the Collection and identified some 70% of the subjects', including those from Mr Ken Cavanough AM which were taken at the first Annual Dinner in 1981.

The Branch owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Helen and her husband, Dr John Christian AO (former Deputy Chairman), for the thought, care and time given to this project that has run from 2000 to 2018.



CAPTION - Two of the albums

CHANGE OF DATE FOR NSW BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Members of the NSW Branch are advised that the Association Constitution requires all Branch's to hold their annual meetings within 60 days of the close of the Association's financial year which is now the 31st December in line with the Calendar Year.

Therefore, the NSW Branch has now set the time and date of its Annual General Meeting as 11am on Tuesday the 26th February 2019 with the venue being the York Function Centre, 99 York Street, Sydney. The annual elections will be held on this date and nomination forms for the various positions will be available from the Branch Secretary, Mrs. Carolyn Lyons OAM, mobile 0427 374 744, email: carolynlyons97@bigpond.com

The National Board has strongly suggested that the position of Branch Chairman be split into 2 roles. As with all nominations, also nominations will be sought for the Branch Nominated Director from the membership at large, the election to this position will be a decision of the new Branch Committee

subsequent to the 2019 AGM. Consequently, from the 2019 Annual General Meeting NSW Branch positions will be as follows:

Chairman

Deputy Chairman

National Director

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Committee Members

(Portfolios for Committee Members are to be allocated by the Executive)

NSW BRANCH 2018 JOHN LINCOLN AWARDS



Twenty –five senior High School students received the John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award in recognition of their exemplary contributions to their communities at a ceremony at NSW Government House on 14th September 2018. Each recipient was presented with a Certificate of Commendation, together with an engraved glass trophy.

The NSW Branch was represented by Chairman Mr John Archer OAM, Secretary Mrs Carolyn Lyons OAM and Award Convenor Dr Frank Kelleher OAM, with special guests Mr David de Carvalho, CEO, and Ms Margot Braithwaite, Head, Liaison Unit, School Registration and Accreditation Directorate, NSW Education Standards Authority. The 3 Award Judges, Mrs Lynette Smith OAM, Mr Doug Donoghue AM and Hon John Ryan AM were special guests of the Branch.

The awards were presented by His Excellency, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of NSW, who congratulated the recipients for their outstanding commitment to community service, which epitomised the true spirit of the Order of Australia. Their contributions were wide-ranging, covering a broad spectrum of local, national and international community projects and organisations in areas such as education, cultural development, care and services to the aged and infirm, natural disaster recovery, support for the disadvantaged, refugee advocacy and voluntary work for a host of charities.

His Excellency encouraged all recipients to build on their experiences and continue their demonstrated commitment to community development in its broadest sense, as they moved into their adult lives and the workforce. He concluded his remarks with the observation that with

recipients such as these, as a microcosm of the future adult population, the outlook for Australia was in good hands.

An important new development this year is the initiation of an Alumni Association for John Lincoln Award recipients, an idea that was suggested last year by our Secretary Carolyn Lyons. She spoke to many of last year's recipients at GH after the Award ceremony, exploring their interest in establishing an on-going support group. She spoke to a student from Knox Grammar, Kenny Paek, who was very interested and brought Ms Helen Clarke, Head of the Department of Justice at Knox, into the discussion. Helen was very interested and offered to provide strategic support and advice in formation of the group. Since then Carolyn and Helen have developed the concept into one of an Alumni Association, which subsequently received NSW Branch Executive support. This year's recipients were given an information sheet after the ceremony, with an invitation to join with their fellow Alumni in turning the concept into a reality as the John Lincoln Award Alumni Association. Further information will be provided to the Committee as it develops. Any past Awardees whose contact details can be found will also be invited to join. I will be seeking any assistance I can get for this information from past Convenors and welcome any assistance or advice from Committee members.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Award recipients and their guests, including in many cases their School Principal (or representative), were joined by His Excellency and Mrs Hurley at afternoon tea in the Government House grounds.

Special thanks are extended to Giulio and Sylvana Vidoni for their continued support of this Award, with Giulio once again serving as official photographer and Sylvana as official recorder. Recipients will subsequently be emailed a quality photo of their individual presentations from the Governor.

Dr Frank Kelleher OAM

Convenor, John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award

NSW BRANCH ANNUAL FORMAL DINNER HELD AT CLUB YORK.



Photo Credits - Giulio Vidoni OAM

Captions- Branch Deputy Chairman Peter Falk OAM (right) presenting former NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione AO APM with a suitable memento of the evening.

On the 22nd August 2018 some 65 members and their guests attended the NSW Branch's Annual Formal Dinner held in the Red Room Auditorium at Club York in the CBD Sydney. This function was the first formal dinner conducted by the Branch for some years and was held partly because a number of members stated that they were unable to attend the Branch's daytime functions because of their work commitments. While the numbers were somewhat disappointing it was considered

that the problems associated with the ongoing terrible drought may well have affected the overall attendance.

However, those that attended the evening thoroughly enjoyed themselves partaking of pre-dinner refreshments prior to sitting down to a lavish 3 course meal. The evening commenced with the National Anthem followed by the Loyal Toast proposed by the MC for the evening Ian McKnight OAM who then introduced Branch Chairman Mr. John Archer OAM. John then issued a warm welcome and introduced the guest speaker for the evening the recently retired NSW Police Commissioner Mr Andrew Scipione AO APM.

Mr Scipione certainly kept the gathering enlightened for some time as his oration covered policing in the past as well as in the present plus what he considered necessary in the future. He then took part in a short question and answer session which was very much appreciated by all in attendance who were generous in their acclimation for Mr. Scipione.

Branch Deputy Chairman Mr. Peter Falk OAM issued a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Scipione for giving up his time to come along for the evening and presented him with a suitable memento of the occasion. During the evening a competition was conducted with over \$1100 being raised with all the proceeds going towards the "drought relief" appeal.

Ian McKnight OAM-Events Manager.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2018 12 NOON.

NSW Branch Pre-Christmas Luncheon

Venue: Club York 97 York Street Sydney. All Welcome

Please bring a small gift to give to children in hospital.

Further details contact Ian McKnight OAM, Mobile 0407 598 588

Email: ianmckni@tpg.com.au

SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY 2019 10.15AM.

NSW Branch Australia Day Sydney Harbour Luncheon Cruise

Aboard "Captain Cook 111", boarding 10.15am at Circular Quay, Sydney.

Enquiries to Ian McKnight OAM Mobile 0407598588, email ianmckni@tpg.com.au

TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2019. ALL WELCOME.

NSW Branch Morning Tea/Annual General Meeting.

Venue: York Function Centre, 2nd floor 99 York Street, Sydney.

Morning Tea 9.30am, Annual General Meeting 11am.

Enquiries to Ian McKnight OAM Mobile 0407598588, email ianmckni@tpg.com.au

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECIPIENT'S CELEBRATE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

On the 6th September approximately 69 new recipients in company with their families and guests a total of around 250 people gathered at NSW Parliament House to celebrate being named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and the eventual investiture of their various awards. It is now traditional that the NSW Branch conducts a Welcome and Light Luncheon at Parliament House to recognise all new recipients and for the wonderful efforts they have made towards their respective communities over many years.

Many people travelled from most country and metropolitan areas of NSW to join in the celebrations and gathered in the reception area of "Strangers" Dining room to socialise and partake of pre-luncheon refreshments. However, it was soon time for the large group to proceed to the dining room for the official welcome and enjoy the Light Luncheon.

Proceedings were then commenced by the MC for the day Ian McKnight OAM who issued a warm welcome to everyone in attendance and proposed the Loyal Toast. He also apologized on behalf of the Parliamentary Host for the day Peter Phelps MP who was called away at the last minute on urgent business. The MC then invited the NSW Branch Chairman Mr. John Archer OAM to deliver his welcome address which he did in fine style as well as outlining the main aims of the Branch including supporting its two favourite charities the John Lincoln Youth Community Awards and the Young Endeavour Youth Training Scheme. John also encouraged all new recipients to join the Order of Australia Association and outlined the obvious benefits for doing so.

NSW Branch Deputy Chairman Mr. Peter Falk OAM then proposed the toast to The Order of Australia and later Branch Secretary Mrs Carolyn LYONS OAM proposed the toast to the New Recipients as well as making a plea for more women to become involved in The Order and the Branch. The MC then invited Mr Charlie LYNN OAM a former soldier, Politician and of the renowned "Kokoda Trek" fame to respond on behalf of all the new recipients which he did in brilliant style.



Pic: Giulio Vidoni, OAM

Caption: Mr Charlie Lynn OAM responding on behalf of all new recipients

All too soon the function came to a conclusion to allow the afternoon recipients sufficient time to make their way to Government House for the afternoon investitures. Many thanks must go to Giulio Vidoni OAM with his trusty camera taking photos as well as assisting his hard-working wife Silvana Vidoni OAM who manned the memorabilia table and serviced the needs for many of the recipients and both are deserving of the accolades that they receive.

Ian McKnight-Events Manager.

Devlin Article

Stuart Devlin A.O., C.M.G. Designer, Goldsmith and Silversmith

Born Geelong, Australia, October 1931. Died at his home in England, April 2018 aged 86.

Holders of the Order of Australia may not know the story of the man who devised and designed Australia's Honours System. This was Stuart Devlin. He first came to public recognition in 1966 when his winning designs for Australia's new decimal coinage were released. He went on to become one of the most important goldsmiths and silversmiths of the 20th century designing for Royal Households, governments, cathedrals, armed forces, sport and universities, as well as for numerous private collectors throughout the world. He also designed coins for at least 30 different countries. The Duke of Edinburgh's foreword in a book published this year describes him as '*... probably the most original and creative goldsmith and silversmith of his time, and one of the greats of all time ...*'

In 1975 Devlin was awarded the commission for the Order. He based it on the golden wattle which was to become Australia's official floral emblem. Initially and for some years thereafter, the badges were made in his workshops in London, where he had set up his goldsmithing and silversmithing business.

Stuart Devlin was born in Geelong in 1931, one of four brothers, to parents of modest means during the Great Depression. His father, Richard, was a master painter and decorator but work was intermittent. His mother was a housemaid before marrying. Real poverty was always a threat but family life was happy. However, tragedy struck in 1949 when Stuart's father and his older brother, Geoffrey, one of twins, were drowned at sea in a boating accident.

After a meteoric rise through the art education system, with the support of a scholarship to the Geelong Institute of Technology, Devlin was to become a teacher of art and a range of subjects involving creativity and craftsmanship. In his mid-twenties he lectured at Prahran Technical School while studying at the Royal Melbourne Technical College (now RMIT) completing a three-year full-time course in one year, with the highest marks ever awarded.

In 1958 further scholarships led him to the Royal College of Art in London where Devlin studied both silversmithing and industrial design (engineering) completing both these three-year courses within two years. He was then awarded a prestigious Harkness Fellowship (also known as a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship) which led him to study at Columbia University, New York.

It was on his return to complete his teaching contract with the State of Victoria, that Devlin was persuaded, in 1963 by Professor Joe Burke of Melbourne University, to enter the decimal coinage competition.

Stuart Devlin never lost touch with Australia, designing further coins, many Defence Force medals and the gold and silver collectors' coins for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games as well as the Paralympic winners' medals.

National Secretary Pages

Letter to editor

Dear Editor,

The August edition of the *The Order* which I read with interest contained two Letters to the Editor under the heading 'Multicultural Australia' and contained some statistics, including a search of 'QB 2018' for 'Non-Anglo' surnames.

May I add to the debate:

As an Australian born in Germany I have noticed that the awards do not seem to reflect our multicultural country. Yet, surnames are not necessarily an indication of background nor is service to one's own ethnic community the only way non Anglo migrants can contribute. My award was for distinguished service to higher education in Australia (with much involvement internationally) and to community and church organisations. My German-born friend, Dr Ortrun Zuber-Skeritt was awarded her AO in the 2018 Queen's Birthday list, and she, too, did not receive it for her work to the German community but for her work in action research and learning Australia wide and internationally. It is one of the wonderful features of Australia that migrants from non-English speaking background have the professional opportunities commensurate to their skills and qualifications, and, in our cases, gaining recognition for services to our adopted country.

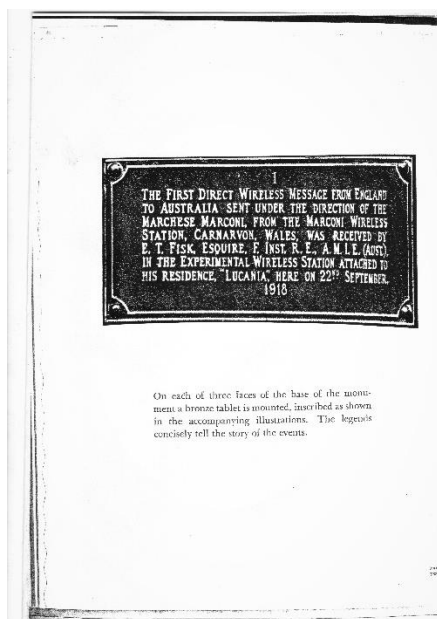
I will be nominating two women this year for an award who have been contributing to multicultural Australia for a very long time.

Yours sincerely,

Ingrid Moses

Prof Ingrid Moses AO

WIRELESS ARTICLE



Caption: The Fisk monument outside the Wahroonga house where the historic message was received and a panel on the monument describing the occasion.

HISTORIC WIRELESS MESSAGE CENTENARY CELEBRATED

At *Lucania*, a house in Wahroonga in the northern suburbs of Sydney was the venue on 22 September for a public celebration to mark the successful transmission exactly 100 years earlier of the first direct public wireless message sent from the United Kingdom to Australia.

The house was at the time home of wireless radio entrepreneur Ernest Fisk who had set up an experimental wireless station there.

Fisk, later knighted in 1937, was managing director of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd. He logged the historic message, transmitted in Morse code by Italian radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi from his wireless station at Waunfawr, near Caernarvon in Wales on 22 September 1918.

The message, from Australian Prime Minister Billy Hughes, who was at the time visiting Europe and the UK, said:

*I have just returned from a visit to the battlefields where the glorious
valour and dash of the Australian troops saved Amiens and forced
back the legions of the enemy, filled with greater admiration than
ever for these glorious men, and more convinced than ever that it is
the duty of their fellow-citizens to keep these magnificent battalions
up to their full strength. W. M. Hughes – Prime Minister*

The celebration was organised by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society supported by representatives of Federal, State and Local Governments and local community groups. The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, federal member for Berowra, acted as master of ceremonies.

In December 1935, a monument marking the event was erected outside the Wahroonga house and unveiled by Billy Hughes. The proceedings included an address by Marconi, speaking from Paris by wireless telephone.

HARGREAVES ARTICLE

Order for more extraordinary women



Narelle Hargreaves... "I'd like to see younger women and men getting awards," she says. Photo by Danielle Nohra

ORDER of Australia recipient Frances Rose couldn't understand why there was so many extraordinary women in the community, yet the number of men being recognised still far outweighed the women.

So, Frances, with her friends Dr Bill Maiden and Narelle Hargreaves formed a sub-committee of the ACT branch of the Order of Australia Association and together have been encouraging the Canberra community to nominate its community-focused women.

They've written to the heads of organisations, they have been to see the Office for Women, and now, they want to get the word out to the community.

"There's some absolutely fantastic women who are working so hard and they should be recognised," says Narelle, 76, of Latham.

It's no secret that men recipients outweigh the women every year, and Narelle says even the governor-general has outwardly said he'd like to see more women nominated.

"I'm not really into quotas because I like to think people got the award on their ability and capability," she says.

"But then again I'm into affirmative action for women, so I want to see really outstanding women nominated, because there's many of them."

Narelle and the committee still want to see men continue to be nominated because, she says, there's some fantastic fellows doing some great stuff, but she wants people to be more aware of the women doing similar amazing things, too.

"I'd like to see younger women and men getting awards as well," she says.

"It's sad that a lot of amazing women [and men] have to wait until they're older to be recognised."

Narelle, who received the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2008, says the award is a real honour and privilege.

"It's provided me with opportunities to speak at different groups," she says.

She even believes it opened many opportunities for her and led her to other achievements such as being named the Canberra Citizen of the Year in 2016 for her commitment to vulnerable children and young people in the ACT through various roles.

“People have this misconception that you have to write all this stuff,” she says.

For example, if people don’t know four referees connected to the person they’re nominating, they can write down organisation or business names and Government House will ferret out the missing information.

“It’s not hard, it just takes a little bit of time and a little bit of thought and away you go,” she says.

Acknowledgement to Danielle Nohra City News on September 25, 2018

TARCUTTA HONOUR BOARD ARTICLE

Wagga Wagga City Council Mayor Greg Conkey unveiled an honour board recognising 6 OAM residents of the Tarcutta District at the Tarcutta RSL Club on Saturday 15 September 2018.



The attendees in the picture are; left to right; Fay Belling, Les Weston, Jean Pottie and Mayor Greg Conkey.