



# ORDER OF AUSTRALIA VICTORIA BRANCH

*“fostering love of and pride in Australian citizenship”*

## Welcome from Branch Chair

### Message from the Chair



Since the March edition of our e-Newsletter, the Australia Day recipients have together with family and friends enjoyed their investiture at Government House with our Patron, the Hon Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria.

Thank you and welcome to the recipients who have joined the Association; trust your time will allow you to attend Vic Branch and Regional Group events.

It was pleasing to see Victoria well represented at the National Conference. We congratulate the Hobart Branch; they hosted an excellent conference with quality speakers and showcased their capital at a perfect time of the year - autumn. The current edition of *The Order* has a detailed report on the Conference and National Annual General Meeting.

At the Vic Branch May committee meeting, we acknowledged the excellent work Richard Rozen OAM has done for 20 years as National Merchandise Officer; we also thank his wife Rysia for her support over the years. They have both been the face of merchandise at National Conferences, Branch and Regional Group events, we wish them well in retirement.

Alan Brook OAM, the Vic Branch Treasurer and member of the Merchandise sub-committee chaired by June Kane AM, has taken over receiving OAA stock and despatching orders to members and Branches Australia wide.

In the March e-Newsletter we thanked members and their guests who supported the charity performance of *Jersey Boys* at the Regent Theatre. The Vic Branch committee has tagged \$10,000 of the profit to be held for the purposes of a scholarship. We will keep you updated regarding this project.

Thank you to Irene Harrington OAM communications sub-committee chair, her fellow committee members and Regional Groups for the quality of our quarterly Branch e-Newsletter and our pages in *The Order* national magazine.

Our events sub-committee delivered another quality event. Thank you Brian Martin OAM 2019 OAA NGV Visit Coordinator. The Terracotta Warriors' lecture and exhibition at National Gallery of Victoria then lunch at Cafe Vic received positive feedback. It was pleasing to see the number of members and guests grow on last year.

Congratulations to the new recipients announced recently in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Stay healthy and thank you for your ongoing support.

**Helene Bender OAM, Chairman, Victoria Branch**



## Editor's message

Welcome to the second edition for 2019, of the Victorian state e-Newsletter.

I trust these cold, crisp mornings find you well and enjoying life.

Time now to sit down with a cuppa and enjoy some reading about your Association.



Thank you to those people who contacted me to advise they liked the new format of the e-Newsletter. It's always nice to receive good feedback so on behalf of the communications sub-committee, my thanks.

In this edition you will find information on forthcoming events from the different groups around Victoria, as well as the Vic Branch events.

You'll also be introduced to our hardworking events sub-committee – a great team of people headed up by Peter Jones AM and ably supported by Dr Yvonne Ho AM and Barbara Thomas OAM.

We're also featuring a lovely interview with Chloe Munro AO who was interviewed by a member of the communications sub-committee, Pam Robinson OAM.

We are always looking for stories and biographies of other members of our Association, so please feel free to send these to me and if you can include a photograph that would be great too

As usual, this e-Newsletter is only made possible with your contributions and assistance so please feel free to send me any type of articles or stories you would like to see published for your fellow members to read. If something is of interest to you, it stands to reason that it will probably be of interest to others as well.

The timetable for contributions for the e-Newsletter and *The Order* next year is included on page 18 for future reference.

Please note, the deadline for the next edition of the e-Newsletter, is the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Until next time, happy reading!

**Irene Harrington OAM, JP, e-Newsletter Editor**

## Did you know...?

***The Order of Australia Association has  
8,140 members nationally and 2,045 members in Victoria.***



## National News

### *The Order*

Our national quarterly magazine *The Order*, is available in e-version which saves the Association costs of postage, printing and stationery.

Please email Secretary Phil Morrall AM CSC at: [nationalsecretary@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:nationalsecretary@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) to request *The Order* in electronic format and help save us money.

### OAA Foundation

Since its inception the Foundation has provided 39 scholarships covering all States and Territories, as a result of the generosity of the donors. To make a donation please contact:

E: [sec@oaafoundation.com.au](mailto:sec@oaafoundation.com.au) or ring telephone: 02 6273 5995.

## News from the Victoria Branch Committee

### Victoria Branch Web page:

The Victoria Branch web page, within the Order of Australia web site ([www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au)) contains a wide range of information regarding the branch. In particular the pages contain information on *Upcoming events* of both the Victoria Branch and Regional Groups.

### National Gallery visit



On the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 170 members of the Victorian Branch of the Order of Australia enjoyed the 2019 Melbourne Winter Masterpieces of the Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of Immortality.

The event began with an interesting lecture specifically about the exhibition by Wayne Crothers, the Senior Curator of Asian Art at the National Gallery of Victoria.

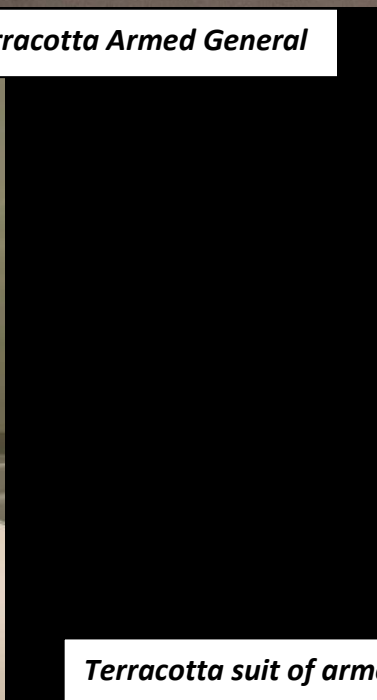
Following the lecture guests were treated to a tour of the Terracotta Warriors: Guardians of Immortality which is a large-scale presentation of the Qin Emperor's Terracotta Warriors, which, discovered in 1974 in China's Shaanxi province, are regarded as one of the greatest archaeological finds of the twentieth century and widely described as the eighth wonder of the world.



Handmade  
porcelain birds –  
white – then  
covered in gun  
powder.  
Individually hung  
from the ceiling.



*Terracotta Armed General*



*Terracotta suit of armour*





This presentation features more than 150 exquisite treasures of historic Chinese art and design.



A contingent of 130 guests then continued on to the Café Vic where they enjoyed a lovely lunch.

A special thanks to Brian Martin OAM and the events sub-committee, for organising this fantastic event for members to enjoy.

## The events sub-committee

### Peter Jones AM (Chair)



Peter Jones is one of Australia's leading event producers, creating and designing special events for over thirty years. Based in Melbourne, Peter and his team have been the recipient of over 35 Meetings and Events Industry Awards, including induction into the Hall of Fame in two separate categories – *Special Event Organiser* and *Public Event of the Year*.

In 2010, Peter received 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*.

Only a few years later in 2016, he received the *Lifetime Achievement Award* at the Australian Event Awards, also receiving 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.



In 2018, Peter was appointed as a Member in the Order of Australia at the Australia Day Honours for significant service to the tourism and hospitality sector. They particularly highlighted his involvement and influence as an advisor in event management and to the community.

Peter 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.

In Peter's spare time, he is a keen golfer and enthusiastic supporter of the Melbourne Football Club. One of his many ambitions is to live long enough to see a Grand Final Win!

### **Dr Yvonne Ho AM, GAICD**

Yvonne was awarded Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2015. One of her two careers is in medicine - as a radiologist and a nuclear medicine specialist. She has a few 'firsts', including being the first Australian woman radiologist - ever - to be Director of the Board of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR), and the first woman in Victoria to be dually qualified and accredited in both radiology and nuclear medicine. She has contributed to medical imaging availability internationally by co-pioneering the Fellowship of the RANZCR postgraduate radiology training program beyond its traditional boundaries of Australia and New Zealand.



Yvonne is unique because she has an established second and parallel career as Director of Charteris Music School, known for its innovative music education. She is an Australia Day Ambassador for the Victorian Government, and speaks publicly at wide-ranging events, gives media presentations and publishes on various topics. She serves on various Boards, Councils and committees of Australian public organisations, including Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) and, previously, on Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Her accolades include the 2014 Australia Awards and induction to the 2013 Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

She hopes to continue to engage our membership and to contribute to the OAA in a meaningful way.

### **Barbara Thomas OAM**



Barbara received her OAM in 2010 for service to the community and through volunteer roles with the Cancer Council Victoria.

While working in Melbourne, Barbara was involved in her old school and served as President of the Toorak College Collegians on two occasions, was a Board member for 17 years and Chairman for over almost 8 years.

After taking long service leave in 2003 and moving back to Wangaratta where she was born, Barbara became involved in the Cancer Council Wangaratta Volunteer Group, the Cancer Council's Wangaratta Relay For Life, Cathedral College, Wangaratta, the Wangaratta Golf Club, the Probus club of Appin Park (C) as well as being actively involved in a book club.



After receiving her award, Barbara became a Life Member of the OAA, joined the North East and Goulburn Valley regional group committee of which she is currently Chairman.

As part of her genetic make-up, being well organised plays a big part in her life. Her philosophy is to make sure everyone is able to enjoy themselves when organising an event and to make it as stress free as possible.

## A moment of transition for OAA merchandise

With the retirement of Richard Rozen OAM, after 20 years at the helm of OAA merchandising, OAA Victoria is taking the opportunity to refresh the list of items on sale and reorganise orders and despatch.

Orders will now be handled by Alan Brook OAM, Victorian Branch Treasurer, who is a member of the Merchandising Sub-Committee chaired by Dr June Kane AM.

All orders should be directed to Alan at: [merchandise@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:merchandise@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) or by mail: 38 Rotherwood Road, Ivanhoe East, VIC 3079. Payments can be made by PayPal or by cheque. If you need to make a direct bank transfer, please contact Alan.

Members will find all currently available products on the OAA Merchandise web page: <https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart/> and on the order form included in each publication of *The Order* that goes out to members.

Look out for sale items as we go through this moment of transition, and stay tuned for new items and designs coming soon.

Currently on sale:

- Set of 4 drinks coasters (ideal for guest speaker gifts) – reduced to \$25.00
- Pack of playing cards with OAA crest – reduced to \$2.00
- Decal for car or other surfaces – reduced to \$2.50

And don't forget our new greetings cards, available in a pack of 5 (with envelopes) for \$10 and ideal to say 'thank you' to guest speakers and others.

## Did you know...?

***The Order of Australia has five levels:***

***Knight/Dame of the Order (AK/AD)  
Companion of the Order (AC)  
Officer of the Order (AO)  
Member of the Order (AM)  
Medal of the Order (OAM)***

***The Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way Australians recognise the achievements and service of their fellow citizens***



## Getting to know....



### **Chloe Munro AO**

Pam Robinson OAM, a member of the communications sub-committee kindly prepared and interviewed Chloe Munro AO for this edition of the e-Newsletter.

We thank them both for their time and contribution.

***Q: Tell us about yourself, where you grew up, education and when you came to Australia.***

I grew up in Scotland. Inspired by Lewis Carroll, against great odds I won a place at Cambridge University where I studied mathematics and philosophy.

I had wanted to come to Australia ever since I saw an exhibition of Arthur Boyd paintings as a teenager in Edinburgh. I finally moved here in 1996 and I've lived in Melbourne ever since.

***Q: Can you take us on the journey of your professional career, roles and responsibilities.***

I've moved around a lot: between the not-for-profit, public and private sectors, between countries and between industries as different as investment banking and printing.

Over time, I gravitated towards infrastructure development in network industries like energy, water and telecommunications. I've focussed on public policy and business investment that transform the way we interact with each other and with the natural environment.

For much of my career I was the only woman in the room or the first female in the role. I've been in leadership positions from a young age because I've been willing to take on tough challenges and be accountable for outcomes. I've had several CEO positions and now I chair a small number of boards and advisory committees.

***Q: How do you spend your free time***

I'm at my happiest in my garden which is a continual work in progress. I just love plants and their seasonal changes.

***Q: What are you most passionate about***

My overwhelming priority is to tackle the threat of dangerous climate change. With all our wealth and ingenuity there is no excuse for inaction. I'm also passionate about the arts. This is how we express our humanity and it's an essential contributor too, of a civilised society.

***Q: What does it mean to you to have received the AO***

I'm very proud that my contribution to Australia has been acknowledged in this way. I've worked on a lot of controversial issues and my personal resilience has often been tested. It means a lot to me that people took notice and went to the trouble of nominating me for such a significant award. It's just wonderful.





## Just a reminder....

### RETURN OF MEDALS – SCAM!!!

It has come to the attention of the Association that certain absolute scoundrels are contacting the bereaved relatives of deceased Honours recipients suggesting that their 'medals' need to be returned.

This is totally false and is a malicious scam. Please ignore any such approaches.

Phil Morrall AM, CSC  
National Secretary



## What's happening.....around the Groups?

### Barwon Regional Group

A film afternoon was held on Sunday May the 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, which was well attended. "Finding your feet", a feel-good, very funny British romantic comedy, was enjoyed by members and their guests. After the film members and guests joined the Committee to enjoy fruit platters, sandwiches sweet slices, cheese, with wine, soft drink, tea and coffee supplied by the Committee. All members and guests stayed on to enjoy the hospitality.

Next function is the Schools' Citizenship Awards on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August at the Geelong RSL. Primary schools in the Geelong and Barwon Region will compete for the Geelong RSL Annual Trophy, which has always been a close contest.

The City of Greater Geelong is hosting a Civic reception for Order of Australia award recipients in August 2019. This includes both the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday award recipients from the Barwon Region this year.

### Eastern Suburbs Regional Group

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the Eastern Suburbs Regional Group organised fifty of their members to attend a most enjoyable mid-week matinee at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading. At 10.00am in the theatre foyer there was a delightful morning tea of luscious cakes and slices plus tea and coffee.

We organised six round tables in the Waratah Room to sit down with our morning-tea and chat to other Order of Australia recipients. New friendships were made. Cost was \$20.00 per person. Just before 11.00am we all moved into our booked seating in the huge Whitehorse Centre Theatre, which ended up being filled to capacity with patrons from a wide variety of community groups such as Probus, U3As, Red Cross etc.



On a wide stage with a proscenium arch, we were presented with a huge grand piano, a brilliant Asian pianist and two highly professional and talented performers – Karla Hillam and Jeremy Hinman, who presented a tribute to the life and music of the legendary Dame Julie Andrews. The show was called “Practically Perfect”. The vocalists presented some of her best-known songs from *Mary Poppins*, *My Fair Lady*, the *Sound of Music* and more, interwoven with stories of her life on and off stage.

The performers had great voices and were also a great dance team displaying fantastic tap-dancing skills and impressive moves and costume changes. It was indeed a wonderful show and Karla and Jeremy had the audience singing along enthusiastically to some of Dame Julie’s better-known songs.

A few of our members met up at the Mitcham Hotel for a great lunch to finish off the day.

Our next function will be a “Christmas in July” Luncheon at our favourite Bucatini Restaurant and bar, located at 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at 12 noon. This is to be held in their private function room in delightful surroundings, where we will be privileged to be entertained by Reg Gorman, who is remembered as an Australian film actor and comedian. He is known for his roles in *The Sullivans*, in all 26 episodes of *Fergus McPhail*, *Neighbours* and many Australian films. He is also one of the last surviving active vaudeville performers in Australia.

This promises to be an interesting and entertaining event for all who attend. All members and guests are very welcome. Cost is \$35.00 per head, drinks @ bar prices. Kindly contact Dot Browne OAM on telephone 9874 2501 or email: [dotandcol23@bigpond.com](mailto:dotandcol23@bigpond.com) should you wish to participate.

A cocktail party is planned for later in the year for Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday awardees in our Eastern Suburbs Regional Group.

## Gippsland Regional Group

### Autumn Lunch

An enjoyable Autumn luncheon was held in Drouin in April and was attended by twenty-seven members and guests. The guest speaker, Janice Ablett OAM, gave a compelling presentation into the founding of the The Ice Meltdown Project Inc.

As both the founder and current President of the Ice Meltdown Project, Janice graphically explained the impact that the drug has (and is having) on both those addicted and their families. She gave some insights into how addictive the drug is and the problems it causes for addicts and those attempting to steer a path through the maize of challenges associated with substance abuse.

### ANZAC Day

Activities saw many of the Group’s members involved across the Gippsland Region in various roles. Current Chair, Doug Caulfield OAM, RFD acted as Master of Ceremonies at a Dawn Service at Traralgon, followed by a service at Glengarry, the ‘main’ service at Traralgon and then another service at Rosedale.

Ted Gibson, OAM laid a wreath on behalf of OAA at Bairnsdale, where Anne Macarthur, OAM laid a wreath on behalf of Australian Red Cross. At Traralgon, Bernie Carrington OAM, JP laid a wreath on behalf of Traralgon Lions Club and Doug Caulfield OAM, RFD laid a wreath on behalf of OAA. Other Regional Group Committee members (Neil Terrill and Bill Bodman) attended ANZAC Day services in Yinnar and Port Albert respectively.



### Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet Address

This prestigious event for 2019 (seventh annual), is well into the final stages of preparation and the Group is hopeful of exceeding an attendance target above that from previous years. Venue is the Premiere Function Room, 29 Grey Street, Traralgon commencing at 6.30pm. Costs for a two course dinner, welcome drinks on arrival and subsequent drinks at bar prices are \$60.00 per person with a student concession rate of \$35.00 per person.



This year, the speaker is Professor Margaret Hellard, AM who received her award 'For significant service to medicine as an infectious diseases and public health physician and research scientist'.

Professor Hellard, Deputy Director (Programs), Adjunct Professor, Monash University, DEPM at the from The Burnet Institute, is to speak on the subject of 'Transitioning from adolescence into young adulthood in the era of social media, risks, harms and health.'

Bookings will be essential and details can be obtained from the Group's new website at:

[www.theorderofaustraliagippsland.org](http://www.theorderofaustraliagippsland.org)

## Melbourne Central Regional Group



On Wednesday 10 April, Melbourne Central Group held a luncheon event at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and were privileged to have as guest speaker, the Rt. Hon. Tim Fischer AC.

Tim spoke about the life of Sir John Monash and his role in the First World War. His presentation covered military leaders that were part of the conflict and their involvement.

He also spoke about the Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of Versailles and the outcome for Europe in the years thereafter. Tim Fischer has researched this conflict and the significant role played by Sir John Monash. He has written and published a book: *Maestro John Manish: Australia's Greatest Citizen General*.

The next Melbourne Central Regional Group Networking event is on Wednesday 19 June at the British Consul-General offices. Our good fortune is to have as our host Mr Chris Holtby OBE, the Consul-General.

## Mornington Peninsula Regional Group

The Group will once more be holding their annual luncheon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Safety Beach Sailing Club/Community Centre at 12.30pm. Presentation of the Roy Ward Prize will form the major part of the agenda. This award is presented each year to an outstanding student who is nominated by schools from local areas.



## North Central Suburbs Regional Group

Members of North Central Suburbs Group recently held their winter luncheon at the *Sycamore Tree Café* in Heidelberg. There were three new members present who thoroughly enjoyed getting together with longer term members. New awardees included a past Local Government Councillor, an awardee who received his award for work he has undertaken in the parachute industry and associations and another hardworking, long-time community service worker. They all said they looked forward to the next event.

The spring luncheon is scheduled to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September at the *Sycamore Tree Café* in Heidelberg. Plans are currently underway to organise the Yarra Valley luncheon in August and re-scheduling the Tramboat outing later in the year.

North Central Suburbs Group had 31 new awardees in the Queen's Birthday weekend awards' announcement.

## North East Victoria and Goulburn Valley

The North East Goulburn Valley held its second lunch for the year on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, at Fowles Winery, Avenel. Guest Speaker was Mr Adrian Farrer, Principal, Cathedral College Wangaratta and Principal-elect of Trinity Grammar Kew.



*Left to right-Adrian Farrer, Sarah Noble and Jacquie Farrer*

Adrian spoke on the challenges facing school students and society over the next 12-15 years. He used the analogy in the classic text: "Lord of the Flies" that demonstrates how human beings must have rules, authority and government in order to maintain a safe environment. Schools need this structure for students to cope with the rapid changes and challenges in the future.

Adrian also spoke about the need for educators to prepare students to manage those changes. He referred to increased automation which will change employment opportunities and duration for those students. So a priority in education is essential for the overall development of young people to help them cope with this change.

The Regional Group was saddened with the recent passing of member Mr Colin Campbell OAM. Colin received his OAM on Australia Day 2018 for service to the winemaking industry. Our deepest sympathy go to his wife Prue and brother Malcolm (OAM) and the Campbell family.

It was great to have five of our Australia Day 2019 recipients attend our May lunch and to be able to congratulate them on their award. All received an OAM:

- Mr Neil BROCK AFSM for service to the communities of Oxley and Milawa
- Miss Suzanne CARDWELL for service to community health, particularly aged care-Wodonga





- Mrs Ailsa FOX For service to the community and to primary industry
- Mr John JENNINGS For service to community history – Seymour
- Mr Raymond LUSCOMBE for service to the community of Shepparton

**Next Event for 2019:** Will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019, at Corowa Golf Club. Guest Speaker, Inspector Kerrie Hicks, Victorian Police from the counter- terrorism unit in Melbourne.

## South Central Suburbs Regional Group

Further to the report in March, our AGM, to bring us into line with the National Committee, was held on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Seeing that our previous AGM was in October there were no changes to the Committee membership, but Financials to the end of December were approved.



Following the AGM, those in attendance were given a snapshot of sporting administration life by Lorraine Morgan AM, who was interviewed by Cheryl Threadgold OAM. Both ladies are members of the Group.

Lorraine achieved many firsts over the years that she was a sporting administrator at Commonwealth, Olympic and Invictus Games.

Her short athletic career was the basic reason with the crutches that she was on, a knee replacement through javelin throwing. A very entertaining and informative talk.

Secretary Graeme Woolacott OAM presenting a living flower to Lorraine Morgan AM with Cheryl Threadgold OAM centre.

### Percy Grainger Museum

A group of over twenty people had a guided tour of the Percy Grainger Museum which is situated within the grounds of Melbourne University on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Percy Aldridge Grainger** (born George Percy Grainger on 8 July 1882 and passed away on 20 February 1961) was an Australian-born composer, arranger and pianist who lived in the United States from 1914 on and became a citizen in 1918.

In the course of a long and innovative career, he played a prominent role in the revival of interest in British folk music in the early years of the 20th century. Although much of his work was experimental and unusual, the piece with which he is most generally associated is his piano arrangement of the folk-dance tune *Country Gardens*.

An informative visit and talk was followed by many, with a luncheon at Naughton's Hotel, a short walk away.



## Mid-year Luncheon



Kingston Heath Golf Club is the venue this year for our mid-year luncheon on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August. It promises to be an entertaining day that will combine good food with amiable company in a delightful setting and a very notable speaker in Mr. Mal Walden who worked and presented news at Channels 7 and 10 over quite an extensive period of time: six decades.

Mal's talk will be based around "Untold Headlines – Stories behind the News"

There is ample car parking, at Port Cloche if it is raining and if you have dietary requirements please advise us of this with your booking.

We hope to get 90 people and we are happy to open it up to all Groups to attend.

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### MID-YEAR LUNCHEON

I wish to attend the Luncheon at the Kingston Heath Golf Club, Kingston Road, Cheltenham, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019, commencing at 12.00 Noon for a 12.45 PM start.

Please find enclosed cheque for .....persons at \$60 each [Inc. GST] \$.....

Cheques should be made payable to The Order of Australia Association and mailed to the Treasurer by **18<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. Alternately, pay by Direct Debit to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000. Account number 132398835. No receipts will be issued.

If paying by Direct Debit please tick box ☐ indicate "Mid-Year Luncheon".

Name and Post Nominals.....

Phone.....Email.....

Name/s of your Guest/s.....

Special dietary requirements.....

Please post to the Hon Treasurer Geoff Oscar AM, 8A Hoyt Street, Hampton 3188 Phone 95219065.

Email [genoscar@melbpc.org.au](mailto:genoscar@melbpc.org.au)

### OUR COMMITTEE:

As the last AGM was only held four months ago, the committee was elected for the full 16 months:

## Western Suburbs Regional Group

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, Western Suburbs Regional Group held their lunch event, with Robert Gottliebsen AM as their guest speaker.

For many older Australians, Robert Gottliebsen AM, is the voice of finance.



Robert pioneered business commentary on ABC television and radio, started the *Chanticleer* column in *The Australian Financial Review* in 1974, was the founding Editor of *Business Review Weekly* magazine and spearheaded it for almost two decades before joining *The Australian* as national business commentator in 2000.

In 2007, Robert jointed with Alan Kohler and Steve Bartholomeusz to start businessspecator.com.au and to develop *The Eureka Report*, both of which were purchased by News Corp in 2010.

Today he continues his almost 60-year career as one of Australia's most highly rated local and international business commentators.

On 16 May, Robert shared his exceptional expertise and experience with fascinated Western Suburbs Regional Group members and guests at a lunchtime event.

Robert needed little introduction, not only because of his journalistic reputation – he has been Australian Journalist of the Year and a Walkley Award winner – but because several members had been to school with Robert, or knew him through his long association with local schools and churches as a board member and Treasurer.

Robert's talk covered his career but also allowed for comment on the state of the Australian economy and the approach the two major parties were taking to it on the eve of the Election. There followed some lively debate and Robert was gracious enough to give free advice to the members who asked very specific questions about their own finances!

It was in so many ways a timely and significant event, but it was also friendly and satisfying because Robert has joined the OAA and is a member of the Western Suburbs Regional Group. We hope to see much more of him at our meetings – and we promise not to bombard him with requests for financial advice!

## COMING EVENTS – Victoria Branch

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### July

#### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>: New Recipients' Reception**

This is an invitation only event for both Australia Day and Queen's Birthday award recipients together with Regional Group Chairs or their representative.

### November

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>: Annual Luncheon**

This Luncheon is to be held at William Angliss Institute of TAFE, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne commencing at 12noon. Further details will be provided closer to the event.



## COMING EVENTS – Regional Groups

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### July

#### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>: *Regional Groups meeting***

The meeting is to be held between 1:00pm and 3:00pm at the RACV Club, 501 Bourke St Melbourne following a lunch commencing at 12 Noon at the RACV club

#### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>: *Eastern Suburbs***

“Christmas in July” Luncheon at Bucatini’s Restaurant, Mitcham from 12noon. Cost is \$35.00. Guest speaker is Reg Gorman, Australian television and film actor and comedian. For bookings contact Dot Browne OAM, on 9874 2501 or email: [dotandcol23@bigpond.com](mailto:dotandcol23@bigpond.com).

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: *Mornington Peninsula***

Reception for 2019 Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday award Recipients. This will be hosted by Mornington Peninsula Shire at their Rosebud Office, Besgrove Street, Rosebud.

### August

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August: *Gippsland***

Lunch commencing at 12.00pm: venue to be confirmed in East Gippsland. Guest Speakers Judith and Peter Robbins, OAM

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>: *Barwon***

Primary School Citizenship Award at Geelong RSL

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>: *Western Suburbs***

Lunch commencing at 12pm – venue to be confirmed – guest speaker to be confirmed.

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: *Mornington Peninsula***

Annual Luncheon/Roy Ward Prize Presentation 12.30pm Safety Beach Sailing Club/Community Centre, Marine Drive, Safety Beach.

### September

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: *North Central Suburbs***

Spring luncheon, commencing at 11.45am, will be held at the Sycamore Tree Care, Heidelberg. Bookings to Irene Harrington OAM at [harri@gravity.net.au](mailto:harri@gravity.net.au).

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>: *Loddon Campaspe*.**

Ride the heritage train between Castlemaine and Maldon. For further information contact Deb Fleming OAM at [canddflemings@bigpond.com](mailto:canddflemings@bigpond.com).





## October

### **Wednesday 16th: Gippsland**

The 7th Annual Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet Address. To be held at the Premiere Function Room, 29 Grey Street, Traralgon commencing at 6.30pm. Costs are \$60.00 per person with a student concession rate of \$35.00 per person. Further Details can be found on the Regional Group website: [www.orderofaustraliagippsland.org](http://www.orderofaustraliagippsland.org).

### **Sunday 20th: North East Vic & Goulburn Valley**

Lunch at Corowa Golf Club. Guest Speaker, Inspector Kerrie Hicks, formerly Wangaratta Local Area Commander, Victoria police, who is now working with the counter- terrorism unit in Melbourne.

### **Thursday 24th: North Central Suburbs**

Reception for 2019 award Recipients. This is to be held at the Heidelberg Uniting Church Hall, 185 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg. Further details will be provided closer to the event.

## November

### **Monday 11th: Mornington Peninsula**

Remembrance Day Service 10am, Memorial Garden Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza.

### **Friday 15th: Loddon Campaspe.**

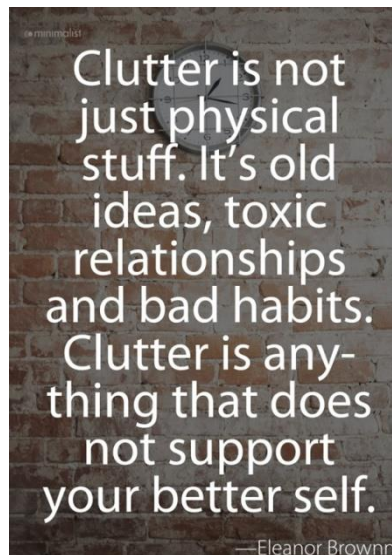
AGM and lunch with guest speaker about the Legacy program to be held at Legacy House, Bendigo. For further information contact Deb Fleming OAM at [canddflemings@bigpond.com](mailto:canddflemings@bigpond.com).

### **Friday 15th (TBC): Mornington Peninsula**

Annual Schools Awards Presentation and afternoon tea at 1pm at Beleura House and Garden Mornington. Arrival by bus transfer from Mornington Golf Club.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>: Regional Groups meeting.**

The meeting is to be held between 10.00am and 11.30am at the William Angliss Institute, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne prior to the Victoria Branch Luncheon.





## 2019 DATES FOR E-NEWSLETTER & *THE ORDER*

The relevant dates for e-Newsletter and *The Order* contributions are summarized below. Please submit your timely articles with a photo to editor:

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Invitation to Regional Groups to submit articles	Cut-off date for submission of articles for e-newsletter	Finished e-newsletter to Tony Smith	Distribution date [on or before]
20 <sup>th</sup> August	7 <sup>th</sup> September	18 <sup>th</sup> September	24 <sup>th</sup> September
5 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November	29 <sup>th</sup> November	6 <sup>th</sup> December

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14 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> July	8 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> August
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Attributed to Helen Keller:

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.”



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