

ACT OAA

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Booking sheets for the following events are enclosed:

**Wednesday 24 July 2019
Morning Tea
Royal Canberra Golf Club.**

**Tuesday 24 Sep 2019
Reception for New Awardees
Commonwealth Club**

**Thursday 22 August 2019
Student Awards
Royal Canberra Golf Club**

SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday 18 August 2019
Multi Faith Observance**

MORNING TEA WITH GLENYS PATULNY OAM

We hope you can join us at The Royal Canberra Golf Club Yarralumla on Wednesday 24 July 2019 to hear new member



Glenys Patulny OAM speak on her engagement over many years with environmental issues in Tuggeranong and the Murrumbidgee Corridor. She established Tuggeranong Lake Carers, is a board member of LandcareACT and has also been President of the Tuggeranong Community Council since 2015. Glenys was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2019 Australia Day Honours *for service to the*

community of Tuggeranong.

Please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/89624>, complete the booking sheet with this newsletter, or contact Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020.

MULTI-FAITH OBSERVANCE

The 2019 Multi Faith Observance will be held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, on the corner of Blackall St & Kings Avenue, Barton, on Sunday 18 August 2019 from 2.00 to 3.00 pm. The Observance will be moderated by the Executive Director of the Centre, Rt Reverend Professor Stephen Pickard, and will feature inspirational speakers from a number of faiths.

Our theme for this year is *Together in Friendship*. Members, families and guests are all welcome. At the conclusion of the Observance, a light afternoon tea will be served and there will be an opportunity to tour the Centre's beautiful grounds.

This is a free event, but please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/87299> or contact Sam Wong AM at 0433 947 888.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Let me begin this month by offering congratulations to the wonderful people from around Canberra and the near region who received honours and awards in the 2019 Queen's Birthday list. There were more than 50 altogether and, reflecting the national trend, just over 40% were women. This may or may not have been the result of our Committee's efforts to secure more nominations for women, but we'll claim the credit! We're not quite where we want to be yet, but we're getting much closer.

Since our April newsletter we've had three significant Branch events. On 2 May, we were joined at the Commonwealth Club by 12 new recipients from the 2019 Australia Day list and their partners for our first reception of the year. At our Queen's Birthday luncheon on 11 June, Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove gave a heart-warming address about her experiences at Yarralumla – and we were privileged that His Excellency the Governor-General also made time to come along. On 25 June, General Angus Campbell AO, DSC delivered our annual Australian Defence Force Oration, outlining his assessment of the principal security threats in our region over the next 20 years. You can find reports on all those events in the pages that follow and on the website.

Our next event will be a morning tea at Royal Canberra Golf Club on Wednesday 24 July, with new member Glenys Patulny OAM as our speaker. Glenys will talk about how she became involved in supporting the environment and how that led to her wider involvement in the community. Don't forget our Multi-Faith Observance, moderated by Rt Rev Professor Stephen Pickard, at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture on Sunday 18 August. Our Annual Student Awards follow just a few days later on Thursday 22 August (please note they are earlier this year). And on Tuesday 24 September, join us at the Commonwealth Club for our second reception for the new recipients. These events are all live on Sticky Tickets now, so don't delay, sign up today! All the details are in the newsletter.

Warm regards,

Mike Crane DSC & Bar, AM

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BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On Friday 14 June, our National Board and Branch Chairs from across Australia met in Melbourne for a day of considering the future of the Association. The conversation was generally very positive and some good ideas emerged. The National Chair, Barry Nunn AO, has released a short communiqué outlining the results of the day, which you can find on the website at

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Communique.pdf> .

The Board will now consider the outcomes and develop an agenda to address them.

The following day, there was a routine, Board-only meeting. The first item for discussion was a matter relating to our regulator, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). I can't say too much more at this stage because the matter is still under consideration by the Board, but I will keep Branch members advised as it unfolds.

Separately, the Board considered and agreed a new Privacy Policy. You can find a short policy statement on the website, with a link to the full policy document. The Board also agreed the ACT Branch's outline proposal for the conduct of the National Conference in Canberra in 2021. Wearing my ACT Chair hat, I'll be asking for support to this effort later in the year.

Finally, the Board provided guidance to the Chair of the Constitutional Working Group, which will inform the development of a new, more modern Constitution for the Association. While the Board has views on the broad outcome, there is plenty of scope to shape the new document. If you are at all interested in being involved in this very important activity, please let me know.

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As you can see, the Board is very busy across a wide range of issues. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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OAA-ACT STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION 22 AUGUST 2019

The Royal Canberra Golf Club is the venue for our 2019 Student Awards Presentation at 6.00 pm on Thursday 22 August to celebrate and recognise outstanding community service and good citizenship amongst ACT students. The awards are selected by a judging panel from nominations received from Government and independent schools and colleges. This is a free event for members and guests, and light refreshments will be available. To assist our catering for this event, please register at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/87347> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter. Contact for more information is Bill Maiden PSM OAM on 0412 220 646.

OAA-ADF ORATION - 25 JUNE 2010



Branch members, guests and Defence staff heard the Chief of the Defence Force, General Angus Campbell AO, DSC deliver a thought-provoking 2019 OAA-ADF Oration, speaking on “*Security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region in the next 20 years*”, and participated in the following Q & A session on security issues. We hope to have a transcript available shortly. General Campbell was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2003 *for exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force as the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Group during operational service in East Timor* and in the 2017 Queen’s Birthday list was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia *for distinguished service as Head Military Strategic Commitments, Deputy Chief of Army, and Chief of Army.*

Our annual Australian Defence Force Oration was established in 2011 with the aim of further recognising the contribution made by military members of the Order of Australia to the fabric of Australian society.

RECEPTION FOR NEW RECIPIENTS 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

Please join us to welcome and celebrate with ACT and area citizens awarded in the 2019 Queen’s Birthday Honours. This event will be held at The Commonwealth Club Yarralumla on Tuesday 24 September and will follow the investitures to be held at Government House on 12-13 September 2019.

Please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/89278> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter. Contact for this event is Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020.

VALE

We regret the recent passing of the following ACT Branch members and pay our respects for their contribution to the Association and the Australian community.

Emeritus Professor Michael Coper AO - Australia Day 2018 – For distinguished service to legal education, and to the law, as an academic, author and administrator, through advisory roles, and to safety standards in the transport industry.

Mr. Neil MacPhillamy AM – Queen’s Birthday 1991 – For service to the community, to commerce and to the legal profession.

Mrs Louise Blue OAM - Australia Day 2012 – For service to children and young people with a disability.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON – 11 JULY 2019



Members and guests were treated to an address by Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove at the Royal Canberra Golf Club while commemorating Her Majesty the Queen's birthday, and celebrating the achievements of ACT-based recipients of honours and awards in the 2019 Queen's Birthday list. Lady Cosgrove was accompanied by His Excellency the Governor-General. She reflected on her experiences at Yarralumla, including hosting several members of the Royal Family and other eminent international visitors. Lady Cosgrove expressed her enjoyment at meeting recipients of honours and awards in the Order of Australia, thousands of other everyday Australians, as well as representing Australia at significant events both in Australia and overseas.



June O'Donnell, Laurie O'Donnell AC, Lady Cosgrove



*Betty Beggs, Lee Llewellyn AM,
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, AC (Mil), MC*

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

FROM THE 2019 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Ms. Glenys Patulny OAM – For service to the community of Tuggeranong.

FROM THE 2019 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Mr. Simon Lewis AO PSM – For distinguished service to public administration in a range of portfolio areas, and to transformational change and organisational design.

Emeritus Professor Neville Exon AM – For significant service to marine geology, and to higher education.

Mr. Craig Hamilton AM – For significant service to public administration in defence policy.

CDRE Darron Kavanagh AM CSC – For exceptional performance of duty in the field of Navy Capability Management.

Mr Andrew Phelan AM – For significant service to judicial administration.

Professor Jane Dahlstrom OAM – For service to medical education, and to pathology.

Mr. Kenneth Eynon OAM - For service to athletics.

Dr. Krishna Nadimpalli OAM – For service to multiculturalism in the Australian Capital Territory.

Dr. Gordon White OAM – For service to medicine, particularly sexual health.

TRANSFER FROM NSW

Mr. Michael Apperley OAM – Australia Day 1991 - In recognition of service to the RAN, particularly as OIC Naval Stores, HMAS Parramatta.

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RECEPTION FOR AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS RECIPIENTS – 2 MAY 2019.

The ACT Branch welcomed thirteen new recipients at a reception held at the Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla. The reception followed their investiture at Government House on 10-12 April 2019. This event was generously sponsored by the ACT Government.



Philip Byrne OAM, John Ive OAM, Susan Healy OAM, Gary Humphries AO, David Richards OAM, Michael Crane DSC and Bar AM



Donna O'Brien OAM, Michael Crane DSC and Bar AM



David Widdowson AM, Frederick Fawke OAM, Holly Northam OAM, Terence Birtles OAM, Glenys Patulny OAM, Michael Crane DSC and Bar AM, Amanda Curtis OAM



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City News photo. Louise Blue OAM, Meg Brighton, Susan Healy OAM, Narelle Hargreaves AM



City News photo. Eugene Bajkowski OAM, Andrew Bajkowski, Alan Morrison AM

More reception photos can be viewed at the link: <https://citynews.com.au/2019/at-the-order-of-australia-associations-reception-yarralumla/> Appreciation to City News.