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DARWIN CONFERENCE - MAY 2020 AN INVITATION



Your National Board and the Darwin Conference Organising Committee extend an invitation for you to join other Association members at the National Conference scheduled for Darwin on 7 to 10 May 2020. The theme of the 2020 National Conference is:

“Future Proof, How Past Experiences Inform Future Challenges”.

As part of the conference, delegates will be treated to visits to two Territory owned and operated, internationally renowned institutions: Menzies School of Health Research and The National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre.

Menzies School of Health Research is Australia's leading medical research institutes involved in improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians. They are global leaders in tropical research into life-threatening illnesses. Internationally known for its collaborative research with remote indigenous Territory communities. There will be an introduction from Professor Alan Cass, Director.

The National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre is a key element of the Australian Government's disaster and emergency medical response to incidents of national and international significance. Established as a result of the 2002 Bali Bombings, the NCCTRC is strategically positioned to ensure Australia has the best readily deployable medical workforce to rapidly respond to sudden health emergencies both onshore across Australia, and offshore throughout South East Asia. There will be an address by Director Professor Len Notaras.

NOTICES & EXCLUSIONS:

This is our fourth 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 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

We are now well into what is shaping as a very successful year for our Association. In 2019 we have seen a substantial increase in the recognition of worthy Australians in the Order of Australia. We have also seen a pleasing increase in new recipients taking up Association membership. Our members who have been involved in the promotion of the Order in the community, and the encouragement of Association membership, are to be congratulated on this result.

The Governor General His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC ended his period as our Patron in June, after more than 5 years in which he and Lady Cosgrove provided great support to both the Order and our Association.

Over several months, concluding in June, your Directors and Branch Chairmen completed a study of the longer-term future for our Association. This work yielded many insights into how we should best go about our business. This work is reported in more detail elsewhere in this edition of the magazine. Thanks to those members throughout our Association who contributed to the preparation for this important study.

Following a concern raised by an undisclosed party with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) regarding Association governance, your Board completed a self-assessment of Association policies and compliance. I am pleased to report that, subject to some minor changes, our affairs were found to be in good order. The work undertaken by your Board to refine policies over the last two years has contributed significantly to this pleasing result.

Following the success of our National Conference in Hobart this year, preparations are well under way for the 2020 National Conference. The conference is to be held in Darwin and promises both a challenging agenda and the opportunity to see something of the Top End. I hope that you will mark the 7th to 10th May 2020 in your diary and join us in Darwin.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon

BARRY NUNN AO

National Chairman

Western Australia Branch

WA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear fellow members, since the last edition of The Order two significant things have happened. The first was the recognition of 67 worthy West Australians on the Queen's Birthday list. And, the second was the Futures Day at which the association's Directors and, those Branch Chairmen who are not Directors, attempted some 'blue ocean' thinking.

The Branch committee and I have congratulated all the awardees recognised in the Queen's Birthday list. Their selflessness and efforts to enhance Australia and the wellbeing of its people and communities is very much appreciated. Members will have the opportunity to personally congratulate the awardees at the reception to be held in their honour. Please join the awardees and your committee at the City of Wanneroo Civic Centre on the evening of 12 August.

The overall number of West Australians recognised with honours in the Order is being sustained at relatively high levels. The number of women receiving awards is also on the rise but, is yet to reach parity with the other half of the population. There are many, as yet unrecognised, West Australians who have dedicated themselves to achieving great things for the nation or humanity or, made significant voluntary contributions to the nation or their community. As members of the association, we should all make it our purpose to ensure these many worthy residents of our State are nominated for recognition with an Australian honour or award.

While it is a highlight, receiving an honour is often a waypoint in the lives of awardees. Many awardees continue to be creative and hardworking, resulting in further achievements or ongoing care and compassion for those less fortunate in Australian society. One way for awardees to do this is as a member of the Order of Australia Association. WA Branch volunteers are engaged in several very worthwhile community projects and would be delighted should new awardees choose to join them in some of these activities.

In part, the Futures Day looked at how the association might support ongoing contributions by its members in 2045. This led to a review of the association's purpose. Related discussion included how the association and its members might best contribute to our future society. In looking at this, it seemed to me that it is all about building and sustaining a culture of creativity and volunteerism. To paraphrase the words of Paul Keating, there would be great merit in avoiding a culture that stultifies the members' creativity on the premise the association is best protected and nurtured as a closed society behind policy barbed wire.

I look forward to the association having an updated purpose that will help ensure its relevance in 2045. Of course, any such change is reliant on the general membership and cannot just be the view of a few. Every member has a say in the future of the association, so I encourage each and every one of you to make a contribution to the debate.

Best wishes

Mark Bonser AO, CSC

ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE

Members of the Association, their families and friends attended a wonderful Choral Evensong at St George's Cathedral in June. The sermon was preached by the Most Rev Kay Goldsworthy AO, Archbishop of Perth. and her theme, taken from the Book of Micah, was particularly relevant to the Association. The readers of the lessons were members of the Association.

Members of Perth Symphonic Chorus, conducted by Dr Margaret Pride OAM, a member of our Association, thrilled the congregation with the full sound of their choral responses and their leading of the singing of the hymns. The anthem "Gloria in excelsis Deo" by Antonio Vivaldi was very much enjoyed by all present.



The Most Rev Kay Goldsworthy, Archbishop of Perth with readers of the lessons Mrs Jenny Davis OAM and the National Chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) Barry Nunn AO

FINDING HMAS SYDNEY

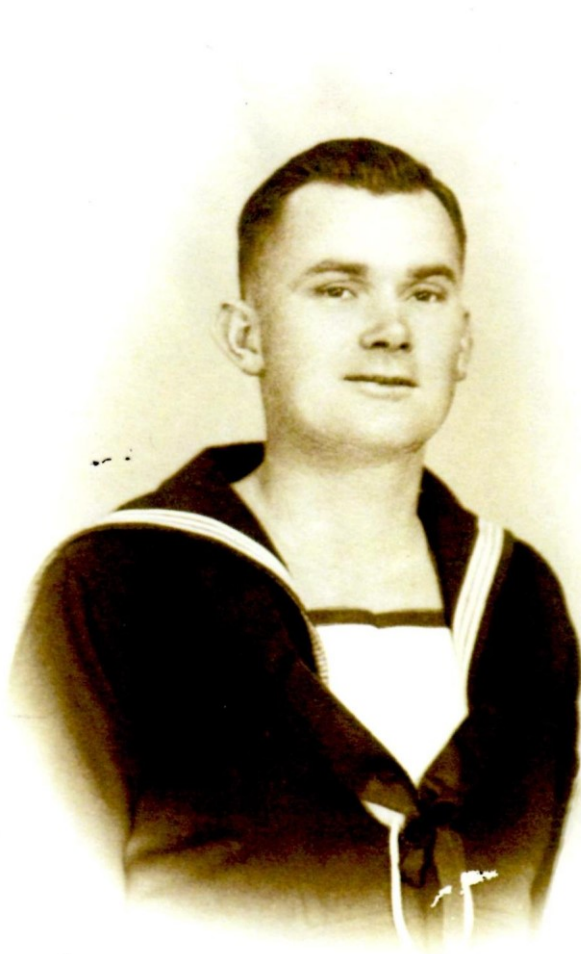
The Maritime Museum in Fremantle provided an appropriate setting for a talk by Ted Graham AM on the setting up of the Foundation which enabled the finding of the Australian ship HMAS Sydney and the German ship HSK Kormoran both of which sank after a battle in 1941 off Shark Bay in Western Australia.

The Perth based Finding Sydney Foundation was established after Ted Graham approached friends Don Pridmore and Kim Kirsner, as a not for profit company aimed at finding the location of HMAS Sydney lost offshore Shark Bay on 19 November 1941 with the loss of its entire crew of 645 men. In the same battle the German raider HSK Kormoran was also sunk with the loss of around 80 men. Conjecture, conspiracy theories and wild baseless speculation continued for decades. The Foundation volunteers worked tirelessly, raised over five million dollars, called worldwide tenders and finally began a successful search locating the wrecks of both ships in 2008, bringing a measure of

peace to the families of all men lost in both ships. Ted was recognised for his work becoming a Member of the Order of Australia in 2009, along with Commodore Bob Trotter OAM, however the search was a team effort from all in the Foundation plus its contractors and paid offshore manager David Mearns.

Attending this talk was Ellen Underwood whose Father, Able Seaman Allan Rowe, was a member of the crew of HMAS Sydney. Although Ellen was born after her Father's loss it was a poignant experience to hear the story of the actual discovery of the ship after so many years.

Copies of Ted's book detailing the discovery of these two ships are available at a cost of \$35.00 plus postage by emailing tedgraham@iinet.net.au



Able Seaman Allan Rowe



Ted Graham AM and Ellen Underwood

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - COMING EVENTS

ST GEORGE'S

ANNUAL GALA DINNER

18th September

Royal Perth Golf Club

Labouchere Road, South Perth

Invitations will be issued

WILDFLOWER WALK IN

KINGS PARK

2nd October

To book contact Bettine Heathcote

bettineh@bigpond.com or

9409 9626

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

November 28th

Fremantle Sailing Club

Invitations will be issued

For further information about any of the above

Please contact Bettine Heathcote, AM Events Coordinator

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COMING EVENTS IN THE REGIONS

Southwest Regional Group

Wednesday 11th September

11:00 am Train trip to end of Busselton Jetty and visit to Underwater Observatory

12:30 pm Lunch at the Goose Restaurant on the foreshore

ALL WA MEMBERS WELCOME!

Register with SW Region Convenor, **Hon Barry House AM**

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Great Southern Regional Group

Sunday 24th November

9:30 am Annual Church Service

12:30 Christmas Luncheon

ALL WA MEMBERS WELCOME!

Register with Great Southern Secretary , Jan Savage OAM

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Regional Liaison – Margaret Nunn OAM

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Many congratulations to the wonderful recipients of honours and awards in the 2019 Queen's Birthday list. Here in the ACT, there were more than 50 altogether and, reflecting the national trend, just over 40% were women. We're not quite where we want to be yet but we're certainly getting closer.

In this edition of The Order you'll find reports on our Queen's Birthday Luncheon with Lady Cosgrove (accompanied by Sir Peter, who graciously 'dropped in'), and our 2019 Australian Defence Force Oration, which was delivered by the Chief of the Defence Force, General Angus Campbell AO, DSC. I'm reminded again about how lucky the Branch is to be blessed with such speakers.

More great events are in store over the next quarter: Our 2019 Multi-Faith Observance, and our second reception for new recipients all on the books in coming weeks and months. We do hope you'll be able to join us.

Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM
Branch Chairman

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.

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. 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 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS RECIPIENTS – 2 MAY 2019.

The ACT Branch members 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

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.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS 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.

Mrs Margery Henderson AM - For significant service to the community through the preservation of political history.

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

Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM - For significant service to higher education and to the community.

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.

Victoria Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Since the last edition of *The Order*, the Victoria Branch hosted an annual event for members and their guests at the National Gallery Victoria.

The morning began with a lecture by Wayne Crothers, the Senior Curator of Asian Art at the NGV about the exhibition.

The Melbourne Winter Masterpieces series presented China's ancient Terracotta Warriors alongside a parallel display of new works by one of the world's most exciting contemporary artists, Cai Guo-Qiang.

Members and guests then enjoyed lunch at Café Vic.

Our events sub-committee delivered another quality event and it was pleasing to see the increase in members attending. We also thank Brian Martin OAM, 2019 OAA NGV Visit Coordinator.

Queen's Birthday we acknowledged new recipients and welcomed them together with 2019 Australia Day recipients at the Victoria Branch reception generously hosted by the Alex Theatre in St Kilda. We thank the recipients who have joined the Association and trust your time will allow you to attend Victoria and Regional Group events.

The Victoria Branch participated in the National Futures Day; an opportunity for attendees Vic Branch Chair Helene Bender OAM and Vic Branch nominated Director William Lye OAM, to contribute to planning for the long-term future of our Association.

The Order of Australia Association Vic Branch members were offered by Newtheatricals, preview tickets to the new musical "Come from Away".

Thank you to our Regional Groups for the quality of events offered to members and their guests and for your input in our quarterly e-Newsletter.

For those of you who prefer warmer weather, good news, spring is just round the corner.

Helene Bender OAM
Chair Victoria

MELBOURNE CENTRAL REGIONAL GROUP REPORT Contributed by Trevor Clark/Pam Robinson

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

He 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. Tim 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 part played by Sir John Monash. He has written and published a book, *Maestro John Monash: Australia's Greatest Citizen General*.

On 19 June we were again fortunate to be the guests of the British Consul-General, Mr Chris Holtby OBE at his offices. Those present were able to meet with his staff and discuss matters of mutual interest. Mr Holtby spoke of the work of his team in the development of business between Australia and the UK. Our sincere thanks go to him for his hospitality.



**Dr Yvonne Ho AM, British Consul-General, Mr Chris Holtby OBE,
Pam Robinson OAM and Chair MCG Trevor Clark OAM**

SC, S.C., QC, KC – What do they all mean? Contributed by William Lye OAM QC

The Star of Courage (SC) is awarded for acts of conspicuous courage by members of the community in circumstances of great peril. It is the second highest Australian Bravery Decoration in the Group of Bravery Citations. The postnominal ‘SC’ is frequently confused with the title and rank in the legal profession of Senior Counsel (S.C.) that is differentiated from the bravery decoration ‘SC’ with the dot between the letters.

The title and rank of Senior Counsel (S.C.) or Queen’s Counsel (QC) or King’s Counsel (KC), also referred to as ‘Silk’, is a recognition of a barrister’s distinguished and proven merit as an advocate in the administration of justice.

Silks are members of the inner Bar, acting as leaders of the Bar, with additional professional responsibility to clients, the community and the legal profession. Silks are typically instructed in more difficult or complex matters.

The Institution of Silk, dates back to the late 16th century when Queen Elizabeth I named Sir Francis Bacon as ‘learned counsel extraordinary to Her Majesty’. Sir Francis Bacon was the first ‘Crown Counsel’. In 1604, King James I appointed Sir Francis Bacon with letters patent, making him the first King’s Counsel. The title Queen’s Counsel is, therefore, of ancient lineage.

The gowns of Senior Counsel or Queen’s Counsel are made of silk. In Victoria, the silk gown incorporates a rosette attached to the back of the gown by a silk ribbon. The rosette (pictured) is a square piece of black silk decorated with a bow on each corner. These bows have several layers of ruffled silk pinned with a button in the centre.



The office of Queen's Counsel was conferred by Letters Patent for pre-eminent distinction as an advocate in Court. Letters Patent is, thus, a type of legal instrument issued by a Monarch, or by the prerogative powers of the Head of State granting an office, right, monopoly, title, or status to an individual.

Other individuals appointed by Letters Patent include the Governor, Deputy Governor, Executive Councillor, Minister, Supreme or County Court judge, Queen's Counsel, and Royal Commissioner.

In most States and Territories, Senior Counsels are appointed by the Chief Justice and under the seal of the Court. The appointments are entered onto the Roll of Senior Counsel kept by the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

A Queen's Counsel is appointed by Letters Patent to be 'one of His Majesty's counsel learned in the law'. Senior Counsel in Victoria and South Australia may apply for Letters Patent to be appointed to the office of Queen's Counsel upon invitation by the Attorney-General and then upon recommendation to the Governor in Council. The power to appoint Queen's Counsel through the issue of Letters Patent is exercised by the Governor in Council.

In Queensland, appointments are made as Queen's Counsel.

Senior Counsel who obtains a grant of Letters Patent for a commission as Queen's Counsel undertakes not to use the designation 'Senior Counsel' or 'S.C.' from the date of her or his appointment as Queen's Counsel.

The appointment and Letters Patent expressly provide that the appointment is without loss or gain of precedence granted previously as Senior Counsel and with full authority to do all things that any other of Her Majesty's Counsel may do and in the same manner and form.

The Letters Patent is a single page document addressed to the recipient setting out the particular commission. It is signed by the Governor and the Attorney-General.

In Victoria, the details of the Letters Patent are entered in the Register of Letters Patent administered and kept by the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The first Queen's Counsels in Victoria were appointed on 10 August 1863.

John Hubert Plunkett was the first Queen's Counsel appointed on 6 June 1856 in New South Wales.

It took just over 100 years for Joan Rosanove, who was the first female Queen's Counsel in Victoria, to be appointed in 1965.

Looking around the world, the first female King's Counsel was Helen Kinnear from Canada, appointed in 1934. The first women King's Counsel in the United Kingdom were Helena Normanton and Rose Helibron, both appointed in 1949.

Dame Roma Mitchell, from South Australia, was the first woman in Australia to be appointed Queen's Counsel in 1962.

The first women appointed Queen's Counsel in New Zealand were Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias and Dame Lowell Goddard, both appointed on 4 March 1988.

Appointments to the rank of Queen's Counsel (QC) are currently only made in the states of Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia. New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania continue to confer the rank of Senior Counsel (S.C.) only.

The Commonwealth of Australia can also appoint QCs.

The use of letters after an individual's name follows a prescribed order. Decorations and Honours under the Australian Honours System take precedence before Queen's Counsel or Senior Counsel. For example, Mary Jane AM S.C. or John Smith AO RFD QC.

A recipient of the Star of Courage (SC) and an OAM, who is not otherwise a Senior Counsel, would use the letters as Peter James SC OAM. However, a Senior Counsel (S.C.) with an OAM would use the letters as Mark Doe OAM S.C.

It would be interesting to find someone with postnominals like, SC S.C. or SC QC!

Western Suburbs Regional Group

On 16th 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!



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South Australia Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The S.A. Futures Day survey forms were all been sent out (mail and e-mail) and we received 68 responses. The responses were then collated and summarised for the day itself, when 35 members attended. My thanks to all those members who contributed. From those contributions we have prepared a draft strategic plan to guide the ongoing development of the Branch. The summary from the day will be circulated along with the draft Strategic plan to be discussed at our June committee Meeting, with the aim of prioritising actions required and setting some Key Performance Indicators. This outcome builds on the planning day we held in July last year (2018). The resulting plan will then be distributed to all members once we have co-ordinated it with the National strategic plan. The inability of National to fund our Futures Day planning meeting was disappointing.

National asked for a S.W.O.T. report for their futures day, and the committee sent off a summary, together with our preliminary survey report.

We had 104 persons at our New Recipients Function on the 13th May, including 26 new recipients. Thanks to all members who helped out, and thanks to the Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Council who once again provide the premises and staff support. One comment from the function was that we needed to have more signs to direct people as they arrived. We are arranging for the purchase of 2 more Branch advertising banners to overcome this.

Emeritus Prof. Allan Johnson AM has resigned as our state board member and we have appointed Mr John McKellar AM ED as his replacement at the May committee meeting.

The Fleurieu regional lunch went well (apart from some noisy other hotel patrons at the lunch). We had a good turnout of members and are now looking forward to their November meeting which will be at Mt Compass on Friday the 1st.

The Queen's Birthday lunch was attended by 41 members and was very successful, but we need to be better organised timewise in setting up events and trying to arrange cheaper venues. Our speaker was Chris Selwood AM, who gave a very entertaining talk on the history and growth of the "Solar Car Challenge", which is again taking place in October this year.

Four members of the committee have attended a session on Governance and Board Effectiveness. This was very informative and has provided some ideas for the conduct of our meetings. One idea that we are trialling at the end of each meeting is a brief assessment by each member as to their opinion of the effectiveness or otherwise of the meeting, and any suggestions for changes as a result.

We still have not gained any interest from members in editing our contribution to the Order magazine, neither have we had any interest in taking on our membership portfolio. The membership portfolio, in my opinion, is critical to the success or otherwise of our communication with members and is very important in the contact of New Recipients. If we cannot get a member to take it up, then we will have to consider outsourcing the task.

Tony Metcalf OAM
S.A. Branch Chair

Australia Day 2019 New Recipients Function

The Australia Day 2019 New Recipients function was held on Monday 13th May 2019, at the Payneham Library Civic Centre, cnr OG Road & Turner Avenue, starting at 5.30 pm and finishing about 8.30 pm.

This venue has been used several times in the past because it is reasonably central in location and provides ample parking with good signage to the main entrance.

It provides a large hall with kitchen facilities, allowing for our medal and merchandise displays and a greeting area for all attendees. It also allows an ample area for our “finger food” service and all attendees showed great interest in the information available.

The attendance for the event was very good. We had 26 New Recipients together with their friends and relatives, as well as a number of existing Branch members. In total we had over 100 people present.

The Council staff and Branch volunteers were busy, providing continuous trays of a range of hot and cold finger food supplied by our good supporter Villis. There was also a supply of limited beverages for the toasts.

The evening program began with M C John McKellar AM , ED, welcoming everyone and introducing Mr Noel Hender OAM, BEM to give the Loyal Toast and lead us in the national anthem.

S.A. Branch Chair, Mr Tony Metcalf OAM then introduced Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Mayor -Robert Bria , thanking him for the use of these facilities the Council had provided. Mayor Bria spoke of the Council’s willingness to co-operate and support this special event. Tony then welcomed all New Recipients , who relocated to the special seating, prior to being individually presented and photographed.

The successful night was completed with a toast to the recipients, and once again gave members a chance to renew previous acquaintances and meet new friends.

Queen's Birthday lunch

The Order of Australia Association South Australia Branch held a luncheon on Monday 10 June to celebrate the Queen's Birthday, in the Banquet Room at the West Lakes Resort Hotel at West Lakes, commencing at 12.30 pm

It was another great opportunity for current members and Branch committee members to meet and mingle in comfortable circumstances with several new recipients and new Association members.

Those dining included new recipients who were not yet Association members but who wanted to an opportunity to meet and chat with other recipients before making a decision on joining the Association, so many wonderful stories were shared. Diners introducing recipients across tables added to the exhilaration in the sharing in comradeship.

The Branch event, as usual, provided an informative guest speaker. Mr Chris Selwood AM, who has coordinated the Solar Car Challenge in Australia for 25 years. He gave a gave an interesting presentation on the origins and development of the event and how it is managed. The next race will occur in October of this year. He also posed some interesting suggestions on future developments of the event.



Caption S.A. Chair Tony Metcalf OAM thanks speaker Chris Selwood AM.

Student Citizenship Awards 2019

The nomination, assessment and selection processes for the 2019 Student Citizenship and the Student Citizen of the Year Awards have now been completed. Once again, schools and colleges from around the state nominated their top young people from Years 11 and 12 who had contributed significantly to their school and community. To be recommended for a Student Citizenship Award, the school's submission needed to cite evidence and demonstrate that the young person successfully met five selection criteria covering leadership and citizenship, communication skills and contribution to the school, community and/or environment. A panel of seven prominent members of The Order individually assessed each nomination. Results were collated and discussed to determine the top 12 students and to choose the Student Citizen of the Year.

Later this year, the top 12 nominations will be presented to our patron, His Excellency Hieu Van Le, AC, Governor of South Australia who will present a specially inscribed plaque and certificate. At this reception the Student Citizen of the Year will be announced. During school term 4, the other successful nominations will receive a special certificate signed by His Excellency and presented at a suitable school assembly in front of peers by a member of the SA Branch Association. Anyone wishing to assist with these presentations is invited to send contact details to the convenor, Student Citizenship Awards, Noel Hender nrhender1@optusnet.com.au

Tasmania Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is pleasing to see that 25 Tasmanians were awarded in this year's Queen's Birthday honours list covering a wide variety of occupations and activities. Again following the afternoon Investiture at Government House the Tasmanian Branch will be hosting the Post-Investiture Dinner to further celebrate and congratulate the new awardees.

Members who attended the conference in Hobart and took the tour to Incat and Liferaft Systems will be interested to learn that the ship in the far bay (and difficult to see at the time of our visit) has been launched, undergone sea trials preparatory to delivery to Spain. Further, Incat announced it has been awarded the contract to build the world's largest aluminium ship worth about \$188m for their longstanding South American customer Buquebus. This ship will operate between Uruguay and Argentina; displace 13,000 tonnes with a length of 130 metres and beam of 32 metres. Incat founder and Chairman Robert Clifford AO said that 600 to 700 workers will be employed to effect delivery in three years. Incat now has a total of five ships on order.

Since 1 January 2019 the Branch has welcomed 25 new members from both the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday honour's lists. Branch membership is now 301, the largest for some time.

I would like to acknowledge the longstanding valuable commitment to the Association particularly through our North-West Region of Betty Hite OAM. After many years as Regional Secretary, newsletter editor and functions co-ordinator Betty recently retired from all official duties. Betty's dedication, attention to detail and efforts in organising so many activities for the benefit of our Regional members and as a former member of the Branch Committee has been greatly appreciated. We wish Betty well with her future activities and look forward to seeing her at forthcoming functions.

Alastair Douglas OAM
Branch Chairman

Post Investiture Dinner

This biannual dinner was held on 13 May 2019 at the University Club Hobart, with 147 in attendance including 15 recipients of Australia Day Honours and their families and friends.

The guest speaker was legendary cinematographer/journalist David Brill AM who has won many awards in his career and has been inducted into the Australian Cinematographers Society Hall of Fame.

David shared insights from 50 years of news coverage including the 1967 Tasmanian Bushfires, as a member of the Four Corners team with Mike Willisee covering the Vietnam War and fall of Saigon and his work in the war areas of Serbia, Falklands, Iran and Afghanistan to name a few.

Northern Notes

A highlight of the northern region's autumn activities was a visit to Beckett's Truck Collection at Exeter. Specialising in heavy haulage, Mr Dick Beckett has amassed an extraordinary

collection of Mac trucks, and he gave us an interesting tour and talk on the history of these vehicles in Australia. As well The Hon John Beswick AM was guest speaker during the second part of the afternoon speaking about his two books on North Eastern Tasmanian history.

The branch warmly welcomes two new members Ms Denise Delphin OAM and Professor Donald McTaggart AM who received their awards on Australia Day 2019.

We look forward to the Queen's birthday and a special cocktail function at the Launceston Club on Saturday the 8th of June. Our Patron, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC was to be our special guest, but illness will prevent this. All members wish her a full and speedy recovery and look forward to an opportunity for her to be our guest in the north in the not too distant future.

Southern Regional Notes

On the 18 June 2019 a group of Southern Members attended the Queen's Birthday Lunch organised by the Royal Commonwealth Societies' where the guest speaker was Her Excellency the Hon. Professor Kate Warner AC.

VALE Kathleen Joan Venn OAM

A stalwart member of the Southern Region, Kathleen Joan Venn OAM passed away in May 2019 at the age of 92. On leaving Ogilvie High School she found employment with the Australian Workers Union and went on to become a young Union Delegate in the 1940's. Kath recalled that it was unusual for a woman member to get up and speak at a meeting in those days; however, she did, setting the scene for her future career as a highly visible Politician and Community Activist.

She achieved national prominence in 1969 when she became the first woman State Secretary of a major political party in Australia. Kath was also Federal Secretary of the Labour Women's Organisation, President of the RSL Women's Auxiliary, Federal Secretary of the Housewives Association and consumer's representative on the Tasmanian Milk Board. In 1976 Kath became Tasmania's fourth woman politician, elected to the seat of Hobart in the Legislative Council which she held until 1982 during which time she was Deputy Leader in the Government.

Following her retirement from politics Kath remained active as a Marriage Celebrant (since 1970), Justice of the Peace, Member of the Prisoner's Aid Society, Secretary / State Treasurer since 1970 of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund and Chairman of the Ogilvie High School Hostel Board. She was President of Caroline House providing accommodation and assistance for women in crisis.

Kath had been a member of the Branch Committee of the OAA Tasmania and held the positions of Secretary/Treasurer for 9 years and worked on National Conferences held in Tasmania.

She was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia in 1990, was made ANZAC of the Year in 2002 and was entered on the inaugural Tasmanian Honour Role of Women in 2005 for services to the Community.

Queensland Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Congratulations to the most recent recipients of awards who were recognised for their special contributions in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. We look forward to attending your awards ceremonies and to hosting you, family and friends to a celebratory luncheon in the future.

Congratulations also to those who were recognised for their special contributions to our society and who were listed in the Australia Day Honours list. We were very pleased to be able to host you, family and friends to a very special celebratory lunch held at the Kedron Wavell Services Club on 10 May 2019. We enjoyed your company and hearing the many and varied contributions you have made to our community. We look forward to welcoming you all as members of the Queensland Branch of the Association to future events.

Thanks to the Tasmanian Branch of the Association for organising and hosting the very successful National Conference in Hobart. The weather was kind, the hospitality warm and the sessions and visits enjoyable. I am pleased to report that Queensland was very well represented. We continued the tradition of holding a very successful special dinner gathering of Queensland delegates and honorary Queenslanders. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) Dr Mick Davis AM ASM and I were pleased to speak in favour of the special resolution requesting that the Board discuss with the State and Territory Branches the distribution of the membership subscriptions. The discussion at the members' forum was wide ranging and many of the topics raised have subsequently been discussed at the OAA Futures Day, refer next paragraph.

Since the conference and AGM, I have been pleased to represent you by participating in the OAA Futures Day held in Melbourne on 14 June. The OAA Board Directors and Branch Chairmen spent a very productive day identifying and discussing all aspects of the Association and planning for the future. A Communiqué detailing the outcomes has been made available to the Branches.

Thanks to my fellow Queenslanders for their interest and support of Branch and Regional Group activities, particularly at the recent AGM and the members' forum.

Can I strongly recommend that you start planning to attend the OAA Conference in 2020. It is being held in Darwin from 7 to 10 May and it promises to be interesting and exciting.

I am looking forward to the second half of 2019 and attending events organised by the Branch and Regional Groups.

John Harden AM.

Branch Chairman

RECORD 37 NEW AWARD RECIPIENTS WELCOMED AT CELEBRATORY LUNCH

The Queensland Branch welcomed in style a record thirty-seven new award recipients in the 2019 Australia Day Honours at a most enjoyable Celebratory Welcome lunch at Kedron Wavell Leagues Club on Friday 10 May. One hundred and seventy guests were in attendance.

SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARD GIVES SANDRA SHEPPERD RENEWED CONFIDENCE



Sandra Shepperd with her Award, with partner Graham Francis

Sandra Shepperd from Minyama on the Sunshine Coast has written a most inspiring letter to thank the Queensland Branch for her 2018 Senior Volunteer Award.

With Sandra's permission we have reproduced part of the text of the letter for all members to enjoy. In doing so we are hoping that it will inspire our members to nominate similar worthy Queensland volunteers 60 years and over for one of this year's awards.

“ I am writing to you to say thanks to The Order of Australia Association, Queensland Branch for conferring on me one of the three Senior Volunteer Awards for 2018. In addition, I want to let your organisation know the effect that the award has had for me.

When I was first informed that I was to receive the award, I was stunned and felt that I was not deserving of it. Even more so on the presentation night when I listened to the works and achievements of the other 2 people who received the award. I was truly humbled.

When I returned to the Cancer Council at Maroochydore and my church at Kawana, I was at first embarrassed at the congratulations and accolades I received from my co-workers and fellow parishioners.

At the Cancer Council, to my complete surprise, I was asked to give a short talk to a group of local business owners who support the Cancer Council, on the role that volunteers play in the Cancer Council and what I get out of being a volunteer. My first reaction was to succumb to my overwhelming fear of public speaking and to hide in a corner. I do not know when it happened, but I decided that ‘I can do this’, and so I did. As I was being introduced to the group, when they were informed of your award, I received a standing ovation. Contrary to my expectation, when I stood up to give my presentation, I was very calm and did not feel any stress. At the end of my short presentation, I was again acclaimed. I was then surprised to hear one of the senior staff at the Cancer Council comment that I should be invited to do more of this.

I have now agreed to give another similar presentation to an even larger group at a District conference in a few weeks' time. This time I am looking forward to it.

While the Award hangs proudly on my living room wall, what it means to me is set strongly in my heart. I must thank you for what it has done in giving me a renewed energy and confidence in my work and in fact in my life.”

A nomination form to nominate worthy volunteers for this year’s Awards is included with this edition of The Order. Full details are on the website at

www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/queensland/senior-volunteer-award/

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY

The prestigious Tattersall’s Club was the venue for the annual Black-Tie Queen’s Birthday Dinner co-hosted by the Order of Australia Association. Queensland Branch and the Victoria League Brisbane for Commonwealth Friendship.

The 96 members and guests were greeted by the Chairman of each organization, Associate Prof. John Harden AM (OAA Queensland). and Mr William Willcocks (Victoria League Brisbane). The event was one of elegance, good fellowship and fun under the guidance of our delightful MC, Dina Browne AO.

Our special guest speaker for the evening was Major General Emeritus Professor John Pearn AO GCStJ RFD who addressed the topic “70 years of the Modern Commonwealth – the Queen’s Role”. His address was thought provoking and made all present aware of what it means to be a part of the Commonwealth and to have Her Majesty at the helm.

We were also ably entertained by Mr Noel Stallard OAM who is a Bush Poet. Noel received his award in the 2019 Australia Day Honours for service to literature. As he presented his poems (a mixture of hilarious and serious) the Grand Ballroom rang with laughter and memories. Noel commenced his rendition with a poem which he wrote to celebrate his receiving the OAM. The Dinner was a wonderful event to celebrate the birthday of our Queen Elizabeth II

Poem by Noel Stallard OAM

I've a medal called The Order of Australia, OAM;
it's presented for outstanding service, now my proudest gem.
And the Gov'nor, Paul de Jersey, when bestowing this award
wished to compliment recipients, acknowledge and applaud
the self-sacrificing service these recipients had shown.
Altruistic and unique, he said had formed their cornerstone.

Now this medal's not like those one's won competing year by year
but proposed quite surreptitiously by one who is your peer..
My citation read, “*For Literature*” which read just like a dream,
for the academics rarely give Bush Poets high esteem;
but this medal's now a symbol that the genre we proclaim
has been honoured with this high award, been raised to realm of fame.

And those Verse for Vinnies concerts and the funds that they did raise

gave the homeless and the hungry some relief for several days.
And these concerts will continue for it's now more than before
will we strive to raise more dollars for the battlers, and the poor.

So this medal I will wear with pride when spruiking night or day,
for I represent Bush Poetry and that's our Aussie way.

NEWS FROM CAIRNS

Far North Queensland, activities this year began on Friday, 3 May, with the visit by Queensland Governor, His Excellency. the Honourable. Paul de Jersey AC and Mrs de Jersey to host an Investiture Ceremony for our new recipients of Australian Honours and awards announced in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List. Interestingly, they will visit twice this year, as we were told there had been such an increase in nominations and awards. Other good news came from Cairns Mayor, Bob Manning OAM who has agreed to host another Mayoral Morning Tea for all our members on 8 August, to honour and meet this year's new recipients; an event always well-attended.

Lastly, we await a date for Hon. Shane Stone AC QC, the Chairman of the Council of the Order of Australia, to be our guest speaker at a special event as a way of encouraging increased nominations.

Carole Miller OAM, Convenor

NEWS FROM TOWNSVILLE

With the Townsville Group of the OOA active again, recipients in the region from Cardwell in the north, south to Home Hill and west to Mount Isa are being urged to renew their interest in Group events and encourage other recipients to join in future activities.

Two events have been successfully held since the Group was resurrected and another dinner is being planned for around September or October 2019.

Strong support has been received from Honours recipients in the region for those initial events, but the message still needs to go out to others who have not attended, to take up the opportunity to meet up with other awardees at future events.

Details of the next dinner will be sent out to all recorded members and non-members well ahead of the selected date.

However, there may be other non-members resident in the region and current members have been urged to advise any awardees they are aware of, who have not received a communication from the Townsville Group in the past year, to send their email and residential addresses to the Group convenor, David Jackson OAM at ddjacko@bigpond.com .

An Investiture ceremony for four new recipients of Australian Honours was held at The Ville in Townsville in May 2019 with His Excellency, the Governor of Queensland, the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC and his wife, Mrs Kaye de Jersey in attendance.

Members of the Group warmly welcomed five recipients from our region who recently received awards - Laurence Lancini AM, Barbara Guy OAM, Janice Rowlands OAM, Derek Smith OAM, Corporal Hayley Cornish CSM

With the Chairman of the Queensland Branch of the Order of Australia Association, Associate Professor John Harden AM unable to be present, Townsville Group Convenor, David Jackson OAM, attended the function as his representative.

DARLING DOWNS REGIONAL GROUP MEMBERS ENJOY THEIR JUNE MEETING

Sixty-four members and guests of the Darling Downs Regional Group enjoyed a very successful morning tea in Toowoomba on 14 June. A highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Barry Rodgers OAM, a member of the Group, on the 2017 centenary of the Charge at Beersheba.

Barry, a director and life member of the Australian Light Horse Association, was the tour leader and principal organiser of the “In the steps of the Light Horse tours” for the 90th, 95th and 100th anniversaries of the Charge at Beersheba. As well as reporting on the 2017 Centenary of Beersheba tour, Barry showed an outstanding and inspiring documentary of the event, *The Light Horse Century*.

Members of the Darling Downs Regional Group warmly welcomed four recipients from our region who recently received awards in the Order – Glenys Bowtell OAM, Douglas Cutmore OAM, Mary-Lou Gittins OAM and Shirley McIvor OAM.

Of special significance to the Group was the attendance of five members of the Queensland Branch Committee – Ronda Nix OAM, Dr Mick Davis AM ASM, Paula Penfold AM, Dr Carol Cox AM and Graham Hyde OAM. Members expressed their appreciation for the support given to the Regional Group by the Branch Committee.

Paul McNally OAM, Convener.

New South Wales Branch

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since my appointment as Chairman of the Order of Australia NSW Branch at our AGM in February, I have enjoyed very much working with our dedicated Branch Committee, and co-opted members, to meet and communicate with as many NSW members of our Association as possible.

A special welcome to our new National President, Heather Ridout AO. Heather is a member of the NSW Association, and we look forward to welcoming her to one of our events in the coming months.

In April, I was delighted to attend the Association National Conference and AGM in Hobart, with 20 of our Members, including several committee members.

And in June, John and I attended the National Futures Day meeting in Melbourne where we were pleased to provide input from our members towards the future direction of the Association.

We welcomed 89 new awardees from the Australia Day Honours, their families and friends to a reception at Parliament House Sydney in May. Committee members and I were very pleased to attend a number of the investitures at Government House where we met our new NSW Governor, Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC for the first time since she was appointed, following the appointment of General David Hurley, AC, DSC, FTSE as Governor General. We are delighted that Her Excellency has agreed to be our Patron.

In June I attended the Queen's Birthday parade of Army, Navy and Airforce at Government House Sydney, as well as most enjoyable visits to events with our Regional Co-ordinator Ron Sharpe OAM, including to the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, & Nepean and The Illawarra Groups www.theorderofaustraliaassociation.asn.au/nsw/news

Our 2019 John Lincoln Youth Community Service Awards are well under way across the State's High School and Community Colleges, reaching more than 996 Principals and their students. Dr Frank Kelleher AM is once again managing this important flag ship program for our Branch.

More than 400 NSW residents were recognized in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Letters will be sent inviting them to an Investiture Lunch at Parliament House in September. On July 31 we are looking forward to our annual lunch at Parliament House Sydney and for the remainder of 2019 I hope to meet as many of the 2000+ NSW members as possible at regional and metropolitan events.

Peter Falk OAM, NSW Branch Chairman

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH WELCOMES NEW PATRON.

It was with a tinge of sadness that The New South Wales Branch of the Order of Australia Association recently bid farewell to its esteemed Patron NSW Governor His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd.). His Excellency recently stood down from his role as the Governor of NSW as he had been offered the role as the Governor-General of Australia by Prime Minister Scott Morrison. His Excellency duly accepted the new role and was recently inducted as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

His Excellency and Mrs Linda Hurley proved very popular in NSW and the Branch had regular contact with them, attending numerous events at which they were only too happy to oblige and assist.

Immediately prior to their departure from NSW Government House a fitting farewell ceremony was held within the grounds. Our Chairman, who represented the Branch at the ceremony, was most impressed with the pomp and grandeur so evident on this spectacular occasion. The Branch issued best wishes to His Excellency and Mrs Hurley confident in the knowledge that they will fill their new roles with much aplomb.

On a happy note, the Branch is honoured and pleased to announce that the new NSW Governor Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC has agreed to accept the role of Patron of the NSW Branch of The Order of Australia Association. Her Excellency has already impressed many people including most of the Branch Committee members during her short period in the role and the Branch looks forward to an enduring and happy relationship with our new Governor.

The Branch was also extremely pleased to announce that Her Excellency had agreed to attend and be the guest speaker at the upcoming Branch Annual Luncheon to be held at Strangers Dining Room, Parliament House on 31 July. The Committee look forward with much anticipation to Her Excellency's and Mr Dennis Wilson's attendance at this function.

Ian McKnight OAM
Newsletter Editor.

2019 AUSTRALIA DAY RECIPIENT'S CELEBRATE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE.



In May the 2019 Australia Day Honours Recipient's Welcome Reception was held at the NSW Parliament House where a total of 89 recipients plus many of their families and friends gathered to celebrate the investiture of their various awards. The investiture ceremonies at Government House were held later in the year than usual, owing to the change in NSW Governors.

The 300 attendees gathered in the foyer of Strangers Dining Room to enjoy the pre-luncheon refreshments and the opportunity to take many photos.

The official proceedings were opened by the Master of Ceremonies Associate Professor John Gullotta AM the NSW Branch Events Manager and, following the offering of Grace by an Australia Day Honours New Recipient Father Kevin Bates OAM SM the gathering enjoyed a light luncheon.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by NSW Branch Secretary Mrs Carolyn Lyons OAM and the Parliamentary Host of the day The Honourable Scott Farlow MLC gave the official welcome to Parliament House as well as offering his congratulations to the Australia Day Honours New Recipients.

The Official Welcome was presented by NSW Branch Deputy Chairman Mr Jim Mein AM who also offered his congratulations to the New Recipients and spoke on the Objects and Aims of The Order of Australia Association and its State and Territory Branches. He outlined that the Branches also had Regional Groups with NSW no exception, and together they endeavoured to build strong relationships between the members and the communities in which they live.

Mr. Mein also proposed the Toast to The Order of Australia as well as the Toast to the 2019 Australia Day Honours New Recipients. He requested that all New Investees stand and be acknowledged by all other people in attendance in recognition for their outstanding efforts for their local communities. Judge Sylvia Emmett AM responded on behalf of all the New Recipients and everyone agreed her remarks were very appropriate.

As in past welcome luncheons the conclusion came too early for some attendees but it permitted those who were required to attend the afternoon investiture ceremony at Government House to do so while many of the remaining attendees stayed on to socialise and enjoy the surroundings at Parliament House.

Ian McKnight OAM
Newsletter Editor

INAUGURAL RAAF BASE RICHMOND PRIVATE TOUR AND MORNING TEA

On Thursday 23rd May 2019, 30 members and guests were treated to an exclusive private tour of the RAAF Base at Richmond.

We observed the logistics of how the Air Force and Army work together to deploy vehicles, ARB's, food, artillery and medical supplies into war regions or to provide relief in war torn countries and in flood or drought relief areas.

We were hosted by Flight Sergeant James Chapman (better known as “Chappy”) Visits Coordinator, Air Base Command Post, who showed us around the Base including a close-up hands-on visit of the Hercules Aircraft that were undergoing regular scheduled maintenance by the Air Bus Engineering Crew.



Standing in the Hercules Aircraft with the tailgate open, transported us to a movie scene, hearts racing and ready to parachute out of the aircraft! Exciting yes but it was also a hair-raising reminder of the bravery and dedication of our Veterans and the current serving Armed Forces!

After a comprehensive tour of the RAAF Base and inspection of the aircraft, we were escorted to the Sergeants Mess where we had a scrumptious morning tea surrounded by over a century of extensive war time and RAAF memorabilia – If only the walls could talk!

A/Prof John Gullotta AM

Events Manager

COMING EVENTS Metropolitan:

Queen's Birthday Recipient Welcome Reception & Light Luncheon

Thursday 5 September 2019 12 noon until 2 pm

Strangers Dining Room, NSW Parliament House, 6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

New Recipients \$60 pp (incl GST); Guests & OAA Members \$120 pp (incl GST)

Please reserve your ticket(s) via this link : www.stickytickets.com.au/89690

DO NOT BOOK VIA THE STICKY TICKETS WEBSITE OR VIA GOOGLE, BUT ENTER THE LINK IN YOUR WEB BROWSER EXACTLY AS WRITTEN

Enquiries to Events Manager, Dr John Gullotta AM Mobile 0418233069, email drjohnngullotta@bigpond.com

Morning Tea Seminar NSW Parliament House Theatre Sydney

Thursday 31st October 2019 at 10.00am.

Topic: **“Is Everything in Order?”** - What you need to know about Estate and Retirement Financial Planning.

Speakers: Russell Collins OAM and John Edstein

All Welcome. Please Keep this date free.

Enquiries to Events Manager, Dr John Gullotta AM Mobile 0418 233 069, Email drjohnngullotta@bigpond.com

Central Western Regional Group

Annual Luncheon

Saturday 14th September 2019 12noon for 12.30pm.

Venue: Duntryleague Golf Club

Enquires to Mrs Audrey Hardman OAM (02) 6367 5034

Or is it Lynn Wilson OAM lynnwilson2830@loadenet.com.au

Mobile 0466 989914

Dubbo Regional Group

Annual Luncheon.

Saturday 12th October 2019

Venue: RSL Club

Enquiries to Miss Ruby Riach OAM (02) 6882 0658

Illawarra Regional Group Annual Luncheon

Annual Luncheon, 9 November 2019, Details to follow on

Our website www.orderofaustralia.asn.au

Central Coast Regional Group

Luncheon, Central Coast Leagues Club, Gosford , Tuesday 6 August 2019

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NT BRANCH

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

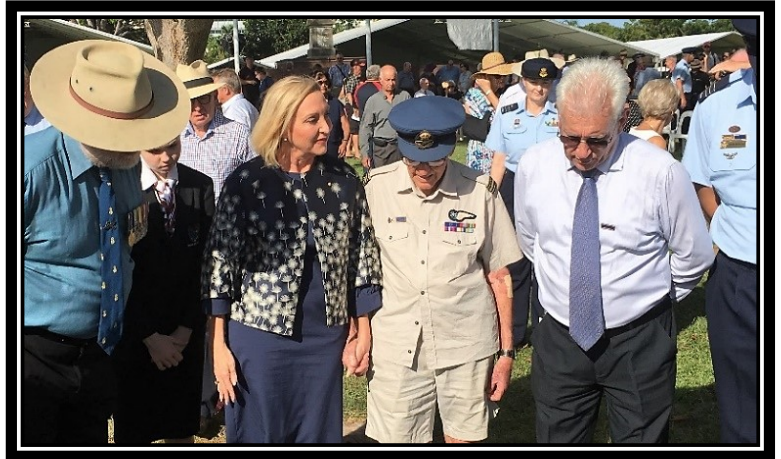
Earlier this year many of our members attended a historic event at the Darwin Cenotaph, to view and celebrate a commemorative plaque, sponsored by the Order of Australia, honoring the heroic operations of 2 and 13 Hudson Bomber Squadrons defending North Australia on February 19, 1942.

The Plaque was unveiled by 100yr-old Flight Lieutenant Brian Winspear AM, the last surviving crew member.

We acknowledge the work of our Chairman Dr. Tom Lewis in researching and coordinating the event in collaboration with the City of Darwin and the Order of Australia.

Above:

Dr. Tom Lewis OAM, The Administrator Her Honor the Honorable Vicki O'Halloran AO, and Flight Lieutenant Brian Winspear AM, with Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis



NT CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

The NT branch of the Order of Australia Association has launched a scholarship to promote opportunity for young people across the Territory. This project is supported by a number of local sponsors led by Luke Gosling OAM.



Mrs. Nora Lewis AM
With Harry Priest

Justice Walker with Dr. Tom Lewis OAM, Mrs. Sharon Mulholland AM, and staff of McKillop Catholic College.

Winners of a \$500 scholarship are Yr 11 student and Arafura Games medalist Harry Priest from SEDA, Darwin (Sports Education and Development Australia) and Justice Jaqueline Walker from McKillop Catholic College. Harry will put his scholarship towards the continuous costs of athletics training and competition, and Justice will be assisted with her school exchange visit to Japan.



NATIONAL PAGES – NEWS

MEMBERS FORUM – ACTION ITEMS

The Board considered the items raised during the Members Forum in Hobart. Details were provided in the May 2019 edition of The Order.

The Board at its Board meeting in June **resolved** to:

- **Not Agree** to implement an OAA Identity Card as suggested, particularly noting that most State and Territories had ‘Proof of Identity’ schemes for the same purpose. The proposer of the measure is to be advised of the reason for not proceeding.
- **Note** that enhanced consultation and communications was an issue within the Futures Day deliberations.
- **Note** the possible bequest and await a more formal notification.
- **Note** that the outstanding contribution of Richard and Reicha Rozen had been recognised both at the Hobart Board Meeting and at the Members Forum.
- **Note** the suggestion for ‘discounted Membership fees’ which will be incorporated in any intended broader Fees Review.
- **Agree** the incorporation of Board Committee summary reports in the Annual report.
- **Note** the suggestion for ‘Life Membership review’ which will, because of the financial implications, be incorporated in any intended broader Fees Review
- **Note** the matter of Director nomination processes will be considered in the context of the wider Constitutional review,
- **Agree** to the inclusion of an appropriate recognition of first year members on future Conference nametags.
- **Agree** an appropriate article in The Order magazine on these Board decisions.

When too much policy may not be enough ...

By Mike Crane DSC & Bar, AM

Director ACT and Association Policy Officer

Over the past 12 months, members will have seen in these pages the announcement of a number of new policies. Some have asked why such policy is necessary: after all, we have a Constitution, By-Laws and Branch Model Rules – what more do we need? The answer is that we may need rather more than less, so it's probably time to explain what has happened and why.

In early 2018, the Board became engaged in a warm discussion about the rules for conducting the election of non-branch nominated directors. When somebody asked “Well, what does our policy say?”, we discovered that our Constitution and By-Laws are silent on the matter, and there was no other guidance. We resolved immediately to develop some election rules in writing and to examine what other policy gaps there might be. We soon found that the Association actually already had quite a lot of policies. Some were expressed in formal policy documents but had been lost in our archives over time; others were captured in minutes of Board meetings but were difficult to find unless one knew where to look. But there were also a number of important areas where we had no policy at all. So, the Board agreed to establish a Policy Officer to recommend a policy framework and start developing the policy we need.

As we began these tasks, a review of our regulator's website revealed that we were on the right track. The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) has a number of governance standards that require us to have policy on certain matters (duties of directors, privacy and complaints, for example). We also found that our insurer requires us to have policies on such things as discrimination and harassment, and how volunteers are managed.

Over the past year, we have gradually been building a bank of policies to meet these needs. You can find them on our website under the “Governance” tab. In each one, you'll see that the actual policy statement is quite short, simply setting out the Board's broad position. A longer “Procedures” section then follows to provide the necessary detailed guidance for the Board, Branches, Regional Groups, and, where appropriate, individual members.

It may be that as our new Constitution develops, it can pick up some of these important issues, although the challenge for the Constitutional Working Group will be to strike the right level of detail. In the meantime, we'll keep working in parallel to close the remaining policy gaps.

If you have any questions about any individual policy, or our approach to policy more generally, please feel free to email me at DirACT@theorderofaustralia.asn.au.

OAA – FUTURES DAY

The OAA Futures Day on 14 June 2019 was attended by Directors and Branch Chairmen. The detailed analysis completed prior to the Futures Day yielded commentary on a wide range matters of importance both to successful current operation and to the future of our Association.

The contribution by members in Branches and Regional Groups to preparations for the Futures Day discussions was particularly valuable

The following policy matters were identified for consideration by the National Board and include a very brief summary of comments offered by participants.

STRATEGIC ISSUES

Purpose of the Association.

The purpose as stated in the OAA Constitution requires review to ensure its relevance to future activities

National Organisation.

It is acknowledged that a major strength of the Association is its standing as a National organisation and its wide membership coverage in all parts of Australia. Future planning should include continuation as a single cohesive organisation.

Interaction with Other Awards.

Noting that other award recipients may join as Affiliates, this opportunity has not been widely exercised. Cooperation with other honours-listed awards is seen as providing much-needed growth.

‘The Order’ Magazine.

The magazine is seen as a vital component in maintaining national cohesion. It remains the largest single expenditure of the Association. Ways need to be found to continue to improve the appeal of the magazine, produce and distribute at a reduced cost and integrate it into a wider member and community communications strategy.

Fee Structure.

Work is required to ensure that the fee structure best meets the future needs of the Association. Important considerations should include attention to the scale of fees, the marketing appeal of membership, impacts on the income of the Association and the management of the Life Member category.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Short Tenure of Directors.

Both Branch and Member Nominated Directors are elected annually (excluding the National Chairman). This impacts adversely on the continuity of director experience. Extension of tenure should be considered, with staggering of retirement to ensure continuity in decision-making.

Board Skills Matrix.

Frequent turn-over of directors makes difficult the retention on the Board of the appropriate skills required. Extension of tenure together with Branches nominating directors who meet a skills requirement may ameliorate this.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

In addition to the above matters requiring Board attention, several ‘operational’ issues were identified as requiring shorter term action at National, Branch and Regional Group levels. These include:

- **Use of Member Skills & Volunteer Fatigue**
- **Appeal to Younger Persons**
- **Merchandise**
- **Community Promotion**
- **Member Engagement**
- **Exploiting New Technologies**
- **Media/Public Relations Strategy**
- **Data Security**
- **National/Branch Interface**
- **Policy Guidance**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF NOTICES BY USE OF EMAIL

Over 80% of our members have advised an email address. This does offer a much more cost-effective distribution of Administrative

Notices compared to the more traditional hard-copy mailout.

The Board has considered this matter in the context of the additional cost consequent upon the notification of Petitions and the recent delayed hard-copy mailout of AGM notices and papers.

Therefore, members are advised that in the future the default method of distributing Administrative Notices, from National and Branch level will be to the notified email address.

It is envisaged that notices relating to AGM’s, Newsletters, Invitations and function booking flyers will be primarily distributed by email.

Members not notifying an email address will continue to receive hard copies of notices either through inclusion in The Order magazine or by separate mailout from National or Branches, as appropriate.

Please note; this does **NOT** apply to the distribution of The Order magazine. Members will still retain the choice of electing whether to receive a hard-copy or e-copy of the magazine.

While the Board would encourage the choice of e-copy for The Order, in order to free resources for other uses, it remains a matter of each member’s personal choice.

UNWORTHY HONOURS !!

Letter to Editor

Once again, the announcement of the Queen’s Birthday Honours List has brought forth the predictable, bi-annual cries about not only the relevance of the Australian Honours System, but equally both gender bias and the debate as to the appropriateness of some individuals being honoured.

A regular Melbourne based correspondent in a letter published in *The Canberra Times*, afforded the heading ‘Give me an O.A.M’, wrote “Again we see an honours list of many

great people and many hard workers. The awards shouldn't go to hard workers, that's what a salary is for. If however, they are for hard work, where's mine?"

Whilst in *The Age* an epistolographer wrote "The Australian honours list is an anachronism. What does it have to do with the Queen's birthday in June, when she was born in April? With some minimal exception, it is predominantly the realm of those with power and privilege, patting themselves on the back. Where on this list are the ordinary working men and women of Australia, too busy raising families to seek celebrity or fame? They have their noses to the grindstone, toiling day in and day out, for inadequate wages and support".

Meanwhile a *Sydney Morning Herald's* letter writing correspondent described the Honours as "a joke", "Anyone who claims that Australia is an egalitarian society is living in a fantasy land. Honours are, in the main, awarded to the so-called elites. Academics, lawyers, public servants and people working in the arts and media dominate the awards.

However, despite the negativity expressed by those writers, the *Age* did publish one of praise where the writer said "As the sister of a recent OAM recipient and the friend of three others, I can assure (your correspondent) there are many "ordinary" Australians on the honours lists, very few of whom are seeking celebrity or fame. Rather than resenting the awards, we should celebrate the awardees' achievements and efforts, and consider nominating others we know. It is not difficult to do".

Both the Melbourne and Sydney Nine-owned mastheads in their respective Readers' Panels asked, "Is the Queen's birthday honours list an anachronistic?". Their respective respondents answered *The Age*, "Yes 57%, No 29%, Unsure 14%" and *The SMH* "Yes 60%, No 30%, Unsure 10%".

The logical question is, what can be done to restore the nation's trust in the integrity of the Honours System? Importantly the Association should play a part in the discussion. Equally, how much promotion should the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet undertake to support the independence of the Honours Secretariat? Perhaps we need to develop a process of Ambassadors, ordinary people, who can create a heightened awareness that it is indeed an honour.

Allan Gibson OAM

[Editor's Response.](#)

I have received several letters on this same subject and have corresponded directly with the authors. But I offer the following perspectives:

The overwhelming proportion of this sort of perpetual media commentary is at best ill-informed. Once the articles and particularly talk-back commentary gets going it develops into misinformed populist chatter.

Unless commentators are going to take the time to inform themselves by researching the citations etc then their perceptions and indeed opinions have little value or merit. The answer to any who broach this ill-informed view is I suggest to offer the advice to read the citation and other public information on the system.

The selection and nomination administration are the prerogative of the Honours Secretariat at Government House Canberra, the Council of the Order of Australia and the Governor-General.

The often heard 'just for doing their job' is I suggest not supported by the facts. So much of the media commentary is based solely on the snippet in the media summary. All that I, the Association and our members can do is to direct people to the best public summation of the reasons. I suppose that makes us the Ambassadors as suggested in the Letter.

The Honours Secretariat and indeed the Council of the Order are fully aware of this sort of commentary, which breaks out at every Honours List announcement.

That such is the case does not in fact give credence to the supposition that the selection process is flawed. Far from it. The process is exhaustive and conducted by well-motivated and conscientious professionals .

Look at the citations at the link below and try to develop a view in that context.

Then we all can make up our own minds.

<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/australian-honours-lists>

<https://www.gg.gov.au/council-order-australia>

THE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Members might recall that in our last edition of The Order, your Board announced the creation of an Association National Scholarship Program to allow Branches and individual members to donate into a consolidated account, which when it reaches the Scholarship funding level (currently \$40,000), will allow the award of an Association Scholarship.

In the last few weeks an agreement has been negotiated with the Board of the Foundation formalising the basis of the Association Scholarship and its administration etc. Additionally, the Association has transferred funds totalling \$20,000 to the Scholarship account being jointly the donations from two OAA Battlefield Tours and agreed seed funding from the Association.

Initial administration has commenced within the Foundation with the aim of having a suitable Scholarship available in May next year coincident with the Darwin National Conference.

But of course, more funds are needed to finalise these worthwhile endeavours. Donations from Branches are encouraged and where such are made appropriate acknowledgement will be incorporated in the Scholarship announcement. Perhaps our 'overseas' members could combine into a consolidated donation. Perhaps our Military Division members could do the same. Perhaps a group of friends ... the permutations are endless. All dollars count.

Donations may be made to:

Name of Account: The Order of Australia Association Foundation Ltd Gift Account
BSB No: 013006

Account No: 314735771

Donations through the Foundation attract DGR tax deductibility.

Please donate generously to expand what has already been a most significant investment in outstanding young Australians through the Order of Australia Association Foundation.

DOUBLE HONOURS FROM THE QUEEN.

Australian Jewish News - June 13, 2019



Mother and son Queen's Birthday recipients – Professor Gilah Leder AM and Richard Leder OAM. Photo: Peter Haskin

FOR the first time in many years, a mother and son from the Australian Jewish community have doubled the recognition and pride after both received prestigious awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours last weekend.

Professor Gilah Leder was named an AM for significant service to higher education and to the Jewish community of Victoria; while her son Richard Leder, a commercial litigator, was awarded an OAM for his service to the community through charitable organisations.

But neither Gilah nor Richard knew the other was receiving an honour – only figuring it out when each of them was trying to suss what the other was doing over the long weekend.

“Dad got cagey, and wouldn't say anything ... We both had this secret that we couldn't talk about,” told Richard.

Musing on her own achievement with measured enthusiasm, Gilah, a mathematics academic, was overcome with pride as she shared with *The AJN* of the moment she learned of her son's accomplishment.

“I was in a state of enormous excitement. I really am so proud of him. He has worked very hard,” she added, “I hope he is proud of me too!”

Acknowledgement: : - Full coverage in *AJN*. - **REBECCA DAVIS**

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MELBOURNE A HIVE OF HONOURS ACTIVITY

Five members of the RCH Alumni have received awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours and we extend hearty congratulations to all of them.

Professor Ruth Bishop AC

For eminent service to global child health through the development of improved vaccines for paediatric gastroenteritis, and to medical research.

<https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2004641>

Dr David McCredie AM

For significant service to medicine in the field of paediatric nephrology.

<https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2004675>

Mrs Patricia (Paddy) Keith OAM

For service to the community through a range of organisations.

<https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2004147>

Dr Pat Phair OAM

For service to women, to medical research, and to the community.

<https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2004159>

Professor Jim Wilkinson AM

For significant service to medicine, particularly paediatric cardiology.

<https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2004654>

In addition, we have noted that the following current staff members at RCH received awards:

Prof Winita Hardikar AM

Prof Lynn Gillam AM

Mr Andrew Heggie AM

Dr Jamie Lucas AM

Dr Georgia Paxton OAM (Georgie is the current MSA President)

Mr Richard Leder OAM (Vice Chairman of the RCH Foundation Board)

Ms Brigid Jordan AM

And also of interest:

Professor Lex Doyle AO (RWH and University of Melbourne)

Professor Christine Kilpatrick AO (now CEO of the Royal Melbourne Hospital)

Acknowledgement: - Garry Warne - Honorary Secretary - RCH Alumni Association

SOME ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSEKEEPING COMMENTS

ON-LINE RENEWALS. When renewing membership on-line can you please ensure that the Invoice Number or Membership Number of Name of the member are included in the Bank comments box. It is a little difficult to process 'Membership Renewal \$77.00'.

MEMBERS PERSONAL DETAILS. A member's personal details such as full name, address, email address and phone numbers are protected under the provisions of our Privacy Policy. Please read this policy on our website and whether asking for such details or being asked to provide such details, gain an appreciation of the full privacy implications.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS & TENURE LIMITS. Now might well be the time to start to consider whether you can offer to stand for Branch Committee or National Board positions. There are tenure limits applying to these positions and early in 2020 coincident with Annual General Meetings, vacancies will ensue, and nominations will be sought. Please discuss this matter with your Branch Committee executives, consider assisting the governance of our Association. The old maxim 'Many hands make light work' still applies.

REPLACEMENT OF LAPEL BADGES. Replacement lapel badges can be purchased from the Honours Secretariat at Government House Canberra ACT. Their contact numbers are : 02 6283 3533 or 1800-552-275.

PIONEER OF SOCIAL MEDIA – AN EDUCATOR AHEAD OF HIS TIME



Photo by courtesy of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

Canberra born, Dr Malcolm Beazley AM made history in 1983, when he applied what we know today as “Social Media” to education. Computer Pals Across the World (CPAW) was a global venture where students from schools and universities across the world communicated online to share ideas and opinions and improve their written communication skills.

The project followed his Fulbright Scholarship to the United States of America in 1982, when he was researching policies and programs, on the development of language and writing abilities in children.

The communication was at first primitive with the use of an acoustic coupler linked to a personal computer and two service providers to carry the data between Australia and Alaska. He was fortunate to have the technical support of the then Australian overseas provider, the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (OTC) and the USA provider AlaskaNet but it meant that students had to be patient to receive replies as the online communication was not instant as we have grown to expect today. In 1988, the Apollo command module pilot on the Apollo-Soyuz Test Mission, US Astronaut Vance Brand, became the first Patron of the CPAW Global Network when he visited Sydney for Australia’s Bicentenary in 1988.

The CPAW model soon spread to involve other schools in the USA and in countries beyond. Several applications (now apps!) were created for specific purposes. Among these was, Computer Pals in Hospitals, launched at the Prince of Wales Children’s Hospital in Sydney, where young patients shared experiences about their illnesses and treatments. Dr Beazley recalls visiting the Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland, Oregon when a young girl with leukemia, who was communicating with a Computer Pal in Australia, said, “This is the loveliest thing I have ever done.” A further application, Computer Pals for Seniors, was established in 1991 at Lindfield Senior Citizens Centre in the Sydney Municipality of Ku-ring-gai. It promoted intergenerational education through its *Building Bridges Between Generations* project while providing opportunities for Older Persons to become e-literate.

In 1989, Dr Beazley created a course titled *Computers in Communication* for his pre-service education students at the University of Sydney. This course pioneered the way for online communication to be used, by classroom teachers as an effective tool in pedagogy, many years before the now status quo of computers and other devices in the classroom. The CPAW model has been used by national and international organizations including the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1986, the World Conservation Union, which used it for a first ever student forum, titled *Environment Watch*, at the World Congress in Perth in 1990 and the Australian Government for World Environment Days, to encourage young people to have a voice on environmental concerns.

With the major sponsorship of Epson Australia, came the opportunity to establish a CPAW Secretariat in Sydney, which was based on the volunteer model and which served teachers and students throughout Australia and overseas by providing advice and wise counsel in their communication endeavors. Furthermore, the sponsorship made it possible to have annual conferences in many countries. In addition, the CPAW model was included in many world computer conferences, including the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP). These forums provided important opportunities for academics and practitioners to come together to engage in dialogue to further the cause of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in education and the community, the same technology, which unlocked the isolation of many, who were in remote places of the world.

Dr Beazley recalls the time that school students from Magdeburg, East Germany engaged in the first computer communication with their peers at the Humboldt-Schule, Federal Republic of Germany and another time when students in the remote village of Parainen in Finland's Archipelego Sea, collaborated with Australian and New Zealand students and another, when a teacher took a computer to a community electricity outlet in an isolated village of South Africa, so her students could communicate with their peers in Australia and beyond.

The CPAW Model has been recognized by many prominent people over the years, including Prime Ministers Bob Hawke, Paul Keating and Margaret Thatcher.

While this computer communication may seem very primitive today as social networks have burgeoned, and the applications have proliferated, across the world, the CPAW model did provide numerous opportunities as a tool in social media and education for students and community members for more than 25 years. Today it is still, kept alive at the College of Education of the University of Central Florida, Orlando, as staff and students explore and continue to use further applications of the model.

Dr Beazley has received numerous awards including a Fellowship of the Australian College of Educators (FACE) in 1987 and was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1991. He has often been called the "Father of Social Media" in Australia. Today he sits, surrounded by historic text books, objects and ephemera in the Australian National Museum of Education (ANME) at the University of Canberra, which he founded in 1996 to ensure the longevity of our valuable educational heritage.