

ACT OAA



DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

A booking sheet for the following event is enclosed:

Sunday 26 Jan 2020
Australia Day Breakfast
Royal Canberra Golf Club.

BRANCH AGM

Wednesday 19 Feb 2020
Royal Canberra Golf Club
Notice of meeting is provided

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast at the Royal Canberra Golf Club on 26 January 2020 to celebrate Australia Day and acknowledge the achievements of recipients in the 2020 Australia Day Honours List. Our price includes breakfast, a glass of champagne on arrival and GST! When registering, please place your post-nominals after your surname in the surname field.



Our special guest speaker will be Alex Sloan AM. Alex has been a journalist for 30 years, including over 27 years as a broadcaster with the ABC. She is highly regarded as an MC, interviewer and facilitator including: The ANU Meet the Author, The National Library, National Museum of Australia, National Gallery of Australia and National Portrait Gallery.

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Please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/072SV>, complete the booking sheet with this newsletter, or contact Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER

Our Annual General Meeting on 19 February 2020 is your chance to participate in the governance of our Branch. Come along to have your say on the Annual Report and who represents us on the Branch Committee in 2020/21. A nomination form for Branch Director and committee positions is attached with this newsletter

Join us for free nibbles (and drinks at own expense) from 5.30pm. The AGM will start promptly at 6pm. Although this is a free event, please register at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/3X9OX> for catering purposes. When registering, please place your post-nominals after your surname in the surname field.

There will be a guest speaker to address us immediately following the AGM and the details will be advised as soon as possible.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



It's very late in the year for a newsletter, but there are a number of things that we wanted to share with you before Christmas is upon us.

This edition reports on our morning tea with Glenys Patulny OAM in July, our Multi-Faith Observance in August and our reception for new recipients in September. They were all terrific events and I know you will enjoy reading about them.

Unfortunately we've had a frustrating couple of months since September. Due to a problem with our technology, we didn't receive nominations for Student Awards until very late this year. There wasn't an opportunity to do presentations in the way we normally would, but we did get some very high quality nominations, as you'll see in Bill Maiden's report below.

We were not able to arrange our planned final morning tea for the year as we just could not line up speaker availability. Perhaps most frustrating of all, we had to defer this year's Australian National University Lecture: having postponed to 6 December in order to secure the proposed Lecturer, that date became unworkable and there were then no options for 2019. We're hopeful that the Lecture will go ahead in March next year, although we can't yet confirm a date or the name of the Lecturer – we'll keep you posted.

On the upside, we have a fabulous event lined up for our 2020 Australia Day Breakfast. Our speaker will be Canberra media personality and Australia Day 2019 recipient Alex Sloan AM. As usual, the Breakfast will be held on 26 January (it's a Sunday next year) at Royal Canberra Golf Club. You'll find details attached.

Don't forget our Annual General Meeting, which will be held at the Golf Club on Wednesday 19 February, commencing at 6.00pm sharp. We're angling for a great speaker to follow the AGM, and will confirm details as soon as possible, but please come along to the meeting to participate in the governance of your Branch. As we did last year, we'll make all the papers available electronically – if you need a hard copy, please bring it along as we won't provide one on the night.

While on governance, we're once again seeking volunteers to join the Branch Committee or to represent us as the ACT Nominated Director on the national Board. We will have three vacancies on the Committee, so please consider whether you can step up to help and give me a call to discuss – otherwise, I may call you! I thank retiring Committee members Trish Keller OAM and Sam Wong AM for their long service to the Committee and the Branch. I will be standing down as Director to concentrate on the 2021 Conference here in Canberra, so please also consider whether that is something you would like to do.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, may I wish Season's Greetings to all our members. Thank you for your support in 2019; we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Warm regards,
Mike Crane DSC & Bar, AM
Branch Chairman
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BRANCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Since my report in July, the Board has met three times - twice by teleconference and once face to face. The face to face meeting was held in Brisbane so that the Board could spend time with the members of the Queensland Branch Committee. This proved to be a very helpful initiative, and the next face to face meeting will be held in Adelaide in February.

Members will recall that over the past 18 months, the Board has gradually been building a bank of policies to supplement the Constitution, By-Laws and Branch Model Rules. Since July, the Board has reviewed some of the early policies on their 12-month anniversaries; those policies have been updated as necessary and are now on a three-year review cycle. The Board has also approved three new policies: G9 Conflict of Interest Policy, G10 Complaint Policy and, most recently, G11 Whistleblower Policy.

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- Our conflict of interest policy helps ensure that our directors and branch committee members remember that they are required to act in the best interests of the Association and must declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest.
- A robust complaint policy is a requirement for any organisation. Ours tells all our stakeholders how to make a complaint and how we will deal with complaints once received.
- Our new whistleblower policy responds to strengthened legislation introduced by the Australian Government in July. It provides protections for people who make a disclosure about wrongdoing in the Association.

All our policies are available on the Association's website under the National tab. In addition, you can click on a Complaints button on the home page and follow drop down menus for further information.

Considerable progress has been made by the Constitution Working Group, and the Board considered a first draft of a new Constitution for the Association at its 7 December teleconference. Directors have been asked to provide feedback by mid-January, and I expect the Board will agree an exposure draft at its February meeting. Once authorised by the Board, the exposure draft will be circulated to Branches for comment and input.

Finally – some of us have been experiencing difficulty in booking for the farewell brunch at the Darwin Conference in May. I'm told this was because an artificial limit had inadvertently been placed on numbers. The problem is now fixed, and I encourage those who have been disappointed to try again.

Mike Crane DSC & Bar, AM

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

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The AGM will start promptly at 6.00 pm.

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ACT Branch Annual General Meeting 19 February 2020

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of AGM held 13 Feb 2019
5. Matters Arising
6. Annual Report
7. Election of Branch Nominated Director and Committee for 2020-21
8. Other Business
9. Close

The nomination form for positions on the ACT Branch Committee or for ACT Director on the National Board is attached to this newsletter. Closing date – 24 January 2020.

VALE

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

Mr John Reilly OAM - Australia Day 1993 – For service to the community.

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LIMITED - ACT Branch



**Nominations for ACT Branch Office Bearers and
Committee or ACT Director for 2020/21**

Nomination forms are to be returned to:
The Secretary OAA-ACT Branch
GPO Box 423
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601
or by email to
Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au
By 5.00 pm on Friday 24 January 2020

I..... as a Member of the Branch

Hereby nominate.....

- 1) For the position of
On the ACT Branch Committee for 2020/21
- 2) For the position of ACT Director
On the OAA National Board for 2020/21

(Please delete non-relevant position).

.....
(Signed - Nominator)

(Date).....

I as a Member of the Branch

Hereby second the above nomination.

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(Signed – Secunder)

Date.....

I..... as a Member of the Branch

Hereby accept the above nomination.

(Signed).....

Date.....

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OAA-ACT 2019 STUDENT AWARDS

The 2019 Student Awards are in the process of being presented to the recipients at their schools and colleges in the presence of their peers. The following were successful in meeting the Association's criteria for awards and demonstrate the positive contribution that ACT students continue to make in the community. They are to be congratulated for their achievements.

- **Sarah Davis** – Year 12 – Daramalan College – awarded the Association's Plaque for Outstanding Leadership and Achievement;
- **Aidan Gunning** – Year 12 – Daramalan College – awarded the Association's Plaque for Outstanding Community Service and Citizenship;
- **Isaac Martin** – Year 12 – Gungahlin College – awarded the Association's Medallion for Outstanding Leadership and Achievement;
- **The 'LEADAS'** ((Leadership, Engagement, Academia, Development, Athleticism and Service) and **'PEARLS'** (Promoting, Empowerment, Achievement, Resilience, Legacy and Support) **Programs** – Years 9 and 10 – Amaroo School – awarded the Association's Plaque for Outstanding Community Service and Citizenship;
- **Samuel Freeman** – Year 11 – Canberra Grammar School – awarded the Association's Medallion for Outstanding Community Service and Citizenship;
- **Caleb Hodgson** – Year 12 – Lake Ginninderra College – awarded the Association's Medallion for Outstanding Leadership and Achievement.



Bill Maiden PSM OAM, Les Blackley OAM, Caleb Hodgson



Caleb Hodgson

The Student Awards were managed by Dr Bill Maiden PSM OAM with assistance from judges Elizabeth Grant AM, Narelle Hargreaves AM, Les Blackley OAM and Trish Keller OAM.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER BRANCHES

Hon Robert Debus AM – Queen's Birthday 2011 - For service to the Parliaments of Australia and New South Wales, to the development of an emergency response framework, through contributions to legal and environmental reforms, and to the community.

Colonel Luke Foster AM, CSC, CSM – Queen's Birthday 2005 – For exceptional performance as the Defence Adviser Honiara, accredited to Port Vila.

Mr Ronald Marcus OAM – Australia Day 2003 - For service to the community through Rotary International.

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OAA 2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN DARWIN

Full details of the 2020 National Conference, to be held in Darwin from 7 to 10 May 2020, are now available on the Association's website. The theme for the Conference is *Future Proof, How Past Experiences Inform Future Challenges*, and the Northern Territory Branch has put together a wonderful program of supporting events, the details of which are at <https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national-conference-2020/> with registration details. We hope you can be part of the ACT contingent.

RECEPTION FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS RECIPIENTS – 24 SEPTEMBER 2019.

The ACT Branch welcomed nineteen recipients at a reception held at the Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla. The reception followed their investiture at Government House on 12-13 September 2019. This event was generously sponsored by the ACT Government.



Andrew Phelan AM, Michael Crane DSC and Bar, AM,
Neville Exon AM, Vivien Palmer OAM, Louise Mayo AM



Tracy Smart AO, Michael Crane,
Colette Mackay OAM, Jane Smyth OAM



Mary Kirk AM, Eric Thauvette OAM, Margaret Shore OAM, Krishna Nadimpalli OAM, Heather Henderson AM,
John Harvey AM, Michael Crane.

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James Brown AM, Trish Keller OAM



Michael Crane, Jane Dahlstrom OAM, Craig Hamilton AM,
Caroline Flynn OAM, Michael Sparks OAM,
Barbara Pamphilon AM

MULTI-FAITH OBSERVANCE



Natalie Mobini (Bahai Faith), Tenpa Bejanke Duim (Buddhist), Muhammed Aksu (Muslim),
Bishop Stephen Pickard (Christian), Prakash Mehta (Hindu), Rabbi Shmueli Feldman (Jewish)

The annual Branch Multi-Faith Observance was held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture on Sunday 18 August 2019 and moderated by the Executive Director of the Centre, Rt Reverend Professor Stephen Pickard. The event featured speakers from a number of faiths.

Our theme for this year was *Together in Friendship* and members and guests appreciated the inspirational messages from the speakers.

MORNING TEA – 24 JULY 2019



Members enjoyed a morning tea on Wednesday 24 July 2019 to hear new Branch member Glenys Patulny OAM speak on her engagement over many years with environmental issues in the ACT District of Tuggeranong and the adjacent Murrumbidgee River Corridor. Glenys established Tuggeranong Lake Carers, is a board member of Landcare ACT and has 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 List *for service to the community of Tuggeranong*.



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION ACT BRANCH

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Members and Guests are invited to attend the 2020 Australia Day Breakfast

Date: Sunday 26 January 2020

Time: 07.45 for 08.00 am

Venue: Royal Canberra Golf Club, off Bentham St, Yarralumla (ample accessible parking)

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY and HONOURS ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST SPEAKER: Ms Alex Sloan AM



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COST: \$47.50 per person.

DRESS: Jacket & Tie/Day wear; Lapel Pin.

Enquiries: Michael Crane DSC and Bar, AM. T: 0467 719 020 E: mandmcrane@live.com

RSVP by Monday 20 January 2020

1. **Buy tickets online** (preferred) on our StickyTickets web page:
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/072SV> Click on the link, or copy and enter it directly into your browser.
2. **Mail or email** booking slip to: Michael Crane DSC and Bar, AM
23 Norman Street
DEAKIN ACT 2600
E: chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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2020 Australia Day Breakfast

Name and Postnominals:

Guest name(s) & Postnominals:

Payment instructions:

My cheque to OAA-ACT for \$_____ is enclosed or ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Expiry Date: ____/____ CCV: _____

Signature: _____ Sum authorized: \$_____

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