

# ACT OAA

## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS

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**The following COVID safe events  
are scheduled.**

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**Breakfasts for Australia Day and  
Queen's Birthday recipients at the  
Commonwealth Club  
Wednesday 21 October 2020 &  
Wednesday 28 October 2020  
Booking sheet is attached**

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**OAA-ADF Oration  
Adams Auditorium – Australian  
Defence Force Academy  
Tuesday 17 November 2020  
Booking slip is enclosed**

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Fellow ACT Branch Members,

Spring is definitely in the air here in Canberra, and with it comes a much more positive outlook for the next few months.



In early and mid-September, Government House conducted a series of smaller than usual investitures for Australia Day and Queen's Birthday 2020 recipients and, in turn, we can now plan our own celebration of their achievements. Unfortunately, restrictions don't yet allow us to stand and mingle at indoor venues, so we can't hold our usual reception-style event. The Committee has therefore opted for two breakfasts, on 21 and 28 October respectively: you can choose the date that suits you best or even come to both! We'll need to follow Commonwealth Club COVID protocols carefully, including temperature checks on arrival, use of hand sanitisers and remaining seated at our tables throughout. But these are a small price to pay, and I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to get out of the house and come along to congratulate new recipients and enjoy the company of other members.

I'm also delighted to announce that the annual Order of Australia Association - Australian Defence Force Oration will go ahead on Tuesday 17 November, commencing at 5.30pm at the Australian Defence Force Academy. The Orator will be the Chief of Joint Operations (CJOPS), Lieutenant General Greg Bilton AO, CSC. Greg is a very accomplished speaker and this promises to be a great event, particularly as we haven't had a CJOPS yet in the 10 years the Oration has been running. Again, this event will be affected by COVID-related limitations. There is a strict limit on numbers in the theatre we usually use at Russell, so we are moving to ADFA this year, and so that we have an accurate record of attendance we must ask you to register please.

Turning briefly to Branch governance, it's time once again to call for nominations for the Branch Committee and our Branch Nominated Director. In particular, we'll be looking for a new treasurer as Terry O'Brien OAM, RFD, JP will be standing down. We'll have details of the Annual General Meeting in the next newsletter but meanwhile please consider whether you would like to serve on the Committee or the National Board. The nomination form is enclosed.

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You will find below an update on Board matters from our current Branch Nominated Director, Alan Morrison AM, but there are some national issues I'd also like to touch on:

- The Board is still considering options for the 2021 national AGM but, as you will have seen in the most recent edition of *The Order*, it has decided that there will not be a national conference next year and that the ACT Branch will host the conference in 2022. We are doing some very preliminary planning now, but will stand up a planning sub-committee in the new year, so please consider whether that is something you would like to join.
- The Branch Committee has seen and commented on drafts of the proposed new Association Constitution and By-laws. We are satisfied that they are heading in the right direction but will reserve our recommendation on whether ACT members should agree until we see the final versions and understand plans for the transition to proposed new arrangements.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all Branch members for your patience during our enforced hiatus. I know this has been a tough year for many, and at times it has probably been hard to see much value in membership. I trust that the worst is now over and look forward to seeing you soon at one of our events.

Warm regards,

Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM

Branch Chairman

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The Association's Board met online on 28 August to discuss routine business and consider reports from the Finance and Audit and Risk Committees; the following is a summary of highlights of the meeting.

It emerged that, in spite of the effects of COVID-19, the Association's finances were in a good shape and the Board agreed to transfer some operational funds to the Investment Account. The Board also agreed to change its accounting/bookkeeping service provider in order to reduce fees. Advice was received from the Association's investment advisor that we should change the portfolio to a better mix of Australian and overseas shares, and the board agreed this could be done gradually.

There was a robust discussion about membership benefits, and the Board approved a new 10 point approach, which has now been uploaded to the Association's website. The Board is also considering whether the Association should provide further benefits similar to those provided by some professional organisations and companies such as QANTAS and NRMA. I would be very pleased to hear from any ACT members who have ideas about this.

In light of the continuing COVID-19 situation, the Board agreed to extend its decision not to move unfinancial members from the current membership database to the inactive list to 31 October 2021, subject to ongoing review by the National Membership Director.

At the date of the Board meeting, our survey platform provider (PACE) had received 130 electronic and 5 hard copies responses to *The Order* survey.

The Board is considering an Extraordinary General Meeting to progress the new Constitution, and will consult with Branches on this matter. The Board also discussed potential arrangements for the 2021 AGM, including options for both hybrid attended/online and full online meetings.

Dr Alan Morrison AM JP

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Director

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THE 2020 OAA – ADF ORATION with LIEUTENANT GENERAL GREG BILTON AO CSC  
ADAMS AUDITORIUM, AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY, 17 NOVEMBER 2020



The 2020 Oration will be delivered on Tuesday 17 November 2020 by the Chief of Joint Operations, Lieutenant General Greg Bilton AO, CSC. General Bilton is responsible for ADF operations and joint exercises both domestically and internationally as directed by the Chief of the Defence Force in order to achieve Government strategic priorities. In carrying out this mission, General Bilton is responsible for the planning, control and conduct of all Australia’s military campaigns, operations, joint exercises and other activities in order to meet Australia’s national objectives. Lieutenant General Bilton was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in the 2020 Australia Day honours *for distinguished service in the appointments of Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army in the Pacific, Deputy Chief of Joint Operations and Commander Forces Command.*

The annual Order of Australia Association – Australian Defence Force Oration is an initiative of the ACT Branch of the Order of Australia Association. The 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. The Oration brings together Defence Force and other recipients of the Order to create a closer understanding of each other’s commitment to service as recognised through the Australian Honours system.

Dress for this event is jacket and tie with lapel pin or dress of the day for serving Australian Defence Force personnel.

Members and guests can register at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/WWQRT> or mail the booking slip below. Please register by Friday 13 November 2020. Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM on 0467 719 020 can answer any questions on the event. The Oration will be held in the Adams Auditorium at the Australian Defence Force Academy – a map is available on the Sticky Tickets website. Attendees are asked to be seated by 5.25pm so that the presentation can start promptly at 5.30pm. We hope to see you there.

We will observe Defence COVID-19 restrictions at this event. Please be mindful of social distancing. Regrettably, we cannot offer refreshments this year due to COVID control arrangements.

## BOOKING SHEET FOR 2020 OAA-ADF ORATION

Venue - Adams Auditorium at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Date - Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 5.30 pm.

Booking enquiries: Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM. Mob: 0467 719 020 or

[Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

RSVP by Friday 13 November 2020.

1. Register online (preferred) at StickyTickets <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/WWQRT> or

2. Mail or email booking slip to:

Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM

23 Norman St.

DEAKIN ACT 2600

[Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

Name and Postnominals: .....

Guest name(s) & Postnominals: .....

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (also include guest phone)

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## ANNE WALSH OAM - A QUIET ACHIEVER IN THE 2020 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS



*Brendan Price, Anne Walsh OAM*

The eldest of seven children from a sheep and cattle farm near Gunning, 18-year-old Anne Walsh, who has an intellectual disability, took a big step to join the newly established L'Arche Genesaret community in Canberra in 1982.

Anne recalls "I was scared to go in the car. The farm was a really good place to live and I wasn't sure what was going to happen."

A gentle and calm woman, she flourished in a supportive community that respects people's dignity, affirms their worth and encourages their growth.

The story of Anne's involvement with L'Arche reflects the growth of the organisation, which now has seven homes in Canberra caring for 23 core members, and Anne is their passionate Number One Ambassador. Anne puts it so simply - "L'Arche has helped me to grow as a person, to do things that can be challenging. Sometimes we have things that make us feel nervous or anxious. You have to give it a go. I came to L'Arche as a shy young lady and now I am confident and outgoing."

Anne has done well, whether in her role as a L'Arche board member, representing Australia at L'Arche's 50-year celebrations in Paris six years ago, or speaking to hundreds of students at St Clare's College and Marist College, which support L'Arche.

She also had success as a middle-distance runner and Paralympian. At the age of 25, Anne was part of the Australian team for the first World Championships for the Intellectually Disabled in Sweden, coming home with a silver medal for the 1500m event. She competed at the Paralympics in Madrid a few years later and later said "I beat the woman who had beaten me in Sweden and I broke the world record twice in the 3000m and 5000m races."

Anne was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours *for service to people with an intellectual disability*. Ask her which award she prizes most; her sporting medals or the Queen's Birthday honour, there is no hesitation. "The Queen's Birthday one, because it's about what I've achieved with my whole life."

L'Arche community leader Brendan Price said L'Arche was thrilled for Anne - "L'Arche seeks to make known the gifts of people with intellectual disabilities so it's fantastic to see Anne honoured this way. We would love to be better known and this award gives us the chance to share our story. So many of us are caught up in achieving and doing things but L'Arche calls us back to relationships of the heart. That is where we grow. It's not about how we perform but how we are as people that matters."

**L'Arche Genesaret is a community of people with and without intellectual disability, sharing life in the community, belonging to an International Federation in the Christian tradition, founded by Jean Vanier. L'Arche is a French word meaning 'the Ark' and Genesaret is a place name from the Gospels. The Canberra L'Arche community was founded in 1978.**

*This is an abridged version of an article first printed in The Catholic Voice*

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**With kind permission of the President of the Commonwealth Club, Members and guests are invited to attend a Breakfast to welcome Newly Invested Recipients.**

**DATES:** Wednesday 21 October 2020 or Wednesday 28 October 2020.

**TIME:** 7.00 am to 9.00 am.

**VENUE:** Commonwealth Club, 25 Forster Crescent, Yarralumla.

An opportunity for members and guests to welcome the 2020 Australia Day & Queen’s Birthday recipients of honours and awards in the Order of Australia from the ACT region, and share fellowship with existing members in the ambience of the Commonwealth Club. This event is generously sponsored by the ACT Government.

**COST:** \$50.00 per person for members and guests. New recipients and partners free of charge.

**DRESS:** Lounge suit/Business attire – Large Medals

Booking enquiries: Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM. Mob: 0467 719 020 or

[Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

RSVP by Friday 16 October 2020.

- Buy tickets online (preferred)** at StickyTickets: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/P58TF> (for 21 October) or <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/FTUBT> (for 28 October) - Click on the link or copy and enter it directly into your browser.

For recipients of 2020 Australia Day & Queen’s Birthday honours and awards only: Click on “Ticket/Register”, then enter promotion code NR20 to activate your complimentary ticket.

- Mail or email booking slip to:**  
Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM  
23 Norman St.  
DEAKIN ACT 2600  
E: [Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

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21 October 2020 Breakfast     28 October 2020 Breakfast    (select date)

Name and Postnominals: .....

Guest name(s) & Postnominals: .....

Payment instructions:

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

Card Number:    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    \_ \_ \_ \_ \_    CCV    \_ \_ \_

Expiry Date:    \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_    Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_    Sum authorized: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_    (include guests phone also)

*To foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship and to uphold the high principles and prestige of the Order of Australia*

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## WELCOME BREAKFAST FOR NEW RECIPIENTS

This event is a great opportunity for members and guests to welcome new recipients of honours and awards in the Order of Australia from the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday 2020 lists, and share fellowship with existing members at a breakfast in the ambience of the Commonwealth Club.

This style of reception has been chosen to meet COVID-19 restrictions, and because of these restrictions places are strictly limited. Ticket availability is on a first come first served basis, so please register early.

You may register for either the 21 October breakfast at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/P58TF> or the 28 October breakfast at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/FTUBT> and a booking form is also attached to this newsletter. We will establish a waiting list once places are filled. The event runs from 7.30 – 9.00 am on both days.

When registering, please remember to include:

- your post nominals with your last name; and
- full details of your guests for COVID-19 tracing purposes.

The dress for this event is Lounge Suit/Business Attire with large medals.

We will be adopting the Commonwealth Club's social distancing and other COVID-19 control measures for this event. This may include temperature checking on arrival. For your safety, and the safety of all, please observe all such requirements and be mindful of distancing.

Ticket price includes optional glass of champagne on arrival, pastry, sliced fruit, hot breakfast, tea & coffee, GST and Sticky Tickets fees.

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## WELCOME TO NEW OAA MEMBERS

**Mr Richard HARDY OAM** – Australia Day 2015 - For meritorious service as the Plans Warrant Officer within multiple postings as part of 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Movements Group, including operational service.

### FROM THE 2020 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

**CAPT Shane CRAIG AM** – For exceptional performance of duty in Royal Australian Navy command and management positions.

### FROM THE 2020 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

**Mr Eric CHALMERS AM** – For significant service to the community through child accident prevention and road safety organisations.

**BRIG Alison CREAUGH AM CSC (Retd)** - For significant service to veterans and their families, and to rowing.

**AIRCDRE Graham EDWARDS AM CSC** – For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in aerospace acquisition and sustainment, and organisational capability development.

**Mr Mark HOSKINSON AFSM OAM** – For service to primary industry, and to the community.

**Ms Georgina PINKAS OAM** – For service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory.

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## VALE

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

**Mr Barry DEE OAM** – Queen's Birthday 1978 – In recognition of service to the Australian Embassy Saigon.

**Ms June HEALY OAM** - Queen's Birthday 1990 – For service to veterans.

**Mr Robert NEWMAN OAM** – Australia Day 2006 – For service to forestry through administrative roles in industry organisations and as an educator and author, and to the community.

**Mr Laurus (Lou) WESTENDE OAM** – Australia Day 1997 – For service to the community and to business and commerce, particularly through the ACT Legislative Assembly, the ACT Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rotary, and the National Gallery.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR 2021/22 BRANCH COMMITTEE & BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR

Whilst our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is not due to be held until February 2021, it is timely for members to consider nominating for the Branch committee and Branch Nominated Director positions. The nomination form for these positions is attached with a closing date of 22 January 2021. For further information on these positions, please contact Branch chairman Michael Crane on 0467719020.

Details for the AGM, including the form it will take, will be in the next newsletter.

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## MEET OUR MEMBERS

### PROFESSOR INGRID MOSES AO

Emeritus Professor Ingrid Moses was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in the 2018 Australian Day Honours *for distinguished service to higher education through senior academic management positions in Australian universities, and to a range of community and church organisations.*



Born in Germany, Professor Moses completed her higher education in Queensland and has had a distinguished career in the University sector. She lectured at the University of Queensland, and then held senior positions at the University of Technology in Sydney. She was Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Canberra from 1993 to 1997. Professor Moses was appointed Vice-Chancellor at the University of New England in 1997 and subsequently was Chancellor at the University of Canberra from 2006 to 2010. In 2001 she was awarded a Centenary Medal for her contribution to rural education.

Professor Moses was on the Board of the United Nations University and the University of the South Pacific, and was President of the International Association of University Presidents. She has worked as a consultant for the OECD, OECD/ Institutional Management in Higher Education, UNESCO and the Commonwealth Secretariat's Women and Leadership Program and contributed as a consultant, speaker and member of review panels to the planning, quality, educational and research training processes in many universities in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Asia, Africa and North America.

Professor Moses is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, a Fellow of SRHEC (UK) and holds two honorary doctorates – from University of Technology, Sydney, and California State University, Sacramento.

Following her retirement from the education sector she has been Chair of the Board of Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT. She has served on numerous diocesan boards and committees. Among other volunteering activities she served as Director of Technical Aid to the Disabled ACT (TADACT), as a Committee member and Patron of Manning Clark House Inc, as Member of the National Library of Australia's Fellowship Advisory Committee, as Council member of the Australian Institute of International Affairs ACT Branch, and as Council Member and Vice-President of the Independent Scholars Association Australia Inc. Professor Moses is also a committee member of Christians for an Ethical Society, Canberra, a working group of the NSW Ecumenical Council.

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LIMITED - ACT Branch



**Nominations for ACT Branch Office Bearers and  
Committee or ACT Director for 2021/22**

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 22 January 2021

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

Hereby nominate.....

- 1) For the position of .....  
On the ACT Branch Committee for 2021/22
- 2) For the position of ACT Director  
On the OAA National Board for 2021/22

(Please delete non-relevant position).

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(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.....