

ACT OAA



MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

The following COVID safe events are scheduled. Booking Sheets are attached

**Morning Tea at the Royal Canberra Golf Club
Wednesday 31 March 2021.**

**Morning Tea at the Royal Canberra Golf Club
Tuesday 27 April 2021.**

**Welcome Breakfast at the Commonwealth Club
Wednesday 26 May 2021**

MORNING TEA WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2021

Our March speaker at the Royal Canberra Golf Club will be Dr Peter Pedersen AM, who will talk about Sir John Monash the man rather than the general. Peter is one of Australia's leading military historians. His publications include ten books on the First World War, contributions to several other works, and numerous journal articles on campaigns from both the First and Second World Wars and the Vietnam War. Peter was appointed a member of the Order of Australia in January 2020 *for significant service to military history as an author and researcher*. To register attendance for the March Morning Tea please book on Stickytickets at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/455S7> (preferred) or complete the attached booking sheet.



MORNING TEA TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021



Join us for morning tea and fellowship in the delightful surrounds of Royal Canberra Golf Club. Our speaker will be the Executive Branch Manager for the National Arboretum and Stromlo Forest Park, Scott Saddler AM. Scott joined the Arboretum in 2014 and has been instrumental in the vision, growth and the continuing success of the Arboretum and will talk about "The Arboretum from inception to today". He was appointed a Member in the Order of Australia in June 2020 *for significant service to public administration, and as a supporter and mentor of Indigenous youth*. To register attendance for the April Morning Tea please book on Stickytickets at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/OXK3C> (preferred) or complete the attached booking sheet.

WELCOME BREAKFAST FOR NEW RECIPIENTS WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021

We hope you can join us at our welcome breakfast at the Commonwealth Club to celebrate the achievements of ACT recipients in the 2021 Australia Day Honours list.

To register attendance for the Welcome Breakfast, please book on Stickytickets at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/TEPZW> (preferred) or complete the attached booking sheet.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Fellow ACT Branch Members,

Although COVID-19 still looms large, 2021 is already shaping as a more 'normal' year for our Branch. On Australia Day, Brian Walker AO challenged and inspired us with his presentation on resilience, and after our AGM Andrew Phelan AM regaled us with tales about the High Court; we will kick off our 2021 Student Citizenship Awards campaign this month; we have morning teas planned in March and April with Peter Pedersen AM and Scott Saddler AM respectively; we have a breakfast scheduled in May to welcome new recipients from the Australia Day list; and I'm delighted to announce that in the centenary year of the Royal Australian Air Force, our 2021 Australian Defence Force Oration will be given by the Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Mel Hupfeld AO, DSC. You can find reports and booking details below and on the website.

Under the Association's new Constitutional arrangements, branch nominated directors and members of branch committees now have three-year tenure dating from their election in 2020. This means that Alan Morrison AM remains our Director, and the Committee continues with me as Chair, Robert Altamore OAM as Secretary, and members Lynne Duckham OAM, Narelle Hargreaves AM, Bill Maiden PSM OAM, Andrew Phelan AM and Coralie Woods OAM. At our AGM on 16 February, Phil Morrall AM, CSC was elected as Treasurer for a three-year term. I'm also pleased to advise that Frances Rose OAM and Bruce Trewartha OAM have agreed to continue as co-opted members of the Committee.

As you know, our Branch will host the Association's 2022 National Conference and AGM here in Canberra. Our planning sub-committee has already been busy and I'm pleased to announce that the dates will be 18 – 22 May 2022. We have a number of very exciting ideas for the Conference and we'll keep you posted as things begin to firm. Meanwhile, you can help by completing and returning the short survey about events that you'll find later in this newsletter. The sub-committee is looking hard at offering a home-hosted dinner as part of the program. Such dinners have been a very well-regarded feature of previous conferences here in the ACT and the survey includes a question about whether Branch members are willing to open their homes again in 2022. We look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,

Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM
Branch Chairman

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BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR'S REPORT



I attended the OAA Board meeting, held using Teams, on Friday 18 February 2021.

The Board discussed issues raised by the SA Branch, including a concern that not enough is done to attract new members. It agreed that attraction and retention of members is primarily the responsibility of branches but would welcome suggestions on how it could provide support.

The Board confirmed three circular resolutions regarding further payment of \$1000 to each Branch from the Government's Stimulus Package, approval of By-Laws and an amendment to By-Law 2.3.4(c).

The Board noted that the 2022 National Conference & AGM had been discussed by the Executive Committee and was satisfied that planning is on track.

The National Treasurer reported a healthy balance sheet and that the current year surplus stands at \$166,020.

The Deputy National Chairman reported on Audit and Risk Committee activity, including consideration of a revised G5 Risk Management Policy and drafting of a social media policy.

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The Board considered the results of the Board Skills Matrix recently completed by Board members and where appropriate would share requirements with Branch Chairs to inform election of branch nominated directors.

The Board approved expenditure required to upgrade the Association's website.

The National Membership Director noted that there were 565 recipients in the 2021 Australia Day list compared with 838 in 2020.

The Board discussed the leakage of news of Margaret Court's honour and the Victorian Premier's public commentary. The Chair has taken the matter up with the Chair of the Council.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 16 April 2021.

Dr Alan Morrison AM JP
direct@theorderofaustralia.asn.au
Director

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 Graham Glenn AO – Australia Day 1993 – For service to the public sector reform and to industrial relations.

Mr Phillip Dodds OAM – Queen's Birthday 1995 – In recognition of service to the community.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

On Tuesday 26 January, members and guests gathered at Royal Canberra Golf Club to celebrate Australia Day, acknowledge the achievements of recipients in the 2021 Australia Day Honours List, and hear guest speaker, Dr Brian Walker AO.

Dr Walker's address was entitled "**Resilience: what it is, and what it is not**". His very thought-provoking presentation included an explanation of factors that help confer resilience and those that diminish it; he also emphasised that sometimes recognising and accepting the need for transformational change is necessary to promote resilience. You can find his visual presentation at <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/act/events/> including the link to the recently published paper from which the address was drawn. Brian was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in January 2020 *for distinguished service to science, particularly to ecosystem ecology and research, and to professional scientific bodies.*



Ross Kingsland AM, Laura Walker, Dr Brian Walker AO



Malcolm Mackerras AO, Alan Morrison AM

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Meredythe Crane, Frances Rose OAM



Shirley Harris, Peter Harris OAM, Julie Long OAM, Chris Long



Dianne Trewartha, Edmund Wheeler OAM, Sandra Wheeler



Sue Packer AM, Monica Phelan

WELCOME TO NEW OAA MEMBERS FROM THE 2020 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Air Vice-Marshal Leigh Gordon AO CSM. For distinguished service in responsible positions in acquisition and sustainment of aerospace systems for the Australian Defence Force.

Mr Stephen Byron AM. For significant service to the aviation infrastructure sector, and to tourism.

Mrs Coralie Amos OAM – For service to the community through a range of roles.

WO1 Michael Bates OAM – For meritorious service in the appointments of Regimental Sergeant Major 21st Construction Regiment, Regimental Sergeant Major 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment, Career Adviser Royal Australian Engineers and Regimental Sergeant Major Army Ceremonial.

Mrs Wanda Horky OAM - For service to the Polish community in Australia.

Colonel William Kelly (Ret'd) AM - For significant service to pharmacy through a range of roles.

CPO Jeremy Pitchford OAM – For meritorious service in the field of maritime Communications and Information Systems support.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND GUEST SPEAKER



Andrew Phelan AM, Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM

Our 2021 Annual General Meeting was held on 16 February and was the first conducted under the Association's new Constitution. The Chair's report provides some detail on the 2021 Branch committee confirmed at the meeting. Following the AGM meeting, Branch Committee Member and 2019 Queen's Birthday recipient, Andrew Phelan AM spoke about his experiences at the High Court of Australia, where he served for more than a decade as Chief Executive and Principal Registrar.



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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 26 May 2021.

TIME: 7.30 am to 9.00 am.

VENUE: Commonwealth Club, 25 Forster Crescent, Yarralumla.

An opportunity for members and guests to welcome the 2021 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 a guest 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

RSVP by Thursday 20 May 2021 (please note dietary requirements, and put post nominals in the surname field)

1. **Buy tickets online** (preferred) at StickyTickets: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/TEPZW>
Click on the link or copy and enter it directly into your browser.

For recipients of 2021 Australia Day honours and awards only: Click on "Ticket/Register", then enter promotion code AD21 to activate the complimentary ticket for yourself and a guest.

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

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26 May 2021 Breakfast

Name and Postnominals:

Guest name(s) & Postnominals:

Dietary Requirements

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)

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VENUE: The Royal Canberra Golf Club, 71 Bentham St, Yarralumla

TIME: 10.00 am – 11.30 pm

COST: \$15.00

DRESS: Smart casual – Lapel pins.

Booking enquiries: Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM

Mob: 0467 719 020 or Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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2. **Mail or email** booking slip to: Mr. Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM
23 Norman Street, DEAKIN ACT 2600
E: Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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MORNING TEA 31 March 2021

Name and Postnominals.....

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

Payment instructions:

My cheque to OAA-ACT for \$_____ is enclosed

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Signature: _____ Sum authorized: \$ _____

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Payment instructions:

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION (ACT BRANCH)

MEMBER SURVEY – FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

1. As the Branch Committee gives thought to our post-COVID activities, your input as a member is critically important. Could you please take a few moments to complete the following survey to assist in shaping our future program.

2. In recent years we have run a program based on the events in the table below and we seek your views on whether they still meet member needs. Could you please rate the events on a scale of 1-5, 1 = Not Interested to 5 = Highly Desirable, and add any comments.

Function	1-5	Comment
Australia Day Breakfast		
Queen's Birthday Luncheon		
Reception for New Recipients		
Morning Tea		
School Award Presentation		
Multi-Faith Observance		
Australian Defence Force Oration		
Australian National University Lecture		

3. Could you please also advise your views on possible additional or alternative activities. Some possibilities are listed but please feel free to add to the list.

Function	1-5	Comment
Evening activities (eg an annual dinner)		
Fundraising activities to support our charity, The Order of Australia Association Foundation		
Group tours		

4. Finally, the Branch will be hosting the 2022 National Conference and Annual General Meeting from 18 to 22 May 2022. A popular feature of previous conferences held in Canberra has been 'home-hosted dinners', at which ACT members host one or more interstate member and their partner/s for dinner at home. In 2022, this would likely be on Friday 20 May. Could you please indicate if you would be prepared to host a dinner in your home?

YES/NO

Name: _____

(Optional, but we would be grateful if you would provide your name so we can follow up if appropriate, especially if you are interested in hosting dinner for interstate delegates during the 2022 Conference.)

Please return this survey by Wednesday 31 March, by either email or post to:

Email: Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

Post: Chair
The Order of Australia Association (ACT Branch)
PO Box 423
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Many thanks for your assistance.