



Welcome from VIC Branch Chair

Welcome to our first edition for 2022 of the Order of Australia Association VIC Branch e-Newsletter.

Trust since our last communication you have stayed safe and found time to relax and catch up with family and friends you have been distanced from over the past two years.

Congratulations to the 186 Order of Australia 2022 Australia Day Honours & Awards Victorian based recipients, a letter of congratulations from our National Chairman (Barry Nunn AO) together with the OAA membership invitation application brochure has been mailed to recipients.

The first two VIC Branch events for 2022 are:-

Inspiring Australians Oration to be delivered by Arron Wood AM on Wednesday February 23 at the Melbourne Town Hall. Please refer to page 2 for the invitation and booking details.

Annual lunch with speaker Elleni Bereded-Samuel AM on Wednesday March 30 in the William Angliss Restaurant. Please refer to page 3 for the invitation and booking details.

Please refer to the national website for further information regarding the Order of Australia Association Branch and Regional Group news, Merchandise Shop and Order of Australia Award Nominations at <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au>.



Stay safe and we look forward to meeting face-to-face in 2022.

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Victoria Branch Annual General Meeting

The Order of Australia Association Limited (OAA), Victoria Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM), will be held on Wednesday March 30, 2022 commencing at 11.00am at the William Angliss Institute. 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Sign in from 10.45am.

Note: Attendees at the 2022 AGM are required to use QR sign in, show proof of fully vaccination and wear a mask.

Nominations: At the 2022 AGM nominations will be called for vacant Office Bearer and Committee positions listed below:

Secretary Vacant

Treasurer Vacant

Events Coordinator Vacant

Minute Secretary Vacant (this is a new position)

Friday February 11, 2022, the Annual General Meeting agenda pack for OAA VIC Branch will be emailed to financial members with an email address noted on the database and mailed to members without an email address. The pack will include booking link to attend the AGM and a request for Proxy Form if not attending.

Inspiring Australians Oration

Invitation for OAA Members and Guests

Wednesday February 23, 2022

10.30am registration for 11.00am start to 12.30pm
Melbourne Town Hall: 90-130 Swanston Street,
Melbourne

Oration will be delivered by **Arron Wood AM**



News Ltd Telstra Micro Business Award winner Arron Wood AM was in 2020 awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for significant contribution to the environment, to local government and to the community. Recognition for nearly 25 years of leadership Arron is the former Deputy Lord Mayor for the City of Melbourne and was Chair of the Finance and Governance Portfolio. He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and was winner of the Melbourne Business Award for Contribution to the Environment. Arron was the Chair of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute for the University of Melbourne and is a member of the South East Water Board in Victoria.

Previously Arron was appointed to the high-level Enterprise Melbourne Advisory Board to attract sustainable investment to Melbourne.

Cost: \$10 per person includes GST + booking fee. Light refreshments will be served

Members: Order of Australia large medal may be worn at the Oration

Book by February 17 at <https://.trybooking.com/BWKZR>

Currently QR sign in and Valid Vaccination or Exemption certificate sighting is required at check-in for all attendees. Attendees are required to wear a mask except when eating or drinking.

Enquires or assistance with bookings contact
Fred Harrington OAM via E: sec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au or M: 0417 116 304



Annual General Meeting Lunch Invitation for Members and Guests

Wednesday March 30, 2022 at 12noon
William Angliss Restaurant
550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Annual General Meeting lunch speaker
Elleni Bereded-Samuel AM

Executive Manager, Diversity and Capability Development, Australian Unity

Elleni is an experienced senior executive, board member and community leader whose work with migrants and refugees including Africans has been recognised with many awards including an AM for services to the community in 2019. She has also been recognised in the Westpac AFR award as one of 100 Women of Influence in Australia. Elleni has deep expertise in strengthening education, training and employment opportunities and access to services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities, particularly migrant and refugee communities.



She has served on many committees and boards, including the SBS Board. Elleni was the first of two Directors ever appointed based on merit to the SBS board. She was the first-generation migrant/refugee who served on the board.

Currently Elleni is Board member of Royal Children Hospital, Wellways Board Member and a member of the advisory board of the Western Metropolitan Partnerships, a significant Victorian State Government initiative.

Cost: \$33 per person includes GST + booking fee. 2 course lunch, cash bar for drinks

Members: Order of Australia large medal may be worn at the lunch

Book by March 23 at <https://.trybooking.com/BWYAX>

Currently QR sign in and Valid Vaccination or Exemption certificate sighting is required at check-in for all attendees. Attendees are required to wear a mask except when eating or drinking.

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Victoria Branch events for 2022

NOTE: Based on current State of Victoria regulations, attendees at hospitality venues in Victoria are required to:-

Use QR code sign in

Wear a mask inside except when eating or drinking and

Show confirmation they are double vaccinated or proof of a government medical exemption.

All venues selected by the VIC Branch for our events are accessible by members and guests of all abilities.

Wednesday February 23 – Inspiring Australian Oration please refer to page 2 for details including booking link

Wednesday March 30 – Annual General Meeting 10.45am sign in for 11.00am start. Agenda pack will be distributed to VIC Branch financial members on Friday February 11, 2022

Wednesday March 30 – Annual General Meeting lunch please refer to page 3 for details including booking link

June/July on a Sunday - National Gallery of Victoria Winter Masterpieces event; waiting for 2022 exhibition dates. Will include onsite lecture, exhibition and a lunch option

Thursday September 1 - 10.15pm to 12.30pm VIC Branch Reception to welcome Australia Day and Queen's Birthday recipients who have joined the Association; the committee decided to take this approach noting many local government councils host civic receptions for recipients.

Thursday November 24 - 6.15pm End of Year Dinner for members and guests at William Angliss Restaurant with speaker Allan Myers AC QC.

The VIC Branch will host two virtual events with topics and speakers of interest; this allows us to communicate with members who for various reasons are unable to attend face-to-face events.

In addition to VIC Branch events our Regional Groups organise a variety of morning teas, lunches, evening networks and dinners.

Regional Group Events and AGMs

Barwon Regional Group

Sunday February 27 – Annual General Meeting

Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. AGM will start at 2.15 pm.

Venue: Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, 17-21 High Street, Drysdale OR by Zoom with the joining details to be forwarded to registrants.

Cost: \$15 per person (GST inclusive) including afternoon tea served on individual covered plates with a variety of items

Guest speaker: Frances Diver, CEO Barwon Health (by Zoom)

RSVP: by Friday 18 February 2022 essential for catering purposes.

(Please note any dietary requirements).

Treasurer Peter Doak OAM pdoak@bigpond.net.au

Decorations: Full size Order of Australia medal may be worn

COVID rules applicable at the time will be followed



Central Highlands Wimmera

Sunday March 20 - Annual General Meeting

Please note change of date, further information will be sent to Central Highlands Wimmera members next month.

Eastern Suburbs Regional Group

Thursday February 17 – Annual General Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm

Venue: Because of the current uncertainty associated with planning for face-to-face events, the meeting will be held as a Zoom meeting

Guest speaker: Dr Shane Huntington OAM. Shane will speak about Communicating in a time of pandemic.

Registration to attend the AGM and associated webinar is required.

To register attendance visit the web page at <https://www.trybooking.com/BWRCY>.

A Zoom link will be sent to all members who register, approximately a week before the meeting.

Save the Date for webinars:

Thursday April 28

Boroondara local Rev. Jim Pilmer OAM, whose tireless Chaplaincy with the Victoria Police and the Anglican Church was recognised in 2021. Jim also holds a Public Service Medal, awarded in 2006, for outstanding public service to police chaplaincy and innovative development of a state-wide chaplaincy support network.

Thursday June 9

Karen Hayes, CEO of Guide Dogs Australia

Frankston Mornington Peninsula Region Group

Thursday February 24 – Annual General Meeting

Gippsland Regional Group

Sunday March 13 – Annual General Meeting

Loddon-Campaspe Regional Group

Friday March 25 – Annual General Meeting (Bendigo)

Mallee Regional Group

Wednesday March 16 – Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm via Zoom

Melbourne Central Regional Group

Wednesday March 23 – Annual General Meeting (Kooyong Tennis Club)

North Central Suburbs Regional Group

Wednesday March 2 – Annual General Meeting

North East Victoria and Goulburn Valley Regional Group

Welcome to 2022 to our North East Goulburn Valley members. We are also looking forward to welcoming new NEGV AD recipients at our functions planned for this year.

Our committee is meeting on February 14th to finalize plans for our first event and AGM on March 27th. Many of our members have pre-paid so we are expecting a good number of attendees for this luncheon and AGM. A formal invitation will be sent mid-February.

Please note that all attendees at our functions are required to be double-vaccinated (unless medical exemption). Masks are to be worn unless eating or drinking. Keeping safe is paramount for our members and guests.

Sunday March 27 lunch and Annual General Meeting at Parklake Motel, Shepparton

Guest speaker will be Mr Adam Furphy, Managing Director of Shepparton-based manufacturing business J. Furphy & Sons. A visit to the new Shepparton Arts Museum (SAM) is planned for after lunch. Photo of SAM on the right

Invitation to follow

Save the Date for future events:

Sunday June 19 at Mansfield

Sunday October 9 at Wangaratta



North East Victoria and Goulburn Valley Regional Group



OAA North East Victoria and Goulburn Valley Regional Group members at the Wangaratta 2022 Australia Day ceremony Photo supplied by Barb Thomas OAM NEV&GVRG Chair

South Central Suburban Regional Group

Thursday evening on January 27th was the date for the long awaited and often postponed Civic Reception for the 2020 and 2021 Australian Honors recipients that was to be held by the City of Kingston. They were most gracious to hold the annual event which is rotated between the City of Glen Eira, the City of Bayside and the City of Kingston and they asked {insisted} to carry it over another year because of the COVID -19 Global pandemic restrictions on face to face meetings that interrupted the natural flow of events. Hoorah to them.

Welcoming drinks and finger food were supplied to the assembled. The Mayor of Kingston Councillor Steve Staikos welcomed the Awardees that were able to attend, as well as the other Mayors of Glen Eira and Bayside, many Members of Parliament, Federal and State, staff members of Council, guests of Awardees and Committee members of the South Central Suburban Regional Group. It was one of the most comprehensive and caring welcomes that the writer has been privileged to hear.

The awardees were called up alphabetically with their citation being read out and then being given a gift, by one of the three Mayors and then having their photograph taken after the receipt of the gift and certificate commemorating this very special function. Our Chairman Graeme Woolacott OAM, responded to the welcome given by Mayor Councillor Steve Staikos, introduced the Awardees to the assembled and gave a toast at the conclusion of this most meaningful Civic Reception. Additional food and drinks were then served before the close.



Photo: Dr. Joanna (Jo) Newton OAM with SCSRGR Chairman Graeme Woolacott OAM

South Central Suburban Regional Group

We as the South Central Suburban Regional Group are so proud and pleased with the continuing support being given by the three Municipalities that constitute our Regional Group. All things being equal, the City of Bayside shall host the Civic Reception for the 2022 Australian Honors recipients recognised within the three municipalities.

Thursday February 17 – Annual General Meeting

Time: 11.00am

Venue: The Cheltenham Moorabbin RSL Club 289-293 Centre Dandenong Road Cheltenham

Cost: \$10. To book contact Chairman Email woolyg@bigpond.com

Guest speaker: Professor Noel Alpins AM who is a renowned Ophthalmologist involved in cutting edge eye care technology

Then we can enjoy a lunch at your own expense.

Western Suburbs Regional Group

Thursday February 17 – Annual General Meeting

OAA Merchandise Mask

June Kane AM, Chair of the Merchandise Sub-committee, was happy to receive an email recently from member Pam Robinson AM, who had been invited to Government House Victoria for the flag raising on Australia Day and accessorised her look with an Order of Australia Association face mask.

Pam wrote: “I thought you would like to see how much the OAA mask was both part of my fashion accessories as well as the mask needed for the morning! I thought too that you would be amused to know that I was approached by someone wearing a mask with the Melbourne Football Club logo on it when we were leaving the garden and I was asked if I would swap.”

Pam explained that she really didn't want to say that she didn't want an unwashed mask, and didn't want to appear too 'showy-off' for having received an award that allowed her to wear the crest on the mask, so she just smiled and said, “Thank you, but I follow St. Kilda”.

We are very pleased that the masks have been so popular. They have been re-ordered and will be in stock again soon (\$25 for a pack of two).

Keep checking the website to see when they are available:

www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart.



Please refer to page 10 for the current OAA Merchandise Order Form

Australia Day 2022 Honours List



- The Australia Day 2022 Honours List recognises 1,040 outstanding and inspirational Australians.
- They are awarded in 3 Categories:
 - Order of Australia Honours (General, Military Divisions);
 - Meritorious Awards; and
 - Distinguished and Conspicuous Awards (Military).
- Recipients announced in the list will be invested with their awards in the coming months, either by the Governor-General at Government House in Canberra, or by the State Governors or Administrator of the Northern Territory, where COVID-19 restrictions allow.

Order of Australia Honours List (General Division)

- A total of 732 people were recognised in the Order of Australia Honours (General Division) in the Australia Day 2022 list:
 - 7 appointed Companion of the Order (AC)
 - 25 appointed Officer of the Order (AO)
 - 155 appointed Member of the Order (AM)
 - 545 awarded Medal of the Order (OAM)
- This list includes recipients being recognised (at least in part) for their contribution in support of Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A separate Honour Roll for COVID-19 service has been included in this package.
- Women were recognised with 346 awards (47 per cent). This is the highest percentage of female Order of Australia recipients in an honours list since the introduction of the Australian honours system in 1975.
- The Governor-General is continuing to reach out to organisations in Australia and to the general community to increase diversity in nominations.
- Over 45 per cent of awards (330 in total) were for outstanding service or achievement in the community.
- The youngest recipient is 17 years old; the eldest living recipient is 99 years old.
- The list also contains 36 recipients who won Gold Medals in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games held in 2021.

Above Fact Sheet data provided by Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

The Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch thanks members who took the time to nominate or assist others with their nominations.

We also thank Stacey Williams for the Recognise Matters program that includes guidelines on 'How to Nominate'.



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION Merchandise Order Form

Item and Description*	PRICE	QTY	Total \$
1 A5 lined notepads OAA crest watermark 4 per pack	10.00		
2 Blank greeting cards + envelopes (5)	10.00		
3 Blue/gold pen in gift box	7.00		
4 Key ring in gift box	10.00		
5 Cufflinks in gift box	35.00		
6 Metal medallion/paperweight	15.00 SALE		
7 Lapel badge (Association logo)	10.00 SALE		
8 Loop Inductive Charger	18.00		
9 Vista Travel Charger Kit	33.00		
10 Laptop bag	33.00		
11 Barista Travel Cup	15.00		
12 Face Mask (2 per pack)	OUT OF STOCK		
13 Scarf unisex knitted	29.00		
14 Ladies' pure silk scarf (silver/grey)	45.00		
15 Ladies pure silk scarf (blue original)	45.00		
16 Ladies pure silk scarf (beige/pink)	45.00		
17 OAA traditional tie (navy)	25.00		
18 OAA tie (spotted)	30.00		
SUB-TOTAL			
Postage & Handling			11.00
TOTAL PAYABLE			\$ _____

Questions: Please phone 0413 008 571
Email order form with payment details to
merchandise@theorderofaustralia.asn.au
OR
Mail to OAA Merchandise PO Box 18389.
Collins Street East, Melbourne VIC 8003
OR
Order online and pay with PayPal or credit card:
www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart



*Only OAA members may wear apparel, cufflinks & badges. Updated January 2022

P&H: Multiple items will be put in one postage pack where possible.

Name _____ Phone _____
Email address _____
Mailing address _____
Suburb _____ State/Territory _____ Postcode _____
Total Cost of order: \$ _____ Cheque payable to Order of Australia Association enclosed ☐ Y ☐ N or
Please debit my ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa Card: Number _____ Expiry Date _____ CSV _____

Regional Group Chairs as at January 31, 2022

Barwon	Wayne Myers OAM
Central Highlands Wimmera	John Burt OAM
Eastern Suburbs	Geoffrey Grinton OAM
Gippsland	Lorraine Bartling OAM
Loddon-Campaspe	Steven Lee AM
Mallee	VIC Branch committee
Melbourne Central	Trevor Clark OAM
Mornington Peninsula	Geoff Walsh AO
NE & Goulburn Valley	Barbara Thomas OAM
North Central Suburbs	Fred Harrington OAM
South Central Suburbs	Graeme Woolacott OAM
SW Victoria	Peter Habersberger AM RFD
Western Suburbs	John Ravenhall AM

The Order of Australia Association

2022 National Conference and Annual General Meeting

Canberra

Thursday May 19 to Sunday May 22, 2022

The conference program and registration details will be included in the February 2022 edition of *The Order* national magazine scheduled for distribution to members on February 18, 2022

