



Welcome from VIC Branch Chair

Please enjoy reading The Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch September 2022 edition of our e-Newsletter.

Life is returning to a new normality with further restrictions being lifted and people getting out and about enjoying the glorious spring colours and beautiful sunshine.

Our final OAA Victoria Branch event for 2022 is an End of Year Dinner on Thursday November 24 at William Angliss Restaurant. The invitation to members and their guests is on page 2. Please note there will be allocated table seating for this dinner. Bookings are via TryBooking.

Some of our Regional Groups have lunches and dinners planned for October and November; please refer to pages 7 to 9.

We thank members and their guests who supported two events since our June e-Newsletter. On Thursday September 1, 2022 the Victoria Branch had the opportunity to thank recipients who joined the Association in 2022 at a reception at the Melbourne Town Hall. Please refer to page 5.

Sunday August 7 our annual Winter Masterpieces lecture, exhibition and lunch was fully booked. Refer to page 6.

The Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC hosted three Investitures at Government House September 6, 7 and 8 for 206 Order of Australia Queen's Birthday Victorian recipients who have gone above and beyond.

The 2023 Order of Australia Association National Conference will be held in Geelong May 18-21. Page 12 lists opportunities for Association members to be involved.

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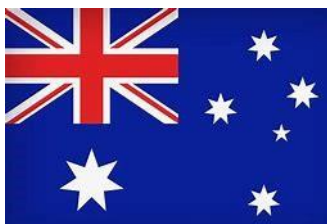
Please refer to the national website for further information regarding the Order of Australia Association Branch and Regional Group news, Merchandise Shop and Order of Australia Award Nominations at <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au>

Congratulations Geelong Football Club - AFL 2022 Premiers

Our last e-Newsletter for 2022 will be mid-December.

To our members, please stay well and enjoy spring.





THE
ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
ASSOCIATION
VICTORIA BRANCH

End of Year Dinner

Invitation for OAA Members and Guests

Thursday November 24, 2022 at 6.30pm
William Angliss Restaurant
Enter from 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Dinner speaker is **Allan Myers AC KC**

Topic - Universities

Allan Myers AC KC is an Australian barrister, academic, businessman, landowner and philanthropist, and the current Chancellor of the University of Melbourne

Order of Australia Association Foundation 2018
Scholarship recipient **Jeremy Doupe** will provide members and guests with an update on his studies, work and community service

Dinner MC: David Mann AM



Cost: \$45 per person includes GST + booking fee. 2 course dinner, cash bar for drinks.
Members please note - Order of Australia **miniature** medal may be worn at the dinner

Order of Australia Association merchandise will be available to purchase at the dinner

Book by November 16 at <https://www.trybooking.com/CCRJA>

Note allocated table seating list will be at the entrance to the restaurant

Enquires or assistance with bookings contact

Fred Harrington OAM via E: sec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au or M: 0417 116 304

VALE – HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch joins with the nation in remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-reigning monarch in Commonwealth history and the Sovereign head of the Order of Australia.

Her life has been an inspiration, one dedicated to service. As she said on her 21st birthday, “my whole life whether it be long or short shall be dedicated to your service”.



Her Majesty provided stability over seven decades serving us with dignity, dedication, devotion, grace and commitment in an ever changing world.

Thank you for a lifetime of public duty to the Crown, the Commonwealth, and to millions of people of all ages.



May She Rest in Eternal Peace

Words from VIC Branch member Pam Robinson AM in London

I arrived into London the day before the Queen's death on 8th September and like everyone with the news I was initially shocked and saddened. Since then, every day, I have either attended venues or watched on TV in "real time" the various significant events.

I was very privileged to attend the first acknowledgement at the St. Paul's Cathedral Service of Reflection and Prayers on the evening of Friday 9th and I wore my AM lapel pin.

The Service opened with the King's Speech at 6pm; then wonderful Choir and Organ music, followed by Readings including one by the new United Kingdom Prime Minister the Rt.Hon. Elizabeth Truss MP and the Sermon was beautifully worded and conveyed.

Closing at 7pm and to be able to join the Choir and Congregation in the First Official rendition of "God Save the King", was a very special moment. I signed the Condolence Book.

VALE – HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Words from member Pam Robinson AM in London – continued from page 3

Since then with family I have visited Windsor (Castle area) and Bath Abbey where a relative is recognised with a monument...and a lasting memory of everywhere is the perfume of laid flowers and the quiet good nature of people to people.

This morning I will watch the Queen's funeral on TV with my younger sister (in Dublin)...it is a treat to watch the various daily moments together.

Yesterday it was good to see our Governor General and Prime Minister at Buckingham Palace and I felt my Australian self.

Personal Reflection Tribute from VIC Branch member Jacqueline Pascarl. OAM

Vale Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Ma'am, in 1984, you were humorous kindness personified to me, (a junior member or a foreign royal family or of little consequence) laughing and putting me at my ease and teaching me how to lay a wreath ("always bob from the knee, one shouldn't bend more than necessary") and discussing Australia quietly, as an aside lesson at Buckingham Palace, in the smaller drawing room, over tea.

Earlier this week I was moved and proud to receive the Order of Australia as Letters Patent in your name. It meant so much more to me because of that slight connection years ago.

Ma'am, never again will the world know such a dedicated, hard toiling and incredibly stoic Head of State.

You inspired many, including myself, with your wisdom, indefatigable service, and selflessness to duty.

Bless you Ma'am, time to lay down the burden and your duty to the Commonwealth and your Kingdom, and rest in peace.

Photo of Jacqueline Pascarl OAM at her September 2022 Investiture at Government House Victoria.



THANK YOU 2022 MEMBERS RECEPTION

On Thursday September 1, 2022 the Victoria Branch hosted a Thank You Reception at the Melbourne Town Hall for Order of Australia recipients who joined the Association this year. For various reasons some members were unable to attend due to business conferences, work commitments, holidays up north or overseas; we hope to catch up with them and acknowledge their outstanding contribution to Australia at our November 24 dinner.

The National Anthem was sung by Wendy Stapleton, Ally Mac and Angie Stapleton; the trio provided more entertainment at the end of formalities. Wendy is the Founder of the Australian Women's Choir.

Citations read by MC David Mann AM acknowledged the diverse services being recognised including to people who are blind or have low vision; tertiary education, and to first nations peoples; conservation and the environment, particularly to the solar energy sector; music education; tourism and wine associations and to the community of Victoria; Royal Australian Navy in senior command positions; Australian rules football history; small business sector; religion, education, professional organisations and to the law; the community through a range of roles including Australian Navy Cadets and Rotary including District Governor; the African community of Victoria; dairy and primary industry; the community through a range of organisations including Lions Club International and District Cabinet and the business sector; veterans and their families and Korean community of Victoria.



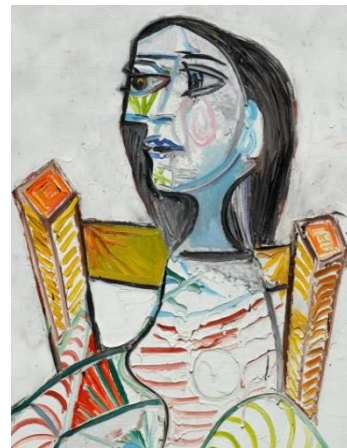
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2022 MELBOURNE WINTER MASTERPIECES

The Picasso Century Exhibition at National Gallery of Victoria and lunch in The Pavilion at Arts Centre Melbourne

One hundred members and guests attended the lecture and exhibition of the world-premiere Melbourne Winter Masterpieces, The Picasso Century at the NGV and lunch next door in The Pavilion at the Arts Centre on Sunday August 7, 2022



With over 80 of Picasso's artworks on display, alongside more than 100 works by contemporaries including Henri Matisse, Georges Braque, Salvador Dalí, Dora Maar and Gertrude Stein, this rare exhibition is not to be missed; extended exhibition hours are now from 9.00am to 5.00pm and 9.00am to 10.00pm on the final day Sunday October 9, 2022.

UPCOMING REGIONAL GROUP EVENTS

Central Highlands Wimmera

Two luncheons will be held for members in October to give all members across the region the chance to participate.

The first one will be held at the Horsham RSL on **Sunday 16th October** (speaker to be confirmed), followed by a second luncheon in Ballarat on **Sunday 30th October** (venue to be confirmed) with John Burt OAM to speak on the Ballarat Specialist School.

For further information regarding the two lunches in October please contact CHWRG Secretary Jean Wise OAM E: honeywise@bigpond.com

Loddon Campaspe Regional Group

Members and guests are invited to a guided tour of the spectacular Bendigo Chinese Museum & the tranquil gardens adjacent to the venue with the option to meet for lunch at the Bridge Hotel Bendigo



Date: Friday October 14

10.30 am Bendigo's Golden Dragon Chinese Museum, 1-11 Bridge St Bendigo. \$10 (prepay see below)

12.30 pm Lunch at Bridge Hotel, 49 Bridge St Bendigo (own cost)

Parking for both venues enter via Park Rd or on street meters

RSVP: Secretary Deborah Fleming OAM by Wednesday 5th October via Phone: 5426 1931 or 0409542619 Email: canddflemings@bigpond.com to ensure we reserve your place at one or both of the activities.

Payment can be made by cheque to 'Order of Australia Association- Loddon Campaspe Region' OR by EFT to account BSB 633-000 Number 107982381 Please place your name in the payee section for easy identification.

Melbourne Central Regional Group

Tuesday 25 October at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

Prof Peter Doherty AC, Is an Australian immunologist and Nobel Laureate, was named Australian of the Year 1997, undoubtedly one of the world's leading experts on immune diseases.

An invitation to the above lunch will be emailed to MCRG members closer to the date.

For further information regarding the lunch please contact MCRG Chairman Trevor Clark OAM

Email: tclark@bigpond.net.au

North East & Goulburn Valley Regional Group

Queen's Birthday NEGVRG Order of Australia Recipients

The NEGVRG had seven new recipients. We are very pleased to welcome three new members and congratulate them on their award:

- The Hon. Jeanette Powell AM from Kialla For significant service to the people and Parliament of Victoria, and to the community
- Catherine Marriott OAM from Yarrawonga For service to primary industry, and to regional development
- Rachel McKay OAM from Cobram For service to the Community of Cobram including Cemetery Trust, Primary School and Goulburn Murray Water Katunga Groundwater Reference Group

October Luncheon **Sunday October 9** at Quality Hotel, Wangaratta Gateway 29-37 Ryley St, Wangaratta at 12.30pm

Guest Speaker: Ms Alana Johnson AM received her AM on Australia Day 2020. She is well known to many of our members through her contribution to agriculture and her significant service to women.

Cost: \$60 per person (GST Inclusive)

Dress: Neat Casual Wear:

Large medals & Name Badge

R.S.V.P: By Friday 30th September 2022

Reply to: Mrs Margaret Attley OAM, Email: negvoaa@protonmail.com Phone. 0400 256 035

Any Dietary Requirements – Please advise at time of booking



SAVE the DATE for 2023

30th Anniversary Luncheon and Annual General Meeting in Benalla

Sunday 26th March 2023.

This will be North East & Goulburn Valley Regional Group AGM as well as the 30th anniversary celebration.

More details to follow in next e-news.

South Central Suburbs Regional Group

Annual End of Year Dinner, being held at Commonwealth Golf Club on **Wednesday November 16** commencing at 6.30pm with special guest speaker Ms. Kathy Kaplan OAM.

The daughter of a holocaust survivor, Kathy is a self-professed learning-junkie who suggests she must have drunk the spirit of volunteerism with her mother's milk. Originally a secondary Mathematics English teacher who spent most of her teaching career in North Queensland working with Aboriginal and Islander adolescents, Kathy has spent the better part of her professional life working in the fields of educational management and fundraising. She now runs a charity {Impact} as a volunteer to make a difference to Victorian women and children fleeing extreme violence in Victoria.



A six-time breast cancer survivor, Kathy has been a passionate presenter, advocating for breast cancer research and specialised supporting young single mums facing their breast cancer journey. She has had the sad privilege of sitting with several such women during their last hours and minutes.

On Australia Day 2011, Kathy was awarded an OAM for her work in the area of domestic violence and also for her work in the Jewish community and, in October 2015; Kathy was honoured with the prestigious Ron Castan Humanitarian Award for lifetime achievement. In 2020, not only did Pro Bono Australia name Kathy as one of the top 25 influential people in the Australian social sector in 2019, but Keep Victoria Beautiful named **impact** as the best community Social Well-Being program of the year.

Kathy is the very proud mum of three adult children and the adoring *Safti* (grandmother) of two little boys.

BOOKING DETAILS: END OF YEAR DINNER

Date: Wednesday November 16

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Commonwealth Golf Club, Glennie Avenue South Oakleigh

Miniature Order of Australia Medal to be worn

Cost: \$75 per person GST included

RSVP: By Thursday November 10

Payment: Contact Treasurer Alan Samuel OAM JP. Phone 0408 024 224

Email alan@samuelfamily.net

The **City of Kingston** held their Community Youth Awards on Tuesday 13th of September in Mordialloc. There were 5 nominees, with the winner that was selected from amongst them, being Ms. Alice Ho. This would have been a very hard decision by the voting panel as all of these terribly bright, committed young people had much that they were offering to their community and their individual networks. The Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Steve Staikos did the presentations to the individuals and announced the winner. Chairman Graeme Woolacott OAM then came forward and presented a financial bursary and signed certificate to Alice on behalf of the South Central Suburbs Regional Group.

Stefan Romaniw OAM leading the charge in Ukrainians caring for community

By Dr. Teresa De Fazio OAM (OAA VIC Branch committee member)

We are often inspired by stories of migration and settlement. The resourcefulness, passion and community spirit that drives migrants to Australia to build a better life and contribute to the social fabric in unique and enriching ways is a constant migration story theme. Australia's modern history of settlement is characterised by migrants who, for the main, came to Australia because of challenges in their home country. The migrant story is normally one of creating a new life and contributing to Australian society in a meaningful way. However, for Australian Ukrainians, their focus has been on the war in the Ukraine: their fears for their families and friends, and their dismay at seeing Ukraine in the grip of a war.

On Tuesday August 16th, the Melbourne Central Regional Group hosted Stefan Romaniw OAM who presented an insightful account of the how the war has impacted the community, both locally and overseas. Stefan was joined by key members of the Australian-Ukrainian community who met with OAA members for a memorable luncheon address.

Members of the Order of Australia Association listened intently to how the local Ukrainian community and their friends have been frantically collecting clothing, blankets, and important supplies to send to the Ukraine to ease the conditions of those effected there. Also, how the local Ukrainians, joined by the broader community, have mobilised to ensure that those fleeing the war, are supported as best possible.

Stefan Romaniw OAM, has held, and continues to hold many distinguished community positions. As Co-Chair of the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations he is normally overseeing community social, educational and other programs. However, recently found himself in the warzone seeing for himself the devastation and trauma that war brings. Suffice to say, that each person present found Stefan's presentation very moving and informative. And the Ukrainian community, equally moved and grateful for the support provided by The Order of Australia Association



Photo: L-R:
Ahmet Keskin,
Executive Director
Australian Intercultural
Society, Eddie Micallef,
Board Chair Ethnic
Communities Council of
Victoria, Jill Morgan AM
Deputy Chair
Federation of Ethnic
Communities Councils
of Australia, Stefan
Romaniw OAM and
Teresa De Fazio OAM

Frequently Asked Question

Wearing of Order of Australia Medals **Day Functions**

The full-size insignia (Main Piece) is generally worn at day functions where decorations have been prescribed by the event, for example Anzac Day, Remembrance Day ceremonies or special services such as a State Funeral, Memorial or Thanksgiving Service. This would include Association Branch and Regional Group events

Evening Functions

At events such as evening receptions and dinners where decorations have been prescribed, the miniature insignia is generally worn. The main exception to this is Neck Decorations (AC and AO), which are worn in full-size.

Every-day Wear

A lapel badge may be worn on civilian clothes at any time. Only one badge should be worn at a given time and not when other insignia pieces are worn.



How do I order additional or replace Order of Australia Medals or Lapel Pins?

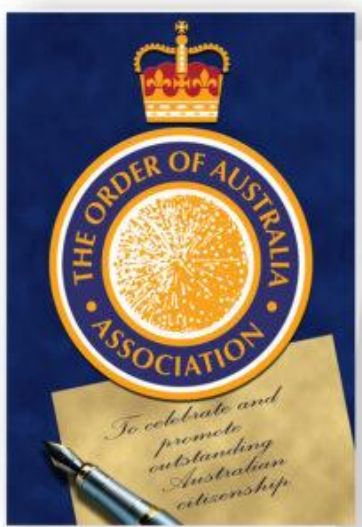
Additional or replacement Order of Australia Insignia and Lapel Pins can be purchased from:

Honours Secretariat

The Order of Australia Government House
Yarralumla ACT 2600
Telephone: (02) 6283 3533
Email: honours@gg.gov.au

Note the Association Lapel Badge sold in the Merchandise Shop is NOT the official lapel pin Order of Australia recipients receive with the medal pack at their Investiture.

Merchandise Shop Website: www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart



Pack of five (5) greeting cards
& envelopes
Blank inside
Cost: \$10 per pack

OAA
Boxed Keyring
Cost: \$12



2023 National Conference May 18-21 Opportunites for Members

With the 2023 National Conference being held in Geelong May 18-21 Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch offers opportunites for members to be involved:

Governor-General David Hurley AC and Mrs Hurley have confirmed they will be joining members and guests on Thursday night at the reception; Friday morning at the conference opening and Saturday dinner with Foundation scholarship presentations.

Volunteers

With various conference events and the selling of merchandise our Volunteers coordinator Cathy Roth OAM invites members willing to assist to please contact her via E: cathy.roth@bigpond.com
Page 13 of this e-Newsletter lists the conference program.

Sponsors

The nature of the Order of Australia is such that the Association's members are drawn from all walks of life and a variety of economic circumstances. Sponsorship is therefore very important in keeping the cost of attending our conference at an affordable level.

Reciprocally, we aim to provide value to sponsors by helping them to engage as active supporters of community service and good citizenship.

The terms of any sponsorship agreement are negotiable. If you as a business owner, Director or employee are interested in a sponsorship proposal please contact the OAA VIC Branch Chair Helene Bender AM via E: chairvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au or Mobile 0407 261 951

Sunday Market

Members who own a business are invited to set up a Sunday Market at the conference to sell products or market services. Each stand area is 90x90 with table, cloth and two chairs provided at no cost. Number of stands is limited;

If interested please email business details to chairvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

National Conference Bags

There is an opportunity for members to include niche products and marketing material in the 2023 National Conference bags for delegates. Please contact OAA VIC Branch Chair with details of your marketing products and material.

Conference venue is Geelong Events Centre next to the conference hotel Rydges Geelong Hotel corner of Myers & Gheringhap Streets, Geelong.

Geelong Library & Heritage Centre



2023 National Conference Geelong Victoria: Save the Date May 18 – 21

The Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch invites you to join us May 18-21, 2023 in Geelong as we start ***Working Together-Building the Future***

Thursday May 18

Registration Desk and Merchandise shop open 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Early evening – Welcome to Geelong Reception at the Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Dinner at your expense in the dining precinct along Little Malop Street and beyond

Friday May 19

Registration Desk and Merchandise shop open 8.30am to 1.30pm

- Welcome to Country
- Official Opening
- Oration
- Key note address with a focus on environmental sustainability
- Preparing quality nominations with a focus on diversity

Field Trip 1.45pm to 5.45pm to innovative business precincts that have formed clusters working together and growing with other smaller industries and service providers

Saturday May 20

Registration Desk and Merchandise shop open 8.30am to 3.30pm

Annual General Meeting and Members' Forum

Panel sessions:

- Social and economic values of multi-cultural communities Australia wide
- Indigenous leadership in our nation
- Health & Wellbeing in the Future

National Conference **Dinner and OAA Foundation awards** to scholarship recipients at Mt Duneed Estate Winery an iconic Geelong winery.

Return transport from Geelong central location

Sunday May 21

Registration Desk and Merchandise shop open 10.00am to 1.00pm

Sunday Brunch and Market: Together we have worked through unparalleled challenges.

We will respectfully acknowledge: frontline people in the community from agricultural, cashiers, cleaners, delivery drivers, educators, food processors, healthcare, maintenance, protective services and beyond.

Conference accommodation bookings will open on Monday October 3, 2022.

Conference registrations will open on Thursday November 17, 2022



Victoria Proclamation of King Charles III

On behalf of The Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch Chair Helene Bender AM signed the official Condolence Book at Government House on Monday September 12, 2022 to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and attended the ceremony where His Majesty King Charles III was proclaimed as the new Sovereign of Australia by Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria.



In Victoria, when the reigning Monarch dies, all Parliamentarians, Chief Justice, Lt Governor have to be re-sworn with allegiance to the new King.

The proclamation was jointly signed by the Governor, the Premier, the Chief Justice, the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The proclamation was in three parts: Part 1 was the proclamation of the new King by the Governor, Part 2 the swearing in of the Premier, Chief Justice, Lt Governor of Victoria and Part 3 the swearing in of Commissioners who will administer the oath to State Parliamentarians tomorrow.

The ceremony was executed with precision and the tribute to the late Queen by the Governor of Victoria was respectful and moving. The Governor also spoke about the many visitors she and her husband Anthony Howard AM KC spoke with over the weekend leaving floral tributes and signing the condolence book outside Government House.

The ceremony began with the Welcome to Country by Aunty Joy, First Nation Elder.

Regional Group Chairs as at September 26, 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

Heather Barton AM

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

Leigh Hardinge OAM

Congratulations 2022 AFL Premiers Geelong Football Club

