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NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 7 December 2022

**OAA-ANU lecture
ANU**

**Booking sheets for the following
events are enclosed:**

Thursday 26 January 2023

**Australia Day Breakfast
Royal Canberra Golf Club**

Wednesday 15 February 2023

**AGM & Guest Speaker
Royal Canberra Golf Club**

OAA-ANU LECTURE – 7 DECEMBER 2022



Please join us to hear Professor Rory Medcalf AM deliver this year's OAA-ANU lecture on *Making sense of national security*. Professor Medcalf is Head of the National Security College at The Australian National University. His career spans diplomacy, academia, intelligence analysis, journalism and think tanks, including with the Lowy Institute. This event will be held at 160 Mills Road, Acton. Parking options are at the booking link. Bookings are to be made through the ANU so please book your spot at [Making sense of national security - ANU](https://www.stickytickets.com.au/BE12Z) or if have a printed newsletter, contact Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020 or chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au for further detail.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST 26 JANUARY 2023



Please join us to welcome and celebrate with ACT and area citizens awarded in the 2023 Australia Day Honours. This event will be held at The Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla on Thursday 26 January with guest speaker Professor Tanya Monro AC who was appointed a Companion in the Order of Australia for *eminent service to scientific and technological development, to research and innovation, to tertiary education, particularly in the field of photonics, and to professional organisations*.

Please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/BE12Z> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter.

Contact for this event is Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020 or chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au.

AGM & GUEST SPEAKER - 15 FEBRUARY 2023

Our Annual General Meeting 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 2023. Join us for nibbles (and drinks at own expense) from 5.30 pm; the AGM will start



at 6.00 pm sharp and be followed at 6.30 pm by a talk by Robert Care AM on "The Humanitarian Challenge Ahead". Robert was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2012 for *service to engineering through a range of executive roles, to the business sector, to international humanitarian programs, and to the sport of athletics*.

Book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/GDMVF> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Fellow ACT Branch Members,

With so much rain and very cool temperatures, it's hard to believe it's November! We've had quite a busy time since our July newsletter, with a fantastic Student Citizenship Awards presentation night, a fascinating morning tea with John Hardy AM, and a wonderful evening at our Spring reception for new recipients. You can read reports on all those events later in these pages and on the website, but just a couple of extra notes on the reception. First, some of you may have noticed that one of our waitresses was Lize van der Walt, who was one of our individual Student Citizenship Award winners this year. It was great terrific to see Lize out and about in the community in a different way. And second, I must confess that I inadvertently missed introducing one of our new recipients from this year's Queen's Birthday list, Liesel Wett OAM. I've apologised to Liesel and invited her to come as our guest to the Autumn 2023 reception.

As the end of the year draws closer, we're now focused on the ANU lecture with Professor Rory Medcalf AM, which is to be held at ANU on Wednesday 7 December. Rory is one of Australia's foremost experts on national security, and this event is not to be missed. You'll find all the details later in the newsletter and on the website.

I'm delighted to announce that our speaker for the 2023 Australia Day breakfast will be new member Professor Tanya Monro AC. Tanya is the Chief Defence Scientist and has an eminent record in her field, photonics, the science of light waves. Do come along to hear from one of Australia's brightest young scientific minds while celebrating the achievements of Australia Day recipients.

The Branch Committee is also looking to the 2023 Annual General Meeting, and you'll find an agenda and a Committee nomination form in the newsletter. Please keep an eye on the website in January for the 2022 Annual Report. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 February at Royal Canberra Golf Club, and that night we'll also hear from branch member Professor Robert Care AM. Robert is Chair of RedR Australia, a leading international humanitarian response agency, and he will speak about the humanitarian challenge ahead. Please come along to listen to Robert and participate in the governance of your Branch.

In closing, may I wish all members of the Branch a very happy festive season.

Warm regards,

Mike

PS. Did you spot Branch member Glenys Patulny OAM in *The Canberra Times* recently?

BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The National Board Meeting on 26th August 2022 was again held as a TEAMS teleconference.

The Chairman announced the resignation of the WA Director, Robin Watts AM who had made considerable contribution to the Association during her period as a director, and Clive Robartson AM was appointed to the resultant casual vacancy.

The Charter for the Marketing Committee, chaired by the ACT Director, was endorsed and its Work Plan was reviewed.

Despite the recent reduction in the value of the investment portfolio, the financial performance to date showed a healthy underlying profit.

Membership data analyses shows a variation in the conversion rate of recipients between Branches, and an overall small year to year decline.

The Board considered a comprehensive report on the Canberra Conference provided by the ACT Chairman which will provide input to a current review of conference policy and give guidance for the 2023 Conference in Geelong, preparations for which are well in hand. Work for the 2024 Conference in Perth has commenced.

Two Policies, those for Health, Safety and Welfare and for Communication with Recipients were adopted, and changes to Bylaw 2.3g – Returning Officer were accepted.

Reports from some Branches were tabled and discussed. It was again noted that the reports should only include matters of significance across the Association. The ACT had complied with this direction.

The OAA Foundation Board has appointed Helen Nugent AC to replace Hugh Morgan AC as Board chairman. A Battlefield Tour was agreed for 2023.

Dr Alan Morrison AM, JP
ACT Branch Nominated Director

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023

Our Annual General Meeting 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 2023/24.

ACT Branch Annual General Meeting Wednesday 15 February 2023

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of AGM held 16 Feb 2022
5. Matters Arising
6. Annual Report
7. Election of Branch Nominated Director and Committee for 2023-24
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 – 20 January 2023.

The AGM will be held at Royal Canberra Golf Club. It is a free event, but registration is required for catering purposes.

Please join us from 5.30pm for free nibbles (and drinks at own expense). The AGM will start promptly at 6.00pm and will be followed immediately by a talk by Robert Care AM, chair of RedR Australia, on "The Humanitarian Challenge Ahead". Robert was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2012 *for service to engineering through a range of executive roles, to the business sector, to international humanitarian programs, and to the sport of athletics.*

X.....X

Booking sheet for 2023 AGM and Robert Care AM talk

DATE – Wednesday 15 February 2023. TIME – Nibbles from 5.30pm, AGM at 6.00 pm, Robert Care at 6.30pm

COST - Free

DRESS – Jacket with lapel pin.

RSVP by 5.00 pm Thursday 9 February 2023.

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

2. Mail or email booking sheet to:

Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM

23 Norman St.

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Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

Any questions, please contact Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020.

Name and Postnominals:

Guest name(s) & Postnominals:

Dietary requirements

WELCOME TO NEW OAA MEMBERS FROM THE 2022 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Mrs Julie KULIKOWSKI OAM – For service to community health.

WO1 Mark NEWELL OAM – For meritorious service as a Warrant Officer Class One, Operator Unit supply serving in Special Operations Command and Army Headquarters.

Professor Angela DULHUNTY AM – For significant service to medical research, and to professional organisations.

FROM EARLIER HONOURS dates

Group Captain Geoffrey KIMMINS OAM – Queen's Birthday 2012 – For meritorious service in the Directorate of Flying Safety, Maintenance Management and Planning Implementation, and the School of Technical Training.

Mr Bruce TUNNAH OAM - Queen's Birthday 2001 - For meritorious service (as WO) to the Royal Australian Navy Staff Officer Aviation Engineering, Directorate of Navy Professional Requirements (Engineering and Logistics), Navy Systems Command.

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**Nominations for ACT Branch Office Bearers and
Committee or ACT Director for 2023/24**

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 20 January 2023

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

Hereby nominate.....

- 1) For the position of
On the ACT Branch Committee for 2023/24
- 2) For the position of ACT Director
On the OAA National Board for 2023/24

(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.....

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WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER: MORNING TEA WITH EMERITUS PROFESSOR JOHN HARDY OAM



Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM, Elizabeth Brown, John Hardy OAM

Members and guests met at Royal Canberra Golf Club for morning tea with Emeritus Professor John Hardy OAM. John explored and analysed in detail, Shakespeare's play *Measure for Measure*, arguing that it foreshadows, and is sympathetic with, much in the modern #MeToo Movement, rather than being a misogynistic work as it is sometime portrayed. You can read John's text at

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/act/events/>. John held three chairs in English literature in Australian universities and was a fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in January 2021 *for service to tertiary education, particularly to the humanities*.

2022 STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATIONS – 25 AUGUST 2022

At an event held on 25 August at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, The ACT Branch presented Student Awards to the following local students who were judged to have shown good citizenship and community service by a Branch panel led by Dr Bill Maiden PSM OAM and which included Narelle Hargreaves AM, Elizabeth Grant AM and Lynn Fletcher OAM. The student awards are the primary outreach program of the ACT Branch.

Anna Charlton – Year 9 – Radford College

Anna was awarded the Association's Medallion Award for Outstanding and Sustained Community Service. Since she was in Year 7, Anna has worked for two afternoons a week as a volunteer at a kitten and cat refuge/rescue centre. As a member of a dedicated team, her responsibilities have included helping homeless and often unwell cats restore to good health. Just as importantly, she works to support the cats' social skills without which they will not be able to find new homes. Anna is valued for her contribution and commitment in this work, displaying maturity and reliability. She has provided community service over and above her regular school activities in a valued community project, often foregoing social and enjoyable activities to undertake this role.

Anneliese Smolonogov – Year 12 – Canberra Girls Grammar School

Anneliese was awarded the Association's Medallion Award for Outstanding Community Service and has a strong record in volunteering. She has assisted children with disabilities at a nearby school on a weekly basis. Also, she has contributed annually to Anglicare's Crafts and Carols Christmas Service by making, wrapping and delivering toys to enable children in the broader community to enjoy these resources. A further community service is her engagement in a four-day program each year in another educational setting which offers targeted care to young people who meet the ACT Disability Criteria. Her nomination summarised the strong commitment she gives to her community and described Anneliese's humility in her service to others. She is a role model to peers.

Lize van der Walt – Year 12 – Canberra Girls Grammar School

Lize was awarded the Association's Medallion Award for Outstanding Citizenship and she has earned widespread respect through her many activities as a citizenship leader and the contributions she has made to her community. Her nomination cited many leadership roles both in and outside her school. Examples are that, within her school, she is captain of her school's Duke of Edinburgh program and has demonstrated that she is a role model in demonstrating that program's values, the school's values and Australian values. As a House Vice Captain she exhibited exceptional community spirit, leadership skills and the ability to serve others. Away from the school she has organised donations for St Vincent de Paul each weekend for several years.

Forrest Primary School's 'Earlyact' Club

The Forrest Primary School's 'Earlyact' Club was awarded the Association's Group Award for Outstanding Community Service. Four students represented the 'Earlyact' Club at the Student Awards presentation

Since 2017, Forrest Primary School has established a club that aims to capture the children's enthusiasm in increasing awareness of the importance of taking action and working together to make change. This club comprises approximately 30 Year 6 students who lead and coordinate activities across the school to raise awareness of community support programs and through fundraising, achieved through a 'Big Action Week' held each term. Examples of supported organisations and programs include RSPCA, 'OzHarvest', Queensland schools affected by floods and a university research program for endangered Australian wildlife. The 'Earlyact' Club has had a close

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relationship with Rotary for several years and since 2017 the school community has been collecting and donating stationery to support schools in Papua New Guinea. This award was reported in the ACT Government's Our CBR (Central) newsletter in October.



Recipients of ACT Branch Student Awards - Lize van der Walt, Anneliese Smolonogov, Anna Charlton and Forrest Primary School's 'Earlyact' Club representatives (Brian Wah, Sam Nicol, Noga Lev and Maddison Leonard)

Following the presentation, awardee Sam Nicol delivered the following appreciation on behalf of the students:

“Good evening, ladies, gentlemen and students,

My name is Sam Nicol and I am the vice president of the Forrest Primary Early Act Club. We appreciate being here tonight and receiving this amazing award. It is an honour for our school to be recognised in this way.

Early Act has given us all the opportunity to take action and do something about the world's problems. We are grateful to try and make a difference, even if the part we play is small.

A form of Action Club has been going at the school for a few years. It's an important part of the International Baccalaureate philosophy. We've been able to support charities and organisations throughout the world. This year we partnered with Rotary and became an Early Act Club.

For our current Early Act team, it all started on the 23rd of February with our first meeting. We voted on who would fill leadership positions and then discussed the causes we wanted to help. For example, some people wanted to help people affected by the conflict in Ukraine, others wanted to help people who were impacted by the Australian floods, and of course many had other great ideas.

The club keeps a working board of ideas that members might want to explore further. We choose something of interest then research it further. Action can include advocacy, social justice and lifestyle choices. We hope to improve our whole community's awareness of the issues we explore. We have undertaken fundraising activities such as, having a free clothes day and holding raffles. Some other students even brought in donuts to raise money - you can imagine that was a successful enterprise!

Participating in Early Act has been inspiring. I personally spent five years living with my family in a small island country called Vanuatu. The economy of Vanuatu is developing and is much smaller than Australia's. With my family we did many adventures there and I witnessed first-hand how people live without the benefit of a wealthy country and a good home. Of course, my friends in Vanuatu were very happy, but it did show me that we are a lucky country. It also taught me that helping other people, sharing, and showing that we care about others is the right thing to do. I feel that should be a natural part of being an Australian.

Early Act therefore gave me and my peers an opportunity to make a difference. I mentioned before that our part may be small, but if everyone plays a small part, together we can make a big difference.

Thank you”

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RECEPTION FOR NEW RECIPIENTS – 31 OCTOBER 2022

The Commonwealth Club was the venue on Monday 31 October for 75 members and guests to assemble to congratulate and welcome eleven new recipients of Order of Australia awards. This was our only reception for new recipients this year, and everyone clearly enjoyed the opportunity for fellowship, including Dianne Anderson AM who celebrated her 75th birthday there. The Branch appreciates the support provided by the ACT Government for this event.



Professor Brendan Murphy AC, Professor Tanya Monro AC, David Williams OAM, Beth Blackwood AM, Desmond Woods OAM



Caroline Stacey OAM, AIR CDRE Jackie Churchill AM, MAJGEN Susan Coyle AM, CSC, DSM, Harriet Elvin AM



Liesel Wett OAM



AIR CDRE Jackie Churchill AM



*MAJGEN Susan Coyle AM, CSC, DSM
COL Penny Saultry AM, CSC*



*Professor Brian Anderson AC,
Dianne Anderson AM*



*Margaret Reid AO, Carolyn Ewart,
Dianne Anderson AM*



*Mike Evans OAM, Lynne Duckham OAM,
David Houghton OAM*



Caroline Stacey OAM



*Sandra Burchill, Mick Kehoe AM,
COL Penny Saultry AM, CSC, Bruce Johnson*



Narelle Hargreaves AM, Eric Chalmers AM, Chris Long,



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION ACT BRANCH

Members and Guests are invited to attend the 2023 Australia Day Breakfast

Date: Thursday 26 January 2023

Time: 07.45 for 08.00 am

Venue: Royal Canberra Golf Club, 71 Bentham St, Yarralumla (ample accessible parking)

Please note that under the Association's policy, attendees are required to be double vaccinated for COVID-19 or hold a medical exemption. Royal Canberra's COVID protocols will also apply to this event.

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY and HONOURS ANNOUNCEMENTS



GUEST SPEAKER: Professor Tanya Monroe AC

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COST: \$60.00 per person.

DRESS: Jacket & Tie/Day wear; Large medals.

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

RSVP by Friday 20 January 2023

1. **Buy tickets online (preferred)** on our StickyTickets web page:
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/BE12Z> 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
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E: chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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2023 Australia Day Breakfast

Name and Postnominals:

Guest name(s) & Postnominals:

Dietary requirements

Payment instructions:

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

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