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**His Majesty King Charles III – The Sovereign of The Order of Australia**

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A summary of these pages and other notes of a general nature will be listed here.

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## MESSAGE FROM PATRON- His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)

I want to begin my contribution to this edition of The Order by acknowledging the passing of Queen Elizabeth The Second.

In my address at the National Memorial Service, I observed that throughout her reign The Queen had consistently demonstrated tireless and selfless service, devotion to duty and a compassion for others. History will remember few like her and while we mourn her passing, we are grateful that we have witnessed — and benefited from — her remarkable life. She epitomised servant leadership and set an example of living and serving for something greater than herself.

The Queen was, of course, the Sovereign of the Order of Australia. His Majesty The King assumed that role on his ascension to the throne. Ours is, however, very much an Australian system. Notwithstanding that the Sovereign does not have an active role in the Order, we can, however, take note of and inspiration from the legacy that The Queen has left us.

Part of her legacy is to be found in her values, values to which we can ascribe and aspire to. They are as relevant today as they were 70 years ago. They will be as relevant in 70 years' time as they are today. They are also values that we see writ large in members of the Order and across the best of our community. As I review honours lists or welcome people to investiture ceremonies, I'm constantly amazed by the breadth of endeavours and the diversity of backgrounds represented. The same values, however, are consistent: overwhelmingly recipients are selfless, devoted to duty and compassionate. Like The Queen, they are an example and inspiration for our community.

In our system, and I say 'our' very deliberately, we all have a role to play in identifying people who exhibit those characteristics. Those who go above and beyond, who inspire and who have an impact at the local, national and international level. Critically, we need them to be both identified and nominated.

There is much work in progress to increase awareness of and encourage greater engagement with the Order. My office is producing new promotional material, guidance and working with parts of the community to encourage more nominations. I know that there is close collaboration with the Association – a partnership that I'm delighted to support and, I believe, will be of great benefit. While social media isn't for everyone, you can follow updates on Facebook. In addition, I know that new material will be shared with the Association regularly. If you would like to learn more please don't hesitate to contact my office.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your ongoing contribution to our community and the Association.

## NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The year 2022 will long be remembered as one of great change. We saw the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II after a lifetime of service. We welcomed His Majesty King Charles III as Sovereign Head of our Order.

We saw unprecedented rainfall in many regions and a continuation of major flooding. Our thoughts are with all those affected.

The winter of 2022 saw acceptance of the need to manage COVID as ongoing in our community. The work of our Branches in resuming member activities ensured that the life of our Association largely returned to normal. The challenge remains to experiment with new ideas that will both encourage Order of Australia recipients to join us and will give existing members reason to stay with us.

2022 saw Mr Hugh Morgan AC hand over chairmanship of the Order of Australia Foundation to Dr Helen Nugent AC. Hugh is congratulated for his long service and his part in the awarding of 45 scholarships to deserving tertiary students.

The very popular Association WWI Battlefield Tour, arranged by our member John Basarin OAM, is to be conducted again in 2023. This activity has received great reviews from those attending in previous years. The details of the 2023 Tour are included in this edition of the magazine.

Association National Conference preparation is now well under way in Victoria. The 2023 Conference, to be held in Geelong, should be a very interesting event and its regional location will hopefully attract more local members. Details are included in this issue of the magazine.

As we approach the end of 2022, I encourage all members to consider whether they could contribute to the life of our Association by nominating for National or Branch management positions. There will be a call for nominations in the first quarter of 2023.

I look forward to meeting members, in Geelong, in May 2023.

I wish all members a very happy Christmas and a New Year that is hopefully less impacted by unexpected events.

## EDITORIAL – PHIL MORRALL AM, CSC

In this time of change it might be advantageous for us all to remind ourselves of the 'structure' of our Order. Of course, a series of amendments reflecting the new Sovereign of The Order and consequential changes will be made in due course.

The necessary administrative documents are available on the website at Government House, extracts of some links are below:

### **Constitution and Ordinances:**

[Constitution of the Order of Australia | Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia \(gg.gov.au\)](https://www.gg.gov.au)

### **Council:**

[Council for the Order of Australia | Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia \(gg.gov.au\)](https://www.gg.gov.au)

The membership of the Council of The Order has recently changed with the Prime Minister nominating some changes.

Recently, a query was raised as to why images of The Monarch and His Excellency were prominent on our Association's website. The answer is simple and devoid of any 'monarchy / republic' connotations – His Majesty Charles III is The Sovereign of The Order, His Excellency is The Chancellor of The Order and Patron of our Association.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY 2023 - GEELONG

Registration for the 2023 Order of Australia Association National Conference, Annual General Meeting (AGM) and associated activities May 18-21 in Geelong Victoria is now open.

The primary means for registration is online using TryBooking. The Board's strong preference is that all delegates register and pay using this means. If you have difficulty during the online registration process, or are not able to use TryBooking please email [aaa2023confconvenor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:aaa2023confconvenor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) or telephone Barb Brook OAM 0413 008 571

### THERE ARE TWO MAIN REGISTRATION CATEGORIES:

**Registration.** This category is for members and guests wishing to register for the Conference, the AGM and associated activities.

Use this TryBooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eventListingURL?aid=168179>

Follow TryBooking instructions to book tickets for the events you wish to attend and pay. Essential to note dietary/allergy requirements for catering purposes and mobility needs for transport requirements.

**AGM and Members' Forum Only:** This category is for members and guests wishing to attend the AGM & Members' Forum only. Note only financial members have voting rights at the AGM.

Please note:

- Members and their guests may register to attend the Saturday Conference Dinner and Foundation Awards as a stand-alone event.
- Members and their guests must book to attend the Conference to book for the Sunday Jazz Brunch.
- Booking/s will be confirmed after National Conference Registration Fee is paid.
- Members wishing to attend the AGM & Members' Forum only must register

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### 2023 NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The OAA National Conference and AGM will be centred at Geelong Events Centre part of the Rydges Geelong Hotel the preferred conference hotel with associated activities held at other iconic Geelong venues.

### PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION FEES:

- **Conference Registration Fee.** Member - \$95 per person Guest - \$95 per person

- **Thursday May 18.**

12.30pm - 5.30pm. Registration Desk & Merchandise Shop open at Geelong Events Centre enter from Myers Street.

6.00pm to 7.30pm. Welcome to Geelong Vice-Regal Reception at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre

Dress: Lounge Suit and Miniature Medals.

- **Friday May 19.**

8.15am – 1.40pm. Registration Desk & Merchandise Shop open at Geelong Events Centre

9.00am – 1.30pm. National Conference Official Opening at Geelong Events Centre

Dress: Business Attire and Lapel Badge

Welcome to Country; National Anthem, Address by His Excellency the Governor-General, Association Oration delivered by Bernard Salt AM; Keynote address Arron Wood AM on Environment Sustainability, Conference Business Panel session and Building diversity in Order of Australia nominations

1.45pm to 5.45pm Field trip to two innovative precincts Transport included. Deakin University ManuFutures, Carbon Nexus & IISRI Waurn Ponds and Federal Mills business and invention North Geelong

- **Saturday May 20.**

8.15am – 3.45pm. Registration Desk & Merchandise Shop open at Geelong Events Centre

9.00am – 11.30 am. National AGM & Members' Forum at Geelong Events Centre

Dress: Neat Casual Attire and Lapel Badge

12.30pm to 3.30pm Conference Business Panel sessions

6.30pm – 10.30pm. Pre-dinner drinks, Conference Dinner and OAA Foundation Awards at Mt Duneed Estate. Governor-General and Mrs Hurley will be in attendance \$110 per person, dinner drinks at bar price. It is not essential to register for the conference in order to attend the Dinner but a booking via Trybooking is required. Dress: Black Tie/After 5 and Miniature Medals

- **Sunday May 21.**

9.45am Registration Desk, Merchandise Shop and Sunday Market open

10.30am – 1.00pm Sunday Jazz Brunch at Geelong Events Centre \$60 per person

It is essential to register for the conference in order to register to attend the Jazz Brunch.

Dress: Neat Casual Attire and Full-Size Medals.

## ACCOMMODATION

Rydges Geelong Hotel is the 2023 National Conference preferred hotel on the corner of Myers & Gheringhap Streets, Geelong. The Geelong Events Centre part of Rydges has its entrance from Myers Street.

There are other accommodation options in Geelong CBD offering 2023 national conference rates, please refer to

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national-conference-2023/> and follow their booking instructions.

## TOURS

No organised tours are planned in conjunction with the 2023 National Conference.

Delegates wishing to arrange their own tours or find out more about what to do in GEELONG please refer to site <https://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au/>

For other parts of Regional Victoria and Melbourne <https://bit.ly/39aNV57>

## THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA – NOMINATION TOOLKIT

The Governor-General has prioritised ensuring that the Order of Australia reflects our diverse community, and that it is (and is perceived to be) Australia’s highest form of recognition.

The Honours Secretariat would love your help to encourage nominations in your community using the Order of Australia Toolkit:

<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awardsorder-australia/order-australia-guidance-and-promotional-products>

The Toolkit contains:

- an important message from the Governor-General
- key information about the Order of Australia
- ready-to-use promotional materials
- profiles of inspiring recipients (available as videos and text).

If you haven’t already done so, please follow the Order of Australia Facebook page [@AussieHonours](https://www.facebook.com/AussieHonours) to stay up-to-date with news and upcoming events.

For example, in late-November 2022 there will be the very first **LIVE webinar** on ‘**How to nominate**’ via [@AussieHonours](https://www.facebook.com/AussieHonours). This will be an opportunity to better understand the Order of Australia nomination process.

## JOB DESCRIPTION - THE EDITOR -THE ORDER MAGAZINE

The National Editor position is to become vacant after the May 2023 edition.

Expressions of Interest are requested from Association members and may be forwarded to the National Secretary at: [natsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:natsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

1. Exercise editorial control over the National magazine.
  - a. Under the general guidance of the National Membership Director, and
  - b. In consultation with the National Chairman, as required.
2. Manage the collection and collation of magazine content, including:
  - a. the development of a publication schedule and associated deadlines.
  - b. the development of a ‘generic page plan’ and a specific plan for each edition.

- c. the development of a 'theme' for each edition including the front-page image and Editor's comment.
  - d. liaison with National contributors, including the Governor-General (through his staff) and nominated Branch magazine coordinators.
  - e. the transfer of intended articles from email to the designated 'Dropbox' account.
3. Liaise with the magazine printers and publishers including:
- a. providing access to the Dropbox account, and
  - b. the clearance of progressive and final drafts.
4. Produce necessary mailing lists for 'Hard Copy' recipients from the National membership database providing:
- a. an Excel spreadsheet restricted to simple 'name / address' data.
  - b. the numbers of 'Hard Copy' to be printed.
5. Distribute E-copies through email using the National membership database bulk email facility.
6. Produce the 'accessible' version of the magazine in Word and then pdf format.
- a. This process is not complex requiring only a reasonable familiarity with Microsoft Windows.
7. Liaise with the National Webmaster to have web-copy and accessible copy uploaded to the National website.
8. Possess a general familiarity with Office 365 email, Word, Excel and Dropbox programs and protocols.
- a. Specific program methodologies are not complex.
  - b. A reasonably modern computer and good internet connection is a requirement.

## WA BRANCH

### WA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Bettine Heathcote AM



The Branch held a very successful Annual Dinner at the Royal Perth Golf Club at which it planned to raise a toast to Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. Instead, a minute's silence was held in honour of her memory. Later in the evening, for the first time, a toast was made to His Majesty King Charles III.

The WA Branch has now received confirmation that our new Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson APM has agreed to be our Patron. We look forward to working with His Excellency and his staff as we promote more nominations from this State.

A very successful launch of the new Peel Regional Group was hosted by the Mayor of Mandurah who offered support to the new region in the form of premises in which to hold events.

Lunch at Caves House in Yallingup will bring back lots of memories for members attending the South West Region event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Caves House has been a holiday destination for many,

many years. A contingent of members from Perth will join the Great Southern Region members for their Church service followed by lunch on 27<sup>th</sup> November. The year's events for the Branch will culminate in a Christmas Lunch at the Fremantle Sailing Club on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

We wish all members a very Happy Christmas.

## RECEPTION FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS AWARD RECIPIENTS

On a wintry evening in August, 27 Queen's Birthday Honours Award Recipients were welcomed by the Lord Mayor, Basil Zempilas and the Chairman of the WA branch of the Order of Australia, Bettine Heathcote AM, to Council House. Mr Basil Zempilas gave a rousing welcome speech and during it mentioned his Mother Marcia Zempilas OAM, who had received her honour for work with the Greek Community and Hospital Visiting.

He remarked on the wonderful ceremony at Government House with the then Governor, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffries AO MC.

Bettine Heathcote AM welcomed each recipient with a précis of their awards. These were many amazing achievements and voluntary works in a variety of community activities.

The response was given by Dr Ruth Shean AO. She acknowledged the honour to be invited to join the Membership of the OAA. She felt was now one of a close knit group in Western Australia. She spoke of how pleased she was to see the recognition given to the Noongar leaders who have been influential in justice, housing, child protection and education.

The National Chairman, Major General Barry Nunn AO, who resides in WA, spoke of the Order of Australia as being exceptional around the world and encouraged those present to make nominations.

Following the formal procedures, a delicious supper was enjoyed as awardees and their guests mingled with past awardees in wonderful room with a view over the Swan River at night.

## OAA PEEL REGION BRANCH CIVIC RECEPTION

On Wednesday 31 August 50 participants spent a very enjoyable evening at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. This is a wonderful venue on Mandjar Bay where the Mayor and Councillors held a civic reception to launch the OAA Peel Region Branch. The Mayor, Rhys Williams, spoke well when he welcomed us. He was delighted to have an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the recipients of an Order of Australia for their service to the community and their ongoing commitment. He was followed by Bettine Heathcote AM who thanked the Mayor and councillors for launching the regional group. She thanked Professor Jo Barker AM who promoted the group and Marion Blair OAM for their commitment and hard work. Marion Blair OAM is to be the convenor of the group.

She encouraged those present to join the Order of Australia Association and attend the Formal Dinner, the Albany Service and lunch and the Christmas lunch.



## OAA WA BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER 2022

On Wednesday 21 September a number of members of the OAA WA Branch and their guests were once again able to meet and enjoy fellowship and good food at the Royal Perth Golf Club. The flower decorations had been arranged by ladies of the Golf Club and were stunning in yellow and blue. Our National Chairman, Major General Retd. Barry Nunn AO raised the loyal toast to the King, our Vice Patron, Kerry Sanderson AO, toasted the Order of Australia Association.

The speaker was Sue Murphy AO, an amazing lady, who is profiled in the November The Order magazine. She spoke about “Water forever for WA”. She discussed the problems that C Y O’Connor experienced with the water supply to the Gold Fields and pointed out the lesson learnt. When in 2001 our water supply was reaching a crisis, we needed to be climate independent. The water issue extends beyond one political term. The solutions were desalination and wastewater recycling. The Water Corporation engaged with the community and Groups were welcomed with innovative ideas. With regard to the wastewater treatment there was a trial plant and visitors centre, numerous workshops and by December 2012 the trial was at an end with 2.5 billion litres of clean water added to the aquifer. There is an 80% agreement in Australia that treating wastewater and pouring it into the sea is not the answer in Australia. We are the envy of utilities across the world. The Water Corporation learnt that technical expertise is not enough. One needs community hearts and minds, both sides of politics must agree, one needs to educate the media and keep them on side.

### SUE MURPHY AO

Sue was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 2019 Queens Birthday Honours List. She has been a trail blazer for women in engineering and management.

We were privileged to hear her speak at the OAAWA Annual Dinner on her work re the wastewater recycling.

Sue was born in Western Australia and educated in Perth, winning a scholarship to high school at MLC. She graduated as a Civil Engineer at the University of Western Australia in 1979. Women at that time were not encouraged to study Engineering.

After winning a Clough Scholarship as an undergraduate, she joined Clough Engineering in 1980 commencing what would be a 25year career in that organisation. Twelve years in the field as a site engineer and project manager led to corporate roles with a focus on engineering design management, human resources and safety and her appointment in 1998 as the first woman on the board of Clough Engineering Ltd.

In 2004 Sue joined the Water Corporation of WA and was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2008. Sue is recognized internationally for her leadership of the Corporation’s adaptation of water supply in the face of climate change. This includes the delivery of two large scale desalination plants, Australia’s first large scale indirect potable recycling scheme and award winning programmes of customer engagement to reduce per capita water demand while maintaining Perth’s enviable liveability.

In each year from 2009 – 2016, Sue was listed in the top 100 most influential engineers in Australia by Engineers Australia. In 2013 Sue was honoured with the prestigious Sir John Holland Civil Engineer of the Year Award by the Board of the College of Civil Engineers of Engineers Australia. Sue was also elected as an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia.

In 2014 Sue was presented with the IWA's "International" Women in Water Award and in 2018 Sue was ranked number 8 in the prestigious Water and Wastewater International magazine for the top 25 Water Leaders and was named as the 2018/19 WA Business Leader of the Year at the AIM WA Pinnacle Awards.

Sue is now a nonexecutive director on a number of listed and not for profit Boards including Monadelphous Ltd, UWA Senate, WA Treasury Corporation and MMA Offshore Ltd.



Sue Murphy AO

## ACT BRANCH

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Coralie Wood OAM

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## **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

ACT Branch activities since July have focussed primarily on delivering several functions. In August, Dr Bill Maiden PSM AM delivered another very successful Student Citizenship Awards function featuring three individual awards and one group award. At our September morning tea, Emeritus Professor John Hardy OAM explored Shakespeare's Measure for Measure, demonstrating yet again the continuing contemporary relevance of the Bard. And in late October, we were at last able to hold our Spring reception, with 12 new recipients in attendance, including nine new members.

In September, I went to Government House to sign the Condolence Book for Queen Elizabeth the Second on behalf of the Branch.

Our efforts for the remainder of the year turn to the annual Australian National University Lecture on 7 December and preparations for next year. Details of events through to February 2023 are in the November edition of the Branch newsletter.

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## **AWARD FOR WORK WITH THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC PROGRAM**

On Friday 26 August, a luncheon to mark the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the post-war Australian Antarctic Program was held in Hobart.

As part of the formalities, Sir Guy Green AC KBE CVO, who was Governor of Tasmania from 1995 to 2003, was awarded Honorary Membership of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) Club in recognition of his support to the Antarctic Program both as Governor (he visited Macquarie Island which is part of Tasmania) and as “Ambassador for Antarctica”, a position he was appointed to by the Tasmanian Government in recognition of his significant involvement in Antarctic affairs in the State.

ACT Branch Committee member Dr Joe Johnson CSC OAM AAM was awarded the Phillip Law Medal for outstanding contributions to Antarctic affairs and the Antarctic community. In his case this was *“In recognition of his outstanding contribution to Antarctic affairs and the wider Antarctic Community particularly for his Station and Voyage leadership, as Antarctic Names and Medal Committee Chairman, work in relation to the Antarctic Air Link and service to the ANARE Club”*

Dr Johnson served in Antarctica as Officer in Charge of Casey Station in 1981, having been transferred to the Army’s Reserve of Officers list for the duration of that appointment. He joined ANARE Club on his return and has been active member ever since, including as National Council President on four occasions – 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018. Joe also returned to Davis Station as leader in 1998 and was voyage leader in two summer trips in 2001 and 2002 in the ships *Polar Bird* and *Kapitan Khlebnikov* respectively. He was the author of a review of the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) Operations Branch in 2001, including a feasibility study into the air link between Australia and Antarctica. Joe was awarded the Australian Antarctic Medal in 2001 *for outstanding service in support of Australian Antarctic expeditions* and a Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2020 *for service to veterans, and to the community.*

## 2022 STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

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. The student awards are the primary outreach program of the ACT Branch.

### **Anna Charlton – Year 9 – Radford College**

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. She was awarded the Association's Medallion Award for Outstanding and Sustained Community Service.

### **Anneliese Smolonogov – Year 12 – Canberra Girls Grammar School**

Anneliese 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. Anneliese was awarded the Association's Medallion Award for Outstanding Community Service.

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

Lize 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. Lize was awarded the Association's Medallion Award for Outstanding Citizenship.

### **Forrest Primary School's 'Earlyact' Club**

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 is comprised of 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 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. The Club was awarded the Association's Group Award for Outstanding Community Service.



## MORNING TEA WITH EMERITUS PROFESSOR JOHN HARDY OAM

Members and guests met on 7 September at Royal Canberra Golf Club for a morning tea with guest speaker Emeritus Professor John Hardy OAM. John explored and analysed Shakespeare's play *Measure for Measure* in depth, arguing that it foreshadows, and is sympathetic with, much in the #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/> Professor Hardy was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in January 2021 *for service to tertiary education, particularly to the humanities.*

## 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.

**Dr Allan Hawke AC** – Queen's Birthday 2010 – For eminent service to public administration, particularly through the formulation and implementation of policy in the areas of transport, defence and education, and to the strengthening of bilateral relations with New Zealand.

*Dr Hawke was Secretary of a number of Commonwealth departments including Defence (1999-2002) and High Commissioner to New Zealand 2003-2005.*

**Sir David Smith KCVO, AO** – Australia Day 1986 - For service to the Crown, as Official Secretary to the Governor-General and as Secretary of the Order of Australia.

*Sir David was Official Secretary to five Governors-General and knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral in 1990.*

**Dr Heather Lopert AM** - Queen's Birthday 2003 – For service to health care, particularly as a contributor to the development of ambulance officer clinical standards and practice.

**Dr. Michael Sargent AM** – Australia Day 1993 – For service to engineering.

**Mrs Prudence Clarke OAM** – Australia Day 2007 - For service to education and to the community, particularly as Convenor of the ACT Children's Week Committee.

**Mr Clive Gesling OAM** - Queen's Birthday 1979 – In recognition of service to the community.

Affiliate member

**Mr David Barnett OBE** – 31 December 1980 – In recognition of service to public service.

## VICTORIA BRANCH

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the time of writing this article many regions in Victoria like other eastern states of Australia are experiencing Flood Watch with ongoing major flooding that has seen thousands of lives changed or destroyed.

We thank all Emergency Services personnel, service clubs, multicultural groups and individuals including Year 12 students who have selflessly given of their time during the devastating floods to prepare meals, offering support, shelter and sandbagging homes, businesses and towns in their communities. Some of the volunteers are OAA VIC Branch members – thank you.

On October 17 the OAA Victoria Branch asked OAA National to implement a moratorium of membership fee renewals from November 1, 2022 for members in flood affected areas, similar to the approach taken January 2020 after the horrific bushfires. Approval has been received and will be reviewed in three months.

Our final VIC Branch event for 2022 is the End of Year Dinner on Thursday November 24 at William Angliss Restaurant with speaker Allan Myers AC KC 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. Please note there will be allocated table seating for this dinner. Book via TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CCRJA>

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

On behalf of OAA Victoria Branch I signed the official Condolence Book to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and attended the ceremony at Government House where His Majesty King Charles III was proclaimed as the new Sovereign of Australia by the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria.

Save the Dates for VIC Branch events in 2023: Tuesday February 28 Inspiring Australians Oration, Tuesday March 28 AGM and lunch with speaker, Wednesday October 4 afternoon Thank You Reception for recipients who join the Association in 2023 and End of Year Dinner on Thursday November 23. Our annual National Gallery Victoria event will be announced early 2023.

Please stay safe and enjoy your upcoming festive season.

### 2023 NATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY 18-21 OPPORTUNITES FOR MEMBERS

With the 2023 National Conference being held in Geelong May 18-21, The Order of Australia

Association Victoria Branch offers opportunities 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](mailto:cathy.roth@bigpond.com)

## 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 90x90mm 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](mailto: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. E: [chairvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

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

2023 Conference Registration is now open and accommodation options are on the OAA national website:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national-conference-2023/>

## YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SOUTH CENTRAL SUBURBS REGIONAL GROUP

The second of the South Central Suburbs Regional Group (SCSRG) three Bursaries took place when The Kingston Youth Awards were held at Platform 81 at 81 Albert Street Mordialloc on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. Cold outside but very warm inside with the nominees for the Award, parents, siblings, Councillors and the City of Kingston Youth Services Team enjoying time together plus the opportunity to partake of many fine dishes of finger food and soft drinks. There was a good vibe and plenty of anticipation from the nominees.

Mayor Steve Staikos delivered the Acknowledgement of Country and thanked staff who managed the whole process, he recognised the Young Mayor of Kingston who was in attendance and thanked parents and supporters.

After the preliminaries, the Mayor presented the nominees with a certificate after reading out their achievements and congratulating them. There were five brilliant young achievers who each gained a Youth Service Award, their involvement in the community was and is, wide ranging and in all cases showed compassion in dealing with their networks and schools in many cases.

The Mayor had the unenviable task to choose only one nominee to be presented with the City of Kingston Young Citizen of the Year Award. The person so named was Ms. Alice {Minh Han} Ho who was presented with an engraved crystal. A marvellous memento for her to cherish.

SCSRG Chairman Graeme Woolacott OAM was then called forward to present the certificate and cheque for \$200.00 to Alice. After congratulating Alice, he commended the work that the other young nominees were doing in the community and congratulated them on their caring and noted that while we have young people such as these our Country and our future are in good hands.

Alice has dedicated her time and energy into passionately advocating for youth mental health within her community by actively participating in numerous groups and initiatives. Alice has also dedicated herself to developing her leadership skills by participating in youth leadership groups and youth committees and using these skills and networks to leverage awareness and action for youth mental health across a variety of spheres and on behalf of marginalised young people within the community.

Alice is currently completing a double degree at Monash University where she provides peer mentoring for new students to the university as well as being a Sustainability volunteer where she is tasked with finding local speakers and assisting with the Sustainability Week activities. She has been elected into an officer role for Clubs and Societies in Parkville, volunteers in various leadership positions across the university including mentoring and is a Remedy representative. Remedy is a student run club that specializes in global health care issues.

The three bursaries are awarded to the Young Citizen of the Year selected by Council in the municipalities of Glen Eira, Kingston and Bayside which make up the territory of South Central Suburbs Regional Group.



## SA BRANCH

### BRANCH CHAIRMAN ARTICLE:

We open this report on a very sad note following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia and Sovereign of the Order of Australia. On behalf of the Branch Committee and our membership, I made an entry in the Condolence Book at Government House Adelaide.

Branch Committee members and myself represented the Association at a series of investiture ceremonies at Government House at the beginning of September for this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List recipients. We then acknowledged these recipients at our New Recipients' Reception on Monday 24 October, held at the Payneham Library through the generous support of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters. We also thank Vili's Family Bakery for subsidising the cost of the refreshments.

We have continued with our social events, including Fellowship luncheon meetings at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Adelaide, and various local visits such as our very successful winery tour and lunch at Serafino Winery in McLaren Vale. Our Regional Groups have also continued with their activities.

The 2022 Student Citizenship Award certificates and trophies have been prepared, and we are now making arrangements for various presentation ceremonies, including a Top 10 and Student Citizen of the Year Award Ceremony and Reception at Government House.

We are currently planning for our major events in the first half of next year – our Branch 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon and our Annual General Meeting.

I wish you all the best for Christmas and the new year.

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

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**IN MEMORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Greg Gordon OAM JP has observed that Queen Elizabeth II passed on his birthday on 8 September. He was moved to write down his memory of meeting Her Majesty in 1977.

During the Royal Visit of Queen Elizabeth II and Phillip Duke of Edinburgh to Australia in 1977, it was programmed for the Queen to open the Southern Plaza of the Adelaide Festival Centre on Tuesday 22 March.

The arrangement was that Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh would walk from Government House and proceed down King William Road to the Festival Centre, a nominal distance of 250 metres, and spectators would line the route.

For the occasion, pipers of the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia, Pipe Master Vern Raymond and Pipe Sergeant Greg Gordon were engaged to provide musical accompaniment. Amongst the assembling spectators, behind the barrier rope opposite the Festival Centre, was Christine Gordon with our daughters Catherine (aged 5) and Ailsa (2).

In order to see more up the street than the surrounding legs, Ailsa broke free and ducked out under the barrier rope, and came face to face with a big policeman, who said "Boo!". She returned quickly to the safety of Mum.

Precisely at 4 pm, the walk commenced, and the sound of bagpipes heralded the progress of the short walk. The destination was reached 5 minutes later, and the pipers ceased playing and acknowledged the Royal Party. Queen Elizabeth, always conscious of protocol, thanked the pipers.

In response, Pipe Master Raymond said words to the effect that it was a pleasure just as it had been to play as duty piper for her at the Palace in years gone by, as a Sergeant Piper in the Scots Guards. There were smiles all round as the pipers took their leave.



### **MR TED IULIANO OAM**

A recent addition to the SA Branch Committee is retired Magistrate Ted Iuliano OAM. Ted was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours List, *"For service to football in South Australia, and to the Italian community"*.

Ted came to SA from the Province of Benevento in Italy in August 1958. Graduating from the University of Adelaide in 1972 with a Bachelor of Law degree, he was admitted as a Practitioner of the Supreme Court of SA. From 1980 to 1987 he ran his own law firm, and from 1987 to 2015 was a South Australian Magistrate.

Ted has been heavily involved with Eastern Districts Azzurri Sports Club Inc, notably as Secretary (1975-87) and President from 1999 to 2005, and again since 2015. He was granted Life Membership in 1992.

In 1993, Ted was Acting Chairman of the SA group participating in the FIFA VII World Youth Championship of Soccer. The following year Ted was tour leader for the Australia Today-Indonesia 1994 Soccer Tournament – a Federal Government initiative designed to promote trade, cultural and sporting relationships.

His many other sporting involvements have included Chairman of the SA Soccer Federation First Division Management Committee (1981-83), Vice-Chairman of the SA Soccer Federation (1992-97), and Board Member and Vice-Chair of the Football Federation of SA. In 2001 he was made a Life Member of the SA Soccer Association.

He was Foundation Secretary of Italian Village Inc (1974-79), President of the Coordinating Italian Committee Inc and Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Annual Italian Festival ‘Carnevale’ (1982-87). He served as Vice-President of Radio Italiana Inc (1986-88), and more recently has been President of Radio Italia Uno Adelaide Inc (2013-21).

He has been the Italian Community Representative on the board of the Migrant Resource Centre of SA (1983-86) and on the board of the Ethnic Communities Council of SA (1983-86). Ted has also served terms as a Board member of the SA College of Advanced Education (1983-87), and on the committee of the Magistrates Association of SA (Secretary/Treasurer 1999-04, and President 2004-07).

In 2008 Ted was awarded a Premier’s Award for outstanding achievement in the area of Community Service. In 2010, he was awarded the honour of *Cavaliere Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana* (Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, 5th Class) by the Italian Government in recognition of his services to the Italo-Australian Community. Also in 2010, he was inducted into the Football Federation of SA Hall of Fame for his ‘distinguished contribution’ to the game of football as an Administrator and Life Member.

Welcome Ted to the SA Branch Committee

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Our August honours recipients fellowship luncheon was well supported once again by members who shared in comradeship, some for the first time. The guest speaker was Mr Trevor Powell OAM, who spoke on the topic “Ships and shipping in Port Adelaide”, a subject that has been close to his heart for most of his life.

Born in 1948, Trevor has lived in the Port Adelaide–Semaphore area most of his life. He grew up watching the activities on the wharves and the Port River, thus developing a life-long interest in ships and shipping, and the Port in general. He said: *“For the last ten years, I have returned to some of my early interests, combining my love of ships and shipping with photography, and running my Maritime Photography site on the internet”*.

The guest speaker for our fellowship luncheon on Thursday 27 October was Mr John Ford OAM FASMA, on the topic: *“The Journey to South Australia and early Migrant Ships”*. John is a renowned marine artist, and a Fellow of the Australian Society of Maritime Artists. He has had numerous exhibitions and art awards to his credit. Throughout August, John had his artworks displayed in an exhibition presented by Genealogy SA as part of the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival for 2022 – a state-wide festival of visual art.

## EVENTS

On Saturday 17 September, the SA Branch held a special wine-tasting and lunch at Serafino Winery in McLaren Vale. The guest speaker was Steve (Serafino) Maglieri AM, who was appointed to the Order of Australia in the 2018 Australia Day Honours List, *“For significant service to the Italian community of South Australia, to a range of charitable and tourism activities, and as a winemaker”*.

The Serafino story began in 1964 when young Serafino Maglieri arrived in Australia from Italy as a passionate teenager full of dreams. See more here: <https://serafinowines.com.au/>

Noel Hender reported that, although the skies were dark and threatening on the day, the atmosphere was bright and bubbly inside the beautiful venue at Serafino’s family winery at McLaren Vale: *“Whilst relaxing and gazing out onto the picturesque grounds and lake of the magnificent 380 acre estate, thirty one Branch members and friends savoured a wonderful wine tasting and luncheon experience hosted by Serafino (Steve) Maglieri AM”*.



The group started with tastings at the cellar door, followed by a generous traditional antipasto platter of meats, olives, cheeses and nuts. A delicious pasta main dish of choice followed, complemented by a variety of Serafino fine wines, coffee and petite fours. Steve entertained the group with a passionate account of the hard work and commitment his family put in under the guidance of father Giovanni, throughout the foundation years of the late 1960s and since. It was through their consistent and dedicated efforts that the family steadily built the estate to what it has become today – Serafino Wines – one of the leading South Australian wineries.

Upcoming SA Branch activities include:

Wednesday 16 November: Army Museum of South Australia visit

Friday 9 December: Christmas Morning Tea

Saturday 21 January 2023: Celebration of Australia Day luncheon

Thursday 23 February 2023: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon, with guest speaker Elaine Attwood AM

Friday 24 February 2023: South East Regional Group luncheon meeting in Mount Gambier

Saturday 25 February 2023: 2022 Annual General Meeting (37th AGM)

## TASMANIA BRANCH

### BRANCH CHAIRMAN ARTICLE:

The investiture at Government House for the Queen's Birthday honours recipients was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The investiture was conducted as a single ceremony rather than a number of smaller ceremonies, as we had become used to during the last two years due to Covid. Sixteen Tasmanian were invested with their honours and many with family and friends accepted the Branch's invitation to attend the celebratory lunch following the ceremony. This was another successful event with 88 guests enjoying lunch at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September I was privileged to receive an invitation with my wife Jenny to attend Government House on the next day for the wreath laying in memory and respect for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Her Excellency Barbara Baker AC, the Tasmanian Premier the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP and Mr Frank McGregor the Tasmanian Honorary Consul for the United Kingdom. The wreaths were placed at the base of the large English Oak tree planted by Her Majesty during her first visit to Tasmania in 1954. Immediately following, in the magnificent ballroom at Government House, the Governor read the Tasmanian Proclamation of Prince Charles to be King Charles the Third. About 60 people attended the ceremony.

I regret to report that we say farewell to Sue Shea OAM who is moving to Brisbane to live. Based in Launceston Sue has been very active in executive roles in numerous organisations for many years and I am sure they, like the Tasmanian Branch, will be sorry to see Sue move away. Sue has for a number of years been an active and valued member of Branch committee and has chaired the Northern

Regional Group. We wish Sue all the best in her new abode and thank her for her valued support and contribution to the Association.

Alastair Douglas OAM  
Branch Chairman



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**Mrs Beatrice Lawrence OAM**

#### **North**

**Dr George Merridew AM**

#### **North West**

**Dr Peter Holm OAM**

## **BRIAN WINSPEAR AM**

Brian Winspear AM recently celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday in September, 2022.

Brian received his Order of Australia Award in January 1993 for his service to the tourism and hospitality industry. He was a pioneer in the motel and fishing industries in Bicheno, Tasmania, and become a well-known business owner, tourism developer and community figure. He was instrumental in the establishment of the golf club at Bicheno and as a foundation member he coordinated teams of volunteers to implement the course design.

In February this year he attended the Commemoration Service of the bombing of Darwin that occurred 80 years ago. Brian joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1940 and was discharged on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1945. During that time, he earned a number of medals including: The 1939–45 Star, The Pacific Star, British War Medal 1939–45, Australian Service Medal 1939–45 and Australian Service Medal 1939–45 PNG. A survivor of the bombing of Darwin, Brian remembers returning from a mission flying a Hudson bomber to find himself sheltering in a trench as 188 Japanese aircraft mounted their deadly air raid. Brian is one of the few living survivors of the first air raid on Australia.

His contributions to our country did not stop at the end of the war – his life has been a life of service to the community.

## **Investiture Luncheon**

Text: In September 88 guests enjoyed a celebratory lunch at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania following the Investiture ceremony.

## **MAYORAL RECEPTION**

His Worship, Mayor of Launceston, Councillor Albert van Zetten invited members of the new Order of Australia awardees to a Town Hall Reception on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October for a function in recognition of the Order of Australia Association. This will be the last reception for Councillor van Zetten who will not be contesting the next election. The Region has greatly appreciated his support over a long period.

## QUEENSLAND BRANCH

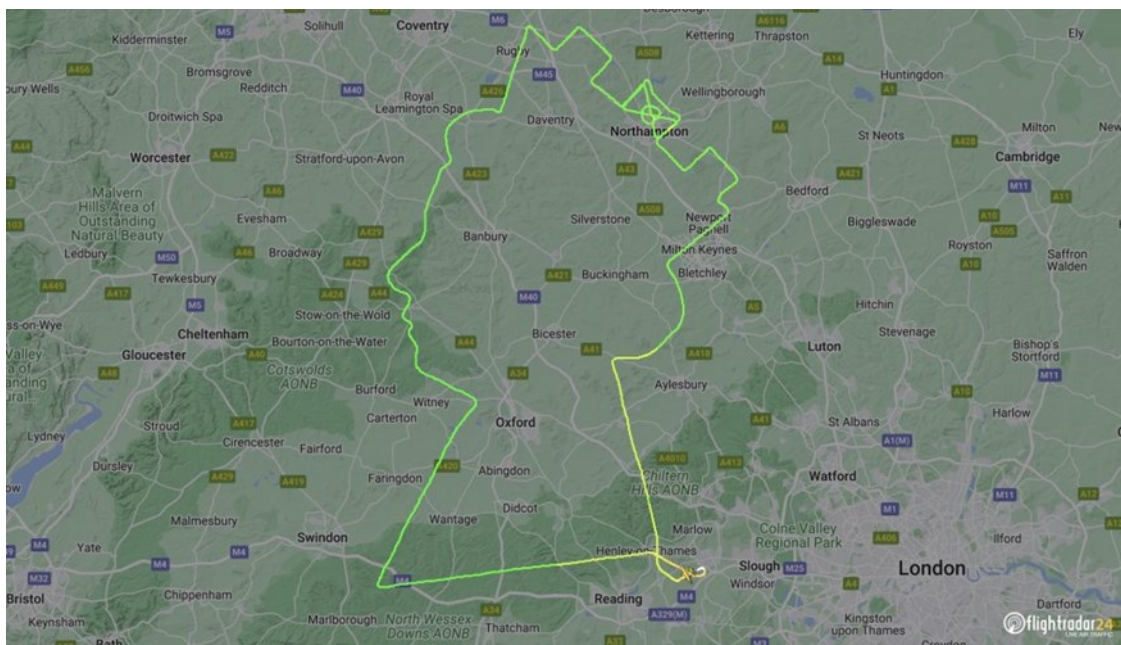
### BRANCH CHAIRMAN ARTICLE:

Hearty Greetings are forwarded to all members.

Many of you are philatelic tragics from way back and as I can be so labelled as well, I share with you this collector piece that resonates in these days of remembering the loss of our seven decadal Sovereign.

You will observe on the mini-sheet stamp that Her Majesty wears the Order of Australia insignia.

Another compelling portrait of Queen Elizabeth II that attracted the worlds media has been that of a light plane tracked on FlightRadar that took place in early October. The profile of the Queen covers Oxford, while her crown stretches from Rugby to Milton Keynes, with a jewel in the centre directly over Northampton. The flight covered 400 km, creating a portrait that is 100 km tall and 60 km wide.



**Screen grab taken from [flightradar24.com](https://flightradar24.com) of a profile of Queen Elizabeth II drawn by pilot Amal Larhlid who flew a Piper PA-28 plane on a two-hour flight to raise money for Hospice UK**

As noted in the last issue the Patron of our Queensland Branch was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in the 2022 Queen's Birthday list. Unfortunately due to the death of the Sovereign the Investiture by His Excellency the Governor General in Canberra has had to be postponed until later in November.

As Branch chairman I represented the Order at the Australian National Flag Day ceremony hosted by the Right Honourable Lord Mayor at City Hall, wrote condolence messages at Government House and City Hall and attended the Queens Thanksgiving Service at St John's Cathedral.

A successful Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards event was held in the Premiers' Hall, Parliament House on 16 September. Grade 12 students selected by a panel for their volunteering and community commitments were presented with their deserved awards by Her Honour, Helen Bowskill, Chief Justice of the Queensland Supreme Court. All 74 nominees from 53 schools sited across the State will receive acknowledgement.

The Queensland Branch will be hosting a complimentary lunch for Queen's Birthday Order of Australia awardees after delayed Investitures at Government House in November. Regional activities have been held and are planned soon for the Gold Coast, Metro, Bribie Island, Mackay, Townsville, Rockhampton, Caloundra and Toowoomba.

The Branch Committee thanks our distributed membership for their manifest support of the many functions scheduled around the State.

Continue to keep well and safe

Gary

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**Sunshine Coast:** Marjorie Voss OAM

**Townsville:** David Jackson OAM

**Wide-Bay Burnett:** Donna Duncan OAM

## GUEST SPEAKER THE HIGHLIGHT OF TOWNSVILLE GROUP DINNER

Members of the Townsville Group of the Order of Australia Association, their partners and guests enjoyed a night out at their annual dinner with one of the best attendances since the functions were resurrected. With the event again clashing with many other activities in the region in September, there were again a large number of apologies from those who would have liked to be there but finding a suitable date amongst a busy group of people in the area is difficult. Even finding a suitable venue from those that the Group normally uses was difficult, with many booked out with other functions.

However, the chance to use the North Queensland Club was offered and accepted and it proved to be an excellent choice with an enjoyable two-course meal and proficient service from the hosts leading into the guest speaker providing what was described by one guest as one of the best he had heard.

The guest speaker was Dr Don Bowley OAM, a long-time medical officer at the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Mount Isa, who backed up his offer to be the speaker, by undertaking the ten-hour journey to Townsville by car the day before the event and then returning home the day after in another ten-hour marathon drive. Dr Bowley, who has been in the western city for over 25 years, was accompanied by his wife, Meegan on the trip and was also joined by his mother-in-law and brother-in-law, Rae and Kevin Bradbury at the Townsville dinner.

The uniquely Australian medical service to the inland areas of our nation is provided from Mount Isa by Dr Bowley as the medical officer, supported by a number of fly -in, fly-out doctors and their efforts in sometimes difficult circumstances was highlighted by the medical officer, as he described

some of the more difficult tasks they undertook, backed up by film of planes landing at night with limited light on narrow landing strips and having to extricate badly-injured patients from out-of-the-way places. The address capped off an excellent night for all attendees, as they renewed acquaintances with other awardees from the Townsville region.

**David Jackson OAM**

**Townsville Regional Convener**

## LEADING AT THE SPEED OF CHANGE

Dr Dimity Dornan AO an entrepreneur, speech pathologist, researcher, Churchill Fellowship Holder, Chair of Bionics Queensland and a Fellow of Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering, Queensland's Senior Australian of the Year (2018), Founder of Hear & Say and recipient of other awards too numerous to mention.

To the delight of OAA members and guests attending the Sunshine Coast Region Morning Tea held on beautiful Bribie Island on 9 September 2022, Dr Dornan AO had accepted our Invitation to be our Guest Speaker. The title of her presentation was "Leading at the Speed of Change: From the Improbable to the Incredible".

Dr Dornan founded Bionics Queensland in 2016 and it was officially launched in 2019. As Chair of the Board she has been working to promote the Bionics Industry and help bring new solutions to market for the benefit of people with previously untreatable medical problems. These include not only hearing but also other senses, neurological, limb and organ conditions. Members of her captive audience heard of the research at present being undertaken to bring to fruition the dreams and plans to bring the "Improbable to the Incredible" and so further help humanity. Dimity happily answered the many questions put to her, before being thanked by Dr Mick Davis AM ASM (OAAQ Deputy Chair) and presented with a gift and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Members were delighted to welcome Dr Dornan's husband Peter, members from other Regions and Queensland Branch Committee members. All enjoyed fellowship and the delicious Morning Tea provided by Serenity Caterers while overlooking the sparkling waters of the Pumicestone Passage.

As a sign of respect a minute's silence was held to remember our late Queen Elizabeth 11 and a further minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for our late member Mr John Moffatt AM.

Once again the Bribie Island VMR function room was the venue for our Morning Tea and a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the VMR Secretary Mr Gary Voss.

**Marjorie Voss OAM**

**Sunshine Coast Region Convener**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2022

The Honourable Chief Justice Helen Bowskill, presented the Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards at the 23rd annual Awards Presentation Ceremony in the Premiers' Hall of Queensland's Parliament

House on Friday 16 September 2022. We thank Her Honour for her keen support of our awards programme and for her address to the gathering on the value of citizenship and community service.

We received an excellent response of 74 nominations of worthy year 12 students from 53 Secondary Schools comprising a good sprinkling of both State High Schools and private colleges from across Queensland.

Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards were presented to thirteen outstanding year 12 school students selected by a three person judging panel. The Awards showcase some outstanding Queensland secondary school students performing great examples of selfless community service and promoting true Australian citizenship. The acceptance speeches from the students were inspirational and the students brought great credit to the schools they represented.

Music was provided during the Presentation by the Amadeus Strings Ensemble from Corinda State High School.

One hundred and twenty guests including students and their families, school principals and representatives, State Members of Parliament and twelve members of the Association attended.

The Queensland Branch of the Association thanks Mr Tim Fairfax AC for his continued support and sponsorship of the awards programme over a number of years.

### **Geoff Cowles OAM**

#### **Events and Awards Coordinator (Metro)**

## **CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL LUNCHEON**



The Order of Australia Association Central Queensland Region biannual luncheon was held on 12 October at the Frenchville Sports Club, Rockhampton. Forty people from across the region and diverse backgrounds attended. Guest speaker, CQU Emeritus Professor Debbie Clayton AM spoke on education and skills development to meet Australia's workforce needs. It was a timely topic given the massive disruption occurring in Australia today because of the inability to recruit appropriate people to most sectors of our economy, perhaps most critically in the medical field. The talk encouraged an energetic question time.

### **Dr Wallace Taylor OAM**



## Central Queensland Region Convener

### IN MEMORIAM

YOUNG Major Lawrence James OAM

STACKPOOLE James Leonard OAM

LAKIS Ester OAM

BATTON Rt Rev John

LAWSON Marie Joyce OAM

PICKERING Howard Charles OAM

FEEZ Mary Geddes OAM

STRATHDEE Robert Keith OAM

JONES Peter OAM

POWELL Lawrence William AC

SPENCER-ROOTH Hon D Litt OAM

ANNAT Isobel Pixie MBE OAM

SCOTT Fredrick Moffat OAM

BUNDERSEN Christine Mary AM

NICOLAIDES Iris (Rene) OAM

## NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH

### BRANCH CHAIRMAN ARTICLE: NSW

I was challenged by a comment from popular ABC Presenter Stan Grant who opined at a recent Oration event he moderated: **“DON’T ACCEPT THE STATUS QUO.”**

My mental response was that the recipients of the Order of Australia are great role models of such people who break new ground with inventions, medical research, community service and adapting to our constantly changing world. That could easily be a fundamental criterion to a successful nomination which can be measured by the Governor-General’s comment to our Branch Committee during a zoom meeting he instigated last year with us. He referred to the “rippling affect” of a nominee’s service. That in turn drives me to encourage nominations for an Order of Australia by looking around you for such people.

I have yet to meet an Awardee who has accepted the status quo in areas for which they have been cited. This I have learned and gained from in depth conversations with so many recipients at their investiture, our Association functions, casual meetings and when searching for good function/lecture speakers, and for written articles: “what was your Award citation”, and to expand each chat with “what have you done in the community.”

The results are extremely motivating for their inspiration, “rippling impact” and humility, as well as being encouraging for not just our local communities, but for the nation and internationally. The same can be said for the high school recipients of our Branch Youth Community Service awards.

I am also quick to respond to many recipients who make comments such as “I do not know why I got my award as there are many people who have done more for the community than I have.” In fact, one NSW State Governor chastised a recipient to never say anything like that. “A group of citizens have nominated you because they have seen and highly value your service. I know you did not serve to be recognised and they recognise your impact and want to publicly thank you.”

Not one of them has accepted the status quo and there is more each of us has yet to do.

I enjoy my regional and branch gatherings and I continue to be inspired. These have included our Branch attendance at the 2022 Queen’s Birthday Honours investiture ceremonies and NSW Branch Community Service awards presentation at Government House, our Opera luncheon, regional visits to Dapto, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Sydney’s Northern Beaches and Mittagong.

Please continue to inspire by advancing Australia well beyond the status quo.

Jim Mein AM

## OAA NSW YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



On Friday September 2, the OAA NSW Youth Community Service Awards were presented at Government House NSW to 26 high school students in NSW by The Honourable AS Bell, Chief Justice of the NSW Supreme Court, Administrator of the Government of the State of NSW, for exceptional service or engagement with their local community or to Australia in general.

The students received a trophy and certificate of commendation from the Chief Justice.

Conducted by the Order of Australia Association (NSW) Branch, students across the state were nominated by their school principal as being exemplary community role models before a selection panel determined the final Award recipients.

Service ranges from local initiatives such as education, health and welfare for disadvantaged or underprivileged communities, to international initiatives in a host of community development

activities such as education, health, sanitation and infrastructure projects. The Award is not for academic or sporting achievements.

Citations for the 26 students are on our website:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/nsw/youth-award>

Dr Frank Kelleher OAM

Convenor

## MEET OUR REGIONAL CONVENORS: Ruby Riach OAM – Dubbo – Orana Region

Ruby received her OAM in 1996 for services to education and in particular to educational organisations. She served in Executive positions in two significant Professional Education Organisations – Australian College of Educators and the Professional Teachers Council. Ruby was invited to take over the role of State Secretary of the Order of Australia Association in 1997, which he did for 7 years. She was Deputy Chair OAA NSW Branch before moving to Dubbo to care for her sister.

She joined the Dubbo Group Committee at that time and became the Convenor when Max Walters AM MBE, who had established the Group in 1999, became ill and died shortly after. She has been the Convenor since that time and is now ready to hand the role over to a younger member when we can find someone who is prepared to take on this role.

More of our wonderful Regional Convenors will be introduced in coming editions of The Order, and our monthly Newsletters. (LD)

## THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION CLARENCE/RICHMOND BRANCH ANNUAL LUNCHEON 18 SEPTEMBER

The Clarence/Richmond Branch held its annual function on Sunday, 18th September at the Alstonville Bowls and Sports Club.

The luncheon was well attended by 21 Awardees and 17 Guests. Our Guest speaker was Mr Stephen Garbutt OAM. Steve received his award in 2021 for his long service to the community through his work with Emergency Services, and especially in his role as long term Captain of the Wyrallah Bush Fire Brigade.

Steve spoke on his many deployments, working on Bush Fires in four States over many years, as well as his work in Flood clean-ups, especially in this year's Northern Rivers floods. He emphasised the emotional stress that all emergency personnel experience when dealing with these devastating situations, and with people's trauma in losing lives, possessions and animals.

The Branch Committee were all returned for another year, and next year's function is planned to return to May 2023.

Grahame Gooding OAM  
Regional Coordinator