



## Welcome from VIC Branch Chair

Wishing you and those special to you a happy and healthy 2023

Welcome to our first edition for the New Year of the Order of Australia Association Victoria Branch e-Newsletter. Hope you all enjoyed the various festive celebrations since our early December 2022 communication.

Congratulations to the 200 Order of Australia 2023 Australia Day Honours recipients based in Victoria. Please refer to page 5 for more information.

The first two VIC Branch events for 2023 are:-

1. Inspiring Australians Oration to be delivered by Chris Leptos AO on Tuesday February 28 at the Melbourne Town Hall. Order of Australia Association Foundation 2013 scholarship recipient will provide an update ten years on regarding the benefits of the scholarship, his community work and current employment. Please refer to page 2 for the invitation and booking details.
2. Annual lunch following the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday March 28 in the William Angliss Restaurant. The speaker will be Dr Patrick Mahar OAM. Please refer to page 4 for the invitation and booking details.

OAA 2023 National Conference will be held Thursday May 18 to Sunday May 21 in Geelong. Bookings are now open: <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national-conference-2023/>

For further information regarding the Order of Australia Association Branch and Regional Group news, online Merchandise Shop, the Order of Australia Award Nominations and more, check out the Association website at <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au>.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.



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## Victoria Branch Annual General Meeting

The Order of Australia Association Limited (OAA), Victoria Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM), will be held on Tuesday March 28, 2023 commencing at 11.00am at the William Angliss Institute. Enter from 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Sign in from 10.45am.

At the 2023 Annual General Meeting nominations will be called for vacant Office Bearer and Committee positions listed below:

Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chair Merchandise  
Chair Events  
Committee Member

Friday February 10, 2023, the Annual General Meeting agenda pack for OAA VIC Branch will be emailed to financial members with an email address noted on the database and mailed to members without an email address noted.

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# Inspiring Australians Oration

## Invitation for OAA Members and Guests

**Tuesday February 28, 2023**

**Doors open 10.30am for 11.00am start**

**Melbourne Town Hall: 90-130 Swanston Street,  
Melbourne**



### Oration will be delivered by **Chris Leptos AO**

Director of an 'ASX 100' company that operates in 30 countries; he is the chair of three national charities; and he holds a statutory appointment under the ACCC overseeing supplier complaints in the supermarket sector.

Earlier in his career he was a Managing Partner at Ernst & Young, prior to which he was head of Corporate Development for Western Mining. He doesn't have much spare time, but he greatly enjoys working on his farm in central Victoria.

2013 Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship recipient **Tom Crowhurst** will update members and guests on the benefits of his scholarship ten years ago and talk about his community work and current employment.

**Cost: \$10 per person includes GST + booking fee.**

Light refreshments will be served after the formalities

OAA Merchandise will be sold at this event

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

Book by February 21 at [https:// www.trybooking.com/CESXG](https://www.trybooking.com/CESXG)

Enquires or assistance with bookings contact Fred Harrington OAM

E: [sec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:sec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) or M: 0417 116 304





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## Victoria

### Branch Events for 2023

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

**Tuesday February 28** – Inspiring Australian Oration please refer to page 2 for invitation details including booking link

**Tuesday March 28** – Annual General Meeting 10.45am sign in for 11.00am start.  
Agenda pack will be distributed to VIC Branch financial members on Friday February 10, 2023  
Annual General Meeting documentation will also be on the Association website.

**Tuesday March 28** – Annual Lunch please refer to page 4 for invitation details including booking link

**July/August on a Sunday** - National Gallery of Victoria Winter Masterpieces event; waiting for 2023 exhibition dates.

The event will include onsite lecture, exhibition and a lunch option next door in the Arts Centre Melbourne.

**Wednesday October 4:** 1.00pm at Alex Theatre St Kilda within walking distance of rail and tram services

VIC Branch Reception to welcome Order of Australia recipients who join the Association in 2023; the reception is to say thank you.

**Thursday November 23:** 6.15pm End of Year Dinner for members and guests at William Angliss Restaurant with speaker Natalie O'Brien AM.

The VIC Branch will also host one virtual winter event; this allows us to communicate with members who for various reasons are unable to attend face-to-face events.

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



# Annual Lunch

Following the OAA VIC Branch Annual General Meeting

## Invitation for Members and Guests

**Tuesday March 28, 2023 at 12.15pm**

**William Angliss Restaurant**

**Enter at 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne**

Annual lunch speaker

### **Associate Professor Patrick Mahar OAM**

Assoc. Prof Patrick Mahar is a specialist dermatologist, who is educated and experienced in medicine, business and law. He is a fellow of the Australasian College of Dermatologists and the Australasian College of Legal Medicine. He completed his Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery simultaneously with his Bachelor of Laws from Monash University. He also completed his Master of Business Administration at the Melbourne Business School, alongside a Doctor of Philosophy with Deakin University and a Doctor of Medical Science with The University of Melbourne whilst simultaneously specialty training in dermatology.



**Cost:** \$35 per person includes GST + booking fee. 2 course lunch, cash bar for drinks

Please note allergy/dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Table seating is allocated for this lunch; if members/guests have a preference to be seated with other members/guests either book a table of 10 or note seating preference at time of booking.

OAA Merchandise will be sold at this event

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

Book by March 21 at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFQEA>

Enquires or assistance with bookings contact Fred Harrington OAM

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# January 26, 2023 Australia Day

Congratulations to the 200 Victoria based Order of Australia Honours recipients announced this Australia Day.

The table on the right sets out the number of recipients per postnominal and gender for Victoria.

The General Division of the Order of Australia listed 736 recipients Australiawide for Australia Day 2023 with 48 per cent for women.

For members also interested in category data Australiawide - AC 6, AO 47, AM 177 and OAM 506.

	Total	Male	%	Female	%
AC	2	1	50%	1	50%
AO	18	12	66.66%	6	33.33%
AM	46	20	43.48%	26	56.50%
OAM	134	70	52.24%	64	47.76%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>51.50%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>48.50%</b>

Thank you to all our members who have taken the time to nominate Australians who have made a difference in their community or their profession. Who will you next nominate?

Extract of the article in The Age from Shelley Reys AO January 23, 2023 and her interview on ABC 774 radio. "To be very clear, the only barrier to outstanding people being recognised in the Order of Australia is the absence of a nomination.

By nominating, we can all have a say in what sort of service and achievement should be celebrated".

Shelley Reys AO was appointed Order of Australia Council Chair last October.

The Victoria Branch acknowledges two members elevated this year:

**Professor Warwick ANDERSON AM** 26th of January, 2005 for service to health and medical research through leadership roles with the National Health and Medical Research Council, to the development of medical science at Monash University, and to hypertension and renal physiology research.

**Emeritus Professor Warwick ANDERSON AO** 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023 for distinguished service to health and medical research organisations, and to professional associations



## **Mrs Margaret WEBB OAM**

11th of June, 2007 for service to education as Principal of Toorak College, to the promotion and development of outdoor learning initiatives, and to Girls Sport Victoria

## **Mrs Margaret WEBB AM**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for significant service to education governance, to Indigenous students, and as a mentor

## Meet three Victorians celebrated in the AD23 Honours List

The Australia Day 2023 Honours List celebrates inspiring Australians who have had an impact at the local, national and international level. They are people from all backgrounds, all parts of Australia, who do all kinds of work. These outstanding Victorians are each dedicated to making a positive difference in their communities. For more profiles of AD23 Order of Australia recipients, go to [gg.gov.au](https://www.gg.gov.au)



L-R: Alice Lai OAM, Leanne Miller AM, Dr Alfred Zervas AM.

**Alice Lai OAM** was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the Chinese community of Victoria. “I consider myself a more fortunate individual and would like to make some contribution to my adoptive home, the Australian community, and help the less fortunate.”

**Leanne Miller AM** was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to women’s affairs, and to the Indigenous community. “I have been delighted to take on paid and unpaid roles... I am especially proud of reports that examine the impacts of discrimination on women in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.”

**Dr Alfred Zervas AM** was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to international community health and nutrition as an epidemiologist. “I am focused on continuing to publicise my projects and in repaying to the neediest, particularly impoverished mothers and children.”

## Let’s ensure the Order reflects who we are as a nation

By nominating, we can all play a role in ensuring that the contributions from people across our diverse Australian community are represented. Every Australian should be able to see themselves in the Order.

Anyone can nominate someone for an Order of Australia – at any time. There is no deadline. And, you don’t need to know every detail about the person you nominate. Every nominee is researched independently and considered on their merits.

To complete a nomination, you need to provide:

1. The full name and contact details of the person you are nominating
2. Your full name and contact details
3. An outline of how your nominee’s contribution
4. The names and contact details of up to four referees.

Visit [www.gg.gov.au](https://www.gg.gov.au) today to nominate someone you know who makes a difference.

This article is brought to you by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.



# A message from Cathy Roth OAM

Firstly, thank you to Order of Australia Association members who have already volunteered their time to assist at the 2023 National Conference in Geelong Thursday May 18 to Sunday May 21.

Secondly, on behalf of the 2023 national conference committee I would appreciate one or two hours of your time to assist with administration, registration, merchandise, directions to venues and restaurants and transport logistics Friday to Field Trips and Saturday Dinner to name a few opportunities.

Please contact 2023 National Conference Volunteers Coordinator  
Cathy Roth OAM  
E: [cathy.roth@bigpond.com](mailto:cathy.roth@bigpond.com)



Conference Bookings are now open:

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

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## Merchandise Shop

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart/>

### New for summer:

**Bondi Bucket Hat - Navy (Unisex)**  
Premium heavy brushed cotton hat with a sweat band. UPF50+ excellent protection from the sun and complies with ASNZS 4399-1996 standard.  
Size: Large (60cm).  
Cost: \$16



### Limited stock:

**Loop Inductive Charger** – wireless table-top charger for recent mobile phones/tablets.  
Cost: \$18.00

**Vista Travel Charger Kit** combines three products in a handy travel gift set: a USB flash drive, a power bank to charge your phone or tablet on the go, and a USB car charger. Cost: \$33.00

**Ladies' pure silk scarf** with golden wattle design on blush/coffee/cream background Cost: \$45.00

**Reminder:** The OAA Lapel Badge now has a magnetic fitting. This is not the Order of Australia lapel pin recipients receive with the medal pack at their Investiture.

**Note:** The OAA Merchandise Shop item is not suitable for members with a pacemaker.

For additional Order of Australia lapel pins or medals please contact Honours Secretarial via phone or email. Tel: 02 6283 3533 E: [honours@gg.gov.au](mailto:honours@gg.gov.au)

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# Regional Group Events and AGMs - 2023

## Barwon Regional Group

**Sunday February 12** Annual General Meeting commencing 2.15pm at Lonsdale Links (Multi-Purpose Room) 312 Clubhouse Road, Point Lonsdale.

Cost \$30 GST included for afternoon tea, Drinks at bar cost. Speaker Roy Hay, Honorary Fellow at Deakin University social historian and author

RSVP by Sunday February 5; contact Regional Group Treasurer Peter Doak OAM

E: [pdoak@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pdoak@bigpond.net.au)

## Central Highlands Wimmera

**Sunday February 19** Annual General Meeting – Ararat RSL 12.30pm for lunch at own cost then AGM at 2.00pm.

## Eastern Suburbs Regional Group

The Eastern Suburbs Regional Group will continue its popular program of online webinars through 2023, with a wide range of speakers. All of these are open to everyone interested.

To book to attend the webinars contact ESRG Chairperson, Geoffrey Grinton OAM,

at [VicEasternSubsRG@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:VicEasternSubsRG@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

**Thursday March 16** Annual General Meeting 5.30pm virtual event with speaker Iain Edwards, Interim CEO of Guide Dogs Victoria, Iain will explain the impact that guide dogs have had on the lives of many people with low vision or blindness, and the wide range of operations of the Victorian Group.

The ESRG AGM commences at 6.30pm after the webinar.

Registration <https://www.trybooking.com/CFOMX>

**Thursday May 11** at 5.30pm Best known for the 'There's a Hippopotamus on our Roof Eating Cake' (1980) series adapted for screen and stage, Hazel Edwards OAM writes across genres, media and age groups. Coping successfully with being different, cultural diversity and social justice using humour are common themes.

In this webinar Hazel will talk about the physical and intellectual risks of being a long-term author with a family and a life.

**Thursday July 13** at 5:30pm Janet McCalman AC, is Emeritus Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor at the University of Melbourne. She is the author of four award-winning books about Australian life: Struggletown, Journeyings, Sex and Suffering, and most recently Vandemonians: the repressed history of colonial Australia. Her subject in this webinar will start from the basis that Convicts and the First AIF have much in common: young people snatched by 'history' to undergo a traumatic experience.

How much did penal servitude in Van Diemen's Land and service in World War I affect the lives and health of those who went through those ordeals? Or were there other factors, starting in childhood that determined how resilient they were and whether they could recover in later life?

Can history help us to do better in the future?

**Thursday September 14** at 5.30pm Dr Neil Roy AM was a consultant paediatrician at the Women's Hospital from 1975 to 2007, and a key contributor to the development of NETS, the Newborn Emergency Transport Service, designed originally to safely bring newborns needing specialist care to the Women's Hospital.



## Eastern Suburbs Regional Group continued

**Thursday November 9** at 5:30pm Jenny Graves AC is a renowned Australian Geneticist, a Distinguished Professor within the La Trobe University's Institute for Molecular Science. Her wide research interests have included mapping the genome of Australian marsupials, and she is particularly well known for her theories of the origin and evolution of human sex chromosomes and sex determining genes. Her many awards include the Prime Minister's Prize for Science.

## Frankston Mornington Peninsula Regional Group

**Wednesday March 22** Annual General Meeting

## Gippsland Regional Group

**Sunday March 19** Annual General Meeting at Rotary Centenary House Traralgon, High Tea will be served after the AGM

**Wednesday October 18** Save the Date for the Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet Oration and dinner in Traralgon

## Loddon Campaspe Regional Group

**Friday March 17** Annual General Meeting in Bendigo

## Melbourne Central Regional Group

**Tuesday March 21** Annual General Meeting then lunch at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club with Speaker Professor Michael Berk Director Institute for Mental and Physical Health and Clinical Translation (IMPACT) he is a researcher of international status, and will speak on Mental Health Research and where it is at globally.

Two other luncheons are planned for this year at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club plus three interesting networking events throughout the year

## North Central Suburbs Regional Group

**Thursday February 16** ZOOM session commencing at 5.30pm. Speaker is Barb Brook OAM who will tell of her trip ***From Shanghai to St Petersburg by train.*** Barb and her husband Alan, both members of NCS have enjoyed some fabulous travel.

In 2015 they experienced the fast train from Shanghai to Beijing before travelling on the Trans Mongolian and Trans-Siberian railways – 3 weeks of train travel including Rice patties with powerless homes, Treeless mountains of Mongolia, A Ger Camp, unlimited silver birch trees and magnificent stations and subways to name a few highlights.

For bookings and ZOOM link contact Fred Harrington OAM at: [fred.harrington@gravity.net.au](mailto:fred.harrington@gravity.net.au)

**Wednesday March 1** Annual General Meeting commencing at 11:15am at the Sycamore Tree Café 185 Burgundy St Heidelberg. The Notice of Meeting has been sent to members along with a Nomination Form and a Proxy Form for those unable to attend.

For bookings or further information contact NCS Chair, Fred Harrington OAM at: [fred.harrington@gravity.net.au](mailto:fred.harrington@gravity.net.au) or 0417 116 304.

The AGM will be followed by the Autumn Seasonal Lunch at the same venue commencing at 11.45am Attendees are able to order their own meal and drinks from the menu and pay individually.

For bookings or further information contact Irene Harrington OAM at: [harri@gravity.net.au](mailto:harri@gravity.net.au)

## Upcoming Events

NCSRAG has a number of events planned for the remainder of the year which include:

Monthly ZOOM sessions - These sessions will be held on the third Thursday of each month.

## North Central Suburbs Regional Group continued

**Wednesday June 7** Winter Seasonal Lunch commencing at 11:45 am at the Sycamore Tree café

**Sunday August 13** Yarra Valley Lunch commencing at 12 Noon at Yering Meadows Golf Club Café

This event will also include the reception for Order of Australia 2023 Australia Day and King's Birthday Honours recipients

**Wednesday September 6** Spring Seasonal Lunch commencing at 11:45 am at the Sycamore Tree café

## North East Victoria and Goulburn Valley Regional Group

**Australia Day January 26, 2023 in Wangaratta**



The Rural City of Wangaratta (RCW) held its annual Australia Day citizenship ceremony and Citizen of the Year awards in the beautiful King George V Gardens. As part of this day, the 34 RCW Order of Australia recipients are recognized as part of the proceedings. Many of these recipients attend and it is a great opportunity to catch up with one another.

It was most fortunate to have two new RCW AD recipients present this year. They were both awarded the OAM and were able to be acknowledged with their citations being read as follows:

**Mrs June Brown OAM.** June has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her service to the creative arts. June is well known for her work with the Wangaratta Art Gallery, the Stitched-up Festival, local quilting groups, The Victorian Quilters Association along with her own exhibitions. She has made a significant contribution to our local creative arts.

**Dr Warren Garrett OAM.** Warren has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his service to the community of the Wangaratta region. Warren is well known for work with the Wangaratta RSL and other community groups as well as the education sector.

Warren was Wangaratta's Citizen of the Year in 2020. He has made a significant contribution to our community.

**Sunday March 26** Annual General Meeting and 30<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary lunch – at Lakeside Community Centre Benalla Invitation details page 11 & 12.

It's an opportunity for members to get together for a great celebration.

John Brown AO and Pam Robinson AM to lead the celebration as guest speakers, along with a photo display of the last 30 years' luncheons.

John Brown AO has kindly donated a bottle of 1993 Brown's Ruby Cabernet which will be drawn at the lunch with all attendees being put into the draw. A celebration not to be missed!

**Sunday June 25** at Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Guest speaker Mr Tony Rinaud AM

Tony is a world-renowned agronomist and we are most fortunate to have him in Australia at this time.

# North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley Regional Group

Chair Barbara Thomas OAM

cordially invites members and guests to the

## **March Luncheon, 30th Anniversary celebration & Annual General Meeting**

Sunday March 26, 2023

at

Lakeside Community Centre, Benalla Showgrounds, Benalla

Commencing at 12.10pm

### **Guest Speakers:**

**Mr John Brown AO and Mrs Pam Robinson AM**

### **Cost: \$60 per person (GST Inclusive)**

Cost includes glass of Prosecco on arrival then 2 course lunch and anniversary cake. Cash bar for drinks.



Complimentary glass of Prosecco on arrival and lucky guest draw for 1993 bottle of Brown's Ruby Cabernet both courtesy of Mr John Brown AO





# North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley Regional Group

## Booking Form for March Luncheon, 30th Anniversary celebration & Annual General Meeting on Sunday March 26, 2023

Dress: Neat Casual

Wear: Large medals & Name Badge

RSVP essential for catering purposes by Sunday March 12, 2023

Reply to: Mrs Margaret Attley OAM, 65 Mt Battery Road, Mansfield 3722

Email: [negvoaa@protonmail.com](mailto:negvoaa@protonmail.com)

Phone: 0400 256 035

Any Dietary/Allergy Requirements – Please advise at time of booking

**(Please via Email or mail below form to Margaret)**

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*(Please complete all names in BLOCK LETTERS)*

I will / will not be attending the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Luncheon-Yes/No

MEMBER NAME: .....

GUEST NAME/S:

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Enclosed is my cheque for \$..... Please make Cheque payable to: - OAA  
NEGV

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) \$..... EFT deposit direct into:

**OAA NE & GV Account @ Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000; Account 144 919 750**

(Please indicate your name on EFT transfer). Note: Cash not accepted on the day

**NOTE:** if you use EFT, you must either post this attendance form or email  
Margaret with the name/s of attendees.

Email Address: .....

(Please provide for future contact from the Regional Group)

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## South Central Suburbs Regional Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Order of Australia Association [Vic Branch] South Central Suburban Regional Group will be held at the Marine Hotel, 215 New Street Brighton on **Thursday March 23** at 11.00 AM followed by lunch.

This is a special time for our Regional Group as the baton will be passed from our current Chairman Graeme Woolacott OAM to Jill Page OAM following the election of the Management Committee.

Then be enthralled and learn by listening to our Guest Speaker Mrs. Patricia Burke OAM on the subject of Philanthropy in Australia.

Following the AGM, we can enjoy a luncheon at the cost of \$30 GST included for a one course meal with drinks at bar price, all in the company of friends and like-minded individuals.



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### THE MARINE HOTEL – AGM & LUNCHEON

I wish to attend the AGM and luncheon at the Marine Hotel 215 New Street Brighton on Thursday March 23, 2023, commencing at 11.00 AM followed by a luncheon at \$30 Per Person. Drinks at bar price

Please find enclosed cheque for..... persons at \$30per person GST included. \$.....

Cheques should be made payable to The Order of Australia Association and mailed to the Treasurer by **17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Alternately, pay by Direct Debit to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000. Account number 132398835. Reference "Annual General Meeting"

No receipts will be issued.

If paying by Direct Debit please tick box ☐

Name and Post Nominals.....

Phone.....Email.....

Name/s of your Guest/s.....

**Jacket and tie for gentlemen and full size decorations are to be worn.**

**Post cheques to Treasurer Alan Samuel OAM JP, 109/31 Alma Road St. Kilda 3182  
Phone: 0408 024 224. Email alan@samuelfamily.net**

## Western Suburbs Regional Group

The last event for 2022 featured a wonderful talk by Hugh Robertson from his Army Doctor Service in Legacy. This lunch time meeting was held at the Yarraville Club on the 17th



November and was attended by 20 members.

In his talk Mr Robertson gave a superb account of the activities undertaken by the Legacy organisation. The Melbourne Legacy organisation has served the community for 95 years during which time they have been involved in supporting ex-servicemen and women and their families during difficult times.

The support services that are offered include counselling, assistance with children's education, encouraging like-minded friendships and providing a strong advocacy voice for entitlements and services. Legacy also is actively involved in supporting veteran's family members with a disability and providing support for widows and widowers.

**Thursday February 16** Western Suburbs Regional Group AGM and general meeting will commence at 12.00 pm at the Altona Sports Club. The cost of the meal will be met by members.

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## Friends of Gallipoli December 20 Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance

Each year on 20th of December, Friends of Gallipoli Inc. holds a commemorative ceremony



to mark the anniversary of the cessation of hostilities between the ANZACS and the Turks at Gallipoli.

December 20, 2022 was the tenth such ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. The guests included Mr Eser Torun, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey, Dr Josh Funder,

grandson of Stanley Watson, one of the last to leave the beach at Gallipoli, New Zealand Consul General Ms Bella Katz, Prof. Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC OBE, Commodore Greg Yorke AC CSC RAN and representatives from the RSL, Engineers Australia, RAE Association (Vic), and Dr John Basarin OAM, founder and Chairman of Friends of Gallipoli and OAA VIC Branch Member.



## Friends of Gallipoli December 20 Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance continued

About 60 persons attended the ceremony and Dr Basarin spoke of the friendship between the Turks and Australians which grew out of a bitter conflict. He also pointed out that while ANZAC Day has long been commemorated annually, the coming of peace [i.e. withdrawal] from Gallipoli has largely been ignored.

Dr Basarin has been trying to correct this omission and with such a ceremony being held in Sydney's Hyde Park Memorial first time last year, he might achieve this aim. The ceremony was made more meaningful with the members of the Bayside Sing Australia singing the national anthems with gusto, including the Turkish one.

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## Receive an e-copy of *The Order* national magazine

With a focus on the environment and reducing plastic wrap and printing, members are encouraged to opt for an e-copy of the quarterly national magazine.

This approach will reduce the cost of printing, plastic wrap and postage.

If interested please email National Editor (Phil) [nateditor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:nateditor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) asking to be changed to the e-copy distribution. Thank you in advance for making a difference.

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## Regional Group Chairs as at January 31, 2023

Barwon	Wayne Myers OAM
Central Highlands Wimmera	John Burt OAM
Eastern Suburbs	Geoffrey Grinton OAM
Frankston Mornington Peninsula	Heather Barton AM
Gippsland	Lorraine Bartling OAM
Loddon-Campaspe	Steven Lee AM
Melbourne Central	Trevor Clark OAM
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

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