

# ACT OAA

## MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## COMING EVENTS

Booking sheets for the following events are enclosed:

**Wednesday 22 March 2023**  
**Morning Tea**  
**Royal Canberra Golf Club**

**Tuesday 18 April 2023**  
**OAA-ADF Oration**  
**Russell Offices Theatre**

**Wednesday 10 May 2023**  
**Autumn Reception**  
**Commonwealth Club**

### NEW BRANCH CHAIR – ANDREW PHELAN AM



Congratulations to Andrew Phelan AM on his election as Chair of the ACT Branch at the recent Branch AGM. A former Chief Executive and Principal Registrar of the High Court of Australia, Andrew was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2019 *for significant service to judicial administration*. You can read Andrew's Chair message on the following page.

### MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023



We hope you can join us for fellowship and to hear Roxanne Missingham OAM talk on *"Saving our memory – new roles of libraries and archives."* Roxanne is University Librarian and Chief Scholarly Information Officer, at the Australian National University and was previously Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian and earlier was Assistant Director General, Resource Sharing Division, National Library of Australia. To attend, please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/XI4BL> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter. Contact Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020 or [chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) for further detail.

### THE 2023 OAA-ADF ORATION – TUESDAY 18 APRIL



A special event on our calendar each year is the OAA – ADF Oration which brings together Defence Force and other recipients of the Order to create a closer understanding of each other's commitment to service as recognised through the Australian Honours system. The 2023 Oration will be delivered by the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AM, RAN. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2018 *for exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in senior command and staff roles*. To attend this event at the Ngunnawal Theatre at Russell Offices please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/ML7F8> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter.

Contact for this event is Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020 or [chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au).

### RECEPTION FOR NEW RECIPIENTS - 10 MAY 2023

Please join us to welcome and celebrate with ACT and area citizens awarded in the 2023 Australia Day Honours. This event will be held at The Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla on Wednesday 10 May and will follow the investitures to be held at Government House. Please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/ONHLF> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter.

Contact for this event is Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020 or [chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au).

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Fellow Branch Members



I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Branch Chair, following elections at the Branch AGM on 15 February 2023. In so doing, I must thank Mike Crane DSC & Bar, AM, our retiring Chair, for his outstanding leadership of the Branch over the last five years – a period in which the variety and tempo of Branch events were maintained in the face of COVID restrictions, and the Branch hosted the very successful 2022 National Conference. I have gained considerable knowledge and experience working with Mike, and the other members of the Branch Committee, and am pleased that he has agreed to stay on 'for a few months at least' to assist in the leadership transition. I am also very grateful that all the other Branch Committee members will continue to serve, and I welcome Brian Babington AM as a new member of the Committee. We will continue to build on what we have been doing and explore new ways in which we can *celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship*.

The Branch hit the ground running in 2023, with outstanding presentations at our Australia Day Breakfast and AGM and more to come over the next few months. We can look forward to hearing Roxanne Missingham OAM over a morning tea on Wednesday 22 March 2023. The 2023 Defence Oration will be held in April, and our Orator will be the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AM RAN. This should be very topical indeed, with the Government currently considering the Defence Strategic Review report and set to make important announcements on AUKUS nuclear submarine plans over the next few months. Our autumn reception is a great opportunity to congratulate Australia Day 2023 recipients of honours and awards in the Order. It will be held in the Commonwealth Club at 6pm on Wednesday 10 May 2023.

The ACT Branch of the Order of Australia Association is proud to present annual awards to ACT school students and school groups for voluntary community service and demonstration of good citizenship. We will be writing to all the schools in the ACT about this in the second term of school, with the intention of hosting an awards ceremony later in the year.

Finally, a reminder that the Association's National Conference will be held in Geelong from 18 to 21 May 2023 – another great opportunity to mix with fellow members of the Association and hear valuable contributions on the theme of '*Working together-building the future*'. Details are available in the latest edition of The Order. Monica and I will be there.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at future events. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you would like to discuss any aspect of the Branch's activities.

Warm regards

Andrew

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## BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The first 2023 meeting of the Board was held on 10 February using TEAMS.

The Board considered a Social Media Concepts Paper presented by the Chairman in an attempt to reconcile the many differences of opinion expressed by the Branches on a Draft Social Media Policy. The ideas presented in the Concepts paper were largely adopted and will be used to frame the development of the OAA's approach to Social Media in 2023.

The National Treasurer's Report stated that the OAA's income was in surplus for 2022, however, due to the fall in financial markets in that period, the portfolio value of investments was down.

The Board agreed that the following recommendations be adopted:

1. The \$40,000 provision against conference losses, created in 2021 be maintained in 2022.
  2. A further \$20,000 be added to the scholarship provision to allow for the full \$45,000 to be allocated for the WA scholarship in 2024.
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The National Membership Director reported that the OAA website had now been brought up to date, and like the numbers in 2022, 48% of the recipients from the 2023 Australia Day Awards were women.

At the recommendation of the Audit and Risk committee, two further policies were approved by the Board.

1. N1 National Conference Policy and NP1 National Conference Procedure.

2. F1 National Financial management and Control Policy.

The Board noted that the next edition of 'The Order' would be increased in size from 28 to 32 pages to assess the potential cost impact of limited advertising. The approved copy for the OA Marketing National Nomination PowerPoint was ready for distribution to the Branches.

The Deputy National Chairman reported that the planning programs for both the Geelong (2023) and the Perth (2024) Conferences were running to schedule.

I reported to the Board that at the ACT Branch AGM held on 15 February, Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM had completed his term as ACT Branch Chairman and that Dr Andrew Phelan AM had been elected Chairman for the next term.

The next Board Meeting will be held, using TEAMS, on 17 April 2023.

Dr Alan Morrison AM, JP  
ACT Branch Nominated Director

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## WELCOME TO NEW OAA MEMBERS FROM THE 2023 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

**Ms Katrina FANNING AO** – For distinguished service to the Indigenous community through education and health initiatives, and to sport.

**Mr Gregory HOOD AO** - For distinguished service to the national transportation and aviation industries, and to the not-for-profit sector.

**WING COMMANDER Mark PENTREATH AM CSM** – For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in organisational reform and change management.

**BRIGADIER Craig SHORTT DSC AM CSC DSM** – For exceptional service as Director General Land, Director General Career Management Army and Commander Special Forces Group.

**Ms Barbara BAIKIE OAM** – For service to women's affairs, and to the community.

**Mr Macaulay COTTRELL DFC OAM** – For service to veterans and their families.

**Mrs Gillian FRANCIS OAM** – For service to community history.

**Ms Fiona GODFREY OAM** - For service to primary and secondary education.

**Mr Michael LEE OAM** - For service to education.

**Mrs Sarah McGORAM OAM** – For service to community health.

**Mr Allan MOORE OAM** – For service to international relations.

**Mr Garth SETCHELL OAM** – For service to the community through a range of roles.

**Mr Kenneth STONE OAM** - For service to the community through a range of organisations.

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## 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.

**Mr James Ingram AO** – Australia Day 1984 – For public service. *James was a former career diplomat and from 1982 to 1992 was executive director of the UN World Food Program.*

**Mrs Elizabeth Grant AM** – Queen's Birthday 1987 – In recognition of service to health administration and to the community. *Elizabeth had previously been a Chair and nominated Director of the ACT OAA Branch.*

## AFFILIATE MEMBER

**Mr Raymond McInnes BEM** – 31 December 1982 – Public service.

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### MORNING TEA AT THE ROYAL CANBERRA GOLF CLUB



ACT Branch member **Roxanne Missingham OAM** is our guest speaker. Roxanne's topic will be **"Saving our memory – new roles of libraries and archives"**. She will talk about how our memories are recorded and the initiatives she has led or been involved with to provide a way to make collections available to Australians, and the new challenges we are facing. Roxanne was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in June 2021 *for service to the library and information sciences.*

**VENUE:** The Royal Canberra Golf Club, 71 Bentham Street, Yarralumla.

**DATE:** Wednesday 22 March 2023.

**TIME:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am.

**COST:** \$10.00 per person.

**DRESS:** Smart casual – Lapel pins.

Booking enquiries: Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM.

Mob: 0467 719 020 or [Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

RSVP by Friday 17 March 2023.

1. **Buy tickets online (preferred)** at StickyTickets web page: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/XI4BL>  
- Click on the link or copy and enter it directly into your browser. Please give online a try!

2. **Email booking slip to:** Mr. Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM at [Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

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**Morning Tea 22 March 2023**

Name and Postnominals: .....

Guest name(s) & Postnominals: .....

Payment instructions:

MASTERCARD

VISA

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2023 OAA-ADF ORATION

**TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023**



The Chief of Navy (CN), Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AM, RAN will present the 2023 “OAA-ADF ORATION”.

Vice Admiral Mark Hammond assumed command as Chief of Navy on 7 July 2022 and was appointed a Member of The Order of Australia on Australia Day 2018 *for exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in senior command and staff roles.*

The Oration was established in 2011 with the aim of further recognising the contribution made by military members of the Order of Australia to the fabric of Australian society. The Oration brings together Defence Force and other recipients of the Order to create a closer understanding of each other’s commitment to service as recognised through the Australian Honours system.

**VENUE:** Building R1 – Russell Offices Ngunnawal theatre. Free parking nearby.

**DATE:** Tuesday 18 April 2023.

**TIME:** 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm

**COST:** Free – Refreshments provided.

**DRESS:** Jacket and Tie/Day wear– Lapel pins.

Booking enquiries: Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM

Mob: 0467 719 020 or [Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

**RSVP** by Friday 14 April 2023

1. **Book tickets online** (preferred) on our StickyTickets web page:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/ML7F8> Click on the link or copy and enter it directly into your browser. Please give online a try!

2. **Mail or email** booking slip to

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ADF Oration 18 April 23

**Name and Postnominals**.....

**Guest name(s) & Postnominals**.....

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## BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PROFESSOR ROBERT CARE AM



*Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM, passing the Branch Chair position to Andrew Phelan AM*

Immediately following the AGM, Branch member Professor Robert Care AM, Chair of RedR Australia, spoke about “*The Humanitarian Challenge Ahead*” and fielded questions from the audience. RedR Australia is a leading international humanitarian response agency that selects, trains, and deploys technical specialists.

Robert painted a compelling picture of the global humanitarian need and sketched the efforts of RedR in response. You can

read a transcript of Robert’s address and see his slides at <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/act/events/>. Professor Care was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2012 *for service to engineering through a range of executive roles, to the business sector, to international humanitarian programs, and to the sport of athletics.*

The well attended Branch Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 15 February 2023 and saw the election of Dr Alan Morrison AM as Branch Nominated Director, Andrew Phelan AM as Branch Chair, Robert Altamore OAM as Branch Secretary, and Dr Brian Babington AM, Lynne Duckham OAM, Narelle Hargreaves AM, Coralie Wood OAM and Desmond Woods OAM as Committee members. Congratulations to all! Phil Morrall AM, CSC as Treasurer and Dr Joe Johnson CSC OAM AAM were not up for re-election,



*Kerry Care, Professor Robert Care AM, Lynne Duckham OAM*

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## AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

Members and guests gathered at Royal Canberra Golf Club for the annual Branch event to celebrate our national day and acknowledge the achievements of ACT and region recipients in the 2023 Australia Day honours list. Our special guest speaker was the Chief Defence Scientist, Professor Tanya Monro AC, who spoke about “Science for Purpose”. Tanya gave an inspirational address, touching on her own experiences in science, the importance of engaging young people in STEM, and as Capability Manager for Innovation, Science and Technology within the Department of Defence, how she is re-shaping the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG). She expressed the joy she feels in applying science to solve problems and noted the happy truth that solving one problem often leads to advances in quite unrelated areas.

Professor Monro is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science (AAS), The Australian Academy of Technology and engineering (ATSE), the Optical Society of America (OSA), the Australian Institute of Physics (AIP) and is a member of the Board of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

A Branch member, Tanya was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in June 2022 *for eminent service to scientific and technological development, to research and innovation, to tertiary education, particularly in the field of photonics, and to professional organisations.*

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Professor Tanya Monro AC



Robert Altamore OAM, Monica Phelan,  
Jean Bennett OAM



Paul Hornsby OAM, Simon Cullen AM CSC



Elizabeth Scrivener OAM, Russ Richards OAM, Paul Trewartha



John Hardy OAM, Rick Forster

## THE OAA-AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LECTURE



Professor Brian Schmidt AC, Professor Rory Medcalf AM,  
Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM

Members and many guests gathered in the new ANU Research School of Physics auditorium on 7 December to hear the Head of the National Security College, [Professor Rory Medcalf AM](#), deliver the 2022 OAA-ANU Lecture on “*Making sense of national security*”. Rory outlined the College’s role, challenged the audience to rethink national security, and offered some prescriptions for improving Australia’s national security. His professional background has involved three decades of experience across diplomacy, intelligence analysis, think tanks, academia and journalism, including as founding Director of the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute from 2007 to 2015. Professor Medcalf was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2022 for **significant service to international relations, and to tertiary education**. The Lecture and the Q&A session that followed can be viewed [at https://youtu.be/oGdi1vF45eo](https://youtu.be/oGdi1vF45eo).

## THE 2023 OAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN GEELONG – 18-21 MAY



The time is getting close for the annual OAA National Conference, hosted this year by the the Victoria Branch, which is inviting us to join them on May 18-21, 2023, in Geelong with the theme ***Working Together-Building the Future***. We hope the ACT can provide good support, as we were well supported by interstate members at our conference here last year. Details are available in the latest edition of *The Order* and bookings can be made at <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national-conference-2023/>



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**With kind permission of the President of the Commonwealth Club, Members and guests are invited to attend a Cocktail Reception to welcome Newly Invested Recipients.**

**DATE:** Wednesday 10 May 2023.

**TIME:** 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm.

**VENUE:** Commonwealth Club, 25 Forster Crescent, Yarralumla.

An opportunity for members and guests to welcome the 2023 Australia Day recipients of honours and awards in the Order of Australia from the ACT region, and share fellowship with existing members in the ambience of the Commonwealth Club. This event is generously sponsored by the ACT Government.

**COST:** \$60.00 per person for members and guests. New recipients and partners free of charge.

**DRESS:** Jacket and Tie/Day wear – Miniature Medals

Booking enquiries: Mike Crane DSC and Bar, AM. Mob: 0467 719 020 or

[Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:Chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

RSVP by Friday 5 May 2023.

1. **Buy tickets online (preferred)** at StickyTickets: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/ONHLF> - Click on the link or copy and enter it directly into your browser.

For recipients of 2023 Australia Day honours and awards only: Click on “New Recipient & Guest”, then enter your promotion code to activate your complimentary ticket.

2. **Mail or email** booking slip to:

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**2023 May Reception**

Name and Postnominals: .....

Guest name(s) & Postnominals: .....

Payment instructions:

MASTERCARD

VISA

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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