



# The Order of Australia Association

## Tasmania Branch

### Newsletter, Autumn 2023

It's half way through Autumn, a time to enjoy the colours of turning leaves, often more settled weather and wondering how quickly the year seems to be passing. It has been some time since we had a state-wide periodic newsletter from the Tasmania Branch, an omission that we hope to correct from here on.

## New Members

The Branch welcomes the following Tasmanian New Members to the Association who have joined since 1 January 2022.

Mrs Alison Jean Andrews AM

Ms Christine Mary Bailey OAM

Dr Deborah Kathleen Beswick OAM

Professor Gillian Mary Biscoe AM

Mr Malcolm James Cash OAM

Professor John Alexander Church AO

Mr Trevor Harold Duniam OAM

Mr Patrick John Eadington OAM

WO2 Cameron Joseph Elliott OAM

Mrs Belinda Hazell OAM

Mr Louis Albert Johnson AM

Mr William Ernest Kaine OAM

Mrs Betty Patricia Lavery OAM

Mr Andrew Donald MacGregor OAM

Ms Norma Lynn Mason AM

Mrs Elizabeth Beatrice Perkins OAM

Mrs Vicki May Purnell OAM

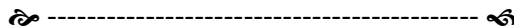
Mr Roxley Carl Snare OAM

Mr Michael John Walsh AM

Mrs Pamela Dawn Watkins OAM

Mr Rupert Woods AM

Mrs Lexie Eileen Young OAM



## Events

### Coronation Dinner

On Saturday, 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey the Coronations of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla will take place. To celebrate the occasion the Branch is having a Coronation Dinner in Hobart. This is a black-tie event at The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania and will be the day before the Coronation on **Friday, 5 May 2023** to allow those who wish to follow the proceedings in London an uninterrupted view of their television.



Places are still available for interested members and guests to attend the dinner.

Please refer to your recent invitation and accompanying information for further details or contact Maureen Rudge at [FunctionsTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:FunctionsTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

## Investiture Lunch

The investiture for Tasmanians recognised in the Australia Day announcement of awards will be on the afternoon of Friday 12 May 2023 at Government House. The Association is having its usual celebratory lunch to acknowledge the contributions that the new awardees have made to our society. Places are still available for interested members with their guests to attend the lunch that will be at The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Please refer to your invitation and accompanying information for further details.

Una Hobday can take your bookings at [FunctionsTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:FunctionsTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au).

## Australia Day Awards

Fourteen Tasmanians were honoured for their wide-ranging contributions to Australian society. The Association congratulates them all.

The Honourable Margaret Reynolds AC	For eminent service to the people and Parliament of Australia, to social justice, gender equality and Indigenous rights, to local government, and to the community.
Dr Anthony James Press AO	For distinguished service to the environment, particularly to the preservation of the Antarctic and Kakadu.
Dr Sally Lee Bryant AM	For significant service to wildlife and land conservation in Tasmania.
Ms Geraldine Marcia Harwood AM	For significant service to youth, and to the disability sector.
Mr Timothy John Hess AM	For significant service to aquaculture, and to the community of Tasmania.
Mrs Sarah Merridew AM	For significant service to corporate governance, and to the Tasmanian community.
Mr Michael John Walsh AM	For significant service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and to the community of Tasmania.
Ms Christine Mary Bailey OAM	For service to music and theatre organisations.
Mr Gerald Harwood OAM	For service to youth through Scouts.
Mrs Joyce Mackey OAM	For service to community history preservation.
Mrs Susan Rae OAM	For service to the promotion of international trade.
Mr Roger John Self OAM	For service to the community of the Tasman Peninsula.
Dr Graeme Tyson Stevenson OAM	For service to conservation and the environment.
Mrs Judith Ellen Travers OAM	For service to education administration, and to the community.

### 2023 National Conference

OAA 2023 National Conference will be held Thursday May 18 to Sunday May 21 in Geelong.

Bookings are still 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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### The Order of Australia Association Foundation



Shanae Kuo, Georgia Desideri-Zigante, Nicholas Simm, Alexis Bockin receive their Foundation award certificates at the Canberra National Conference, May 2022.

The Order of Australia Association Foundation is supporting the next generation of leaders by helping promising young Australians to achieve their potential for the benefit of future generations of Australians.

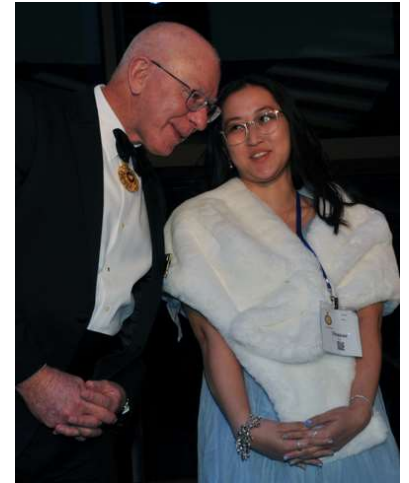
The Foundation was formed on 29 April 1999 pursuant to a Deed of Trust settled by five Founders, being former Presidents of the Association, namely Rt Hon Sir Zelman Cowen PC AK GCMG GCVO KStJ, Hon Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE, Sir Eric Neal AC CVO, Sir James Gobbo AC CVO; and General Sir Phillip Bennett AC KBE DSO KStJ.

The Foundation provides a national focus for the purpose of The Order of Australia Association to celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship.

The Foundation does this by annually sponsoring scholarships to Australian students in their early years of tertiary study.

The applicants are assessed for selection against the following criteria:

- showing potential as future leaders in their field of study;
- community involvement;
- benefiting the Australian community in future years through the Scholarship award and their specialist knowledge;
- needing financial assistance to benefit the completion of their studies; and
- having the ability to gain significantly from the guidance of suitably experienced volunteer mentors who have received appointments and awards in the Order of Australia.



A moment shared!

His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and Foundation awardee Shanae Kuo.

The selection of the Scholarship awardees is guided by a Professorial Committee.

The Order of Australia Association wishes to build upon this success by providing a specific Scholarship to be known as 'The Association Scholarship', to which individual Association members might contribute.

### **The Order of Australia Association Scholarship**

The Association is an incorporated body of recipients of awards or appointments in the Order of Australia. The Association needs to be robust, flexible and responsive to the members' needs and to serve as a model for community engagement.

By donating to the Foundation's "The Association Scholarship", Association members and members of the community promote Australian citizenship and thereby help the Association achieve its purpose.

### **Tax deductible tax donations may be made to:**

**Name of Account:** The Order of Australia Association Foundation Ltd Gift Account

**BSB No:** 013006

**Account No:** 314735771

Please advise details of EFT transfers to: [sec@oafoundation.com.au](mailto:sec@oafoundation.com.au)

*[Extracted from the Order of Australia Association Foundation website.]*

## Committee Vacancy

The Tasmania Branch has a vacancy on the Branch committee for an interested person. Initially, the appointment is for the period to the next Branch annual general meeting usually held in late February each year when elections are conducted.

Interested persons are invited to put forward their name to the Branch Secretary Beatrice Lawrence OAM at [SecTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:SecTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) listing their relevant skills and experience appropriate for membership of an Association Branch committee. More details of the committee responsibilities and activities can be obtained from the Branch Chairman Alastair Douglas OAM by email to [ChairTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:ChairTas@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) or phone 0418 127 897.