

ACT OAA



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Booking sheets for the following events are enclosed:

**Tuesday 18 July 2023
Mid-Year Luncheon
Southern Cross Club Woden**

**Thursday 24 August 2023
Student Awards
Royal Canberra Golf Club**

**Wednesday 20 September 2023
Spring Reception
Commonwealth Club**

MID-YEAR LUNCHEON – TUESDAY 18 JULY 2023



Bookings close early – 4 July for our midyear luncheon and more than half of the available seats have been sold.

Book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/6SFCN>

or complete the enclosed booking form to secure your spot. Join us at the Southern Cross Club Woden to share fellowship, celebrate the recipients of honours in the King's Birthday list and hear

guest speaker Gregory Hood AO, former Chief commissioner and CEO of the Air Transport Safety Bureau talk of his experiences in that position including winding up the search for MH370, and the accident at Essendon where the pilot and 4 passengers were killed when their Super King Air aircraft struck the Direct Factory Outlet. Greg was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in January 2023 *for distinguished service to the national transportation and aviation industries, and to the not-for-profit sector.*

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

At 6.00 pm on Thursday 24 August, the Branch will conduct the presentation of its annual Student Citizenship Awards to a number of ACT students whose community service was assessed as outstanding by our judging panel Dr Bill Maiden PSM OAM, Dr Joe Johnson CSC, OAM AAM, Ms Narelle Hargreaves AM and Ms Lyn Fletcher OAM. The event will be held at The Royal Canberra Golf Club and bookings can be made at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/I8XQD> or on the enclosed booking sheet. This is our special outreach program, and we hope you can join us. Light refreshments will be served.

SPRING RECEPTION FOR NEW RECIPIENTS

The Branch congratulates the ACT and area citizens honoured on the King's Birthday. We are looking forward to welcoming the honours recipients at a reception at the Commonwealth Club on Wednesday 20 September that will follow the investitures to be held at Government House in the week of 11 September.

Bookings for the reception can be made at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/WRETI> or complete the attached booking sheet.

Contact for this event is Phil Morrall AM, CSC at 0411 298 926 or PhilACT@theorderofaustralia.asn.au.

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BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The Board met face-to-face for the first time in 2023 at Rydges Hotel in Geelong on 18 May prior to the 2023 National Conference. The Board meeting was followed by a meeting with the State and Territory Chairmen.

This meeting held an in-camera session to elect three members of the Executive Committee who had nominated again for office. Barry Nunn OA RFD ED was re-elected as National Chairman, John Archer OAM was re-elected as National Deputy Chairman and Muriel Barasso OAM was re-elected as National Treasurer. As these were the only candidates for the positions, there was a debate about the need for more active succession planning.

A resolution recommending to the Board that the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO CVO (Former Administrator of the Northern Territory) be offered the position of National President of the Association had been circulated to Board Members. This was unanimously agreed for the three years commencing on the 20 May 2023.

The Board agreed to proceed with an advertising trial in an issue of The Order. Suitable guidance on the type of advert acceptable will be developed by the Audit & Risk (A&R) Committee.

Financially, the OAA is trading with an acceptable surplus in 2023 to date, and slowly recovering the investment losses incurred over the previous years. It was agreed that a further \$30,000 be transferred from the cash account to the investment account.

The Board were pleased to note that the conversion rate of awardees to members in 2022 was the highest for some years at 38%. To date in 2023 it is at 27%.

It was agreed that a more coordinated effort was required in communicating the benefits of joining the OAA.

The means of adopting a Social Media Policy was once more considered. The Policy is being developed by the A&R Committee. This would be a trial of a single platform in one Branch as a first stage of implementation.

The Board reviewed the progress of the WA Branch in developing the 2024 National Conference to be held in Perth.

There was good news about the OAA foundation. Its 'corpus' now stands at \$2.7 million, providing support for two scholarships per year. The Foundation Directors are to be encouraged to meet with branch committees and to assist in attracting scholarship winners to speak at functions.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled on 16 June 2023 via TEAMS.

Dr Alan Morrison AM, JP
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WELCOME TO NEW OAA MEMBERS FROM THE 2023 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Mr David TEMPLEMAN AM – For significant service to community health administration and governance.

Dr Trina GREGORY AM - For significant service to general practice medicine.

FROM THE 2023 KING's BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Dr Fergus GARDINER OAM – For service to medicine.

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THE OAA-ADF ORATION

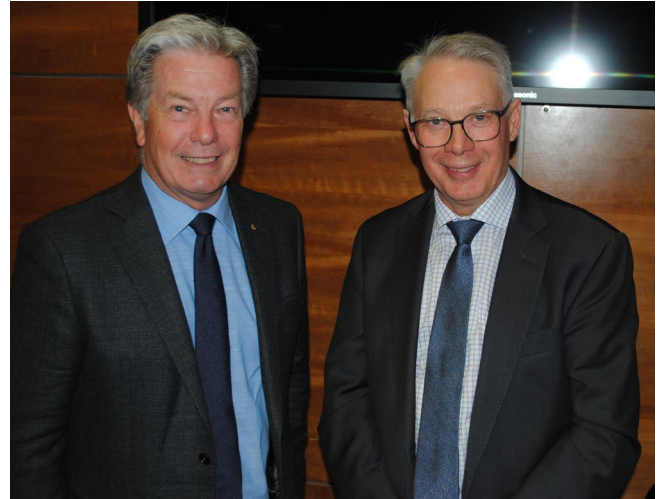
A special event on our calendar each year is the OAA – ADF Oration which brings together Defence Force and other recipients of the Order to create a closer understanding of each other's commitment to service as recognised through the Australian Honours system. Members and guests gathered at Russell Offices Ngunnawal theatre on 18 April for the 2023 Oration with Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AO RAN.

Vice Admiral Hammond sketched his views on the strategic situation, contemporary issues for his command and the critical role which the Royal Australian Navy will continue to play in the defence of the Nation. His emphasis on submarines drew a wide range of questions.

Vice Admiral Hammond was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2018 and in the 2023 King's Birthday honours was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia *for distinguished service to the Royal Australian Navy in senior command roles*.



*Michael Crane DSC and Bar AM,
VADM Mark Hammond AO, RAN, Andrew Phelan AM*



Tim Barrett AO, CSC, Paul Maddison CMM, MSM



Craig Meighan AM, Raydon Gates AO, CSM, Bob Morrison



Simon Cullen AM, CSC, Peter McDermott AM, CSC, Kym Osley AM, CSC

RECEPTION FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDEES

Eighty members and guests gathered at the Commonwealth Club on 10 May to congratulate and welcome twenty new awardees from the Australia Day Honours. It was particularly pleasing to also see that there has been over 50 per cent take-up of OAA membership by the Australia Day general awardees from the ACT region.



*Macaulay Cottrell DFC OAM, Phil Greenwood OAM, Kerrie Griffin OAM, Deborah Masling OAM,
Sarah McGoram OAM, Andrew Phelan AM*



John Angus AM

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*Leisel Wett OAM, Katrina Fanning AO PSM, Glyn Llanwarne AM, Lucinda Barry AM,
Garth Setchell OAM, Barbara Baikie OAM, Andrew Phelan AM*



Ian Gollings AM, Shirley Gollings OAM



Desmond Woods OAM, Liz Scrivener OAM, Heather McDermott



*Ken Stone OAM, Carol Bunyan OAM, Glenn Roff OAM,
Trina Gregory AM*



*Gillian Francis OAM, Greg Hood AO, David Templeman AM,
Charlotte Galloway OAM, Andrew Phelan AM*



Narelle Hargreaves AM, Peter Fletcher

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Reverend Joe Mullins MC, OAM is closing in on his 103rd birthday on 16 July. He grew up in the UK and served in the British Army in the Burma Campaign under Field Marshall Sir William Slim and was awarded the Military Cross for courage in battle. After the war he studied at Oxford University and gained an Honours BA and an MA and was ordained in the Diocese of London. Joe served for many years in India, including ten years as a Scripture Union missionary and it was there that he met his wife Edith.

Joe and his family arrived in Canberra in 1974 and he was appointed Associate Priest and then Rector of Weston Creek for eight years. His strong evangelistic ministry helped to lay the foundations for the building of the present St Peter's Church. After further service in North Goulburn, Pambula and Wanniasa, Joe retired in 1987. Reverend Mullins was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 1998 *for service to the community, particularly through the Anglican Church and as the rector of St Peter's Church, Weston.*

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2023 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

We are currently in the nomination period for the Association's annual student awards which recognise outstanding citizenship and community work. All ACT schools have been advised of the awards timetable and encouraged to nominate deserving students. The 2023 nominations close on June 30th.

The judging panel is comprised of Mrs Narelle Hargreaves AM, Ms Lynn Fletcher OAM, Dr Joe Johnson CSC, OAM, AAM and Dr Bill Maiden PSM, OAM. They will assess the nominations and notify the awardees, as well as their schools.

A formal presentation evening will be held on Thursday 24 August at the Royal Canberra Golf Club commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 7.30 pm. To register your attendance, bookings can be made at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/18XQD> or email or mail the booking slip below.

Dress code: Smart Casual/Business Attire – Lapel pin

If you are interested in nominating a deserving school-aged person, nominations can be made to:

The Student Awards Convener

The Order of Australia Association (ACT Branch)

PO Box 423 Canberra ACT 2601

or email awardsact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

Contact convener Dr Bill Maiden PSM, OAM on 0412220646 for further details.

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Cost - \$25.00 – RSVP by Monday 21 August 2023

Name and Postnominals:

Guest name(s) & Postnominals:

Dietary Restrictions

Payment instructions:

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

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MASTERCARD

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VISA

Card Number: _____ CCV _____

Expiry Date: ____/____ Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____ Sum authorized: \$ _____

Contact for booking:

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Email: PhilACT@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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MORNING TEA with ROXANNE MISSINGHAM



Members and guests met at Royal Canberra Golf Club for morning tea on 22 March to hear Branch member Roxanne Missingham OAM speak on the topic “*Saving our memory – new roles of libraries and archives.*” Roxanne talked 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. She also described the work she has done in Myanmar and what she is now doing on legislative reform. Roxanne was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in June 2021 for service to the library and information sciences. Further details of her talk can be found at <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/act/events/>.



Monica Phelan, Joe Johnson CSC OAM AAM,
Madeleine Johnson



Margaret Royds OAM, Dianne Trewartha