



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
ASSOCIATION

ACT BRANCH

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Committee of the ACT Branch of the Order of Australia Association is pleased to present this Annual Report for 2023.

The Report was developed by the Committee in consultation with the executive officers of the Board of the Order of Australia Association. The report tracks performance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023.

2023 Committee

Branch Nominated Director:	Alan Morrison AM
Chair:	Andrew Phelan AM
Secretary:	Robert Altamore OAM
Treasurer:	Phil Morrall AM CSC
Committee:	Lynne Duckham OAM Narelle Hargreaves AM Joe Johnson CSC OAM AAM Bill Maiden PSM OAM Coralie Wood OAM Desmond Woods OAM Brian Babington AM
Co-opted:	Bruce Trewartha OAM

Chair's Report

I was delighted to have been elected as the new Chair of the ACT Branch of the Order of Australia Association at the 2023 Branch AGM, on 15 February 2023. I thank Mike Crane DSC & Bar AM, our retiring Chair, for his outstanding leadership of the Branch over the previous 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.

At the national level:

- The Association's 35th National Conference 'Working Together-Building the Future', held in Geelong, Victoria, was very successful. The Association's next National Conference will be held in Perth, on 16-19 May 2024.
- The Hon Vicki O'Halloran AO CVO, former Administrator of the Northern Territory, was appointed President of the Association in May 2023.

- The Board continued to develop policies and procedures to improve the governance of the Association. This process is ongoing.
- The Board advised that the Association’s finances remained healthy and that overall membership stood at 8017 at the end of 2023.
- The Order of Australia Association Foundation provides a national focus for the Association’s aim ‘To celebrate and promote outstanding Australian Citizenship’. It does this by offering scholarships to help promising young Australians to achieve their potential as future leaders. The Foundation continues to grow, and will be awarding six scholarships of \$40000 each to outstanding young Australians in 2024.

The list of nine Branch events conducted in 2023 is shown in the table below. More detail on each event is available under the Events tab on the Branch page of the Association’s website.¹

Serial	Date	Event
1	26 Jan	Australia Day Breakfast: Professor Tanya Monro AC
2	15 Feb	Annual General Meeting & Speaker Professor Robert Care AM
3	22 Mar	Morning tea: Roxanne Missingham OAM
4	18 Apr	2023 OAA-ADF Oration: Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AM
5	10 May	Autumn Reception for 21 new recipients
6	18 July	Mid-Year Luncheon: Gregory Hood AO
7	24 Aug	Student Citizenship Awards Presentation
8	20 Sept	Spring Reception for 22 new recipients
9	6 Nov	2023 OAA-ANU Lecture: Professor Kieran Kirk AM

At the Royal Canberra Golf Club on 24 August 2023, we had the great pleasure of presenting 18 Student Citizenship Awards to outstanding students and student groups from all sectors of ACT schools, in front of 140 members, parents and students, teachers and school administrators. It was wonderful to have received a message of support from our Branch Patron, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley. I would like to acknowledge our judging panel for the Awards, Dr Bill Maiden PSM OAM, Dr Joe Johnson CSC OAM AAM, Ms Narelle Hargreaves AM and Ms Lynn Fletcher OAM for their outstanding work in this most important program.

I would also like to thank our speakers and the members of the Branch Committee who helped make our 2023 program of events work.

Branch **finances** remain healthy, as described in detail in the Treasurer’s Report following my report.

Our Branch membership increased slightly to 535 at the end of 2023. We attracted new members from the 2023 Honours lists and there were some transfers into our branch, but these were offset by transfers to other

¹ <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/act/events/>

branches, members not renewing and, sadly, a number of deaths. The role of Branch Membership Officer remains vacant.

I am very grateful to all members of the Committee for their diligence and ongoing commitment to the good governance of the Branch. We continue to manage succession very carefully, and I strongly encourage all Branch members to consider nominating for a term of service on the Committee.

Andrew Phelan AM
Chair
14 January 2024

Treasurer's Report

Please find attached the end-of-year Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements from the Branch Xero Accounts. These statements are subject to Audit (completed as part of the National Accounts audit) and any adjustments by the National Treasurer (for such as GST admin).

You will see that we show a deficit for 2023 of \$2469.94. However, our expenses include \$2700.00 pre-paid to the Hyatt as deposit for the 2024 Australia Day Breakfast. The income for this activity will reflect in 2024.

So, for 2023 we actually showed a small surplus of \$230.06 against our budgeted deficit of \$1300.00. This surplus derives almost entirely from the windfall income of \$3722 from the GST for the 2022 National Conference, which we received early in 2023.

We will be budgeting for a deficit for 2024 of about \$4500, being the expenses associated with the Receptions for new recipients and the Student Citizenship Awards.

This deficit will be drawn from Branch Funds, which are available for this purpose. Funding for outreach functions such as these is a matter currently the subject of consideration by the Association as a whole, as part of a wider discussion about Association budgeting.

Phil Morrall AM, CSC
Treasurer.

Balance Sheet

ACT Branch of the Order of Australia Association Ltd As at 31 December 2023

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Assets

Bank

Term Deposit A	8,544.66
Term Deposit B	15,198.21
THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LIMITED ACT BRANCH OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LTD	17,077.52
Total Bank	40,820.39

Current Assets

ACT Association banner	1,758.85
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Total Assets 42,579.24

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

GST (820)	(1,661.33)
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Net Assets 44,240.57

Equity

Current Year Earnings	(2,469.94)
Retained Earnings (960)	46,710.51
Total Equity	44,240.57

Profit and Loss

ACT Branch of the Order of Australia Association Ltd For the year ended 31 December 2023

2023

Trading Income

ACT Government Grant	2,300.00
Branch Support Grant	4,130.00
Functions: New Recipients Functions	4,273.01
Functions: Other Functions	7,812.86
Investment Interest Received	536.09
Total Trading Income	19,051.96

Gross Profit

19,051.96

Operating Expenses

ACT Gov Grant Expended	1,150.00
New Recipients Functions	6,604.55
Newsletter	1,280.13
Office supplies	42.24
Other Branch Functions	8,968.83
Other Sundry Expenses	244.00
Postage	381.09
Student Citizenship Awards	2,851.06
Total Operating Expenses	21,521.90

Net Profit

(2,469.94)

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