

# ACT OAA

## AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS

Booking details for the following event  
are enclosed:

**Thursday 29 August 2024**  
**Student Citizenship Awards**  
**Royal Canberra Golf Club**  
**Yarralumla**

**Wednesday 18 September 2024**  
**Reception for New Recipients**  
**Royal Canberra Golf Club**  
**Yarralumla**

**Thursday 17 October 2024**  
**Morning Tea**  
**Royal Canberra Golf Club**  
**Yarralumla**

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### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

At 6.00 pm on Thursday 29 August, the Branch will conduct the presentation of its annual Student Citizenship Awards to ACT public and independent school 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/7SR9L> or on the enclosed booking sheet. This is our special outreach program, and we hope you can join us. Light refreshments will be served.

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### RECEPTION FOR NEW RECIPIENTS - 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

Please join us to welcome and celebrate with ACT and area citizens awarded in the 2024 King's Birthday Honours. This event will be held at The Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla on Wednesday 18 September and will follow the investitures to be held at Government House on 9-13 September.

Please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/2YX81> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter.

Contact for this event is Andrew Phelan AM at 0417 267 609 or [chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au).



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### MORNING TEA THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2024

Come along to enjoy morning tea at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla, and hear from ACT Branch member David Templeman whose topic will be *Priorities for Emergency Management and Preventive Health*. David has long-standing senior executive/CEO and board experience, primarily with a significant focus on community wellbeing, public health and teacher education. He is a member of the ACT Branch Committee and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in January 2023 for *significant service to community health administration and governance*. Please book at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/I5K4G> or complete the booking sheet with this newsletter.

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Fellow Branch Members,

On behalf of the ACT Branch, I congratulate the local recipients of Honours and Awards in the Order of Australia in the 2024 King's Birthday List. We look forward to celebrating their achievements at our reception in September.

On 11 June 2024, members and guests enjoyed our King's Birthday Luncheon while listening to our special guest speaker, Kate Carnell AO, address what she described as a 'taboo' topic in our society, death. Those who attended came away with more confidence about practical (and flexible) planning for the death of loved ones (and ourselves). On 25 July 2024, the Order of Australia Association – Australian Defence Force Oration was given by LTGEN Natasha Fox AO, CSC, Chief of Personnel for the ADF. LTGEN Fox provided members and guests with a very clear view of the personnel opportunities and challenges for the ADF, recruitment in particular.

Over the next few months, we can look forward to the ACT Student Citizenship Awards Night (29 August), the ACT Branch New Recipients Reception (18 September) and a morning tea with David Templeman AM (17 October), all at the Royal Canberra Golf Club. Details and how to book are included in this newsletter. I thank the members of the ACT Branch Committee who have worked tirelessly to organise the many events conducted and planned this year.

Several members of our hardworking Branch Committee will be retiring from the Committee over the next year or so. I would welcome receiving expressions of interest from local members willing and able to join the Committee to assist in organising events, representing the Association in Awards Ceremonies and arranging and judging the Student Citizenship Awards. Those interested should contact me at [chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairact@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) with a short explanation of the capabilities you would bring to the Committee.

Our Branch Nominated Director of the Association, Dr Alan Morrison AM, is recovering in hospital after major surgery. We pass on to him and his family our very best wishes for a full recovery.

Warm regards  
Andrew

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## NATIONAL BOARD REPORT

The National Board met on the 21 June 2024 via TEAMS.

The National Treasurer presented financial reports and key aspects of the Reports were:

- Net consolidated retained earnings are \$1,220,801.00.
- Current consolidated surplus is \$12,090.72 excluding the Portfolio appreciation.
- Branch surplus/deficits were tabled with a WA loss is costs to be re-imbursed by National.
- The Perth Conference Trading outcome has not been finalised but indications are that there will be a small loss.
- The Branch Budget Reports are a work in progress and will be further developed.

The National Membership Director presented a Report, and some details are:

- Current membership as of 31 May was 8157 with 298 new members and 201 lost members. Twenty-nine of the new members were under 60 years of age;
  - For the King's Birthday awards there were 493 recipients for The General Division of the Order of and 25 recipients of Military awards;
  - The Governor General's Office has reaffirmed they are aware of the concerns regarding waiting times between nominations and awards to citizens and they feel that one reason is the positive change of more Australians are being nominated thus causing an administrative challenge;
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## Conference report

- The Director WA presented the Final Report on the Perth Conference and outlined some lessons learnt;
- The Board agreed the Conference was a great success in terms of the program, the venue, and the hospitality of the WA Conference Committee;
- The National Secretary congratulated the Conference Committee on conducting a very successful Conference; and

The Report be sent to the NSW Branch and the NT Branch to assist in their Conference planning.

Regarding the Sydney 2025 Conference, the National Chairman advised that discussions were continuing to establish the Budget for the Conference and that he anticipated that the matter would be resolved soon.

The Marketing Committee report was presented and included the following points:

- Agreed to develop a Communications Plan to progress the Strategic Plan marketing outcomes;
- Agreed to develop a Member Survey process;
- There were 2 ½ pages of paid advertising in the May edition of *The Order*;
- The NMD is collecting historical data about the OAA ;
- The Social Media project is progressing; and
- An updated Merchandise Catalogue will be sent to Branches.

The OAA Foundation Report noted that:

- The Foundation is financially secure with a current equity of \$3,341,198.51;
- Three Board members and some donor family members attended a dinner hosted by the Governor General and Mrs Hurley as a thank you for establishment of the scholarship program;
- The Foundation is proud to congratulate the OAA and Perth Conference organising committee on the resounding success of the Conference Dinner; and
- For the first time, the Vice Chancellors of universities were invited and attended the Conference Dinner which raised the profile of the Association and its scholarships via the Foundation.

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS FROM THE 2024 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

**Rear Admiral Justin JONES AO CSC RAN** – For distinguished service to the Royal Australian Navy in significant command positions.

**Warrant Officer Class 1 Warrick BUTTERWORTH OAM** - For meritorious service as a Regimental Sergeant Major and senior enlisted leader in the Australian Army.

**Mrs Esther DAVIES OAM** – For service to community history, and to education.

**Dr Buuloc LAM OAM** - For service to dentistry, and to humanitarian dental care.

**Commander Paul PELCZAR OAM RAN** – For performance of duty as an intelligence officer in the Australian Defence Force.

## FROM THE 2024 AUSTRALIAN DAY HONOURS

**Emeritus Professor Hilton KOBUS AM** - For significant service to forensic science through governance and administrative roles.

**Commodore Peter James LEAVY CSM AM RAN** - For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in senior command positions.

**Major General Jason WALK AM** - For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in strategic logistics, operations support and sustainment.

**Mrs Bronwyn BROWN OAM** - For service to the community through music.

**Mrs Jan DAWES OAM** - For service to the community through social welfare organisations.

**Mrs Lois MAIDEN OAM** - For service to primary and early childhood education.

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**Ms Wendy PARSONS OAM** - For service to animal welfare.

**Captain Liza Jane STEPHENSON OAM RAN** - For performance of duty in the delivery of operational intelligence to Defence.

## FROM THE 2023 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

**Ms Penelope GRIST OAM** - For service to community history, and to the arts.

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## AUTUMN RECEPTION FOR AUSTRALIA DAY RECIPIENTS

Seventy Branch members and guests gathered at the Commonwealth Club on 8 May to welcome thirteen new recipients of honours in the Australia Day awards. This followed their investiture at Government House in April. It is pleasing to see that twenty-one Australia Day recipients have joined the ACT Branch of the Association. The Branch welcomes the contribution made by the ACT Government towards facilitating the welcome event. A selection of photos of recipients who attended the event are provided below.



*LT-COL Peter Murray OAM*



*Peter Waterman OAM*



*Dr Kathleen Tymms AM*



*Vicki Brown OAM*



*Professor Dudley Creagh AM, Bronwyn Brown OAM, Professor Hilton Kobus AM,  
Ann Sutton OAM*



*Ivan Slavich AM*

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## CONCLUSION OF PATRONAGE of ACT OAA by HER EXCELLENCY MRS LINDA HURLEY

On 9 April 2024 the Official Secretary to the Governor-General wrote to the ACT Branch stating in part:

“By convention, vice-regal patronage ceases when the Governor-General leaves office. Accordingly, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley will relinquish her position as Patron of The Order of Australia Association (ACT Branch).

Mrs Hurley has asked me to convey her appreciation in being associated with The Order of Australia Association (ACT Branch), and pass on her personal thanks to the staff, volunteers and others who contribute so much to Australian society.”

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## THE 2024 KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON – 11 JUNE 2024

Around 60 members and guests enjoyed our King's Birthday Luncheon at the Canberra Southern Cross Club while listening to our special guest speaker and Branch member, Kate Carnell AO, address what she described as a 'taboo' topic in our society, death. Those who attended came away with more confidence about practical (and flexible) planning for the death of loved ones (and ourselves). Kate's reflections on her parents' situation were meaningful for attendees, who also appreciated her common sense and professional and lived experience in health care. She is a former ACT Chief Minister who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2006 *for service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory through contributions to economic development and support for the business sector, knowledge industries, and medical technology advances.*

An outline of Kate's address is at the link: <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/OAA-ACT-Kings-Lunch-talk.pdf>

Ms Carnell advised that there are two underfunded organisations that address some of the issues that she raised, but they are not well known:

Kate is the chair of *Violet*, a national not-for profit organization set up to help people navigate the final stage of life whether planning for themselves or a loved one. The technology platform of Violet Guides provides training and education programs and care that aligns with patient preferences and alleviates the burden on the health system. This can be accessed at <https://www.violet.org.au>

*Mable* is free online facility that can connect people looking for aged care support with local independent support workers. This allows the aged person to choose a verified local support worker for the best match, within a Home Care Package and assists the person to retain their independence of living at home. This can be accessed at <https://mable.com.au>

Heidi Prowse OAM and Deborah Bampton DCEO of Capital Region Community Services - CRCS (formerly Belconnen Community Services) agreed with Kate's sentiments of early conversations, planning and the enormous burden it can lift from a family at end of life. CRCS provides local education, social groups and in-home care across the ACT and surrounding region for seniors, recently hosting a Speaker series on Wills, Estates and Advanced Care Planning. These can be a great way to find out how and where to start the conversation. There is more information on their website [www.crcs.com.au](http://www.crcs.com.au)



Dr Sue Packer AO, Kate Carnell AO, Dr Brian Babington AM



Deborah Bampton, Heidi Prowse OAM



### HONOUR for KATRINA FANNING AO

We congratulate Branch member and trailblazer in women's rugby league, Katrina Fanning AO, on her induction into the NRL Hall of Fame along with five of her old Jillarooos teammates. Katrina was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in 2023 *for distinguished service to the Indigenous community through education and health initiatives, and to sport.*

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## THE 2024 OAA-ADF ORATION

On Thursday 25 July, sixty members and guests attended the 2024 Order of Australia Association – Australian Defence Force Oration with Lieutenant General Natasha Fox AO, CSC, Chief of Personnel for the ADF. LTGEN Fox provided members and guests with details of her extensive responsibility with personnel issues and particularly the opportunities and challenges for the ADF with recruitment. LTGEN Fox was appointed Chief of Personnel on 5th June 2023 and appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2023 *For distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force people capability as Head People Capability and Deputy Chief of Army.*



Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM, LTGEN Natasha Fox AO, DSC, Andrew Phelan AM

## ACT BRANCH 2024 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS – 29 AUGUST

Each year, the Association’s ACT Branch calls for nominations for its Student Citizenship Awards. These were advertised in all ACT schools during the last school term. In keeping with the Branch’s aim to celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship, schools can nominate individual students or groups of students from Years 3 – 12 who demonstrate extraordinary support of others and/or community service.

Over the years the Branch has acknowledged such students at our Student Citizenship Awards presentation evening. When the citations are read about student efforts and achievements in demonstrating good citizenship, the audiences are always most impressed.

Eleven excellent nominations from ACT Government and Independent schools were received at the end of last term and the judging panel led by the awards convenor Dr Bill Maiden PSM, OAM with Mrs Narelle Hargreaves AM, Ms Lynn Fletcher OAM and Dr Joe Johnson CSC, OAM, AAM met to determine this year’s awards.

Association Branch Members are cordially invited to attend our forthcoming Student Citizenship Awards Presentation Evening which will take place on **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August at the Royal Canberra Golf Course**, commencing at 6.00 pm and concluding at 7.30 pm. Bookings can be made at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/7SR9L> or complete the booking slip below.

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### 2024 Student Citizenship Awards

Cost - \$15.00 – RSVP by Thursday 22 August 2024

Name and Postnominals: .....

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

### Dietary Restrictions

Payment instructions:  MASTERCARD  VISA  
Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Sum authorized: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Forward to: Mr Phil Morrall AM, CSC  
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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 Leonard James GOODMAN AO** - Australia Day 2002 - For service to the community through the programmes of the YMCA and Rotary International, through youth employment initiatives, as a contributor to the establishment of Diabetes Australia, and locally through health, emergency services, educational and arts groups. *Len had been a dedicated member of the ACT Branch committee for many years and was Branch Chairman when the ACT hosted the 2013 OAA National Conference in Canberra.*

**The Hon Gary NAIRN AO** – Queen’s Birthday 2015 - For distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, to the communities of New South Wales and the Northern Territory, to the surveying and spatial sciences, and to disability support groups.

**Rear Admiral Peter Purcell AO RAN (Ret’d)** – Queen’s Birthday 1995 - For exemplary service to the Royal Australian Navy particularly as the Director General of Naval Production.

**Dr David DENHAM AM** - Australia Day 1985 - In recognition of service to seismology.

**Dr Dan ETHERINGTON AM** – Australia Day 2008 - For service to international trade, particularly the design, manufacture and distribution of coconut oil extraction technology, and through contributions to sustainable agricultural and economic development in the South Pacific region.

**CAPT Phillip PARKINS AM RAN (Ret’d)** - Queen’s Birthday 2000 - For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in the fields of Logistics and Administration, especially in the implementation of the Defence Reform Program as the Defence Corporate Support Manager for Sydney Central.

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### Morning Tea 17 October 2024

Cost - \$15.00 – RSVP by Monday 13 October 2024

Name and Postnominals: .....

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

### Dietary Restrictions

Payment instructions:

MASTERCARD

VISA

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Sum authorized: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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