



NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2008

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Chairman's Message

I am sure members will join me in congratulating the thirteen Territorians who were honoured in the Australia Day 2008 Honours List. Letters have been sent to them all offering our best wishes and telling them about the Association. I hope they will join us for the Annual Dinner in June so we can meet them and personally offer our good wishes.

I have just returned to Darwin after travelling for seven weeks in Australia enjoying with never ending pleasure this wonderful country of ours.

Earl and I combined the OAA Conference held in Canberra in February as part of our holiday. What a great four days that was, with a good mix of formality and fun from the Governor General's Garden Reception at Yarralumla, Home Dining, the Conference Dinner in the Great Hall at Parliament House as well as a variety of activities that kept everyone happily occupied.

ANNUAL DINNER

Friday 6th June 2008
7.00 for 7.30pm
Novotel Atrium Hotel
The Esplanade Darwin
\$45.00 per person, meal only

Guest Speaker:

New awardees, partners and friends are most welcome.

Dress: Darwin Rig with miniatures and neck decorations should be worn

Bookings essential RSVP 30th May 2008 -
Reservation form on back page.

This is the NT Branch's main annual function.
The Novotel Atrium is easily accessible with
good parking on the Esplanade.

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A special highlight was the presentation of the Order of Australia Association Foundation 2007 Scholarship Awards to four young people at the dinner, details about the Foundation are included in this issue.

The 2009 Conference will be held in Brisbane from 19 - 22 February where, the conference committee tells us, we will celebrate all things Queensland. So make a note in your diary for next year, it would be great to have a crowd of Territorians to share it all with.

Wendy James OAM

**AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS 2008
NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**Member of the Order of Australia (AM)
General List**

Mrs. Roslynn Bracher - Darwin

For service to the community through support for arts, research, health and social welfare organisations; to the promotion of cultural relations with Japan; and to business.

Mr. James Cooper - Darwin

For service to the transport industry, particularly through the development of specialist transportation systems for mining and livestock.

Mr. John Flynn - Darwin

For service to the community of the NT in a range of public sector roles supporting administration of justice, and through sporting, church and indigenous organisations.

Dr. Lorna Melville - Palmerston

For service to veterinary science in the field of virology through research, advisory roles and surveillance programs in the area of arbovirus infection.

Ms. Marilynne Paspaley - Darwin

For service to business and commerce through the marketing and promotion of pearls and Australian designed jewellery and to the community.

Mrs. Margaret Carnegie-Smith - Katherine

For service to nursing particularly through the delivery of health care services in rural and remote areas of the N.T. and to the

training and support of indigenous workers.

**Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)
General List**

Mr. Cyril Kalippa - Melville Island

For service to the development of the community of the Tiwi Islands.

Mr. Grahame Lindsay - Daly River

For service to the indigenous community of the Nauiya Nambiya region.

Sister Elizabeth Little - Darwin

For service to education in the Northern Territory, particularly through indigenous staff support roles.

Sister Helen Little - Darwin

For service to education, particularly in the Northern Territory; to religious life through the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; and to the community of Darwin.

Major Henry May - Darwin

For service to the community and the Australian Defence Force personnel through the Salvation Army.

**Member of the Order of Australia in the
Military Division**

Lieutenant Michael Ryan - Winnellie

**Medal Order of Australia in the Military
Division**

Chief Petty Officer Peter Strezlecki - Winnellie

VALE - ALF CHITTOCK OAM

Alfred Ernest Chittock (Alf) died in Darwin on 25 December 2007 at the age of 94. Alf was elected the first Mayor of Tennant Creek in 1978 and is remembered for his amazing energy, love of life and community spirit. He lived in Tennant Creek for 58 years and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his contribution to the community that he loved so much. We offer our sympathy and condolences to his widow Emmy.

About The Foundation

The Order of Australia Association Foundation was formed by The Order of Australia Association on 29 April 1999 as a separate entity so that the Foundation could offer donors tax deductibility for their donations.

The Foundation is supporting the next generation of likely leaders by helping promising young Australians from all walks of life to achieve that potential. Each year the Foundation sponsors Scholarships for young students with leadership potential who are in their early years of tertiary study and whose careers would greatly benefit from the award.

By sponsoring the Scholarships, the Foundation provides a national focus for the aim of the Order of Australia Association, namely to promote "Love of and Pride in Australian Citizenship"

The Scholarships from 2007 had two significant features. Awardees receive:

- § a Scholarship of \$40,000 which is tailored to the awardee's individual needs to include tuition fees, living allowance, text books and equipment; and
- § an introduction to an eminent volunteer mentor from the membership of the Association who will provide a personal mentoring relationship for the duration of the awardee's course of study.

Each year the Foundation, in consultation with the generous scholarship donors, offers Scholarships to nominated tertiary institutions who then call for applications for the awards. The selection of scholarship awardees is guided by an independent Professorial Committee chaired by Professor Michael Hamerston with representatives from the tertiary institutions designated for the awards. The candidates are assessed for their potential as future leaders in their field of study and their community involvement for the benefit of Australia, as well as their need for financial assistance to achieve their potential. The Foundation has sponsored scholarship awards to a total of 16 undergraduates covering Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

Northern Territory members look forward with great anticipation to a young Territorian being selected for one of these Scholarships in the future.

YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE FOR 2008/09

25th April 2008
Anzac Day Dawn Service - book laying

6th June 2008
Annual Branch Dinner celebrating the Queen's Birthday.

To be announced
Informal function

17th September 2008
Lord Mayor's Reception - Darwin City Council Chambers

14th November 2008
Annual General Meeting and Christmas Dinner

19th-22nd February 2009
Order of Australia Association Conference 2009 - Brisbane

19th February 2009
67th Anniversary of Bombing of Darwin - book laying.

A CALL FOR A VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Our Newsletter is the Branch's vital link of communication with members apart from the Web site. Alasdair McGregor produced the Newsletter for a number of years and his retirement from the committee has left a large gap. On behalf of members I thank him most sincerely for his great contribution. **This is a plea for help to fill that gap**, please call me if you can help in any way.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

SARAH FARNBACH - Twenty three year old Sarah from Bungendore NSW is distinguishing herself in the Bachelor of Nursing course at the University of Canberra.

Funding for this Scholarship was generously donated by the Order of Australia Association.

TOM MOLOMBY - Twenty year old Tom of Sydney NSW is studying the double degree Electrical Engineering/Science at the University of New South Wales.

Funding for this Scholarship was generously donated by The Farrell Family

AMELIA PARKER - Twenty year old Amelia from Sydney NSW is studying the double degree of Engineering (Biomedical) and Science (Biochemistry) at the University of Sydney.

Funding for this Scholarship was generously donated by the Cochlear Foundation.

GLENN SMITH - Twenty year old Glen from rural Hawker SA is studying the double degree of Law/Commerce at the University of Adelaide.

Funding for this Scholarship was generously donated by Mr. Ross Adler AC

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(Committee Meetings are held bi-monthly on fourth Tuesday of the month)

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EXCERPTS FROM NORTHERN TERRITORY ANNUAL REPORT 2007

The Northern Territory Branch is pleased to report a year of growth, not great, but steady. We have had the opportunity to meet socially and congratulate over twenty medal awardees. Our Patron has traditionally been the Administrator of the Northern Territory. This year Patron Mr. Ted Egan AO retired as Administrator after four years. I am pleased to announce that the new Administrator His Hon. Mr Tom Pauling QC has agreed to continue the tradition and will be our Patron during his term of office. I thank him on behalf of the Branch and look forward to a rewarding and enjoyable association with His Honour and his wife Tessa.

Committee

The Committee continues to meet bi-monthly on the 4th Tuesday. I would like to give special thanks to three long standing members who have stepped down, Vice Chairman Kathleen Short, Jim Forward and Alasdair McGregor. They have served on the committee for a number of years. Their efforts have been appreciated by members and especially by me during the past two years. I was fortunate to have Bill Wilson come on board in August as Secretary however he and his wife Patricia have left Darwin to live in Beechworth. Bill volunteered for the job and I thank him for his help and wish him well. Alasdair has been an invaluable committee member for over eight years as President, National C/tee Director, newsletter editor and Web contributor. Kathleen was Vice Chairman and social committee member for two years. My sincere thanks to them all. Five new Association members were elected to the committee at the AGM.

Southern Regional Group.

I visited Alice Springs on the 18th October and attended an afternoon tea for medal recipients hosted by Mayor Fran Kilgariff at the Council Chambers. About twenty people enjoyed the occasion. The reception has become an annual event. Gavin Carpenter is unofficial Chairman, he and wife Joan were great hosts for my visit. Our ex Patron and Administrator

Ted Egan has promised his support when he returns to live permanently in Alice Springs next year.

National Involvement

I represented the NT Branch at the National Conference held in Sydney in February this year. Conference Chairman Bill Galvin and the NSW Committee are congratulated for presenting an outstanding programme of events and functions. I attended the mid-year National Committee Meeting No 44 held in Melbourne in August this year, the overnight temperature dropped to minus 6 so hopefully the Northern Territory will someday host a mid year meeting in our balmy Dry Season climate. A number of Territory members are planning to attend the 2008 National Conference in Canberra.

Finances

The Branch is now in a position to pay for travel and expenses for the chairman to visit the Southern Regional Group in Alice Springs annually. My visit this year was in October.

A \$290.00 donation was presented to the Foundation in February. Profits from future functions will go to the Foundation which will hopefully fund a Territory student in 2008 who would otherwise not have the opportunity of a tertiary education.

A major expense this year was the purchase of a PA System. Necessary due to the lack of a microphone at most venues and the high cost of hiring. Also purchased were OAA gift cufflinks and scarves for presentation and an embroidered banner for display at meetings.

On a sad note-

Vale

Paul Sitzler OAM - Alice Springs
Dr. Alan Walker AM - Darwin
Jack Larcombe OAM - Darwin
REST IN PEACE

You can help contain costs

One of the ways members can assist is to send the editor your email address so that the Newsletter can be forwarded directly to you, saving time and the expense of postage. Send details to: wendy-james@bigpond.com



Chairman Dina Browne AO welcoming guests at the High Court reception,

SOME VIEWS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Gov. General, Chairman & President of the Association awarding Life Membership to former Prime Minister Hon Gough Whitlam AC QC who was intimately involved in the creation of the Australian Honours System.



Three of the awardees presented with scholarships by the Foundation



Darwinites Mr & Mrs Michael Martin OAM at the Dinner

Annual Queen's Birthday Dinner

Novotel Atrium Hotel, The Esplanade, Darwin NT
Friday 6th June 2008 - 7.00 for 7.30 pm

NB: RSVP by 30th May 2008

Please complete the relevant section, tear off on the dotted line and send to
PO Box 2171, Parap NT 0804

Acceptance

I/We

will be attending the Queen's Birthday Dinner. I/We will be accompanied by:

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Cost for persons @ \$45.00 per person = \$

Make cheques payable to Order of Aust Association NT Branch.

Apology

I/Weare not able to attend the Queen's Birthday Dinner and ask that My/Our apology be recorded.

For all enquiries please ring Wendy James on 8981 2715

Because the hotel requires prepayment refunds will not be made after 1st June.