



The Order of Australia Association-ACT Branch

BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES:

WHAT THEY DO - in serving your Branch and continuing their community service ethic.

The Order of Australia Association is a diverse constituency - so we might expect a variety of views about the nature of our Association - what it stands for, what it “does” and what it offers.

Our fundamental aim is clear - *“To Foster love and pride in Australian citizenship and uphold the high principles and prestige of the Order of Australia”*. Although members might share these basic sentiments, what we “do”, should do or offer will doubtless draw a variety of opinion spread across community and personal interest. Rightly so - we share the service ethic that drives us to “go the extra mile” in our professions, business or voluntary pursuits.

Being conscious of such diversity, your Branch Committee has set out to enhance and broaden the scope of our functions. This includes new special interest events focusing on issues of public importance - in the belief that being honoured by our Nation carries a responsibility to “go a further mile” and have the opportunity to voice our personal and corporate opinion about these issues.

For example, our new partnerships with the ADF and the ANU allow us to hear about and discuss their core “business”. A third example was former Governor General Maj Gen Michael Jeffery AC AO (Mil) CVO MC on Australia Day 2011 urging Association members to take up key national issues from his address *“Australia - Challenges and Opportunities”*.

In summarising “What we do” - add your Branch’s “ACT Schools Citizenship Awards” and the National Association’s “Foundation” for Young Australians. We all support these initiatives as part of our membership.

COMMITTEE PROFILES: Speaking of varied community involvements – your committee felt it was important to indicate their own commitment to service.

We know that there are many individual stories of endeavour and achievement among our some 600 Branch members - and doubtless among the many more Order recipients yet to join. Already this year we have heard from Maj Gen Michael Jeffery; Dr Allan Hawke AC and Dr Robyn Archer AO. Coming up are Kate Carnell AO; and Prof. John Warhurst AO.

It would be nigh on impossible to exhaust the rich resource throughout our membership - but we would value hearing about your voluntary pursuits - and needs and opportunities for others to volunteer.

SERVICE LIST: The ACT Committee would be pleased to start up a page on our Website to list such volunteer opportunities. If you have such a project - let our Branch Secretary Bruce Trewartha know via email: btrewartha@grapevine.com.au

By the way - if you know of friends eligible to join the Association by virtue of receiving an Order of Australia honour - how about inviting them? An application form can be downloaded from our web site - or from Branch Secretary Bruce.

On behalf of the Branch Committee

Len Goodman AO, Chairman

30 August 2011

CHAIRMAN:

ACT BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES

LEN GOODMAN AO (Appointed in the Australia Day Honours list 26 January 2002)

Citation: "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 has been a volunteer and staff member with community agencies since 1953. He has served the YMCA, the Diabetes movement and Rotary at local, national and international levels. He is currently: Chairman The Order of Australia Association-ACT Branch and a Director of the National Board; Chairman, Burgmann College, ANU; a Parishioner of St Johns Church Reid since 1977 and a Licensed Lay Minister since 1983, served as Parish Councillor, Chairman five years, Warden six years;

He was Foundation National Director Diabetes Australia 1984-91; YMCA 1958-84 as a Youth Worker, Assoc. Director National Council and CEO Canberra and Consultant to the ACT Society for the Physically Handicapped. Among a wide range of community involvements Len was inaugural Chairman "Snowy Hydro SouthCare" Aero medical Helicopter 1998-2006; Foundation Board member and Chairman Advisory Committee "Canberra Museum and Gallery"; He is a Past District Governor, Rotary International and he currently serves and has served on a numerous Club, District and International posts. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary Foundation Benefactor - and a recipient of Rotary International's "Service Above Self" and the Foundation's "Citation for Meritorious Service" awards. He is an ACT Government "Honorary Ambassador of Canberra" and was one of The Canberra Times - "75 Faces of Canberra". He is an Honorary Life Member, Family Life Movement of Australia and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

Joyce has been an active partner throughout. They have a daughter and son and six grandchildren aged from 23 to 17. Len's interests are Golf; Gardening; Reading; Travel; Music and Theatre; AFL Melbourne Demons

SECRETARY:

BRUCE TREWARTHA OAM (Awarded Queen's Birthday Honours list 09 June 2008)

Citation: "For service to youth, particularly through the Tuggeranong Valley Cricket Club and Scouts Australia".

Bruce Trewartha was born in Adelaide and spent his early life in Whyalla SA, where he completed a fitting & turning apprenticeship at BHP and became a marine draftsman at Whyalla Shipyard. He married Dianne Coats in Waikerie SA in 1972, came to Canberra in 1973 to work at the Department of Defence (Navy) and is currently employed in the Defence Materiel Organisation as a Project ILS Manager. Bruce became involved in Scouts Australia-ACT as a cub leader with Kambah Scout Group in 1988 and also began his association with Tuggeranong Valley Cricket Club (TVCC) Juniors in the same year. He has been a Vice-President of TVCC for 13 years. Bruce and Dianne reside in Kambah and have three adult children, Paul, Stephen and Suzanne.

TREASURER:

BRIAN ACWORTH AM (Awarded in the Australia Day Honours list 26 January 2005)

Citation: "For service to the community, particularly through the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, social welfare and health organisations, and to business development".

Brian is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management; Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia; Honorary Ambassador for the Australian Capital Territory. He is married to Ginny with three daughters 26, 24 & 22 and his interests are sailing, golf, the arts and travel.

His current involvements are: Chairman of the Finance, Audit and Risk committee for the University of Canberra; Director John James Hospital Foundation as one of three non-Doctor directors focusing on finance, Investment and risk management aspects of the business; Director Goodwin Retirement Homes Limited - Chairman of Governance Committee; Director and 50% owner Loganholme Nursery and Landscape Centre; 1992 zone winner business of the year 25 employees or less and finalist in Queensland Business of the Year 25 employees or less; Treasurer of the Order of Australia Association; Mentor for aboriginal business people for over 19 years; Member of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Committee.

Formerly: Director Royal College of Nursing, Australia; Director Canberra and District Foundation (Greater Good); Chairman Exhibition Park in Canberra (ACT Government Business Enterprise; Chairman Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; Chairman Competition Policy Forum for the ACT; Chairman Friends of the Canberra Museum and Art Gallery; Board Member of the National Gallery of Australia Advisory Group; Member of the Howard Florey Foundation; Banking Industry Spokesperson - National Community Housing Forum; Chairman Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal; and Member ACT Community Housing Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

DIANE KARGAS AM (Awarded in the Australia Day Honours list 26 January 2010)

Citation: "For service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory, particularly through the establishment of the Capital Region Community Foundation, to aged persons, and to diabetes research organisations".

Diane Kargas AM comes with a strong background in the not for profit sector. She is currently on the board of Hands Across Canberra and organisation which aims to facilitate "a Giving Marketplace" for charitable endeavours, she is also on the board of Ending Homelessness using the Common Ground model and is a director working with Dr Sam Prince on One Disease to eliminate one disease at a time the first being Scabies in our Indigenous population, she is a strong believer in outward bound for young people generally and especially for young people who are deemed at risk. Diane provides pro bono support for the not for profit sector and plays a role in building the capacity of charities through her work with the Fundraising Institute.

TRISH KELLER OAM (Awarded in the Queens Birthday Honours list 12 June 2006)

Citation: "For service to the community, particularly through programs initiated at the Narrabundah Primary School and to education".

Trish is Principal Giralang Primary School - which won the 2011 Department of Veteran's Affairs ANZAC Day Schools National Award in the special category "Best Veterans and Community Involvement". The school is also the custodian for the "Rats of Tobruk" Banner; She is a Member of the Order of Australia Association Committee-ACT Branch, and a member of the Student Citizenship Awards Sub Committee; Government Schools Education Committee (Ministerial Placement) Deputy Chair, Friends National Arboretum Canberra; Vice President, Friends of Opera; Member ACT Primary Principals Association; ACT Dare to Lead Action Area Co-ordinator; Interview Friend for ACT Community Advocates Office; ACT Children & Youth Services Council (Ministerial Placement); Australian Education Union member - ACT Branch.

DR ANDREW LU OAM (Awarded in the Queens Birthday Honours list 09 June 2008)

Citation: "For service to the arts through a range of administrative roles, and to the community".

Andrew is a senior member of the Dispute Resolution group of law firm Minter Ellison. He advises insurers in the Australian and London markets, some of Australia's major listed companies, health facilities, and the Commonwealth and its agencies. Andrew works with clients to prevent and resolve disputes in a range of civil liability contexts. He uses alternative dispute resolution whenever possible. Andrew previously practiced as a Banking and Finance solicitor with Freehills in Sydney, and worked internationally as Assistant General Counsel of a private equity firm.

A Fulbright scholar, Andrew holds a Master of Laws in the conflict of laws, a Graduate Diploma in commercial law, and a Higher Doctorate in the science of law. He is a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance, and of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Andrew is a member of the Advisory Board of the Australian Music Foundation in London and the National Gallery of Australia Foundation, a Governor of the Art Gallery of NSW Foundation, Deputy Chairman of the Canberra Symphony Orchestra, member of the ACT Pro Bono Clearing House Management Committee (and Chair of the clearing house Funding Committee), and a member of the Calvary Health Care Human Research Ethics Committee. He is also on the editorial boards of the LexisNexis Butterworth's Australian Health Law Bulletin, and the Australian Insurance Law Bulletin. He is a member of the ACT Taskforce of the Australian Business and Community Network, and since 2009 has been a National Judge for the Australia Business Arts Foundation Awards. Andrew is a pro bono lawyer for the ACT Social Enterprise Hub, Social Ventures Australia, and the Arts Law Centre of Australia. He coordinates Community Investment and Pro Bono for Minter Ellison in Canberra.

His past appointments include Chairman of Jigsaw Theatre Company (of which he remains a Jigsaw Ambassador), member of the ANU Board of Graduate Studies, Vice President of the Griffin Centre and the ACT Council of Cultural and Community Organizations, trustee of the National Capital Film Development Fund, and secretary of the ACT Medico Legal Society.

IAN MEIKLE AM (Awarded in the Australia Day Honours list 26 January 2003)

Citation: "For service to the print media and related press organisations, and to the community through a range of welfare and arts organisations".

Ian Meikle owns and edits the weekly news magazine "CityNews". Among other things, he is a former president of Koomarri, former ACT chairman of the Australia Remembers program, inaugural chair of the ACT Government Cultural Facilities Corporation and in the dim, dark past, chairman of the Interim Hospitals Board. These days he is a member of the ACT Council of Save the Children.

Ian is Editor of the ACT Branch Newsletter since accepting the challenge to upgrade the publication in 2009.

JENNIFER MUIR OAM (Awarded in the Queens Birthday Honours list 14 June 2010)

Citation: "For service to women, and to education through the provision of library services".

Jennifer trained as a Children's school librarian and teacher of English as a second language. She is Immediate Past President of Australian Women of the Year organisation - an organisation which aims to recognise the achievements of Australian women nationally. She has been a member of AWOYA for twenty five years and has served on the National Committee in various positions, including President. This organisation meets annually in a

different capital city to celebrate women's achievements and to raise money for a state charity. Charities benefiting from the funds have included the Flying Doctor; the Brain Injury Foundation and the South Adelaide Children's Hospital.

Founding President of the School Volunteer Program ACT - which was started 6 years ago with the aim of training volunteers to mentor young students and help them in Reading and Maths. Volunteers, now in 25 ACT schools have won awards each year for work with students. Former Governor General Michael Jeffery is the Patron. All volunteers work one to one for one hour per week with the same child each week.

Jennifer is also a volunteer worker with members of the community who need assistance with learning English.

DEREK ROBSON AM (Awarded in the Queens Birthday Honours list 14 June 2004)

Citation: "For service to the community, particularly as National Secretary of the Returned and Services League of Australia".

Derek is National Secretary (Chief Executive Officer) of the Returned & Services League of Australia. As such he is: The Executive Director of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund, which supports wounded servicemen and provides comforts and amenities to all Australian Defence personnel serving overseas; Chairman of the National RSL Clubs and Licensed Sub-Branch Forum, working to offer communities the amenities and support programs they would prefer; Australia's representative on the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Servicemen's League, providing assistance to all veterans of the Commonwealth; and privately, he is the Chairman of Operation Care, a private company formed to provide holiday respite for families of wounded servicemen following their rehabilitation. The RSL provides care and welfare services for the Serving and ex-service members of the Australian Defence Force, and supports the youth of Australia by providing annual scholarships to children of Veterans in deserving circumstances, students in Greece, Crete, Korea and PNG, and supports medical student exchanges between PNG, Fiji and Vietnam.

Derek understands his community and is a member of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Regional Memorials and Commemorative Grants Committee, and the 'RSL ANZAC of the Year' National Committee. He has been a member of Rotary, is Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales & the ACT, has had a long association with many national community, welfare and service related industries and associations, and has served on many reviews and related committees in this sector. He also actively supports the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Derek has had the opportunity to represent our principles and way of life in various international forums and has been active in understanding and improving the situation of others in Moscow, Japan, India, Ghana, Canada, Malaysia and Hong Kong.

DR RAY NEWCOMBE OAM, (Awarded Australia Day Honours list 26 January 2002)

Citation: "For service to the medical profession and to the community, particularly through the executive of the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia".

Ray was Chairman of the ACT Branch of the OAA, 2007-8 and in the last three years, has been pleased to lead the development of the Order of Australia ACT Student Citizenship Awards which are beginning to have an impact on education for voluntary community service. They complement well the ACT Branch support for the tertiary scholarships provided by the Order of Australia Association Foundation.

In former years he established the Neurosurgical Unit at The Canberra Hospital and also the Canberra Specialist Centre which housed the first MRI scanner in the ACT. His international professional contributions were centred on leading roles in the Neurosurgical Society of

Australasia, The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and The International Federation of Neurosurgical Societies - and he was a visiting fellow at the John Curtin School of Medical Research.

Since retirement, Ray has maintained his research interest in the treatment and prevention in head and spinal injuries and currently is engaged in road safety promotion through the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. Current research involves rural road injuries, and on farm quad bike safety.

In Rotary International, it has been particularly rewarding to join the effort to provide facilities for renal dialysis for the indigenous people in the Western Desert in central Australia and he is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Woden

Ray is a volunteer for a community group providing meals for the indigent at the Griffin Centre.
