



## THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION ACT BRANCH

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Dear OAA Member

### **Newsletter - July 2008**

#### **ACT Activities**

##### **Formal Branch Dinner – Friday 19 September.**

Join in welcoming and celebrating with recipients of the Queens Birthday Honours – fresh from their Government House Investiture on August 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a full three-course meal, including drinks at only \$80 per head.

Special guest speaker Mr John Mackay AM is our current Canberra Citizen of the Year, an Honorary Ambassador for Canberra and was made a Member of the Order in 2004. He will speak about his passion and energy for our National Capital.

John is the newly appointed Chairman of Actew Corporation, Teams ACT Pty.Ltd. and Chairman or member of several community and charity boards such as Calvary Hospital Community Council; Koomarri; Salvation Army Advisory Board; St. Johns Redevelopment Board; Canberra Glassworks; a Director of the Raiders and a member of the International Arboretum and Gardens.

He has lived in Canberra for 40 years and held a number of senior Commonwealth government posts before serving as ActewAGL CEO for 10 years. John is a keen golfer and offshore fisherman and manages a racehorse.

Make a date to feel the passion – Friday 19 September 2008. Details, and registration form are attached.

##### **Morning Tea with Speaker – Wednesday 20 August.**

Our guest speaker is Ms Kaye Hogan AM PSM. Kaye is a senior nurse, who works as a Healthcare Management Consultant in Canberra. She has extensive experience in hospitals in Australia and overseas. As Senior Surveyor and Consultant of the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards, she has been involved in the assessment against national standards of the performance of health services, including *inter alia* major metropolitan, remote and rural hospitals. Her healthcare management roles have enabled her to obtain a broad perspective of healthcare settings, roles and achievements throughout Australia and internationally. She is a member of the National Board of the Australian Red Cross. Registration form is attached

##### **Multi Faith Observance – 10.30am Sunday 26 October**

The Association is continuing the cycle of the past few years in which our members have been the guests of the members of some of the various faiths of our Canberra citizens. Very successful observances have been held where we have been the guests of the B'hai, Moslem and Jewish faiths at their places of worship. This year we have been invited to be guests of the Canberra Buddhist community at their centre in Archibald Street, Lyneham.

Apart from the service, we will be given a conducted tour of the Temple and be their guests at a vegetarian (and filling) buffet lunch. Buddhism is an interesting combination of faith and philosophy with many millions of adherents worldwide. We are sure you will find this event both informative and uplifting. To assist with numbers, we would be grateful if those attending could notify Bruce Sinclair on [abs@grapevine.com.au](mailto:abs@grapevine.com.au) or 0412 455 193. by 20 October 2008.

### ***Annual General Meeting and Christmas meal –Thursday 27 November***

Our AGM will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 27 November in the Private Dining Room at the Canberra Southern Cross Club. A Christmas celebration dinner will follow for those wishing to stay. Details will be given in the next Newsletter.

### ***New Initiative being considered by the Committee:***

The Committee is considering a proposal to institute a Student Citizenship Award scheme. The outcome of the Committee's deliberations will be reported in the next Newsletter. Also being considered and reported in the next Newsletter will be a range of activities our branch might wish to be involved with in the coming months.

### ***Email addresses***

Many thanks to all those members who forwarded their email addresses to us. We will now be able to contact members between Newsletters with reminders about events, or to update you on issues that have developed.

### ***Mentoring Opportunities***

We have had a request for ACT Members to consider assisting with the conduct of the Australian Business Program, which is conducted in many ACT Schools. This program is about teaching young people business skills for the workplace. We are looking for people with business experience to assist students for a few hours each day for a week. Contact Kathy Anderson on 6288 2822 (H), 62055580 (W) or email [guyplace@bigpond.net.au](mailto:guyplace@bigpond.net.au) if you are interested in assisting with this project.

### ***OBE Dinner – Thursday 16 October***

The OBE Association has extended an invitation to members of the Order of Australia Association to attend their Annual dinner at the Commonwealth Club on Thursday 16 October, from 7pm. The guest speaker will be the Chief of the Defence Force. Dress is black tie and the cost will be \$70 pp. Further details in the next Newsletter.

## ***National Activities***

### ***National Committee***

The OAA National Committee is engaged in a complete review of governance procedures for its branches and regional groups. The By-Laws and other documents that govern our processes are being rewritten to reflect changes in the way we now do business, and to ensure that the growth in the numbers of regional groups and members in those groups is supported and encouraged.

### ***23<sup>rd</sup> National AGM and Conference – Brisbane 19-22 February 2009.***

A reminder that bookings are now open for those wishing to attend the next Annual Conference and AGM, to be held in Brisbane from 19 - 22 February 2009. Details and registration for the Conference can be found in the latest issue of The Order, or you can register on line at [www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au)