



**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
ACT BRANCH**

Patron: General Peter Gratton, AC OBE

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Dear OAA Member,

Over 70 of our members and their guests joined us at University House on 19 September for our Formal Dinner to welcome and celebrate with 9 new recipients of the Queens Birthday Honours.

Our guest speaker was Mr John Mackay AM, who is the current Canberra Citizen of the Year, an Honorary Ambassador for Canberra and a Member of the Order (2004). He spoke with great energy and enthusiasm about his working life in Canberra, and particularly about the development of the Arboretum.

Ms Kaye Hogan AM PSM was the guest speaker at our recent Morning Tea. Kaye spoke to a group of 48 members and their guests about her role on the National Board of the Australian Red Cross. Attending the Morning Tea was one of the current recipients of an Order of Australia Foundation scholarship, Ms Sarah Farnbach. She and her parents were the guests of Prof. Brian & Mrs Bridget O'Keeffe.

The next Morning Tea is planned for Wednesday 1 April 2009 at a venue to be decided.

Planning for our proposed Student Citizenship Award scheme is progressing well; with all those school organisations approached giving us encouraging feedback.

This is another reminder for those who may have acquired an email address recently, or who have just joined the Association. We would be pleased to receive your email addresses so we can contact members between Newsletters with reminders about events, or updates on issues. Please use the bottom of this page to respond

I would be comfortable being contacted between Newsletters by email:

Name:Post Nominals.....

Email address.....

Signature.....**Date**.....

ACT Activities for your diary

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'haj, Moslem and Jewish faiths at their places of worship. 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 arrangements, could you please fill in the attached slip and return it to Bruce Sinclair by 20 October 2008.

All enquiries to Bruce at: abs@grapevine.com.au or 0412 455 193. by 20 October 2008.

ACT Branch Annual General Meeting and Christmas meal –Thursday 27 November 2008.

Our AGM will be held at **6.30pm on Thursday 27 November** in the Private Dining Room at the Canberra Southern Cross Club, Corinna Street, Woden.

Agenda Items include:

- Approval of minutes of the previous AGM
- Presentation of Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- Election of Committee – Office bearers, plus 5 Committee members
- Any other business

Members of the Committee re-nominating include: Len Goodman AO, Trish Keller OAM, Bob Newman OAM, and Liz Scrivener OAM.

A number of our Committee have completed their five years and will be stepping down at the AGM. Those not eligible for re-election for next year are: Andy Anderson OAM, Shirley Meldrum OAM, Ray Newcombe OAM, Bruce Sinclair AM and Sam Wong AM.

If you wish to nominate a member to serve on the Committee for 2009, a copy of the Nomination Form is enclosed. All papers will be available at the meeting, or can be obtained beforehand by contacting the Secretary Len Goodman AO at - lgoodman@ozemail.com.au or 6258 1598.

A Christmas celebration dinner will follow for those wishing to enjoy a relaxed evening with fellow members and their guests. A response slip for the dinner is enclosed.

23rd National AGM and Conference – Brisbane 19-22 February 2009.

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

Final Reminder about the 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, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC AFC. Dress is black tie and the cost will be \$70 pp. If members wish to attend, could you RSVP to:

ACT OBE Association
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Warramanga, ACT 2611.