



## **THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION ACT BRANCH**

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### ***QUEENS BIRTHDAY LUNCH***

A luncheon will be held at the Commonwealth Club, 25 Forster St Yarralumla, on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 12pm to 2pm**. This is the day following the Queens Birthday holiday weekend and the announcement of the second Honours List for this year. **His Excellency Mr Robert McCallum Jnr.**, Ambassador of the United States of America to Australia will be the guest speaker. RSVP on the green slip.

Pre-lunch drinks and table wines for a two course meal are included at a subscription of \$55 per person. Members and their guests attend the Club at the invitation of the Chairman. Please respond by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ray Newcombe on 62368121 or Len Goodman, 62581598 for any queries. Dress: Lounge suit or jacket and tie/ day dress with Lapel Badge

### ***INTERFAITH CELEBRATION***

In recent years the ACT Branch has held an Interfaith Celebration with members of the various Faiths represented in Canberra. This year the cycle moves to the National Jewish Memorial Centre in National Circuit Forrest, where the ACT Jewish community has invited us to be their guests for the Annual OAA Interfaith Celebration of the Order of Australia by the Association ACT Branch, followed by refreshments.

Date and time: **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007, 11.00am to midday.**

This is a great opportunity for members of the Association to share in those beliefs and faiths which all religions hold in common. It is also an opportunity to meet with Canberrans of all faiths and share our common sense of citizenship with them.

We would like to have a good attendance by members for this special ceremony and urge you to come. You will not be disappointed. Contact Bruce Sinclair for any details, 62498813.

## ***MORNING TEA***

The next morning tea will be held on **Wednesday 22 August**, again at the Embassy Motel, Deakin, which we have found to be an excellent venue; commencing at **10.30am**. The Guest Speaker will be **Dr Linda Reaby AM**, Adjunct Professor of Nursing, Canberra University.

Linda was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1990, and since then has been an active advocate for women with the disease. She successfully lobbied in 1994 for Australia's Breast Cancer Day, and was instrumental in the establishment of the National Breast Cancer Centre for education and policy in breast cancer. Linda's primary research interests are in the areas of informed decision making and self perceptions in women with breast cancer. In 1997 her advocacy was rewarded with the award of an OAM. This was upgraded to AM in 2006 for research and promotion. She assures us that her talk will be of equal interest to men and women.

The cost for the Morning Tea will be \$13. Dress: jacket and tie/ day dress with Lapel Badge. Disabled parking is behind the motel on the upper level, access from Grose St. Heather Clark OAM, 62732160 will co-ordinate transport for those who need it. Other enquiries to Winsome Ward OAM, 6257 8045. Angela Finnegan AM, 6288 5137. Russ Richards OAM, 6288 3986.

## ***DINNER AT UNIVERSITY HOUSE***

### **September 14th - Welcome to newly invested awardees**

A dinner is to be held following the investitures on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm for 7.30pm**. New recipients this year together with their friends and families are especially welcome to celebrate the occasion. Those attending for the first time will all receive a gift from the Association and we hope to make it an especially happy occasion for them.

The speaker will be the Vice-Chancellor of The Australian National University, **Professor Ian Chubb AC**.

Dress is black tie/evening dress preferred (lounge suit acceptable) or mess kit with decorations (miniatures). The cost is \$ 70 per person.

Please respond before September 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Roger Dace on 6284 3230 for further any details. This promises to be a most enjoyable and stimulating occasion.

## ***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT***

A special thanks to those who have volunteered to help the running of the National Conference in Canberra, February 14-17, 2008. Roger Dace has put forward an innovative program for the 2008 conference and this will accompany the Winter edition of "The Order". Please keep an eye out for it.

Following the lunch in June and the three events in August and September there will be a Garden Party to enjoy and support the work of the OAA Foundation on the last Sunday in October, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at Gundaroo. Details in the August newsletter.

Ray Newcombe