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Chairman's Message



Firstly, may I say how much I appreciate the honour conferred on me by my election as your Chairman for 2011/2012 and to assure you that the interests of our Association will have my close attention in the coming year.

At the start, I would like to pay tribute to my immediate predecessor, Rev Dr Douglas Parker OAM RFD for his commitment and his contribution to our affairs during the past year, especially as his term of office coincided with he and his family facing some significant personal challenges.

Our committee, which includes some new members, as always brings to the management of the Branch a depth of knowledge and experience

that I am sure will stand us in good stead in the future. We have already met this month to plan a variety of activities for the coming year and I am sure these events will enjoy your support.

It is also my intention during the coming year, along with Ron Sharpe OAM our energetic Regional Co-ordinator, to attend as many of our regional events as possible. Thanks to the energy and dedication of our region convenors, we maintain an impressive program of ongoing activity throughout NSW and these events do much to sustain and enhance our objectives.

There are also plans to continue our *Young Endeavour* scholarship scheme as well as of course maintaining the Youth and Community awards program originated 20 years ago by the late Dr John Lincoln, but we will also be seeking potential opportunities for other appropriate sponsorships. Importantly, it needs to be said that the Committee is not the sole repository of wisdom in this regard and suggestions from any member about projects which they feel could be worthy of the Association's support will always be most welcome.

Finally, could I please urge all members to encourage recipients of awards in the Order who are known to them but who do not belong to our Association to consider joining us? Membership development is an ever-important element in the life of most organisations and it is one avenue whereby each one of us can make a positive contribution by recruiting new entrants and I commend this to all our members.

Jack Ball AM



In overcast and damp weather and with her youth crew manning the yards, the Australian sail training ship Young Endeavour approaches the berth in Woolloomooloo on 12 December. See story in this issue about our Branch's longstanding support for this important program.

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Coming Events

Sat 4 February – 11.00am for 12 Noon. Hunter Regional Group Annual Luncheon at Cardiff RSL Club. Further details: Laurie Kelly AM tel. (02) 4943 6690 or Charlie Stevens OAM tel. (02) 4948 7729.

Fri 17 February - 5.30pm. Southern Highlands Regional Group Reception at Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame, Bowral NSW to welcome recent award recipients. Further details: Contact tel. (02) 4861 1331 or (02) 4862 4159.

Wed 7 March - 10.00am. Nicholson Museum and Sydney University Tour. See registration form enclosed with this newsletter.

Wed 4 April – 11.30am. (Postponed from 8 February). Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Tour and free concert. Bookings for the original date have been transferred to the new date. Enquiries: Max Press, OAM JP - tel. (02) 9402 7888.

Thu-Fri 12/13 April 2012 National Annual Meeting.
At the Darwin Convention Centre.

Friday 11 May – 12 Noon for 12.30pm. Reception for Australia Day award recipients at Parliament House, Sydney. Further details and registration form enclosed with this newsletter.

May. (Date to be fixed). Blue Mountains/Hawkesbury/Nepean Regional Group. Annual Luncheon. Details to be advised.

Fri 25 May. Manning Group function. Details to be advised.

Fri 25 May – 11.30am for 12.00 noon. Illawarra Regional Group Mid-year Luncheon. At the Sinclair Function Centre, Dapto Leagues Club, Cnr Station Street and Bong Bong Road, Dapto NSW 2530. Contact Lynn Wilson OAM JP – tel. (02) 4244 0424 or mobile 0466 989 914.

Wed 20 June – 10.00am. Hunter Regional Group Port Stephens Morning Tea at Harbourside Haven Retirement Village, Shoal Bay NSW. Further details contact Laurie Kelly AM tel. (02) 4943 6690 or Charlie Stevens OAM tel. (02) 4948 7729.

Tue 17 July - 10.00am. Hunter Regional Group Annual Newcastle Morning Tea at Cardiff RSL Club. Further details contact Laurie Kelly AM on tel. (02) 4943 6690 or Charlie Stevens OAM on tel. (02) 4948 7729.

Wed 18 July (date and further information to follow). NSW Branch Annual Luncheon. Parliament House, Sydney. Further information and registration details will be included with the April newsletter.

Helen Christian AM and John Christian AO

All members will be sorry to learn that our Committee member, Mrs Helen Christian AM and her husband John were seriously injured in a car accident in Southern NSW on 10 December. We send them both warmest wishes for their continuing speedy recoveries.



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Annual General Meeting

Our 2011 Annual General Meeting was held in the Wesley Centre, Sydney on 30 November and about 50 members attended. Following morning tea, retiring Chairman, Rev Dr Douglas Parker, OAM RFD officially declared the proceedings open and then delivered his report, which is now reproduced in full on the Associations' website.

Hon Treasurer Reg Chirgwin, OAM FCPA then presented his financial report for the year ended 30 September 2011. This disclosed that income of \$28,632.51 and expenses of \$37,007.14 had resulted in a deficit on the year's operations of \$8374.63. He added that although this year's activities led to a deficit, this was the result of some non-recurring expense and also that steps are being taken to ensure that we avoid a negative result in current and future years. He added that the available funds in the bank account and term deposits totalled \$35,335. The accounts and auditor's report were adopted.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mrs Mary Doughty AM, Mrs Marie McCann OAM and Mr Giulio Vidoni OAM for outstanding service they had each given the Branch.



Rev Dr Douglas Parker OAM RFD presents a certificate of appreciation to Mr Giulio Vidoni OAM recognising his 16 years' service to the Branch as editor of our newsletter as well as his completing several terms as a Committee member.

Young Endeavour voyager reports

Ashlea Jensen of Pambula (NSW) was one of two recipients of the Branch's *Young Endeavour* scholarships awarded in 2011. She joined the youth crew of the sail training ship on a voyage in North Queensland waters, sailing from Airlie Beach on 7 April and disembarking at Mackay on 17 April.

Writing a letter to the Branch in appreciation of her award, Ashlea summed up her voyage in which she identified the personal development and character-building benefits that she and hundreds of young people have derived from this important program which has been supported for many years by our Branch.

"I just want to thank you all very much for giving me the chance to embark on a voyage in the Young Endeavour. It was everything I had hoped for and more than I expected. I made friends that I think will last me a lifetime, learned and experience things I would never have had the chance to, and most of all - I got to know myself better. Through my time

on the Young Endeavour I learned how to relate to people from all walks of life, how to work as part of a team and how to trust in leadership skills I didn't know I had. I have much more confidence in myself and my abilities and as well as a lot of memories I will treasure, have developed a thirst to know more, learn more and experience more.



Ashlea Jensen

The voyage challenged us all in many ways, and one of the things I was proud of was that I didn't get seasick! I loved the heady loftiness of the topgallant yards, the challenge of tying the gaskets is so high up in the wind and the bucking sea. I love the comfortable companionship that grew as strangers were thrown together in close quarters learning unfamiliar things. I loved the crew and their light-hearted, encouraging friendliness - and I developed a taste for sailing that I would love to pursue in the future.

I have returned to life changed in some small ways and some great. I want to thank you again so much for the opportunity you gave me and the experiences I will treasure for the rest of my life."

Meanwhile, on 12 December, *Young Endeavour* arrived back in Sydney at the end of a voyage to Tasmania where the ship participated in celebrations on the Derwent River in Hobart marking the centenary of the departure in 1912 of the Australian Antarctic Expedition led by Sir Douglas Mawson.

After the ship had berthed at Woolloomooloo, our chairman Jack Ball, AM went aboard to attend a ceremony during which he presented the Association's medallion to Stafford Ives-Heres, the member of the youth judged by fellow crew members to have given outstanding leadership during the voyage.



With Lieutenant-Commander Damien Munchenberg, RAN the commanding officer of Young Endeavour looking on, Stafford Ives-Heres is presented with his Order of Australia Association medallion by Chairman Jack Ball AM on board Young Endeavour.

Regional Activities by Ron Sharpe OAM (NSW Regional Co-ordinator)

Since my last report, I have attended four regional functions, accompanied on each occasion by my wife Carol. These events were all most enjoyable and appreciation is due to the dedicated regional convenors and all involved in planning and organising them. We enjoyed the camaraderie which is always generated on these occasions and which also gave me opportunities to keep members in touch with the current activities of our Association. Ron Sharpe.

Manning Regional Group River Cruise - Thursday 27 October 2011

Our function this year was held afloat, sailing the Manning River on board *Island Explorer* skippered by Captain John, along with friendly hospitality offered by Helen and Marie. Our trip commenced at Croki, then heading east around Mitchell and Oxley Islands passing the villages of Manning Point and Harrington.

Primary reason for our function was to greet two new local recipients of the Order namely Mr Allan (Toby) Wilson OAM of Gloucester, who was accompanied by his wife Norma, and Mrs Margaret Norman OAM of Old Bar, as well as of course to catch up with other members of the Manning Group and their guests. Toby Wilson was recognised for his service to the community particularly to veterans through the Gloucester Sub-Branch of the RSL and also Legacy and Margaret Norman for her work with Riding for the Disabled.

Regional Convenor Wing Commander Greg Hartig AM (Rtd) welcomed everyone to the luncheon, making special reference to the new recipients.



Mr Toby Wilson OAM and his wife Norma.

thanking members for their confidence, he announced that the next Manning group function would be held on 25 May 2012.

Dubbo Regional Group Annual Luncheon - Saturday 29 October 2011

The 50 members and guests arriving at the Dubbo RSL Memorial Club for this function were welcomed with music provided by students of the Macquarie Conservatorium, led by Sue Hovenden. David Creenaune OAM proposed a vote of thanks to them for their performance and this was carried by acclamation.

Chairman Wally Flynn OAM, conducted the proceedings with good humour and efficiency, keeping the function on track. Regional Convenor Ruby Riach OAM, extended a warm welcome to all present and thanked her committee for all their assistance.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by John Mackenzie OAM, and Ron Sharpe OAM, the NSW Regional Coordinator, proposed the toast to The Order. Mrs Ruth Shanks AM then introduced the guest speaker, Associate Professor Joseph Canalese OAM of the Dubbo Campus, School of Rural Health. He spoke informatively on aspects of the current health system in NSW, as well as on the funding arrangements for hospitals generally and discussed the approach being taken by State and Federal governments on upgrading of the medical system.

Professor Canalese was thanked by Lloyd Townsend APM after which the lucky door prizes were drawn and gift bags distributed. A presentation was also made to Ruby Riach for her work in organising the function. Responding, Ruby expressed appreciation, thanked everyone for their attendance and looked forward to seeing everyone at the next Dubbo function.

Southern Tablelands Regional Group Annual Luncheon

- Saturday 5 November 2011

The Binalong Hotel in the town that bears its name located a short drive north-west of Yass was the venue for this function where guests were welcomed on arrival by the group's regional convenor, Mr Mark McRae OAM and his wife Beth.



Mrs Dorothy Horsman OAM, and Mr Eric Bell OAM

During the course of the luncheon Mark introduced two new award recipients to the meeting, namely Mrs Dorothy Horsman OAM, and Mr Eric Bell OAM. Mrs Horsman was recognised for service to local government and to the community of Yass while Mr Bell, an elder of the Ngunnawal people and Chairman of the Buranya Aboriginal Council in Yass, received his award for service to the Indigenous community through aged care, environment and employment organisations.

The Guest Speaker at the luncheon was Air Vice-Marshal Bob Richardson, AO, AFC (Rtd). Bob gave a fascinating insight into his time as a military test pilot for the RAAF. He had trained as a fighter pilot and flew Sabres for three years in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Borneo during the Indonesian Confrontation crisis. Then followed a variety of senior appointments in the RAAF, culminating with service as Deputy Chief of Air Force.



Seated: Left, Air Vice-Marshal Eric Stephenson, AO OBE (Rtd) and Air Vice-Marshal Bob Richardson, AO AFC (Rtd) and, standing, left, are Mr Mark McRae AM, Regional Convenor and Mr Ron Sharpe OAM, NSW Regional Co-ordinator.

After question time, Ron Sharpe thanked Bob for his most enjoyable and informative speech and also congratulated Regional Convenor Mark and his wife Beth on their efforts in organising the luncheon.

Illawarra Regional Group Annual Dinner - Friday 18 November 2011

Some 50 members and guests were in attendance at the Collegians Rugby League Football Club, Wollongong for the Annual Dinner. Regional convenor Bill Seay OAM welcomed everyone attending and he invited Ron Sharpe to address a gathering and he briefed the meeting on current activities in the Association.

Grace was then said by Bishop Harry Goodhew AO and dinner was served, following which Mr Brian Mackander introduced the Guest Speaker Commodore Roderick Nairn AM RAN, the Australian Hydrographer.



Mr Bill Seay OAM, centre, welcomes two recent award recipients, Mr Philip Thompson OAM, honoured for service to the community, particularly through Apex Australia, and to aged care and Mrs Wendy Muddell OAM for service to the historic vehicle movement, and to the Australian Motorlife Museum.



Incoming Illawarra Regional Group Committee, from left, Mr Brian Mackander OAM, Mr Bill Seay OAM, Ms Lynn Wilson OAM and Mr John O'Dwyer OAM. Absent: Messrs Bill James OAM and Jim Lyon OAM.



Commodore Nairn and his wife Suzanne pictured at a NSW Branch reception for new recipients held at Parliament House, Sydney last September.

His audio-visual presentation was most interesting and he began by explaining that the Australian Hydrographic Service, headquartered in Wollongong, provides up to date charting and nautical information to meet the requirements of defence and also of merchant shipping trading in our waters.

A vote of thanks to Commodore Nairn, who was accompanied to the meeting by his wife Suzanne, was proposed by Hon. Secretary Lynn Wilson. Mr Bill Seay then made some closing remarks, thanking Lynn for all her hard work in organising the function.



Messrs Phil Harry AM (left) and Colin Davidson OAM were among the 40 members and guests who attended our very enjoyable Yum Cha pre-Christmas luncheon held at the Marigold Restaurant in Sydney on 8 December, hosted by Branch Chairman Jack Ball, AM and his wife Ellie.

New members – welcome

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of the NSW Branch who received their awards in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Names are listed in alphabetical order of surname.

Mrs B Adcock OAM	Lt-Cdr W Gobert OAM	Mr I H Marshall OAM	Dr G Rickard OAM
Mr A L Backhouse OAM	Ms K L Griffith OAM	Mr T J Mayhew OAM	Dr C Storey OAM
Mr D Barnsdall OAM	Prof L R Jackson-Pulver AM	Ms E Miles OAM	Mr D J Whitty OAM
Dr B Capper OAM	Dr P Lightfoot OAM	Cdre R Nairn AM RAN	Mr A L Wilson OAM
Mrs S Catterall OAM	Mrs M F McCabe OAM	A/Professor L Oliver OAM	Prof P W Wolnzier OAM
Dr M Cleary OAM	Mr D H McIntosh AM	Prof K Phelps AM	Dr A M Zahra OAM
Mr R D Cragg OAM	Mrs V M March OAM	Mr I L Ramsay OAM	
Mrs B Dillon OAM	A/Prof B Marshall AM	Mr D L Rayner OAM	

Meet Our New Committee Members

For the information of readers, we include here details of the backgrounds of the newly-elected members who joined the committee at the 2011 annual general meeting.

Mr Andrew Gullotta OAM, Ph.C

Andrew was born in Sicily and migrated to Australia in 1951. He graduated in pharmacy at the University of Sydney in 1963 and the following year commenced work in the Matraville pharmacy which had been opened by his late father. In 1973 the business moved to the new Matraville medical Centre where Andrew and his wife Lina remained until their retirement in 2006.

Andrew has an extensive background in academia, pharmacy organisations, community service and the media. He was involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at the University of Sydney and his persistence was rewarded in 2000 with the establishment of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University and was active in numerous organisations related to his professional interests.

He has been prominent in fundraising and community projects and in the fight against HIV/AIDS and is actively associated with many prevention and fund-raising programs.

Andrew has been a member of Rotary for many years and is a past president of the club at Maroubra.

While serving as a councillor of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and industry in Australia he actively promoted trade between Australia and Italy as well as assisting programs to support the Italian community in Australia. In 1999 in recognition of his efforts Andrew was appointed Knight Commander of the Italian Republic and in 2001 was bestowed the prestigious title of Chevalier, Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta.

He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2005 Australian Day Honours List in the following year was appointed an ambassador of the University of Sydney in recognition of sterling service and dedication to the University.

Ms Wendy Blacklock AM

Wendy has worked in the arts since the 1950s, first as a performer and for the last 30 years as a Producer of new Australian work.

She spent several years working in the UK but also fitted in J C Williamson tours, the Phillip Street Theatre revues and the Old Tote Theatre Company, with performances in *Playboy of the Western World* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Plays written by Australian writers such as Thomas Keneally AO, David Williamson AO and Dorothy Hewitt followed, which engendered a growing interest in local work.

Early in 1980 she joined the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust (AETT) as coordinator of the entrepreneurial department, creating the Australian Content Department a year later. This area concentrated on new work in dance, multi-cultural theatre, contemporary opera, circus and puppetry and toured it nationally.

Wendy also encouraged emerging Aboriginal work, touring *The Cakeman* to the World Theatre Festival in Denver, Colorado in 1982. She commissioned three plays from Jack Davis which not only toured nationally but represented Australia in Vancouver in 1986 and London in 1988.

In 1990, with the decline of the AETT, the Australian Content Department was set up as a non-profit company called Performing Lines and for the last 20 years it has been developing, producing and touring both nationally and internationally.

Wendy was appointed Member of the Order in 1992.

Rear-Admiral Tony Hunt AO RAN (Rtd)

Tony was born in Melbourne in 1938 but grew up in towns in the mid-north of South Australia. On leaving Gawler High School, he entered the Royal Australian Naval College in 1954 and later trained as a midshipman in the United Kingdom. He then studied electrical engineering at the University of Melbourne from 1958-1961. Much of his early years of service concerned helicopters and the weapon systems in small ships.

He then served at sea during the Malaysian campaign and also in waters off Vietnam. During the late 1960s, he was posted to Washington where he met and married his wife Cecile. They have four children who have provided them with 12 grandchildren.

For four years in the early 1980s Tony was Helicopter Project Director for all three services, for which he was recognised

with appointment as a Member of the Order in 1985. In the latter years of his naval career, following promotion to Rear Admiral, he was based in Canberra ultimately becoming the Chief Engineer and Chief of Materiel for which work he was appointed an Officer of the Order in 1991. His final service appointment was as Naval Support Commander in Sydney and he retired in 1995.

In retirement, Tony engaged briefly in consulting work but was then talked into becoming project director for the restoration in Sydney of the 19th century barque *James Craig* which was successfully recommissioned in 2001 and which continues to operate at sea off Sydney. Tony's other current interests include his presidency of the Sydney Heritage Fleet and he also serves on the boards of the Royal Humane Society (NSW), Life Education Australia and the Royal United Services Institution of NSW.

Mr Peter King AO, FAICD

Peter was appointed an officer of the Order in the Queen's Birthday honours list in 2009 for service to international development and humanitarian aid organisations, and to the community. He served as chairman of World Vision Australia from 1995-2008 and for many years was also a director of World Vision's international organisation as well as being active in many other humanitarian fields.

His business career commenced in 1958 when he joined the Anglo-American Corporation as a management trainee and later became head of the company's contract purchasing division in Zambia. From 1969 until 1988 he filled various senior management positions in the Van Leer group of companies in many parts of the world and latterly as managing director in Australia and New Zealand. In 1988 he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of John Fairfax Group Limited where he served until 1990 when he became Chief Executive of Pratt Industries responsible for all the company's Australian manufacturing activities. Other board appointments have included chairmanship of AusAsian Investment Banking, Health Communication Ltd, and Opportunity International Network along with other national and international companies including not-for-profit organisations. He is also a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company directors.

Peter is married to Patricia and they have three daughters.

Mr Malcolm Longstaff OAM

Malcolm was born in England and came to Australia in 1940 at the age of seven. He joined the shipping group P&O in Sydney in 1951 and for 32 years worked mainly in the public relations and marketing fields, except from 1955-1958 when seconded to seagoing duty as Purser of the E&A Line's cargo-passenger vessel *Nellore*, operating in the Australia-Far East service. He was appointed PR Manager, P&O Australia Ltd in 1975.

For 12 years from 1960, he administered P&O's major national sponsorship of Junior Farmer Clubs (later 'Rural Youth'), and also represented the company on its NSW governing body, which at that time co-ordinated the activities of 7,000 members in 300 clubs. He served as its State President from 1968-1970 and was subsequently awarded life membership. He wrote a 75-year history of the NSW Rural Youth organisation, published in 2005 under the title *A Fruitful Season*.

In 1983 he opened a PR consultancy in Sydney and acted in this role for Malaysia Airlines in Australia and New Zealand for 13 years. Other clients included those in legal, maritime-related

and tourism fields. He was recently awarded life membership of the Australian Society of Travel Writers in which he has been active since 1977.

A lifelong interest in maritime matters led to Malcolm's involvement in the 1990s with the Company of Master Mariners of Australia, which elected him to honorary membership in 2001. He has also served continuously since 1970 on the executive of the NSW Division of the Navy League of Australia and joined the board of the Australian Mariners Welfare Society in 2008.

He is a past president and a life member of the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and also of the Sydney Savage Club, which since 1934 has assisted and encouraged young Australian performing artists. For 24 years until 2008, he held various executive roles at both State and National levels in the Australia-Britain Society, including NSW Branch President and National Vice-President.

His links with aviation resulted in his participation in the 2001 London-Sydney Centenary of Federation Air Race as an honorary press officer, flying from England to Australia with other support crew in a twin-engined Cessna aircraft.

Malcolm was awarded the Medal of the Order in 2009. He and his wife Margaret were married in 1964 and have a daughter Sarah and a son Alister.

Branch Hon. Secretary

Regretfully our Hon. Secretary Mr Max Press OAMJP has had to relinquish his position for family reasons and the Committee has co-opted a former Hon. Secretary, Mrs Colleen Wardell OAM, to fill this vacancy. Branch Chairman Jack Ball AM, in thanking Max for his service to the Branch, complimented him on the energy and enthusiasm he had brought to the role.



Branch committee members and regional convenors visited the cruise liner Amsterdam in Sydney recently as guests of Holland-America Line and enjoyed a tour of the ship, followed by a luncheon. Seen on deck during the tour are, from left, Rev. Dr Douglas Parker OAM RFD (then Branch Chairman), Mrs Barbara Parker, Mrs Pat King, Mr Peter King AM, Mr John Walker OAM, Mr John Jobling OAM (Deputy Chairman), Mrs Linde Jobling, Mrs Shirley Chirgwin OAM, Mr Reg Chirgwin OAM (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs Barbara Press and Mr Max Press OAMJP (then Hon Secretary).

Obituary

Dr John Lincoln, AM

With the passing on 14 November at the age of 95 of Dr John Francis Lincoln AM, the Association has lost one of its staunchest supporters. He will be especially remembered for his work as the originator and sole administrator for 19 years of our annual Youth and Community Awards that recognise NSW secondary school students for performing community service both in Australia and abroad.

A strong contingent of our branch members, led by Rev Dr Douglas Parker, AM RFD, then Branch Chairman, attended the funeral in Gosford on 21 November.

Dr Lincoln was born in July 1916 and educated at Newington College, Sydney and Balliol College, Oxford from which he graduated as barrister-at-law in 1940. During the World War II he served with British forces performing intelligence work in the United Kingdom, India, Far East and Palestine.

He then returned to Sydney and practised at the NSW Bar from 1949 until 1968, when he was appointed a Judge of the NSW District Court where he served for 18 years, the last two as chairman of the Parole Board. Then followed appointment as chairman of the Electoral Districts Commissioners before moving to retirement in 1991.

In the 1985 Australia Day Honours List, he was appointed Member of the Order for service to the community, particularly in the field of prisoner rehabilitation. He had joined the Prisoners' Aid Association of NSW in 1969, ultimately serving as its president from 1981-1997 and was awarded life membership in 1983.

In 1958 he was appointed to chair a working party to establish what was to become Macquarie University. He served for 38 years on the University Council, missing only five of the 381 Council meetings held during his tenure. In 2001 the council named a building "The Lincoln Building for Student Services" in his honour.

An interest in local government led to his involvement in North Sydney Council, where he served as Deputy Mayor from 1954-1956 and as Mayor for the following two years, during which time organised the preliminary planning and design for the Stanton Memorial Library.

Shortly after joining the Order of Australia Association, Dr Lincoln served from 1986-1989 as a Director on the National Committee, while concurrently serving the NSW Branch both as Hon. Secretary and the Editor of its newsletter. He was also Deputy Chairman of the Branch from 1988-1990 and from 1991-1993. From 2000 until his death he was a co-opted member of the Branch Committee.

He actively supported medical research and was chairman of directors of "The Lincoln Centre", which funds research into rheumatology and allied subjects, also awarding fellowships each year to assisted research in several fields relating to bone joint diseases.

In placing on record appreciation of Dr Lincoln's life of service to the community, and especially to our Association, we again convey to his family sincere condolences in their sad loss.



At Government House, Sydney on 23 November, our Patron Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, presented our Branch's 2011 Youth and Community Awards to 21 NSW secondary school students in recognition of their community service rendered during the year. Their service took many forms including visiting and assisting the elderly, working with the Children's Hospital, charitable organisations such as St Vincent de Paul, Smith Family and churches, also coaching junior students in reading and sports and fund-raising for worthy causes. Recipients of the awards are shown here with the Governor and then Branch Chairman, Rev Dr Douglas Parker.

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