

## **NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH**

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

**4 NOVEMBER 2010**

After two years as Chairman of the Northern Territory Branch one would think that the running of the Association would be easier, however that has not been the case.

With the committee losing four long standing committee members and not having them replaced, it has put extra burden on to our small dedicated band of workers. Illness and work commitments has reduced the time available to dedicate 100% to the N.T. Associations activities this year and I hope for this situation to improve.

I still believe our Branch has adhered to the following :-

- Support the Order of Australia
- Support our Membership
- Continue to build a well known and respected organisation

I would like to express my thanks to Michael Martin (Secretary/Treasurer), Wendy James, Val Ashe and Rosemary Burkitt for their continued support.

#### **NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

I was able to attend one of the two meetings this year along with attending the National Conference in Adelaide in February of this year. I will be attending the 2011 National Conference in Hobart in February 2011.

#### **FINANCE**

Michael Martin has kept our Branch funds in a healthy position which has been helped by the BAG funds resuming to be paid to us by the Order of Australia. Michael will cover this further in his Treasurer's report.

#### **THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP**

The Southern Group has expressed interest again in growing their numbers and I will continue to foster support for their activities with the help of Damian Ryan, Mayor of Alice Springs.

#### **SOCIAL & FORMAL FUNCTIONS**

I have attended both Investiture Ceremonies this year at Government House in May and September 2010.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our number remain in the 100-105 mark. Letters of congratulations and membership invites were sent to all new members of the Order.

**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

My thanks to Wendy James, Sister Elizabeth Little and Rosemary Burkitt for the continued support and mentoring of Rebecca whilst completing her Scholarship Studies which will be completed this year.

Wendy James will give an update of Rebecca's later tonight.

We are still endeavouring to secure a second scholarship for an indigenous Charles Darwin University student.

**VALE**

Mr AF McPherson, OAM  
Mr BF Kilgariff, AM  
Mr WC Fong, OAM

Rest in Peace

I look forward to working with the new incoming committee and all the members and to continue to carry out my responsibilities at NT and National level.



*STEWART E COX, OAM*

*CHAIRMAN*

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