



## THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION Northern Territory Branch

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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Investiture on May 15<sup>th</sup> of eight of the Australia Day medal recipients at Government House in Darwin was a very special event for them, their family and friends and for me, your representative of the NT Branch. The red carpet and historic white "house of seven gables" was a beautiful outdoor setting for the formality of the Investiture. His Honour Mr. Tom Pauling AO QC presented the medals and all enjoyed the special occasion and the opportunity to congratulate the recipients at the reception after the formalities were over.

Three weeks later, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June our members were invited to Government House to a reception celebrating the Queen's Birthday, and we thank His Honour, our Patron and Mrs Tessa Pauling for their hospitality.

Our Annual Dinner followed at the Novotel Atrium Hotel where we continued to enjoy the evening and welcomed his Honour for the first time as our Patron. The guest speaker for the night was Adam Hill, recently appointed CEO of the NT Live Export Association and his wife Lindsey. Thanking the speaker, Mr Austin Asche noted that export cattle travel in much more comfort than Territorians on night flights South! We welcomed Mrs. Teresa Hart Council Member of the OOA and her husband Denis. Teresa spoke of her role as NT representative on the Council, the selection process of those nominated for awards from all States and Territories and the importance of nominating more Territory people for their outstanding contribution to their community.

Warmest congratulations to His Honour on being appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) and to Mrs. Michelle Hanton OAM, Mr. Theofilos Gomas OAM, Mr. Aubrey McPherson OAM, Mr. Edmund Bailey AM, Mr. Ken Cohalan OAM, Mrs. Pearl Ogden OAM, Dr. Kenneth Johnson AM, Ms Carmel Hattch AM. We look forward to meeting them in the future and invite them to join the NT Branch as members.

The Association now has an excellent Strategic Plan for the future which was passed at the National Conference AGM. and I quote from National President Neil Conn's introduction of the plan " The Strategic Plan is built on the simple proposition that by looking after our members we strengthen our Association. A strong Association is able to contribute in special ways to the community that has honoured its members as individuals. Copies of the Plan are available on the OAA web site. A Business Plan for the future is now being developed. It has been agreed that Branches may use the plan as a guideline and direction for their own plans if they need it

I will be attending the National Committee Meeting in Sydney on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. The meetings last a full day and apart from business, it is a great opportunity to meet and talk informally with other State delegates about happenings in their Branches.

Welcome and thanks to our new Branch Newsletter Editor Beryl Mulder OAM. Beryl kindly volunteered for the job and I am delighted to welcome her on board. Enjoy our wonderful Territory winter!

Best Wishes  
Wendy James OAM

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Abbreviations and Acronyms of honours received by Territorians to date – June 2008  
(Service medals not included)

AC	Companion of the Order of Australia
AO	Officer of the Order of Australia
AM	Member of the Order of Australia
OAM	Medal of the Order of Australia

## **Queen's Birthday Honours Recipients 2008**

### **Tom Pauling AO QC**

For service to the Northern Territory through significant contributions to the law, particularly related to constitutional matters, to the development of legal organizations and the promotion of professional standards, and to the community.

### **Mrs. Michelle Hanton OAM**

For service to women's health, particularly as founder of Dragons Abreast Australia

### **Mr. Theofilos Gomatos OAM**

For service to the Greek community of the Northern Territory

### **Mr. Aubrey McPherson OAM**

For service to Rugby League football in the Northern Territory

### **Mr Edmund Bailey AM**

For service to the horse racing industry in the Northern Territory, particularly through the development and administration of the sport, and to the community

### **Mr Ken Cohalan OAM**

For service to the business sector, particularly through the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce

### **Mrs Pearl Ogden OAM**

For service to the community in the Northern territory, particularly as a historian and author and through heritage conservation roles

### **Dr Kenneth Johnson AM**

For service to the development of conservation management strategies for Australia's desert flora and fauna through research and in partnership with the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land.

### **Ms Carmel Hattch AM**

For services to paediatric and outreach nursing, to the welfare of Indigenous children in the Northern Territory, and as a foster parent.

**WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!**

## Information items

One of the ways the Order of Australia Association (OAA) seeks to foster pride in Australian citizenship is by arranging an annual OAA Oration. An interesting and inspiring booklet with Orations 2003-2007 is available for sale at \$5. It includes orations by Professor Peter Doherty AC, Dame Leonie Kramer AC DBE, Sir James Gobbo AC CVO, Sir Guy Green AC KBE CVO and Lieutenant-General John Sanderson AC. Copies are available by contacting our Chairman, Wendy James.

The OAA has also commissioned a brooch which is available from Wendy at a cost of \$15.



## URGENT REMINDER:

The cost of publishing this Newsletter, especially with colour photos, is extremely high. So it would help enormously if you would opt to receive your newsletter by email. Not only is this much cheaper for the organization, but you also help to save the trees. So please let our Chairman know your email address and we will keep you informed!

## DIARY FOR 2008-2009

17 September 2008

Lord Mayor's Reception Darwin City Council Chambers

14 November 2008

Annual General Meeting and Christmas Dinner

19-22 February 2009

OAA Conference Brisbane

19 February 2009

67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bombing of Darwin – book laying