



NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWSLETTER

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Patron: Her Honour the Administrator, the Hon, Ms. Sally Thomas AM,

Chairman's Annual Report

Presented at the AGM - Wed 23rd November 2011

Australian Citizenship Day September 2010 - The love of citizenship is a cornerstone of the Order of Australia's national goals and September 16th was the 10th Australian Citizenship Day. In the NT about 120 people became citizens at 3 ceremonies in the Territory.

AGM and Dinner, November 2010 - Dr Tom Lewis, historian and author was the guest speaker at the Annual Dinner held at the Crowne Plaza. He spoke of the Darwin Military Museum and the new management and expansion of the complex. It will be opened in April 2012.



Foundation Scholarship - Rebecca Evans, a Foundation Scholarship holder, graduated from Charles Darwin University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning. One of our members Wendy James OAM was her mentor. We are pleased that amongst donors to the Foundation, one of our members has become an Associate Member of the Foundation.

Investitures in May and September 2011 - Held at Government House by the Administrator, His Honour Mr Tom Pauling AO. QC. The investitures included appointments and awards in the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Honours Lists 2011 and the Australian Bravery Decorations 2011.

Membership July 2011 - A member was delegated to investigate our financial as well as non-financial members of the Association with a view to encourage participation in the NT Branch and the 2012 Conference. This has enabled us to increase membership and interest in the Association.

NT Branch Newsletter - In May the Newsletter was reactivated after a lapse, and 3 issues have helped the marketing of the National Conference in keeping our members up to date with arrangements. The editor, Earl James AM has reduced the postage cost to a quarter of previous amounts by using emails of members. Our thanks go to him.

Visit to Government House, Darwin August 2011 - This was an opportunity to express thanks to the retiring Administrator for his support, patronage and visits to remote areas for investitures.

Launch of 2012 National Conference in Darwin September 2011 - We met at the Darwin Turf Club to launch the conference and invite volunteers and potential members to attend the conference. A strong committee has been formed with Mrs Wendy James OAM as chairman, and it meets monthly.

NT Regional Group - There are a small number of recipients in Central Australia who meet occasionally. We hope to develop this group by Investitures, functions and visits from Darwin Branch members.

October 2011 - As Chair of the Branch I attended a National Committee Meeting in Sydney in October. In May 2011 The Victorian Central Highlands Regional Group held their 12th Annual Luncheon in Ballarat and

invited our member the Hon Austin Asche AC QC to be the guest speaker. Austin and I attended the luncheon and publicized the forthcoming conference in Darwin.

Thanks - My thanks go to the members of the committee especially the retiring President Stuart Cox, the Secretary/Treasurer Michael Martin and Chairman of the Conference Committee Wendy James.

Valerie Asche AM
Chairman

Progress Report - 2012 National Conference

National Conference Update

I am pleased to have the opportunity to present this report on the progress of arrangements for the 26th National Annual Conference being held in Darwin on 11, 12, & 13th April 2012. This will be the first National Conference held in the NT and we are excited at the prospect of putting Darwin on the map for OAA members and guests.

The NT Conference Committee met for the first time in April this year and since then we have prepared and finalized a three day program that we hope will bring at least 200 delegates from around Australia to Darwin. We have a great committee whose members provide a range of experience and skills. They are:

Chair - Wendy James, Treasurer - Michael Martin, Meeting Recorder - Grant Tambling, Val Asche, Nora Lewis, Alan James and John Flynn. The dates in April were decided by the National Committee in February this year. I hope that our party won't be rained on, but regardless of the weather I am confident everyone is going to have an unforgettable experience.



The Theme for the Conference is "Australia's Front Door" and we have had some unexpected help in promoting our wonderful city with the 70th Anniversary of the bombing of Darwin program next year being advertised nationally and the laying a wreath by United States President Barack Obama during his recent visit. These events have focused media attention on Darwin and given our city unexpected but welcome publicity around Australia.

One of the Program highlights is "The Oration" and The Hon Austin Asche AC, QC has accepted National President Mr Shane Stone's invitation to speak. Austin's love of the Territory and its history will make this an event not to be missed. Other events are the Multifaith service being held in Christ Church Cathedral with its long history from the early days and its open door philosophy; the Chief Minister's Parliament House reception; an invitation to morning tea and a tour Government House and its beautiful gardens. Our thanks go to the Administrator our Patron Her Hon. Sally Thomas AM for this invitation. The highlight will be the Annual Dinner being held on Friday 13th April. The Association's Patron, the Governor General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, will attend and we encourage our many Territory members and their guests to come along and be part of this great occasion. A free tour to Parap Markets and the East Point War Museum is offered on the day after the Conference ends.

The Conference is hosted by the National Committee and is a great social affair that gives members from around Australia the opportunity to meet, mingle and make new friends with special people who have made a difference in our communities. The business of the Conference is the Annual General Meeting which gives members a chance to become involved in the running of their Association and to meet National Committee members who are elected to run the organization.

This newsletter is circulated to many people who are not members of the Association. If you are not a member and would like to be involved in the Conference, or wish to book to attend the Annual Dinner, please let me know or email Michael Martin for a registration form.

Wendy James,
NT Chairman National Conference Committee

Note:

A copy of the four page brochure containing the Conference Registration Form is attached to this newsletter. Please book early to ensure you get accommodation and to give the organising committee some idea as to whether their budgeting is accurate.

Annual General Meeting

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NT Branch was held at the Framed Gallery, Stuart Highway, Stuart Park on 23 November 2011.

Apologies: Tom Pauling AO, Shane Stone AO, QC, Terry Baldwin AM, John Flynn AM, Josephine Stone AM, Rosemary Burkitt OAM, Tom Lewis OAM, Daphne Read AM, Mike Reed AM.

Welcome to New Patron: The Chairperson, Val Asche AM gave a special welcome to the new patron of the NT Branch of OAA, her Honour Mrs Sally Thomas AM. The news of the Patron's appointment was treated with spontaneous applause and her work in the Community was acknowledged.

Chairman's Report: Chairperson, Vale Asche AM provided her report and thanked the Committee for their organisation during the year. She acknowledged the successful Scholarship of Rebecca Evans and the challenge that the 2012 National Conference in Darwin will provide to the Association. She acknowledged the work of the Conference Chairperson, Wendy James OAM and her Committee and was confident that Darwin will demonstrate that Darwin is Australia's front door.

Treasurer's Report: The Secretary/Treasurer spoke to his report which showed a small deficit for the year of \$1354.00. He explained that this was due to over \$2,000 being expended on the 2012 Conference already. The Treasurer was questioned on the expenditure for envelopes and he explained that the purchase of window faced envelopes and A4 size envelopes makes the postage much easier. Also the costing structure for envelopes meant that 2000 envelopes were only slightly more expensive than 1,000 envelopes. The Treasurer moved that his report would be accepted and this was seconded by Peter Carew AM and passed unanimously.

Nominations for 2012 Committee: Austin Asche AO and Michael Mooney OAM moved that the following nominations be accepted:

Chairman	Val Asche AM	Committee Members:	Peter Carew AM
Deputy Chairman	Wendy James OAM		Tom Lewis OAM
Secretary/Treasurer	Michael Martin OAM		Nora Lewis AM
			Rosemary Burkitt OAM

The motion was accepted unanimously.

General Business:

- a) Michael Martin noted that Shane Stone had conducted Workshops on nominations for the Award, and the Committee would work with him during 2012 for a similar Workshop.



Joan and Gavin Carpenter of Alice Springs paid a surprise visit to Darwin to attend the AGM



Chairman Val conversing with our Patron Her Hon the Administrator, The Hon Sally Thomas AM at the AGM

- (b) Wendy James gave an update on the 2012 National Conference and advised that the Guest Speaker at the Dinner on the 13 April would be the Governor General, Quentin Bryce AO. Wendy advised that planning was on schedule and thanked the Conference Committee for their efforts.

At the end of the meeting members enjoyed a few nibbles and drinks organised by Secretary Michael and strolled around the gallery taking in the excellent range of paintings, jewelry and other gifts on display.



*The Hon Austin Asche AC, QC
enjoying the refreshments after
the AGM*



*Ash Dally OAM doing what he
does best after the AGM.*

Seen at the Launch of the 2012 National Conference held at the Turf Club in September



*Left:
Teresa Hart, Michael
Martin and Josephine
Stone*



*Right:
John Flynn and Loraine
Martin*



*Left:
The Hon Fred Finch,
Michael Martin and Ted
Bailey*



*Right:
Mr and Mrs Ray Chin*



*Left:
Doris Ford and Nola
Bailey*



*Right:
Lex and Beryl Mulder
with The Hon Grant
Tambling*

REGISTRATION FORM DELEGATE INFORMATION

On line registration - www.ntconferences.com.au

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 Badge Name (if different from above) _____
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 Guest: Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____
 Badge Name (if different from above) _____
 Post nominal: _____
 Postal Address: _____
 Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____ State: _____
 Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
 Special Needs/Dietary Requirements: _____

Cancellations will only be accepted in writing to the conference secretariat at the email or postal addresses on this form. Cancellations made prior to 11 March 2012 will be refunded less \$30 to cover administration costs. Cancellations made after this date, or non-attendance at the event, will incur full fees and no refund will be given. Registration may be transferred to another person at no cost. Any changes to registrations must be advised in writing to the conference secretariat via info@agentur.com.au. I have read and accept the above cancellation policy.

Signature:

	COST	DELEGATE	GUEST(S)	TOTAL
Full Registration per person	\$100	yes no	yes no	
<i>Thursday, 12th April</i>				
9.00am Historical talk & tour, State Square	\$10	yes no	yes no	
<i>Friday 13th April</i>				
1.30pm Delegate's lunch pre booked, Port Function room, own cost	\$65	yes no	yes no	
3.30pm Historical talk & tour, State Square	\$10	yes no	yes no	
6.30pm Annual dinner, Darwin Convention Centre including pre dinner drinks	\$140	yes no	yes no	
<i>Saturday 14th April</i>				
9.30am Bus trip to Parap Markets & Defence of Darwin Experience	included	yes no	yes no	

PAYMENT DETAILS

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 All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and are inclusive of 10% GST.
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