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NEWSLETTER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

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## The Order to go that 'extra mile'

By chairman Len Goodman AO

WE are a diverse constituency, so one might expect a variety of views about the nature of our association – what it stands for, what it "does" and what it offers.

Our fundamental aim is clear – *"To foster love and pride in Australian citizenship and uphold the high principles and prestige of the Order of Australia"*.

Although we might share these basic sentiments, what we "do", should do or offer members will doubtless draw a variety of opinion spread across community and personal interest.

Rightly so – as we share the service ethic that drives us to "go the extra mile" in our professions, business or voluntary pursuits.

Being conscious of such diversity, your branch committee has set out to enhance and broaden the scope of our functions. This includes new, special-interest events focusing on issues of public importance – in the belief that being honoured by our nation carries a responsibility to "go a further mile" and have the opportunity to voice our personal and corporate opinion about these issues.

For example, our new partnerships with the ADF and the ANU allow us to hear about and discuss their core "business". In the pipeline for October 31 is the second "OAA-ANU Lecture", this year with acknowledged political science expert and commentator, Emeritus Prof John Warhurst AO addressing "What's the Matter with Parliament?"

A third example was former Governor General Maj-Gen Michael Jeffery AC AO (Mil) CVO MC on Australia Day 2011 urging us to take up key national issues from his address "Australia – Challenges and Opportunities".

In summarising "what we do", add your



Branch committee member Derek Robson AM who was installed on August 6 as Grand Master for the Freemasons of NSW and the ACT.

branch's ACT Schools Citizenship Awards and the association's Foundation for Young Australians.

We all support these initiatives as part of our association membership. But not all members are able to or choose participate in our various functions. We are always interested to know why – for while we could not meet every expectation, we do want to serve major priorities. That's why we continue to invite your informed feedback.

Speaking of varied community involvements, you may be interested to visit our website to see the profiles of those who serve the branch committee. For instance branch committee member Derek Robson AM, was installed on August 6 as Grand Master for the Freemasons of NSW and the ACT at a spectacular ceremony in the Sydney Convention Centre.

Likewise, it would be nigh on impossible to exhaust the rich resource throughout our membership and, if you know of friends eligible to join the association – how about inviting them?

*An application form can be downloaded from our website or obtained from branch secretary Bruce Trewartha OAM.*

# Praise for multi-faith event at Duntroon

MEMBERS and guests at our recent “Multi-Faith Observance” at the Anzac Chapel of St Paul, RMC, were high in their praises (no pun intended!) for Bishop George Browning’s address “Creation Reflects The Glory of God”. The Observance centred on the role of faith in a green world.

Dr Browning is the former Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Convenor of the world-wide Anglican Communion Environmental Network and a member of Council of the Climate Institute.

Having just returned from an inter-church conference in Peru on “Environmental Issues and Interfaith Responses”, he issued a clear and unambiguous challenge to the more than 60 association members and guests about each individual’s responsibilities about climate change and environmental conservation.

He urged us to maintain an enthusiasm and commitment to vocational and community service, and to encourage others around us.

The Chief of Defence Force, Gen David Hurley AC DSC, accompanied by his wife Linda, read a lesson and members of the Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim faith communities participated with green-oriented readings, representative of their beliefs.

We were joined by members of the Australian Bravery Association, including national president James Long, from Melbourne, and members of the Order of the British Empire Association. A copy of Bishop Browning’s address will be available on our Branch website.

–Len Goodman



Branch chairman Len Gooman AO and the Chief of Defence Force, Gen David Hurley AC DSC with service moderator The Rt Rev Dr George Browning.



Gary Lowe, Rebkah Lowe and Rev Joe Mullins MC OAM.



Rat of Tobruk Alois Mikula OAM, committee member Trish Keller OAM and Garth Hughes AM.



Committee member Derek Robson AM and Ahmed Yousef.

## WHAT'S ON?

YOU are invited to check out and hopefully register to attend one or more of the remaining 2011. More details of these events are on our website [www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/ACT](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/ACT)

*A PRE-investiture reception for new recipients of the order will be held at the Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla, 6pm-7.30pm on Thursday, September 22. See the enclosed booking form.*

OUR next morning tea will be at The Southern Cross Yacht Club, Yarralumla, at 10am on Wednesday, October 19. Our guest speaker will be Dr Sam Prince. See the enclosed booking form.

*EMERITUS Prof John Warhurst AO will deliver this year's OAA-ANU Lecture, at University House at 6pm on Monday, October 31.*

*His address – "What's the Matter with Parliament?" – will be followed by audience participation in a Q&A discussion. Please advise chairman Len Goodman AO (at [lgoodman@ozemail.com.au](mailto:lgoodman@ozemail.com.au) or call 0409 442345) of attendance and number of guests to assist with catering.*

BRANCH AGM and fellowship: Royal Canberra Golf Club, 6pm-7.30pm, Thursday, November 25. More details in the next newsletter, but please note the accompanying Notice of Meeting and advice about nominations.

*AUSTRALIA Day breakfast January 26 at the Southern Cross Yacht Club, Yarralumla. Speaker and booking details to follow.*

### NATIONAL CONFERENCES

DARWIN 2012 – April 12-13. Check the association website for program, booking details and information about the many Darwin and NT tourist options.

CANBERRA 2013 – Our branch will host the conference as a feature of our Canberra Centenary celebrations, February 14-16, 2013. We are in the planning stages of making this a showcase for Canberra, including a fully participatory national symposium aimed at tackling issues of national importance.

## Catching up with Kate Carnell

FORMER Chief Minister Kate Carnell AO will be the guest speaker at the branch's Commonwealth Club reception to welcome new local recipients of the Order of Australia.

Her September 22 address is entitled "Reflections" and is sure to be a telling presentation given Ms Carnell's influence on the ACT community.

These days, Ms Carnell is chief executive of the Australian Food and Grocery Council, representing the majority of Australia's food and grocery manufacturers, the nation's biggest manufacturing industry. She was elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 1992, became leader of the ACT Liberal Party in 1993 and was elected Chief Minister in March, 1995, and re-elected in 1998 – becoming the first Liberal woman to be elected as Chief Minister or Premier in Australian political history.

As Chief Minister and Minister for Health she drove significant reform in health



**Kate Carnell AO... first Liberal woman to be elected as Chief Minister or Premier in Australian political history.**

information management and funding models. She maintains an interest in health policy and IT.

She currently serves on the board of the Australian Red Cross, beyondblue, Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Ltd, GS1 and chairs CRC Forestry Ltd.

*The booking sheet is attached to this newsletter. Inquiries to Diane Kargas AM on 6295 2222*



**Dr Sam Prince... at 27, this remarkable young doctor runs a chain of restaurants, helps feed one million poor people a year and wants to eradicate scabies in Australia. Photo by Silas Brown, "CityNews"**

## Tea with a 'prodigy in a hurry'

DR Sam Prince has been described as a "a prodigy in a hurry" and he is our guest speaker at the October 19 branch morning tea at the Southern Cross Yacht Club at Yarralumla.

At only 27, this remarkable young man works as a doctor, runs a chain of restaurants, helps feed one million people a year in poor nations and wants to eradicate scabies in Australia.

While still a medical student, he launched his own Zambrero "fresh mex" restaurant chain which now numbers 17 outlets around Australia.

He graduated from medicine early, at 22. Beyond fresh mex and medicine, the

young doctor has established and financed the E-magine Foundation, which has built and equipped 15 computer learning centres in rural areas of his parents' birthplace, Sri Lanka, with a goal to build 100 schools by 2014.

The scabies project is the first phase of Prince's ambition of eliminating "One Disease At A Time" – a philanthropic effort that depends heavily on his drive and his dollars.

Raised in Canberra, he squeezes his "full-time" job as a doctor at Fairfield Hospital into three days a week in order to devote the rest of his time to his wider horizons.

## Congratulations!

From chairman  
Len Goodman



I WROTE congratulating retiring Chief of Defence Force and branch member, ACM Angus Houston AC AFC on his exemplary period of service to our nation, and to his successor Gen David Hurley AC DSC.

CONGRATULATIONS to branch committee member Derek Robson AM, installed on August 6 as Grand Master for the Freemasons of NSW and the ACT at a spectacular ceremony in the Sydney Convention Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS also to another branch committee member Trish Keller OAM, principal of the Giralang Primary School, which won the Department of Veteran Affairs ANZAC Day Schools National Award in the special category "Best Veterans and Community Involvement". Giralang, as the custodian of the "Rats of Tobruk" banner, is regarded as "The School with the Anzac Tradition". It was a privilege to attend and meet some of these inspirational veterans – one of whom was also at our Multi-Faith Observance.

AND congratulations to former committee member Bob Newman OAM on being awarded the prestigious N.W. Jolly Medal, The Institute of Foresters of Australia's highest and most prestigious honour for outstanding service to the profession of forestry in Australia.



## Notice of meeting

THE Annual General Meeting of the Order of Australia Association ACT Branch will be held from 6pm at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, on Thursday, November 24.

Nominations for the election of chairman, secretary, treasurer and six committee members close on Monday, October 22. Nomination forms are available on the Branch website [www.orderofaustraliaassociation.org.au/act](http://www.orderofaustraliaassociation.org.au/act) or from secretary Bruce Trewartha OAM on 0439 887480.

# Archer hits the target

DR Robyn Archer AO, creative director of the Centenary of Canberra was the enthralling guest speaker branch's sell-out Queen's Birthday Lunch at the Boat House by the Lake on June 15.

Robyn was a lively talker and talented entertainer and her speech was entitled "The Centenary of Canberra. You'll never look at the national capital in the same way again."

In selling the concept of the centenary Robyn says: "One of the most important things we can do is to remind the people of our nation that this is a 21st century site, most worthy to be the repository of their national treasures and host to their very safe successful system of government. "The symbolism of the capital and of their democracy is something to cherish and to feel proud of.

"The Centenary of Canberra can be a platform on which we reinstate respect

not only for the capital, but for all that it symbolises.

"If celebrating Canberra still feels risky to some, then this is the best opportunity we will have to overcome that risk – to use the sense of risk brilliantly to ensure that one need not be apologetic about our capital." The program for the Centenary, she says, will be a year-long showcase of the best of our thinking and achievement.

"Yes there will be fun, and joy and awe, but in the service of ideals and values that are pivotal to the nation's future," she says.

"Our job is to use the Centenary of Canberra to encourage a new, refreshed and realistic look at Australia's national capital and to re-imagine its next hundred years as an exemplary 21st century city and seat of government, just as the Griffins and so many others had imagined it for the 20th century.

"The centenary year will be crammed, any time in 2013 will be a great time to visit Canberra."



Guest speaker Robyn Archer AO in full flight.



Meredith Nichol with Maj-Gen Bill Crews AO and Charlie.



Robyn Archer AO with chairman Len Goodman.



Dino Nikias OAM and Dimitra with branch patron Gen Peter Gratton AC OBE.



The patron, the chairman at the Queen's Birthday cake.



**With kind permission of the President of the Commonwealth Club  
Members and Guests are invited to attend a Pre Investiture  
Cocktail Reception to Welcome New Recipients  
'REFLECTIONS'  
Address by: Kate Carnell AO**

Kate Carnell is Chief Executive of the Australian Food and Grocery Council. Previously she was the CEO of the Australian General Practice Network, a pharmacist by profession and was the first female to become a National Vice-President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. Kate was elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 1992, and elected Chief Minister in 1995. Kate currently serves on the board of the Australian Red Cross, beyond blue, Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Ltd, GS1 and chairs CRC Forestry Ltd. Kate was honoured on Australia Day 2006 with appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia.

**DATE:** Thursday, 22 September 2011  
**TIME:** 6.00pm – 7.30pm  
**VENUE:** Commonwealth Club, 25 Forster Crescent  
 Yarralumla ACT 2600  
**DRESS:** Jacket and tie/day wear – full medals, neckwear preferred  
**COST:** \$45 per person  
**RSVP:** By Thursday, 15 September 2011

**Booking slip below to be mailed  
or faxed to:**

**Ms Diane Kargas AM**  
 OAA-ACT Branch  
 12 Beagle Street  
 RED HILL ACT 2603

**ENQUIRIES:** Ms Diane Kargas AM | Ph: 6295 2222 (h) | Mob: 0407 742108 (m) | Fax: 6295 2221

Name and postnominals \_\_\_\_\_

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# Members and Guests are warmly invited to 'A Conversation with Dr Sam Prince' followed by Morning Tea

Dr. Sam Prince is a 27 year old medical doctor, entrepreneur and aid worker. He is the founder and Chairman of the E-Magine Foundation, One Disease at a Time and Plate4Plate. Sam works towards empowering children through education by providing IT infrastructure in Australia and across developing nations around the world. Sam's efforts as an aid worker, a medical doctor and businessman were recognized on a global scale, he was named by the Junior Chamber International as one of ten Outstanding Young People of the World in 2008. Sam was also named My Business Best young entrepreneur, FCA Corporate responsibility award, Anthill top 30 under 30, Deloitte Best emerging entrepreneur and Sir Edward Dunlop fellow.

**DATE:** Wednesday, 19 October 2011  
**TIME:** 10.00am – 11.30am  
**VENUE:** The Southern Cross Yacht Club, Lotus Bay, Mariner Place Yarralumla  
**DRESS:** Jackets and tie, lapel pin  
**COST:** \$20 per person  
**RSVP:** By Wednesday, 12 October 2011

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