



## NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWSLETTER

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NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

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### **Afternoon Tea - 22 July - Craft Council Gallery – 3 pm**

Recipients of awards in the Queen's Birthday List, their partners, new members of the Association and their partners, and all members, (yes, and their partners) are cordially invited to our next Afternoon Tea. These are proving popular especially with older members. Our next will be at **3pm** on Sunday 22 July behind the Craft Council Gallery in Conacher Street, Fannie Bay by the NT Museum. The Gallery will be open. For catering, we ask you to respect the RSVP date (**13 July**) and pay in advance. **Booking form is on back page**

### **Queen's Birthday Honours List**

#### **Our Congratulations to the Territory Fifteen**

By our reckoning, out of the 681 who have been recently honoured in the Queen's Birthday List 15 are linked to the Northern Territory. We congratulate them all, and list those in the Order of Australia with their short citations within. (No Territorian made the List of Honorary Appointments in the Order).

#### **Paul Otto Sitzler OAM**

Paul Sitzler died suddenly in Adelaide on 15 June 2007, aged 77. Although he and Minna, formerly the Deputy Administrator, had established their home in Adelaide several years ago, they maintained strong links with the Territory. In particular, Paul chose to stay with the NT Branch.

Paul was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on 8 June 1998 "for service to construction development in the Northern Territory and to the community, particularly through service clubs." (Paul and his brother Peter were prominent in Apex as far back as the 60s.) He was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 "for service to the Northern Territory through the construction industry". Our sympathy and condolences go to Minna and the family.

## **NT Committee of 2007**

Chairman and National Director	Wendy James OAM
Vice-Chairman	Kathleen Short OAM
Secretary	Dr Bill Wilson APM OAM
Treasurer	Yogan Sathianathan OAM
Committee Members -	
Dr Val Asche AM	Maisie Austin OAM
Rosemary Burkitt OAM	Dr David Cox AM
Jim Forwood AM	Alasdair McGregor OAM

Committee meets at 5.00 pm on 4th Tuesday of odd months at 16 Allen Street Fannie Bay:  
next meeting: 24 July, 25 September. **AGM Friday 16 November.**

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## **The Order of Australia Association Foundation**

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**Simple: Make a tax deductible donation to the Foundation**

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**OR write to** The OAA Foundation Secretary  
Old Parliament House King George Terrace  
PARKES ACT 2600

## **Southern Regional Group**

The Group is based in Alice Springs and takes in the Territory south of Elliott

Convener Mr Gavin Carpenter OAM                      phone (08) 8955 0177

Mr Bern Kilgariff AM    Mrs Susan Ride OAM

## **Queen’s Birthday Honours List**

When we look at quotas, we tend to think of the Northern Territory as having about 1% of the Australian population, so for many purposes we don’t get too excited if we only get 1% of the national hand-out. If it is true that there were 681 awards in this Honours List, and we have not personally counted, the Territory did quite well. Our check of Commonwealth Government website [www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/honour\\_roll](http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/honour_roll) found 14 names, and *NT News*, with more resources at its disposal, found 15. Even 2.2% is a marked increase on some recent lists. Eleven of the fifteen are in the Order of Australia.

# Honours List – Order of Australia

## Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia

**Mr Charlie Gunabarra**, Maningrida

For service to the Indigenous population of north central Arnhem land through the development and provision of culturally sensitive health services, particularly for men's health

**Ms Hellen Lesly Matthews**, Maningrida

For service to the Indigenous communities of north central Arnhem land through the delivery of culturally sensitive primary and acute health care services, particularly for women and children

**Mrs Josephine Gabriella Stone**, Larrakeyah

For service to the community of the Northern Territory, and to the law

**Mr Kenneth Hammond Warriner**, Newcastle Waters Station

For service to the beef cattle industry, particularly in the areas of breeding, export and meat processing, and to rural project management

## Medal (OAM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia

**Mrs Peggy Nampijimpa Brown**, Mount Theo (Putulu)

For service to the community of Yuendumu and the surrounding region of the Northern Territory through programs addressing substance abuse among Indigenous youth

**Mr Stewart Edward Cox**, Cullen Bay

For service to the community of the Northern territory through a range of sporting and civic organisations, and to the insurance industry

**Ms Elizabeth Anne (Liz) Martin**, Alice Springs

For service to the road transport industry through the National Road Transport Hall of Fame and through support for families in the industry

**Mr Michael John Martin**, Larrakeyah

For service to the community through educational and sporting organisations in the Northern territory and through the promotion of professional financial accounting standards in public and private sector roles

**Mr Johnny Japangardi Miller**, Mount Theo (Putulu)

For service to the community of Yuendumu and the surrounding region of the Northern Territory through programs addressing substance abuse among Indigenous youth

**Mr Peter Joseph Murphy**, Stuart Park

For service to the community of the Northern Territory through journalism and as a political adviser

## Medal (OAM) in the Military Division of the Order of Australia

**Lieutenant Commander Mitchell Edwards**, RAN

For meritorious performance of duty as Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Australian Ships WEWAK, WHYALLA and DUBBO

## **Living Legends**

**Joyce Bowden OAM**, former Alice Springs Hospital general manager, was named the 2007 Living Legend at the NT Nursing and Midwifery Awards.

*Centralian Advocate*, 22 June

**Rosalie Kunoth-Monks OAM**, an elder at Utopia, has offered a few home truths to those who may seem to be looking for a quick fix to problems in Indigenous communities. In her words, as reported by Nigel Adlam, “There are two cultures in the Territory...the philosophies are almost diametrically opposed. They think differently, their values are different.”

*NT News*, 26 June

## **Membership Matters**

We learned at the Queen’s Birthday Reception at Government House that at least one esteemed member had missed out on at least one *Newsletter* and in particular his notice about the Dinner, simply because we did not have his latest address in our system. We hope we are in the process of fixing that. BUT WE DEPEND ON YOU. (Report on Queen’s Birthday functions in next issue .)

## **105 Branch Members**

According to the latest advice from National HQ, adjusted to take into account changes known to us, we have **105** members. We welcome the following:

The Hon Fred Finch AM, Mrs Sue Bradley AM, Mr Ted Milliken AM, Mr Lance Tremlett AM, Professor Martin Jarvis OAM, Mrs Veryl Mellors OAM, Mr Stephen Peers OAM, Mrs Terry Underwood OAM.

If any of the above has been welcomed previously, we apologise for our effusiveness: and if others have been overlooked – be assured, none of you has been ignored – we apologise for that too.

Mrs Mellors and Mr Peers are automatically in the Southern Region, and Mrs Underwood in the Katherine area. Dare we say it – out-of-town members will get little value from their memberships unless the regions thrive. Perhaps you can be the catalyst.

## **Other Matters**

In recent months the late Ossie Osgood AM has been honoured with a road, Osgood Drive, named for him at Darwin Airport. And our Vice-Chairman Kathleen Short OAM, and her family, are chuffed that Dr Peter Short’s name now graces the Katherine cricket ground.

## **Interesting Times**

Our membership contains some of the best minds in the Territory. In these troubling times we can expect public utterances from some of us. We should not expect the Association or the Branch to take a stand, but we look to some of our members to enlighten the path ahead.

# DEAR DIARY

- 22 July 2007      **3pm at Craft Council, Conacher Street Darwin** – afternoon tea for members and partners to meet **Queen’s Birthday awardees** and their partners: details front page      RSVP 13 July
- 20 August      Chairman Wendy James at **National Committee Meeting**, Melbourne
- Various dates      Mayoral Receptions TBA  
Chairman Wendy plans to visit Alice Springs, perhaps in September, in conjunction with the Queen’s Birthday Investiture.
- 16 November 2007      **Annual General Meeting and Dinner**, Darwin, details TBC.

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## 22 July, Afternoon Tea at Craft Council three o’clock

I shall attend the Afternoon Tea at the Craft Council: .....  
(name)

I will be accompanied by: .....  
(name)

@ \$10.00 per person

**My cheque** to “Order of Australia Association NT Branch” for \$ ..... is enclosed

**RSVP by 13 July 2007 to PO Box 2171 Parap NT 0804**

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