



Who are these people? Your National Executive hard at work at a recent meeting

Jim Forwood AM with Mrs Margaret Muirhead OAM (WA Branch) at dinner on the Queen's Birthday



Bishop Ted Collins AM after winning The raffle at the Queen's Birthday dinner.



Martin Jarvis OAM at his investiture



Shane Stone AC QC and Mrs Josephine Stone (who was awarded an AM a few days later) at the Queen's Birthday Dinner



Fred Finch AM at his investiture

The Foundation

Since 2004 the Order of Australia Association Foundation has been awarding prizes, then bursaries, and now scholarships. The changes were caused by our taxation laws, which have to be framed so that as much as possible Government gets its share. Sadly, our Parliament's efforts sometimes make it difficult for benefactors to do tax-effective good works. We are now at a point where selection of prize winners must be by designated tertiary institutions, and our plans to include apprentices in our largesse have been by-and-large abandoned. In 2004 three bursaries were awarded at the Universities of WA, Melbourne and Sydney; in 2005 five bursaries at Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria (3); and in 2006 four prizes went to Curtin, SA, and NSW (2).

What sets these awards apart from most is that we provide a mentor. Funding is now available for five scholarships for 2007. They will be in Business and Management at Swinburne University donated by Mr David Mandie AM, Nursing at Canberra donated by the Association, Commerce at Adelaide donated by Mr Ross Adler AO, Engineering at NSW donated by the Farrell Family Trust, and a Tertiary Institution and Course of Study to be advised by, and donated by, Cochlear. As in the past, the presentation of the 2007 scholarships by the Governor-General will happen at the Association Conference Dinner. And that is truly a high spot of the Conference. So, if you know able young persons between 18 and 25 (exceptionally, 18 to 27) whose courses and universities fit, who are future leaders in their vocation and in community involvement, tell them to apply.

Each Scholarship is worth about \$40,000, split between student fees and other benefits, plus the inestimable value of priceless mentoring.

There is still **hope for CDU**. Funding has already been promised for three scholarships for 2008, including **one funded by the Association for a tertiary institution and course to be advised**. Do you know a course we should be promoting at CDU? Could you be an eminent, volunteer mentor? Mr Nicholas Paspaley AC of this branch, and Dr Neil Conn AO, our President, are both on the Foundation. They will be pleased to hear from you.

Meanwhile, we channel our surpluses from functions to the Foundation. And we await word that branch treasurers will be able to issue official receipts for tax-deductible gifts.

The Order of Australia Association Foundation

"Helps deserving young Australians from all walks of life to achieve their potential"

HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM DO THIS?

Simple: Make a tax deductible donation to the Foundation

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