



Newsletter

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# Order of Australia Association Ltd Newsletter

## Tasmanian Branch

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## Congratulations

The State Chairman and members of the Association in Tasmania sincerely congratulate the following recipients of the Australia Day Honours on 26/1/10.

### Australia Day Honours 2010

NAME	FOR SERVICE TO
Dr Elizabeth Blackburn AC Hon. Ray Groom AO of Battery Point	biomedical research Tasmanian Parliament and community organizations
Ms Sandra French AM of Burnie Mrs Suzanne Goss OAM of Rowella Ms Kim Polley OAM of Longford	local government and the community children as a foster carer and to the community Northern Midlands community and local government
Mrs Janice Atkins OAM of Dunorlan Mrs Deirdre Flint OAM of Hollow Tree	the Deloraine community and organisations the Central Highlands community and local government
Mr Terrence Gough OAM of Lenah Valley Mrs. Irene Schaffer OAM of Rosetta Mr Jeffrey Bendall OAM of Howrah	the arts in Tasmania and to education the community via genealogy and as an historian the community via a range of programs supporting youth
Ms Patricia Cleveland OAM of Battery Point	the Australian arts via industry development and support roles
Mrs Mirosława Sejka OAM of Launceston Mr Brent Armstrong OAM of Acton Park Mr William Wedd OAM of Dodges Ferry	the Polish Community of Northern Tasmania the community through local government the Glenorchy community, via various organizations and to local government
Mr Alec Purves OAM of Bridport	the Tasmanian aquaculture industry

### Changes in Membership

**NEW MEMBERS:** We sincerely welcome several new members into the Tasmanian Branch of the Association. They include: His Excellency Peter Underwood AC; Dr M Baikie AM; Sr. J. Coulson AM, Mr. M Hill OAM; Mr. N. A. Howard OAM and Mrs M Taylor OAM

**VALE:** It is with deep regret that we noted, since the Winter '09 edition of the Newsletter, the loss of past National Chairman Mrs Diana Jones AM. She was deeply respected and regarded with great affection by all those in Tasmania who were privileged to know her.

The Branch also noted with deep regret the loss of the following members -

The Hon. C B Fenton AC; Mr C L Ratray OAM; Em. Professor J M Thomson OAM and Miss Joan Woodberry AM, who was a member of the State Committee for many years. These, amongst others, gave great support to the Tasmanian Association.

*Please note that The Order of Australia banners are available in each region for use at memorial services for all those members who have been active in the Tasmanian Branch.*

## Post – investiture Dinner for New Recipients

Members of the Association and their guests are invited to celebrate the achievements of the newest recipients of the Order of Australia Award. Please join them at the Post-Investiture Dinner in the DERWENT ROOM, (via the Main Entry then turn right to go upstairs or via lift) WREST POINT, Sandy Bay 7005 on Friday 7 MAY at 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

*Unfortunately the Board Walk was already booked for this Dinner but will be available again for the Queen's Birthday Post-Investiture Dinner.* The cost per person is \$60. Recipients are our guests.

**We are delighted to announce that the New National President, Mr. Shane Stone AC will be our Guest Speaker at the Dinner.**

Miniature medals should be worn by members to help identify the new recipients who will be wearing their full medals.

### **DINNER WILL CONSIST OF 'ALTERNATE DROP':**

*Main Course: Slowly braised Lamb Shank with herb mash and roasted local root vegetable*

*Seared local salmon, sweet potato mash, sautéed Snow peas and Cherry tomato confit*

*Dessert: Vanilla Bean Brûlée with dried, local Blue Berry compote*

*Tiramisu served with apricot compote and coffee Anglaise*

Booking before the RSVP date is sincerely appreciated. The Hotel will accommodate those with special needs re seating and diet. Please inform us well ahead..

### **ROOM RESERVATIONS**

Wrest Point is a five star hotel. There are three levels of cost per room - \$126, \$150 and \$174

If you require a room at Wrest Point, **please phone 1800 139 760** and quote -

Reservation Number: **389 464** as soon as possible.

## **CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS**

On behalf of the Order of Australia Association Tasmanian Branch, I congratulate the fifteen new recipients from the Australia Day Honours list. These Awards are not given lightly, and nominees are carefully assessed as deserving. Tasmania is lucky to have such people to contribute to their community in many and varied ways. We invite you all to join the Association, whose members come from many and varied walks of life but who have a common bond in their commitment to the improvement of life in our lucky state and country. Following your Investiture at Government House on 7 May, we hope to meet you at the welcome dinner, so that we may congratulate you in person. It is always a great evening and memorable for the family and friends you bring along. The State Committee has prepared events for the year ahead, and received a report of the National Conference, held in Adelaide in February. The next Conference now to be called National Meeting, will be in Hobart in February 2011; details later in this newsletter. The Regional Groups have also met, and have in some cases already held their first function, with others planned for the near future. The members who attend are a "special bunch" so are great to be with. The functions are usually friendly, casual get-togethers where we renew old friendships and make new ones, so do come along and enjoy yourselves in whichever area you live.

*Pat Igoe AM*

## **STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (July 2009–February 2010)**

The State Committee met at Glenara Lakes, Kings Meadows in July 2009 and in February 2010; also following the State AGM, in Devonport on 15 November 2009. State Committee Meeting dates for 2010 were confirmed - Thursday 25 Feb. and Thursday 29 July at Glenara. The committee also accepted the need to operate without the annual Administration Grant from the National Board for 2009 due to the economic downturn; it also accepted minor amendments to the Tasmanian Branch Rules to bring them into line with amendments in the National Articles of Association. The Committee is also considering investing in name-tags on elastic, rather than clips and pins, for all OAA functions and several other changes i to make events more enjoyable.

## **NATIONAL MEETING - HOBART 10-11 February 2011**

The State Sub-committee planning the National Meeting has met regularly and recently with Bill Galvin AM, the Coordinator of the National Meetings Committee; **Costs for participants are being kept as reasonable as possible, while ensuring that it is a really enjoyable event.** The

**Program and Registration form will be in the next issue of *The Order* and on the national web-site.** Besides the AGM, Receptions and Members' Forum, we are planning another Symposium as this was popular in Adelaide. Rev. Jim Colville AM is preparing a program for a combined Multi-faith Observance and simple Wreath-laying Ceremony. Fliers and a Power Point presentation shown at the Adelaide Meeting, engendered much enthusiasm for a visit to Tasmania.

Pre and post-event tour plans include different and fresh attractions. **You might like to join in some of these yourselves.** The tours are a time for consolidating friendships and enjoying new experiences, so that everyone receives value for money and retains pleasant memories of the event. This time, the Regional Groups are organising optional day tours in their areas. They are working to ensure that all participants, especially Tasmanians, will remember the 25th event as pleasantly as they remember that of 2004. **It would be appreciated if Tasmanian members could offer to help their Regional Committees to create memorable trips and participate in these coming events.** If you support the 2011 National Meeting, as you so wonderfully support the Post-investiture Dinners, it will help immensely. **This does not mean that you need to attend everything,** but if you can consider joining in a tour and the AGM, it would be appreciated. Only 100 out of 8000 members attended the 2010 National AGM and Forum. This is an opportunity for Tasmanian members who cannot travel far, to have their say. **You may have good suggestions** concerning possible sponsors, or gifts for registrants, which you consider would make the OAA National Meeting truly memorable? **Please let the State Secretary know.**

### **POST-INVESTITURE DINNER –16 Oct 2009**

The Post-Investiture event for Queen's Birthday recipients and their families and friends, held on 16 October was followed by an enjoyable dinner at the Boardwalk, Wrest Point over-looking the harbour on a pleasant evening. It was attended by 153 members, new recipients and guests. The program, hosted by Rev. J. Colville AM, JP was excellent. Recipients of Queen's Birthday Awards were acknowledged by Pat Igoe AM, Robin Hood AM, and Neville Bingham ASFM OAM representing the three Regional Groups.

The entertaining Guest Speaker, Mr. Tim Munro, CEO of the Theatre Royal, addressed his remarks to- "a room full of over-achievers", and told us stories concerning the history of the Theatre. From its inception in 1834 to the present day, we learned of the role played by Degraives, John Lee Archer, the sale of Cascade beer and the exponential increase in correction houses. Mr. Munro stated that theatres were more important than jails. Despite fire and brutal restoration, the Theatre survives and work has commenced to create new facilities next door with a foyer and new public and performing spaces. Since the opening in 1837, millions of seats have been sold for thousands of performances. In 2008, 68,000 Tasmanians attended performances. Mr Munro argued that the Theatre Royal has done much in 172 years to reverse lawlessness and prison building and has helped create a cohesive society. A career in the arts has given rise to a number of famous recipients of an Order of Australia Award.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 NOVEMBER 2009**

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of the **Tasmanian Branch** was held on 15 November at the RSL Club in McFie Street, Devonport. Rev. J. Colville AM conducted a very special Service of Reflection for us again this year prior to the AGM. 30 members and nine guests attended it, and the luncheon which followed the AGM. The Guest Speaker was Lindsay Millar OAM of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. He provided a fascinating, but lengthy history of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Tasmania from its inception to the present day. A copy of his speech is available if requested.

Following the AGM, the State Committee met briefly to determine meeting dates for the Committee meetings and the AGM, which will be held in the northern region. Following confirmation, **the AGMs for 2010** will be held on **21 October** in the North and North West and in the South on **27 October 2010**. **Please note these dates in your diary** and plan to be with us on these important and enjoyable occasions.

## MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR 2010

Nominations for incoming members of the State Committee were put forward at the October 2009 Regional Group meetings. The election of all members to the State Committee was ratified at the State AGM. The expiry dates of appointments are also listed below.

<b>North</b> - Graeme Barwick OAM	November 2012
Pat O'Bryan OAM	November 2011
Pat Igoe AM, State Chairman	November 2010
<b>North-west</b> - Dr. Geoff Haward AM	November 2012
Betty Hite OAM	November 2011
Francis Ransley OAM	November 2010
<b>South</b> - Alastair Douglas OAM	November 2012
Dr. John Thorne AM - Treasurer	November 2012
Bernadette Connor OAM - / Functions	November 2011
Rev. Jim Colville AM, JP -Vice-Chairman	November 2011
Kath Venn OAM	November 2010
Linley Grant OAM, State Secretary	November 2010

## REGIONAL GROUP REPORTS – September 2009 – Feb. 2011

### Northern Regional Group

The Northern Region Group Committee has met each two months. The Committee elected at the AGM was – Chair- Roger Valentine OAM, Vice-chairman Graeme Barwick OAM, Secretary Mrs Pat O'Bryan OAM, Treasurer Mrs Joan Jacks. A picnic was held at Hollybank. Members attended the Citizenship ceremonies on Australia Day. A function was held on 20 March at the Barwick's home, as a welcome to six new recipients.

### North West Regional Group

The Group held two lunches and a Welcome Reception during the previous year. At the AGM, held on 22 October in Ulverstone, the following members were elected - Dr Geoff Haward AM (Chairman); Francis Ransley OAM (Vice- Chairman); Mrs B. Hite OAM (Secretary /Treasurer and Functions), C. Radford OAM (Assistant Secretary) and Auditor Mr. L. Charlesworth. The Coastal Mayors attended a successful reception for recent recipients on 30 October at the *Trawlers Catch* in East Devonport. The Regalia Board is now at the Devonport Council Chambers. Daffodil sales for the year totalled \$573, for which we thank Betty Hite OAM and Elaine Ransley. The Group made a donation of \$1000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This was handed to Mr. Lindsay Millar OAM at the Tasmanian State Branch AGM.

### Southern Regional Group

Four Southern Regional Group meetings were held during the year at the at the Domain Athletic Centre. The Group's Executive Committee remains unchanged. The guest Speaker on 26 August was Des Lugg AM, PM talking on his experience in the Antarctic. Over 40 members, including Mrs P. Igoe AM, State President, attended the Southern Regional AGM on Wed. 28 October at which ophthalmologist Dr Paul McCartney was Guest Speaker. Inspector Glenn Woolley APM gave great insight into the management of the "stand-off" in the Florentine Valley. We have been privileged to hear each of these speakers.

## NEWSLETTERS

Members are asked to give consideration to providing articles and/or photographs for inclusion in *The Order*; not material that you intend to publish, but items which feature people in your area who have a good story to tell, such as those featured in recent editions of the 'new look' of *The Order*.

**State Branch Newsletters** will continue to be forwarded by post to all members.

**Regional Group Newsletters** - Please, notify your Regional Group Secretaries if you wish to receive future Regional Group Newsletters. They will not be forwarded otherwise.

**The National Web-site** includes Tasmanian Branch Newsletters at [www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

## OAA TIES AND SCARVES

The State Treasurer Dr. John Thorne AM, is holding Oration Booklets @ \$6 ea; OAA ties @ \$35.00; Scarves @ \$27.50 each, cuff-links@ \$30, brooches @ \$10 and pens @ \$10 each. All items will be posted free on receipt of payment.

