



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 Queen's Birthday Honours on 7/6/10.

Queen's Birthday Honours 2010

NAME

Hon. Anthony M. Rundle AO
 Hon. W. Michael Hodgman AM

 Ms. Annette Peardon AM
 Dr. Haydn Perndt AM
 Dr. Nitin Verma AM

 Brigadier Steven L. Smith AM

 Mr Peter Bennison OAM
 Mr. Michael J. Bouffard
 Mrs Jean Boyd OAM
 Mr Robert Boyd OAM
 Mrs Julie Frances Creed OAM
 Mr Donald Allen Dickenson OAM

 Mr. Walter H. Eastman OAM
 Mrs. Joan Margaret Grimmond OAM
 Mr Richard (Dick) M. Harrold OAM

 Mr. Jocelyn (Jock) W. Littler OAM
 Mr. Barry J. McCann OAM
 Mr Raymond P. McCormack OAM

 Mr. David W. Omant OAM

 Mr. Trevor V. Reid OAM
 Mr. Kevin L. Richards OAM

 Mr Ian C. Sauer OAM

 Ms Lynne Uptin OAM
 Lt Colonel Owen C. Winter OAM, RFD ED (Ret'd)

FOR SERVICE TO

the Parliament of Tasmania (Distinguished)
 politics via the Parliaments of Australia and
 Tasmania
 the indigenous community of Cape Barren Island
 medicine in the field of anaesthesia and education
 medicine in the field of ophthalmology and health
 care projects in the Pacific region
 the Australian Army as a Deputy Commander, and
 an Assistant Commander
 the Parliament of Tasmania and the community
 the community of Huonville and to education
 the community of Ulverstone
 the community of Ulverstone
 youth, through the Scouting movement
 the community, through the Rotary club of
 Scottsdale and the building industry.
 the Performing Arts and the community
 the community of Burnie
 the community of Tasmania through a range of
 organizations
 the community of Devonport
 marine communication in Tasmania
 the community of Launceston through a range of
 social and sporting organizations
 Australian Rules Football and people with
 disabilities
 the community through the Brass Band movement
 the community of St Helens and sporting
 organisations
 Natural Resource Managements, particularly
 through Landcare
 Arts Administration in Tasmania.
 Veterans, particularly via Royal Australian Signals
 Association (Tasmania) and to the community

Changes in Membership

NEW MEMBERS: We sincerely welcome those members who have recently joined or renewed their membership of the Tasmanian Branch of the Association.

RESIGNATIONS: The Branch has noted with regret the loss of several members since the previous edition of the Newsletter. We recall, with appreciation, the support these members have given to the 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 together with us to celebrate their achievements at the Post-Investiture Dinner in the BOARDWALK GALLERY, at WREST POINT, Sandy Bay 7005 on Friday 17 SEPTEMBER at 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. The cost per person is \$60. Recipients are our guests. **We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth Daly, OAM, M. Ed.,** Chair of Alumni Council, an Hon. Research Associate, University of Tasmania, a leading educator, acting Chair of Tasdance Board and representative on the Australia Council's Dance Board will be the Guest Speaker on this occasion. **Booking before the RSVP date is sincerely appreciated.**

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

DINNER WILL CONSIST OF 'ALTERNATE DROP':

Main Course: Macadamia and rocket pesto crusted chicken breast together with Duchess potato, sauted leek and verjuice butter; or Grilled West Coast ocean trout served on Wasabi potato galette and pencil leek with red wine

Dessert: Praline Parfait with Galliano marinated pineapple; or Steamed apple pudding and cider syrup with mascarpone cream

The Hotel will accommodate those with special needs concerning seating and diet. Please inform us well ahead.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

If you require a room at Wrest Point, please phone 1800 139 760 and quote –
Reservation Number: Ref: **389 465** . Group rates apply.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

As a result of the Queen's Birthday Honours List, Tasmania has twenty-six new awardees. The Tasmanian Branch of the Order of Australia Association congratulates all these people chosen for their contribution to our society. These awards are determined after a rigorous assessment process and are thus to be highly valued. On 17 September, the Investiture at Government House, in the presence of family and friends, will be an affirmation of the recipients' work in their various undertakings on behalf of others, and a day to remember. Following the Investiture, our Association will hold a celebration Dinner at Wrest Point for all new recipients, who will be our guests. The dinner will be our opportunity to congratulate these recipients in person and meet their families and friends.

Tasmania was greatly honoured to have the Hon. Shane Stone AC PGDK QC, as guest speaker at the May Dinner. We thank him sincerely for his part in this celebration. We welcomed him as the new National President of our Association and look forward with great pleasure to his continued time in this office.

The State Committee has met twice since our last newsletter, and will meet again after the AGM on 21 November, in Longford which is a central meeting point for all groups. We hope you will attend the AGM, as the Branch cannot operate without your support and as it provides us with a great time to enjoy the company of new and long-time members. The National Meeting Sub-committee is well on track with preparations for February 2011. We advise people to book now, as accommodation in Hobart will be at a premium. We believe 8000 are expected for the Wooden Boats Festival. Details of the National Meeting are in this edition of The Order, which you will have received by now, so don't delay! Ask your Regional Group Secretary for the Accommodation List.

Pat Igoe AM

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING (July 29th 2010)

The State Committee met at Glenara Lakes, Kings Meadows on 29 July 2010. Business included -

- discussion as to whether similar groups should be allowed to affiliate with the Association;
- the need for national guidelines concerning the insertion of advertisements in The Order;
- distribution of nomination forms for the Order of Australia and Australian of the Year Awards;
- discussion on the costs of running the Branch, in particular the rising cost of dinners.

NATIONAL MEETING - HOBART 10-11 February 2011

The State Sub-committee has met regularly, worked hard and reported each month to the National Conference Committee. The Program includes, the following excellent speakers who have accepted to speak at the Symposium – the Chancellor of the University Damian Bugg AM, Hon. Ray Groom AO, Professor Kate Warner and Christina Henri (Female Factory) - it will be a privilege to hear these people. The Multi-faith Observance has been prepared by Rev. Jim Colville AM, Rev. Robert Legg OAM and Prof. Colin Wendell-Smith AO; it will be a time of reflection and joining together. Colonel Tony McGee AM, is assisting with the Wreath-floating Ceremony.

The Regional Groups have organised unique, optional day tours in their areas. Each will welcome Tasmanians, as well as interstate visitors. The tours will provide value for money and offer a time for consolidating friendships and enjoying new experiences, so that those who take part retain especially pleasant memories of the whole event.

Again, the State Committee requests **those who can help their Regional Committees, to please do so**, to ensure the success of these coming events. Beside the Welcome Dinners, a welcome team will be needed at the Registration Desk to give out Conference Bags and to serve refreshments. In 2004 over one hundred Tasmanians attended the National Meeting. To date only nine Tasmanian members have made a booking for 2011. We would like Tasmanian members to show the same support for their Association as they did in 2004 by supporting the 2011 National Meeting, This does not mean that you need attend all events, but if you can attend the AGM and the Forum, (at no cost) **it would be appreciated**. We look forward to seeing you there.

POST-INVESTITURE DINNER, 7th MAY 2010

The Investiture for Australia Day recipients and their families and friends, held on 7 May was followed by a dinner at Wrest Point which was attended by 153 members, new recipients and guests. The program, hosted by A. Douglas OAM, was most enjoyable. Recipients of Awards were acknowledged by the State President, P. Igoe AM, R. Hood AM, R. Valentine OAM, and Dr G. Haward AM, representing the three Regional Groups.

We were particularly honoured to have **Hon Shane L. Stone, AC PGDK QC**, the new National President of the Order of Australia Association, who gave an excellent speech. He spoke lightly of his recently discovered ancestral links with Tasmania and seriously on the value of receiving an Award; of how no-one is entitled to an award by reason of position in the community; it has to be earned through service to the community; and how an award is much more concerned with scars and courage, than medals. Also, that through the rigorous selection process, it is a gift from the Australian people and not any individual. The success rate of nominations is about 55%; and this, in a population of 22 million represents 0.0012% of the population who have received an award, so it is still quite rare. Recipients then have an obligation to go on serving the community, by setting a visible example to others. Hon Shane Stone then said, "We are a lucky country in more ways than one. I am particularly proud that we change Government without a shot being fired. Not too many countries can make that claim. We celebrate our cultural diversity, we are a compassionate people; notwithstanding our short European history, we punch above our weight in regional and world affairs. Our engagement with our indigenous population has improved but we still have a way to go. We can always do better, but by and large we have made a decent fist of it in just 200 years. Be proud to be Australian." He went on to say that, "Although there are three grades in the Order, we are one – a collective of like-minded Australians, so be known by your deeds and good works; be known for how you carry yourself as an Australian invested in Australia's most senior award, the Order of Australia."

The following morning the National President also conducted a workshop on successful methods of completing a nomination for an Order of Australia award. He made really valuable points, including, that in the first and last sentences, a nomination must say why the nominee stands out from all the other wonderful nominees and should receive an award, and how the nominee acts as a role model for others. If you are assisting with a nomination, a copy of Hon Shane Stone's presentation appears on the National Web-site.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2010

The 2010 Annual General Meeting of the **Tasmanian Branch** will be held on **21 November at 12 noon** at the **Longford RSL Club**. By request, Rev. J. Colville AM will again conduct a Service of Reflection for us at 11 a.m., prior to the AGM. Lunch, served at 12.45 pm, at the same venue, will cost \$25. We will be honoured to have as Guest Speaker, Emeritus Professor Colman O'Flaherty AM. Following the AGM, the State Committee will meet briefly to determine meeting dates for the Committee meetings and the 2011 AGM, which will be held in the southern region of the state. **The Regional Group AGMs for 2010** will be held on **21 October** in the North and North West and in the South on **25 October 2010**. Please note these dates and plan to attend these important occasions.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR 2010

Nominations for incoming members of the State Committee will be put forward at the October 2010 Regional Group meetings. The election of all members to the State Committee will be ratified at the State AGM. The expiry dates of appointments are listed below.

North -	Graeme Barwick OAM	November 2012
	Pat O'Bryan OAM	November 2011
	Pat Igoe AM, State Chairman	Nov. 2010 - has completed six years
North-west -	Dr. Geoff Haward AM	November 2012
	Betty Hite OAM	November 2011
	Francis Ransley OAM	Nov. 2010 - has completed eight years
South -	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	Has completed 19 years; not standing for re-election
	Linley Grant OAM, State Secretary	Nov. 2010 - has completed seven years

REGIONAL GROUP REPORTS – September 2009 – Feb. 2011

Northern Regional Group

The Northern Regional Group had a social start to 2010 with a variety of functions and venues. A January barbecue at Hollybank was a great success; the change in venue from previous years proved popular. An April luncheon was held at Tranquillity Gardens and another at Steve's Grill in late July. These events were well attended and members enjoyed the opportunity of spending time together. Several from the north were present at the Welcome Dinner for new recipients held in Hobart in May as well as at a luncheon at Deloraine, organised by the North West Regional Group. With regular two monthly committee meetings, held at the home of Chairman, Roger Valentine OAM, plans are well in hand for the Northern Regional AGM and the State AGM.

North West Regional Group

Although our year has been relatively quiet, the functions we have attended have been enjoyed with a great deal of camaraderie. Our first function for the year was at Deloraine Hotel on 14 April, attended by 45 Order of Australia recipients, friends and family. This function was also attended by Mrs Pat Igoe AM, State Chairman; Dr John Thorne AM State Treasurer; and four members of the Northern Group. Another Sunday luncheon will take place later in the year. The Queen's Birthday luncheon, held at the Gateway Motel in Devonport on 14 June, was attended by 65 persons. Our delightful guest speaker was Ms Jane Bennett from Ashgrove Cheese who kept us thoroughly entertained. There is to be a luncheon at **Villarett Gardens** on 14 **August**, with two choices of main course and sweets, at \$24.00 each. RSVP 10 August to 6426 2366.

Southern Regional Group

The members of the Southern Regional Group have continued their quarterly social get-togethers, plus meetings with guest speakers. In March, Inspector Glenn Woolley APM gave great insight into the management of the "stand-off" with a group of conservationists in the Florentine Valley. At the May meeting the guest speaker was Mary Marsh of the Maritime Museum, who gave a very interesting talk on life and transport in the 1800s, particularly along the Huon River. Her talk was supported by a detailed photographic presentation of wood cutters, trading ketches and examples the harshness of life. Special reference was made to the vessel "May Queen". The next meeting is Wed. 27 August and the Group AGM is on Wed. 25 October. RSVP two days prior.

NEWSLETTERS

State Branch Newsletters will continue to be forwarded by post to all members. Please let us know of members who have changed their contact details. Your Email addresses would also be appreciated. If there are sufficient on email to outweigh the loss of subsidy for a posting of under 300, then this will be re-considered.

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; this includes the Tasmanian web-page with this newsletter, plus the Registration Form and the Accommodation List and other information concerning the 2011 National Meeting.

OAA TIES AND SCARVES

The State Treasurer Dr. John Thorne AM, is holding OAA Pens - \$10:00; Cuff Links (boxed) - \$30:00
Brooches (lapel pins) - \$10:00; Ties - \$35:00; Scarves - \$27:50; Books - Oration - \$6:00;
OAA Car Decals - \$4:00. All items will be posted free on receipt of payment.

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE COMMITTEE 2010

All Tasmanian members are entitled to nominate members at, or prior to, the Regional Group AGMs, to be selected to join the State Committee in rotation for three year terms, and ratified at the State AGM. Please complete the form below with your nomination of eligible members in your region - one from the North and North-west and two from the South.

NOMINATION FORM

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION TASMANIAN BRANCH STATE COMMITTEE 2010 - 2011



We nominate (print name)

Nominator

Secunder

To the Tasmanian Branch Committee of the Order of Australia Association Ltd.

Signature of nominee

Address

Ph Email..... Date

To be received by the Regional Group Secretary in your region prior to the Regional Group AGM.