



## **THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION**

### **TASMANIAN BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

The State AGM was held at Devonport on November 15th, following a service conducted by the Vice-Chairman the Rev Jim Colville. Elections were as required by the new Rules, with nominations in writing, presented to the meeting and voted on from the floor. The elected committee then nominated office-holders.

Results were as follows:

Chairman – Mrs P Igoe AM

Vice-Chairman – Rev J Colville AM

Secretary – Mrs L Grant OAM

Treasurer – Dr J Thorne AM

Function Co-ordinator - Mrs B Connor OAM

Committee Members – (South) Mrs K Venn OAM, (North) Mrs P O’Bryan, OAM, Mr G Barwick OAM, (North-West) Mrs B Hite OAM, Mr F Ransley OAM and Dr G Haward AM. There was a meeting of the new committee following the AGM, before lunch was served, with our Guest Speaker Mr L Millar addressing us on the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

A State Welcome Dinner in honour of the Queen’s Birthday Honours was held after their Investiture on October 16th, was well-attended by new and old members and a most enjoyable occasion. Already a number of the new recipients have joined the Association

Each region has held a social and/or fundraising activity during the last few months, and at each of these I have actively promoted the Adelaide Conference. I have no knowledge of results, but hope at least a few more from Tasmania will attend. Because of a change in my circumstances I will be unable to attend either the conference or the National Committee meeting, and have asked Mrs Linley Grant to be the Tasmanian representative.

Plans are proceeding well for the conference here in 2011. Wrest Point Casino has been booked as the main venue, with the Committee meeting, the AGM the Oration and the formal dinner all to be held there. This decision was made with the need for economies to be made where possible; and means we can cut out bus travel to other venues in almost all cases. We are still sorting out venues for the Religious Observance, as our first choice is not available. We are looking for appropriate sponsors to assist with funding or help in kind. A brochure to be presented in Adelaide is being produced, and we have asked if a table could be made available during the registration period which we will man to hand out this material.

Each region will organize a pre-conference day or two-day trip for those arriving in their region –we assume some will fly to Launceston, some to Hobart and some come by ship to Devonport. There will also be a post-conference trip to finish in Launceston where we hope to have a civic reception at the Town Hall. The committee will meet again on December 3rd, and again before the National meeting so Linley Grant will have further information then.

Pat Igoe AM  
Branch Chairman