



# The 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 Honours announced on the Queen's Birthday - June 2011.

### Queen's Birthday Honours 2011

NAME	FOR SERVICE TO
Mrs Shirley McCarron AM	the community through the preservation and restoration of the Cascades Female Factory Historic Site and to women and arts.
Dr Anthony Sprent AM	the community through creation of technical solutions for people with disabilities, and to spatial science and astronomy.
Mr Jernej Bajzelj OAM	the community of Ulverstone.
Reverend Father Francis Bertagnolli OAM	youth, and to the Order of the Salesians of Don Bosco.
Mr Malcolm Grant OAM	youth through the Scouting movement, and to the community.
Mr Wayne Mason OAM	athletics as a coach and administrator.
Mr Wilfred Osborne OAM	the thoroughbred horseracing industry, and to the community.
Mr Clarence Roach OAM	veterans in Tasmania, and to the community.
Mr Rodney Viney OAM	youth through the Scouting movement, and Sailability,Tas.
Mrs Susan Viney OAM	youth through the Guiding movement, and to the community.
Mrs Patricia Wellington OAM	the Launceston Horticultural Society.

### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

**NEW MEMBERS:** The State Committee and members of the Tasmanian Branch sincerely welcome those members who have joined the Tasmanian Branch of the Association since the previous edition of the Newsletter, including – Mrs C Martin OAM and Major P B Pritchard AM RVM.

**VALE:** The Branch greatly regrets the passing of several members: Mr G Ashton-Jones OAM; Mr Reg Gee OAM; Mr M. Gofton OAM and Mr A. Voss AM.

We recall, with appreciation, the valuable support which these members have given to the Association.

*Please note that The Order of Australia Association 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 – 16 September 2011

**New Recipients and their guests and 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 Derwent Room, at WREST POINT, Sandy Bay 7005 on Friday 16 September at 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. The cost per person is \$70. New recipients are our guests. We are delighted to announce that Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania Professor Peter Rathjen will be the Guest Speaker on this occasion. Booking before the RSVP date is always 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:

Grilled chicken breast, semi-dried tomato and herb polenta served with prosciutto wrapped green beans and thyme jus ; *or*

Grilled tenderloin of beef, roasted garlic potato mash and broccolini with caramelized onion jus.

### Dessert:

Steamed fig and apple pudding, vanilla bean ice-cream and honey caramel sauce ; *or*

Pear and almond tart, caramel and rocky road ice cream and sour caramel sauce.

## ROOM RESERVATIONS

To make a reservation at Wrest Point please phone Group Reservations on 1800 139 760 or email [groups@federalgroup.com.au](mailto:groups@federalgroup.com.au) quoting 'Post Investiture Dinner – Order of Australia' and block number **503 158**.

## STATE CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

Soon we will have another opportunity to welcome and congratulate a number of new recipients of awards in the Order of Australia at the Post Investiture Dinner held for the Queen's Birthday Honours List. It is pleasing to note that already there are some who have made early bookings for the dinner so it looks as though there will be a good attendance at Wrest Point on 16 September 2011. I shall look forward to seeing many of you at the dinner.

For the last Australia Day and now for the Queen's Birthday honours list, the number of Tasmanians who have been successfully nominated for honours has decreased, when compared with many previous occasions. I have wondered why this should be so. Being conscious of this smaller number of awardees I have noticed that there are people who gain mention from colleagues and friends about what they have done over and above what would normally be expected in their particular field of endeavour or for the betterment of our community. As someone took the effort to identify and submit a nomination for us, then it is reasonable for us to do our bit in identifying someone we probably already know and then to submit a nomination for an award for them, in the Order of Australia. Nomination forms can be found on the Governor General's website at [www.gg.gov.au](http://www.gg.gov.au). It would be good if we can ensure people deserving an award are appropriately recognised.

*Alastair Douglas OAM*

## STATE COMMITTEE MEETING (30 June 2011)

The State Committee met at Glenara Lakes, Kings Meadows on 30 June 2011.

Business included –

- **Membership Form and Nomination Forms:** A new form is available to be completed by members joining or re-joining the Association. A copy of both Forms are available from the Tasmanian Secretary. Award nominations are important.
- **Conf. Bags for Banners:** M. Rudge has provided two conference bags to each Regional Group and two to State Secretary to contain the OAA Banners and flags.
- **Photographs for Archives:** B. Connor has offered to supply copies of photographs taken at the National Meeting for the Archival records
- **Member's email addresses:** thanks was expressed to those members who have provided their email contact details,. If sufficient are received, newsletters can be forwarded by email and thus reduce the cost of postage.
- **Certificates of Service:** will be presented at the Annual General Meetings of the Branch, to those members who have given their support to the Association for long periods.
- **The current Branch Bank Balance** is - \$4, 814.11
- **2012 Conference:** The next National Conference will held from April 12-13 and be based on the Hobart model. It will be held at the Vibe Hotel in Darwin, at a cost of \$130 per night. See attached booking form.
- Surplus from the 2011 National Meeting held in Hobart is \$7,500.00. This will be shared between the state and National Board.

- **Possible State Workshop-Forum:** The members of the OAA are such a worthwhile group to know and talk with, however, there is very little opportunity at present for members to meet informally to consolidate friendships and discuss important issues. Depending on member response, the State Committee is considering holding an annual State Workshop-Forum in a central venue like Ross or Campbell Town, to discuss issues of importance to members; not necessarily confined to OA issues; a meeting where friendships might be enhanced and the combined wisdom of members engaged in a worthwhile exercise, probably commencing in 2012. Would you like an opportunity to do this?

We need to know who would support a Forum/Workshop of this nature, commencing in 2012.

*IF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE INTERESTED, please complete the attached response slip.*

- **Time of Post- Investiture events:** The cost of dinners and number of members who do not like driving at night and find the use of taxis greatly increases the cost, appear to be deterrents to participation in post-investiture events. However, for several valid reasons, Government House has stated that the time of investitures cannot be held earlier in the day. The Branch could therefore hold a Post-Investiture Morning Tea or early Luncheon on the day following the Investiture (Saturday), if new recipients and members would prefer this and support the change.

*IF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WOULD PREFER A FUNCTION ON SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE INVESTITURE, please complete the attached response slip.*

- **Member's contact details** - The assistance of members in providing the Branch with accurate information concerning members' changed contact details is sincerely appreciated, particularly if non-renewal is just an oversight.

## THE AUSTRALIA DAY POST-INVESTITURE DINNER 30 May 2011

The Investiture for the recipients and their families and friends, was followed by a dinner at Wrest Point which was attended by 91 members, new recipients and guests. The program, with Mr Alan Swinton OAM QPM, as MC, was most enjoyable. The Guest Speaker Mr Kenneth von Bibra AM, entertained us with some enjoyable stories related to events which happened to The Queen and several other members of the Royal Family during their various visits to Tasmania. He spoke on the changing relationships between Australia and the United Kingdom over the past fifty years, the effect of migration from the 1950s on Australian society and the loosening of ties with Great Britain, which occurred when Britain joined the European Common Market and we ceased to be a close trading partner. He noted the changes in attitudes towards Australia brought about by such Australians as Barry Humphries, Dame Joan Sutherland, Sidney Nolan, Maurice West and Lionel Rose; also the effect that the building of such icons the Sydney Opera House had on how Australians perceived themselves and how we were perceived by others. He noted that Gough Whitlam changed Australia even more and made us aware of the many wonderful leaders in the community when the Order of Australia was established in 1975. He reminded us that in this country we have an Award system in which Australians can choose who should be recognised, rather than a choice by a distant Monarch; and of the unity and strength our citizens enjoy because of a different set of values, to those of other countries.

## REGIONAL GROUP REPORTS - Feb – July 2011

### Northern Regional Group

The passing of Max Gofton OAM was noted with regret. At the March meeting appreciation was expressed to G. Barwick OAM, P. Igoe AM and Joan Jacks for handling the trips related to the National Meeting. Group members who attend the Branch's Post-investiture Dinner in May included the Group Chairman and several executive members. A successful Group luncheon was held on 7 July at Legana and attended by 21 members. A visit to the Bass and Flinders Centre at George Town (lunch \$30), will take place on Thursday 29th September. Members should provide their own transport.

### North West Regional Group

A copy of the most recent Group newsletter was tabled. A luncheon had been attended by 45 persons. The Queen's Birthday dinner was attended by 52 persons, including the State Chairman. A half page report with photos was printed in the Advocate. The Group has \$1700 in its account. A Reception for new recipients will be held on 23 September at the Bass and Flinders in Ulverstone. The AGM will be held on Friday 21 October at the Ulverstone RSL.

### Southern Regional Group

Members of the Group continue to meet quarterly in a social atmosphere, renewing friendships and meeting new members. At the May meeting members were privileged to have a particularly informative talk by Dr. Richard Herr OAM on political life in Fiji, including the coup and its ramifications. Nominations will be called soon for the Regional Group Office Bearer's positions and for the 2011 Branch elections which will be held at the Southern Group's Annual General Meeting on 26th October at the Domain Athletics Centre.

## REGIONAL GROUPS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS – 21 AND 26 OCTOBER 2011

The North West AGM will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday 21 October 2011 at the Ulverstone RSL. Similarly, in the North, The AGM will be held on Friday 21 October at 4 p.m. at the Cataract Bistro. The Southern Regional Branch will hold its AGM at the Athletics Centre on the Domain at 10.30 a.m. on 26 October 2011.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OAA TAS BRANCH – Sunday 20 NOVEMBER 2011

The 2011 Annual General Meeting of the **Tasmanian Branch** will be held on Sunday 20 November in the Show Room off the Coffee Shop at Wrest Point. Prior to the AGM, Rev. J. Colville AM will again conduct a Service of Reflection at 11.00 a.m. Following the AGM at **11.30 a.m.**, the State Committee will meet to elect the State Office-bearers. Lunch from at 12.45 p.m. will be buffet style (self-served in the Coffee Shop) at a cost of \$24.50 (\$22.50 with card). Guest Speaker, will be Kate McCambridge, recipient of a OAA Foundation Scholarship.

## MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE ELECTED FOR 2011

Mr Alastair Douglas OAM – State Chairman and appointed a National Director  
Rev. Jim Colville AM – Vice Chairman  
Mrs Linley Grant OAM – Hon. Secretary (one year)  
Mrs Maureen Rudge OAM – Hon. Treasurer

	<b>Terms will expire in</b>
<b>North</b> – Mr Graeme Barwick OAM	November 2012
Mrs Pat O'Bryan OAM	November 2011
Mrs Pat Igoe AM, Immed. Past State Chairman	November 2013
<b>North West</b> – Acting Chairman, Mr Noel Viney OAM	November 2012
Mrs Betty Hite OAM	November 2011
Mrs Ron Blake OAM	November 2013
<b>South</b> – Mr Alastair Douglas OAM State Chairman	November 2012
Dr John Thorne AM	November 2012
Mrs Bernadette Connor OAM - Functions	November 2011
Rev. Jim Colville AM, JP -Vice-Chairman	November 2011
Mrs Maureen Rudge OAM Treasurer	November 2013
Mrs Linley Grant OAM, State Secretary	November 2013

## NEWSLETTERS

**State Branch Newsletters** – if you request, they will be **emailed**. Please send email addresses to the Secretary.

**Regional Group Newsletters** - Please ensure that you notify your Regional Group Secretaries if you wish to receive these newsletters. *Southern members only receive theirs upon request.*

**The National Web-site** includes **Tasmanian Branch Newsletters** at [www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au). Please ensure that you let the National Membership Secretary know if you change your email or postal address.

## REPLACEMENT INSIGNIA

To replace lost or broken insignia contact - The Honours Secretariat, Government House, Canberra ACT 2600. Or, Phone Nicole McDermott (02) 6283 3659

## OAA TIES, SCARVES, CUFF-LINKS, PENS, BADGES & MORE

The State Treasurer Mrs Maureen Rudge OAM, [maurk@bigpond.com](mailto:maurk@bigpond.com) is holding various items for sale.