



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 26/1/09.

Australia Day Honours 2009

NAME

Mr. Bill Casimaty, AM, of RICHMOND
 The Most Rev. Dr. Adrian Doyle, AM, of NEW TOWN
 Mr. Tim Denny (deceased) AM, DFC & Bar, of LILYDALE
 Mr. Malcolm Garvin, AM, of POATINA
 Mr. Dennis Betts OAM, of LONGFORD
 Dr. Christine Bush OAM, of UNDERWOOD
 Mr. Michael Colrain OAM, of MOUNT STUART
 Mr. Patrick Clements OAM, of EXETER
 Mr. Harvey Cuthill OAM, of LAUNCESTON
 Mr. Graeme Davis, OAM, of DELORAINE
 Mrs. Ann Drake OAM (deceased) of ROSEBERY
 Mr. Barry Easter OAM, of BEACONSFIELD
 Mr. Brian Gallagher OAM of SANDY BAY
 Mrs. Margaret Gibbs OAM, of NEW TOWN
 Mr. David Harvey OAM of LAUNCESTON
 Mr. Dean Hunt OAM, of HOWRAH
 Mr. Frederick Joughin OAM, of HOBART
 Mr. Robert Mainwaring OAM, of NORWOOD
 Mr. Brian Matthews OAM, of LAUNCESTON
 Mr. Lindsay Millar OAM, of HILLWOOD
 Mr. Allan Waddle OAM of HAWLEY BEACH
 Mr. Frederick White OAM, of LINDISFARNE

FOR SERVICE TO

the horticultural industry
 the Catholic Church and community
 the essential oils industry
 the community via Fusion Aust.
 sport, as a gold medal Olympian
 the Lilydale community
 the performing arts via music
 the community via various services
 pharmacy and the community
 the community, via the Rotary Club
 local government and the community
 local government and the community
 the community via Southern Cross Care
 the community via Tasmanian Bridge Association
 the community via Scouting and other groups
 music, via brass and concert bands
 sport via Tas. University Soccer Club
 state and local government
 the community via veteran car clubs
 the community via Royal Flying Doctor Service
 the community via a number of organizations
 veterans and families via RSL Australia

Newsletters

State Branch Newsletters: If there are now a sufficient number of members with email it could help reduce the cost of postage. Please forward your email address to the Hon. Secretary mgr70303@bigpond.net.au if you are happy to receive them in this way. We will continue forward the newsletter by post to all members, until the cost difference is worth-while.

Regional Group Newsletters will only be posted or emailed to those **who request them** of the Regional Group Secretaries. Please, notify your regional group secretaries now if you wish to receive these Newsletters in 2009.

Post – investiture Dinner for New Recipients

Members of the Association and their guests are invited to renew friendships and celebrate the achievements of the newest recipients of the Order of Australia Award at what is always a most enjoyable event, by attending the Post-Investiture Dinner at the Mercure Hotel, 156 Bathurst Street, HOBART 7000 on Friday, 15 May at 6.30 for 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

The Dinner will consist of pre-dinner Asian nibbles; and an - “alternate drop” menu consisting of -

Main Course: Grilled Salmon fillet on marquette potatoes, baby spinach, poached fennel, orange aioli; or Sirloin of beef with a bacon, sun dried tomato, cheese farce, sweet potato and red wine jus.

*Dessert: Apple clafouti tart with cinnamon anglaise; or Pavlova roulade with fresh cream and berries
Plus – one bottle of red and white table wines, fruit juice, tea and coffee*

If other drinks are required on arrival, or once those provided have been consumed, participants should purchase their own. The Hotel will accommodate those with special dietary needs.

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Tony Stacy AM, inter alia, past CEO of Blundstone’s, past President RACT, Director of the Board of the Theatre Royal, will be Guest Speaker. The opening will be by á Cappellago, a group of four male voices.

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

ROOM RESERVATIONS

The Mercure is a four star hotel and will hold a number of rooms @ \$129 until 1 May

If you require a room at the Mercure, **please phone them on Free Call 1800 030 003 (or (03) 6232 6255 and quote - Reservation Number 13 77 46**

Changes in Membership

VALE: It is with great regret that we report the loss of a number of most valued members, including the Hon. Charles Batt OAM; Mr. W. Carrick AM, Mr. G. Clarke OAM, Mrs. Margot Evans OAM, Mr. K C Harris OAM, , Mrs N. Hummerston OAM, Mrs. Beryl Lovell OAM, Mr, M W McDonald OAM, Mrs. J N Neilsen OAM, Mr. R. T. Shea OAM, Mr. C R Smith OAM, Dr. C. Strong OAM, Mrs M. Titmus OAM, Sr. Felix Thorburn OAM, Mrs. Moliie Tomlin OAM, and Canon Tyson AM.

The Order of Australia banners were used at several of the services conducted for these members and are available for all those members who have been active in the Tasmanian Branch.

We are also aware of several staunch members who have left the state or who have not renewed their membership for reasons of failing health. We offer our thoughts and wishes for their continuing quality of life.

NEW MEMBERS: We are especially pleased to welcome a number of new members into the Tasmanian Branch of the Association.

Chairman’s Report to Members

May I first of all add my congratulations to the new recipients of the Order, announced on Australia Day. The awards are given in recognition of service to the community beyond the normal expectation and are very carefully assessed by the Honours Committee. I know are not given lightly. They are always so are obviously well-earned. I ask members to nominate other deserving Australians.

Members will have a chance to congratulate these special people at our Dinner following their Investiture at Government House on 15 May. Participation in the Dinner by members helps create a happy finish to an eventful day, where the new recipients and their guests can gather with their friends and family and also get to know us. We encourage you as a member, to attend, so that our guests can then experience the fellowship which comes from being a member of the Association.

I have just attended the National Board of Directors Meeting in Brisbane on 20 February as your State representative. The Board is concerned that costs are rising and an effort will be made to curb these; also that a register of all attendees at any OAA function is kept for insurance purposes. As well, I attended the National Regional Groups meeting on 21 February with other Tasmanian members. Some great ideas for our own Groups emanate from other regions at this meeting.

Our State Branch committee met on 5 February at Glenara Lakes and worked on a number of issues, including changes proposed by the National Board to bring uniformity to the Branch and Regional Groups’ Rules. The existing Tasmanian Rules have been accepted by the National Directors.

Pat Igoe AM

Items From State Committee Meetings (from July-Nov. 2008)

The State Committee met on 31 July, 9 November 2008 and 5 February 2009.

Business included –

1. ARCHIVES – Records from 1976-2000 were archived with the State Library. These are available to members if notice is given to the State Archivist, as well as a member of the State Committee who will confirm your membership with the State Archivist.
2. MENTORS RE NOMINATIONS – Several members of the State Committee have offered to assist those completing nomination forms for possible Awardees. If you are aware of someone seeking help in making a nomination, please let them know that this help is available. Nomination forms are available from the Honours Secretariat, ph. (02) 6283 3604.
3. AMENDMENTS TO TASMANIAN BRANCH RULES
There will be two main amendments to the Tasmanian Branch Rules -
If required, a Co-ordinator for each Regional Group will be appointed from members of State Committee; and members for State Committee will be nominated at Regional Group Annual General Meetings and elected at the Tasmanian Branch AGM.
4. NEXT STATE COMMITTEE MEETING – is planned for Thursday 30 July 2009.

The Post-Investiture Dinner at Laetare Gardens – 5 September 2008

The Investiture for Queen's Birthday recipients and their families and friends, on Friday 5 September was followed by a most enjoyable dinner at Laetare Gardens, attended by members, a number of the new recipients and guests. Once again, the food was excellent and the program, hosted by Rev. J. Colville AM, JP was most enjoyable. Col. Tony McGee AM organized the TSO Chorale Ensemble, which sang a bracket of three pieces. The Guest Speaker, Professor Pat Quilty AM, entertained the audience with fascinating information about three recipients of the Order of Australia Award he knows well, and spoke about the example of these recipients - Bill Lawson AM, who contributed to engineering infrastructure, Antarctic logistics and fostering the Beacon foundation; Jessie Luckman OAM for her role as a musician and her "shining example" in conservation work; and Professor Ray Lowenthal AO in his work with oncology and palliative care. He said that these people are givers to society, as are most recipients whom we never hear about. They not takers from society. He then went on to talk about his own life and the role of those who had helped him and those who help us in our lives, by recognizing our abilities and helping these to flourish.

Annual General Meetings 2008 of the Tasmanian Branch and Regional Groups

The Regional Groups all held successful Annual General meetings during October.

The State Annual General Meeting and Service of Reflection were held on Sunday 9 November in the RSL Club at Claremont. Those who attended expressed their sincere appreciation of the reflective atmosphere and content of the Service conducted by the Rev. Jim Colville AM, JP. The brief Annual General Meeting, was held immediately following the Service and attended by twenty members and several guests. Representatives to the State Committee (below) were confirmed. The State Committee thereafter held a brief meeting, at which it elected the State Office-bearers for the year; Members and guests then enjoyed an excellent Luncheon, catered for by the Claremont RSL Ladies Auxiliary and ably chaired, by State Chairman Pat Igoe AM.

Members of the State Committee

Elections for incoming members of the State Committee were held at the October 2008 Regional Group meetings. The expiry dates of appointments are listed.

North -	Pat Igoe AM, State Chairman	November 2010
	Pat O'Bryan OAM,	November 2011
	Graeme Barwick OAM	November 2009
North-west.-	Francis Ransley OAM	November 2010
	Betty Hite OAM	November 2011
	Clarrie Byrne OAM	November 2009
South -	Kath Venn OAM	November 2010
	Linley Grant OAM, State Secretary	November 2010
	Bernadette Connor OAM - / Functions	November 2011
	Rev. Jim Colville AM, JP -Vice-Chairman	November 2011
	Kay Skillington OAM	November 2009
	Dr. John Thorne AM - Treasurer	November 2009

Guest Speaker at the Annual General Meeting 9/11/08

Jeremy Picone, a University student, returned from Kenya early in 2008 after working as a volunteer for World Youth International in 2007. His inspiring and heart-warming address covered his visit to the Millennium Village Project in the village of Sauri which, In 2003, was labelled a 'hunger hot spot'. Crops had failed consistently and starvation was rife. There was no education for children and no health clinic. In 2004, Jeffrey Sachs, author of *The End of Poverty* and a small team visited Sauri, held meetings, determined root causes of the problems, helped develop initiatives to overcome these and began a Project, towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The villagers implemented all initiatives themselves in partnership with the Project's Kenyan staff and local government. In 2004, the villagers bought various crop seeds and fertiliser under subsidy, received training in improved farming practices and made linkages to industry. The result was a bumper crop and reduced subsidies in 2005. By 2006, crop yields had tripled and, as farmers became financially self-sufficient, subsidies were replaced with micro-credit loans. Ten percent of the harvest was given to school meal programmes; children received a meal a day at school, so attendance reached 99%. An excellent Health Clinic was established which also serviced several neighbouring villages. The Project has spread to eleven surrounding villages, and it is planned to extend it to encompass Millennium Districts, then Millennium Cities, all achieving the MDGs at a cost that can be financed if donor governments give 0.7% of their Gross National Income in aid. The concept has been adapted to ten countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, and may include SE Asia and South America.

Regional Group Reports – July '08 - Feb '09

North West Regional Group

The North West Regional Group held a successful reception for New NW Recipients in the Burnie Civic Centre. The AGM was held in Ulverstone in October. Those elected were Chairman - Neville Bingham AFSM OAM; Vice Chairman – Dr. Geoffrey Haward AM; Secretary/Treasurer - Charles Radford OAM; Function Organiser/Newsletter Editor - Betty Hite OAM.

The North West Regional Group was saddened in November by the passing of Gladys Byrne, who gave great support to the group and to her husband Clarrie Byrne OAM. A picnic luncheon was held at Shropshire Park, Ulverstone on Sunday 1 March. The Jazz afternoon will be re-scheduled. A Queen's Birthday Celebration Luncheon is planned for 8 June and a classical music Sunday afternoon in September, both at the Burnie Civic Centre; also a Reception for North West recipients for 2009.

Northern Regional Group

The Northern Region Group held its first get-together for the year on 17 January, with a barbecue at the Hoo-Hoo Hut in the Trevallyn Reserve. It was an informal and very pleasant start to the year. On 20 January the Committee held a planning meeting. Members and partners will be invited to attend a lunch the Evandale Bakery on 22 April, followed by a visit to the Gourmet Sauce Factory there – just a social get-together, not a fundraiser. A second luncheon will be held in July and we are considering a function to welcome local recipients of the Order following the announcement of the Queen's Birthday Honours, an idea we have borrowed from the North West Group, following a very successful event there last year. Some of our members attended the National Conference in Brisbane. We always enjoy these opportunities to meet other OAA members and renew friendships, including those from the other Tasmanian regions whom we don't see very often, so please plan to attend in future, if you can.

Southern Regional Group

The quarterly meetings of the Southern Regional Group continue to be well attended. The informal gatherings with morning tea, allow members to mix and talk in a social atmosphere, before the short meetings are conducted. The guest speaker at the August meeting was the well known and highly respected ABC News Presenter, Peter Gee. Peter outlined his commencement in the industry and his progress and arrival at his present position. He then provided an insight into the workings of presenting the news and some the experiences and highlights he had encountered. At the AGM held in October, one of our own members, Dr. John Thorne AM outlined his experiences with Rotary International, together with details of programs that the organization has conducted. The current Office Bearers are - Chairman, Mr. Robin Hood AM; Vice- Chairman, Mrs. Leona Bradley OAM JP; and Secretary/ Treasurer - Alan Swinton OAM QPM JP. The meetings are conducted on the fourth Wednesday of February, May, August and October. We look forward to seeing you then.

Annual General Meetings For 2009

Could members please note that the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the **Tasmanian Branch** will be held on **15 November** at the RSL facility in Devonport. There are over 350 members so we need 35 attendees to ensure a quorum. *We ask each member who can possibly do so, to please plan to attend.*

The three **Regional Branch AGMs** will be held in the North and North West on **23 October** and the South on **28 October**.

Replacement Insignia and OAA Ties and Scarves

For those who wish to replace their insignia, the following updated costs apply –

	AC	AO	AM	OAM
Lapel Badge	34.25	18.50	18.50	17.00
Brooch	19.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Miniature	19.00	16.00	16.00	13.00
General Bow Set	49.30	49.30	49.30	49.30
Military Bow Set	49.30	49.30	49.30	49.30

Send cheques made payable to –The Collector of Public Monies, C/- The Honours Secretariat, Government House, Canberra ACT 2600. Or, Phone Nicole McDermott (02) 6283 3659 to pay by credit card.

The State Treasurer Dr. John Thorne AM, is holding Oration Booklets @ \$... ea; OAA ties @ \$35.00; Scarves @ \$27.50 each, badges @ \$10 and pens are \$10 each.