



Order of Australia Association Ltd Newsletter Tasmanian Branch

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Queens Birthday Honours 2008

NAME	FOR SERVICE TO
Dr. Alfred Bass AM	the community through technological development in the collection of health data
Mrs. Mollie Campbell-Smith AM MBE	the community via promotion of women's issues and to other organizations, particularly through health and ageing.
Professor Robert Clark AM	agricultural science as an academic, educator, administrator and researcher for the Agricultural Institute.
Mr. Alwyn Shaw AM	the building and construction industries and thoroughbred horse-racing.
Mr. Anthony Stacey AM	the footwear manufacturing industry and arts, motoring and service groups.
Ms Dianne Thorley AM	local government and the community of Toowoomba region through youth education, social welfare and conservatio
Mr. Richard Tronson AM	politics through roles supporting the government, and the Australian Maritime College.
Mr. Keith Butterworth OAM	the community, through the Australia Day Council and a range of charitable organisations.
Mr. Paul Byrne OAM	vocational education and training sector, particularly as a leader in reform and policy initiatives
Mr. William Ross Hine OAM	local government and the community of Circular Head through regional development and emergency services.
Mr. Max Hutchinson OAM	the Burnie community, through social welfare, agricultural, service and business organisations.
Mr. Ivan Kelly OAM	forest industries of Tasmania, particularly by representing country sawmillers, and the community of Dunally.
Mr. Christopher Lusted OAM	the community of Ulverstone through music.
Mr. Kryn Jan Meerman OAM	the community, particularly through a range of roles in the health sector
Mr. Gordon Millar OAM	the community of the Longford area through a range of sporting, civic, church and local government organisations.
Mr. John Radcliffe OAM	the communities of Moonah and Glenorchy through volunteer work with a range of organisations.
Mrs. Maureen Rudge OAM	occupational therapy and vocational rehabilitation in Tasmania, and to the community in a range of voluntary roles.
Mr. Darrel Wilson OAM	to the community of Wynyard through a range of community organisations.
Lt. Co-Lt Co Douglas Wyatt OAM RFD (Ret.)	the community, particularly the preservation of Tasmanian military history, and in defence organizations.

Chairman's Letter - July 2008

Warmest congratulations and welcome to recipients of the Queen's Birthday honours. I know that your service to the community was not done to achieve such reward; however it is great to see that your peers deem your efforts worthwhile.

We look forward to meeting with you at the Welcome Dinner following the Investiture at Government House on September 5th, where you will be our honoured guests. Your family and friends are invited to share the celebration with you at Laetare Gardens; information on cost for them (not you), time and how to reach the venue is on the separate notice. The Order of Australia Association is a group of people from many and varied backgrounds, interests and ages, but all have been recognized for their service to our way of life in some way. Our gatherings are friendly, relaxed and of course interesting because of the diversity of members and frequently entertaining and informative guest speakers. We do hope you will join the OAA and attend some of our functions. We also invite all members to take note of the date for the Dinner and State AGM. We look forward to meeting members and guests from around the state at the AGM and the Luncheon on Sunday 9th November.

Pat Igoe AM
State Chairman

Post – investiture Dinner for New Recipients – 5 September '08

New Recipients of the Order of Australia and their guests, plus members of the Association and their guests, are invited to make and renew friendships and celebrate the achievements of the newest recipients of the Order of Australia Award at what will be another most enjoyable event. The Post-Investiture Dinner will be held at Laetare Gardens 57 Hopkins Street Moonah, on Friday, 5 September from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Please note that the new Recipients are the guests of the Association.

We are delighted to announce that Professor Pat Quilty AM will be the Guest Speaker at the Dinner.

Miniature medals should be worn by members, as new Recipients will be wearing their full medals.

If those who do not drive at night contact the Functions Manager, Dr. J. Thorne AM, he will help find another member who is attending and does drive, and is able to help. If members who are prepared to offer a ride let Dr. Thorne know when you register, it would be most appreciated.

Previous Post-Investiture Dinner in May at Laetare Gardens

Those who attended this dinner will recall the thoroughly agreeable time we had in the presence of the National Chairman Dina Browne AO. The management did all they could to be of service and provided a really enjoyable meal. The Tas. Symphony Orchestra Chorale Ensemble was easily heard and made a great start to proceedings. The Guest Speaker, Dina Browne AO was truly inspiring. She made us feel honoured to belong to an Association which has such a fine person at its helm and we felt inspired to have met and heard her. Dina spoke to us about her life and the challenges she undertook as she became involved in creating radio and TV programs, particularly in her work on children's programs and the desperate need to ensure that quality TV programs were and are available. After the dinner State Committee members held a short meeting with the National Chairman. Members and their friends eagerly purchased copies of the *First Five Orations* booklet and the new brooch. Dina commented on the happy atmosphere which prevailed.

Items From State Committee Meeting (February 2008)

1. Archival Records

OAA Tasmanian Branch historical records from 1975 to 2000 have been archived with the State Library. Some of the material is fascinating, e.g., the correspondence re the formation of the national association in 1975 and first national meeting in Sydney in 1976; the dedication of the OAA Banner; and the various projects which the Association had since undertaken, such as *My Vision for Tasmania*. Members of the Association may access this data at any time. However, it is advisable to phone the State Library first and make an appointment so that the Archivists have time to retrieve the files.

The Regional Group Secretaries were asked to provide copies of Their Group's Minutes and/or Annual Reports for the past ten years to ensure that the State Library has a full record, otherwise there is no real record of a Group's existence or activities. This has still to be completed.

2. Australia Day Committee: a letter was written to the Premier stating that we no longer have a representative on this Committee but would appreciate being involved.

3. Post-nominals

The National OAA office has informed us that it only uses the post-nominals that are published in the Official Government Gazette. Some JP's have slipped through in the past; however, these and Orders of StJ are not listed in the Official Government Gazette, so are no longer listed in OAA membership records or mailing lists.

4. Invitations to members with other Awards

Members are asked to personally invite any member with, e.g., an Order of the British Empire who is known to them, to whatsoever functions your Group is holding.

5. Using Local Funds for Local Activities

The Chairman reported that it is perfectly proper for Regional Groups to use their funds for local activities, such as awarding scholarships or buying equipment for the disabled, provided that the State and National Committees are aware of these activities before they take place. Groups may also invite other Regional Groups to support an activity.

6. Mentors needed to assist with Completion of Nomination forms

Mentors will be appointed from each Regional Group to help those persons completing a nomination form, when nominating a person for an Award. If you are able to assist, please contact the State Secretary.

Items Discussed With National Chairman During Her Visit

1. Cost of National Conferences

The National Chairman agreed that rising costs mean that many members cannot attend a number of functions, such as the Annual Dinner. However, only certain venues are suitable for large numbers. The organizing committee is doing its best to provide a number of alternate, cost-free events.

2. Membership Fees

It was suggested that there might be a discount for those on pensions.

3. Members Cutting their Carbon Footprints

It was suggested that the Board and each Branch and Regional Council consider ways in which members might cut their carbon footprints, e.g. car pooling and video-conferencing rather than plane travel.

4. Funding the Foundation

The problem of continual fund-raising by Regional Groups and the work it creates for members who are already committed to other voluntary organizations, was discussed.

Members of the State Committee

North -	Pat Igoe AM, State Chairman Robin Cromarty OAM Graeme Barwick OAM	November 2007 –re-elected for 3 years November 2008 November 2009
North-west -	Francis Ransley OAM Betty Hite OAM Clarrie Byrne OAM	November 2007 – re-elected for 3 years November 2008 November 2009
South -	Kath Venn OAM Linley Grant OAM, State Secretary Bernadette Connor OAM Rev. Jim Colville AM; Vice-Chairman Kay Skillington OAM Dr. John Thorne AM, Treasurer/ Functions Manager	November 2007 – re-elected for 3 years November 2007 – re-elected for 3 years November 2008 * November 2008 * November 2009 November 2009

A star indicates that these members filled a casual vacancy. Robin Cromarty OAM is completing six year's service on the State Committee and will be eligible for re-election at the Regional Group AGMs in 2008 – with Betty Hite OAM, Bernadette Connor OAM and Rev. Jim Colville AM.

Annual General Meetings of the Tasmanian Branch and Regional Groups

The 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Branch will be held at 12 m.d. on Sunday 9 November at the Claremont RSL Club at 9 Bilton Street Claremont. Our Guest Speaker will be an inspiring young Tasmania, Jeremy Picone who was able to observe exciting changes being made in Kenya, in the development of a Millenium Goals project in a village called Sauri.

Regional Branch AGMs will be held in the North and North West on 23 October and the South on Wednesday 22 October. Please find acceptance forms in this Newsletter.

Regional Group Reports

North West Regional Group

A luncheon for 35 members and guests was held in lieu of the Australia Day Luncheon at the Ulverstone RSL on 13 April, with Professor Janelle Allison, Director of Regional Development, Cradle Coast Campus as Guest Speaker. Her enjoyable topic was "Place" and how Tasmanians don't need to prove to other states who we are or what we want. We are satisfied with our efforts and the value of our activities. A Queen's Birthday luncheon, attended by 60 people, was held at Shearwater Report on 9 June, with Rob. Nichols from Nichols Poultry, as Guest Speaker. A Reception is planned for Order of Australia recipients for 2008. It will be held on 12 September at the Burnie Civic Centre. This is open to the public; the cost will be \$15 a head.

Northern Region Group

The Northern Group committee has met regularly to plan activities for members. The first, held in March was a "Murder Mystery," when various people were given roles to play and clues to the "murderer". We had a wonderful meal, good company and it was great fun.

In June we held a luncheon, with 28 members and partners attending, and again it was a marvellous occasion, with lots of interaction and table-hopping to catch up with one another. We are looking at a trip to George Town in September – there will be more details soon, in our Northern Newsletter.

Southern Regional Group

The Southern Regional Group continues with its quarterly meetings at the Domain Athletic Centre.

At the May meeting of more than 40 persons, Wayne Tucker, Manager of Hobart International Airport was the excellent Guest Speaker. He explained about the changes, taking place at the Airport, in particular with the buildings, and gave those present an exciting vision of what the result will be.

The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 August at 10 a.m.. with morning tea followed by a short meeting. The Guest Speaker is to be confirmed. Members and their guests are invited.

The AGM will be held on 22 October 2008, again at 10 a.m. at the Domain Athletics Centre.

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	34.10	18.50	18.50	17.00
Brooch	19.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Miniature	19.00	16.00	16.00	13.00
Miniature (Fem)	22.00	19.00	19.00	16.00
Miniature (Mil.)	19.00	19.00	19.00	13.00
Miniature (Mil. Fem)	19.50	19.50	19.50	13.00
General Division Set	\$5,528.00	838.00	335.00	225.00
Military Division Set	\$5,395.00	838.90	334.55	168.85
Gen Div Bow Set	49.30	49.30	49.30	49.30
Mil Div Bow Set	49.30	49.30	40.30	49.30

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The State Treasurer Dr. John Thorne AM, is holding OAA ties @ \$35.00; cuff-links @ \$30, scarves @\$35.00 each, Oration Booklets \$6.50, new brooches \$10 and pens are \$10 each.