



Order of Australia Association Newsletter Ltd Tasmanian Branch

State Secretary – Linley Grant OAM, 79 Mount Stuart Road MOUNT STUART 7000

Congratulations

The State Chairman and members of the Association in Tasmania sincerely congratulate the recipients of the Australia Day Honours 2007.

Australia Day Honours 26th January 2007

NAME & AWARD

Mr. Peter CUNDALL, AM Rosevears

Dr Sheila GIVEN, AM, Kingston

Mrs Marie McGRATH-KERR, AM, Launceston

The Hon. Neil ROBSON, AM, Norwood

Mr William FOSTER, OAM, Battery Point

Mrs Rowena MacKEAN, OAM, Montagu Bay

Mrs Priscilla PARK, OAM, Roches Beach

Mrs Mary POLACK, OAM, Sandy Bay

Mr Lance RIGNEY, OAM, Kingston Tas

Mr William SHIELDS, OAM, Sorell

Mrs Betty TASKER, OAM, Winkleigh

The Honourable George SHAW, OAM, Perth

Mr Lionel WHISH-WILSON, OAM,
deceased. Late of Devonport

FOR SERVICE TO

the environment, the protection of Tasmanian wilderness areas, and to horticulture, via gardening programs on television and radio.

the community via a range of state government committees and community organisations on ageing policy, and to education in Tasmania.

small business operators in the postal industry through the Post Office Agents Association, and to the community.

electoral reform through the voting system, to the Tasmanian Parliament, and to fishing and community organisations.

the community, via preserving and promoting Tasmania's maritime heritage.

adult and community education in Tasmania through the University of the Third Age and other organisations.

the environment through organisations involved with the conservation of Tasmanian shorebirds and wetlands areas.

pharmacy through the Tasmanian Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and a range of health-related organisations.

the community, particularly through contributions in the ex-service sector.

the building industry, particularly in the areas of training and education, and to the thoroughbred horseracing industry.

the community of West Tamar through support for a range of civic, sporting, aged care and agricultural show organisations.

the Tasmanian Parliament, and to the community through church, service, aged care and sporting organisations.

maritime safety as operator of Mersey Radio.

POST – INVESTITURE DINNER

Members of the Association and their guests are most welcome to attend the Investiture Dinner at The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Marieville Esplanade, SANDY BAY 7005 on Friday, 11th May at 6.30 for 7 p.m; 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.

Historian Alison Alexander, has accepted our invitation to be the Guest Speaker at the Dinner. She has written inter alia, *The Governors' Wives* and *Companion to Tasmanian History*, and is a most entertaining as well as an informative speaker.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

As this is my first newsletter since being elected as your Chairman, may I thank you for granting me the honour of assuming that role. I know that with the strengths of the committee members, I will have them to guide me through my learning period!

The State Committee met four times during the year, and discussed the issues of importance to the Association and the branch. Among these were the provision of the Order's banner for each region to be used at official functions (now well in hand), receipting of donations to the OAA Foundation, operating costs of the Branch, and reports from National Board meetings.

The successful State AGM was held at RSL Club in Devonport in October, which followed a church service at St John's Anglican Church. The main business was the election of the incoming State Committee. Copies of the Annual Report are available.

I'm sure I speak for all members, particularly the whole State Committee when I congratulate the retiring members on their valuable contribution over the years to the work of the Association. Jill Goddard OAM, Athol Eiszele ISO, OAM, Nell Ames OAM, Alan Swinton OAM, QPM and Mrs. Leona Bradley OAM, JP.

We thank each of them most sincerely for all they have done for the Association, particularly Leona who has served 13 years, and wish them well in their retirement from the committee. We all hope that we can keep in touch through the various state functions.

I have just attended the National Conference in Sydney from February 22nd to 25th, and after attending my first National Board meeting, can report that Past Director, Clarrie Byrne OAM has been awarded a well deserved plaque for his services. I, and those Tasmanians who attended, can attest the success of, and thoroughly enjoyable time we experienced at this National Conference, It was a great opportunity to catch up with members from other states and the news from other regions; we might "borrow" some fundraising ideas from them.

Pat Igoe AM

MEMBERS ELECTED TO STATE COMMITTEE 2007

North – Pat Igoe AM (Chairman), Robin Cromarty OAM, Graeme Barwick OAM.

North-west – Clarrie Byrne OAM, Betty Hite OAM, Francis Ransley OAM

South - Linley Grant OAM State Secretary, 79 Mount Stuart Road MOUNT STUART 6234 6672; email mgr70303@bigpond.net.au; Kay Skillington OAM State Treasurer, 16 Chapman Street BELLERIVE 7018 Ph. 6245 0693; email skillo@ozemail.com.au, Dr. John Thorne AM, Functions Manager , 6225 4588, Kath Venn OAM, Trevor Jacobs OAM. SB St. J., and Brian Sims AM.

Southern Regional Group

The South Region has enjoyed interesting guest speakers at its meetings, including George Sanders on his experiences as a prospector and Daniel Sutton from Hobart Water on how water is supplied to the Greater Hobart area. Marvellous garden parties were held at the Colville's home at Bagdad and Dr. Tooth's home at Ferntree. These raised \$750 for the Foundation. The resignation of Mrs. Leona Bradley OAM JP, was received with great regret by the State Committee, and at the Regional Branch meeting on 28th Feb. Brian Sims AM was elected to fill the casual vacancy until the next AGM

Northern Regional Group

The Northern region had a very successful bus trip in September to Legerwood to see the carvings there, followed by a lunch at Barnbougle. In October an afternoon tea was hosted by the Launceston City Council, followed by the group's AGM. and a barbecue at the HooHoo Hut in the Trevallyn Reserve on 17th. February 2007.

Northwest Regional Group

The Northwest has continued its social and fundraising program, including a wonderful dinner on the Spirit of Tasmania III, before it was removed from the Sydney/Devonport route. In February a luncheon was held at the Hotel Federal with an exciting visit to the Wynyard Exhibition Centre followed by a Devonshire Tea at the home of Betty Hite.

REPLACEMENT INSIGNIA

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

	AC	AO	AM	OAM
Lapel Badge	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Brooch	19.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Miniature	19.00	16.00	16.00	13.00
General Bow Set	44.50	41.00	41.00	39.50
Military Bow Set	44.50	41.00	41.00	39.50

Note : GST is included, plus engraving where appropriate.

Send cheques made payable to –The Collector of Public Monies, C/- The Honours Secretariat, Government House, Canberra ACT 2600

SUMMARY OF SPEECH BY BRENDAN McMAHON

Following the AGM, Brendan McMahon, from the Weather Bureau, Launceston, gave a most interesting speech on Global Warming. Here is a brief summary -

- Weather and climate affect everyone and everything;
- Climate is not static – it has changed in the past, however the current observed rate of change is a concern;
- Some common myths were highlighted, particularly those being projected by uninformed individuals and conflicting interest groups;
- The scientific community is aware of many factors contributing to climate change, including - earth versus sun relationship; solar intensity and sun spot activity; continental drift; ocean currents; urban heat sinks; volcanic activity; the *Greenhouse* effect; and the *Enhanced Greenhouse* effect.

Mr. McMahon explained what each of these factors did to the climate then went on to explain the make-up of the gases contributing to global warming - Carbon dioxide; methane; water vapour; nitrous oxide; carbon tetrafluoride; hexafluoroethane; sulfur hexafluoride; and all the HFC/CFCs etc. He explained the main sources of these contributors, including - fossil fuel burning, land use change, including deforestation; biomass burning; cement production; industrial production and consumer goods, e.g. aerosol propellants, refrigerants, foam-blowing agents, solvents and fire retardants.

Mr. McMahon explained that although a great deal of data was available there were many variables, so that it was difficult to model the effects. Climate system feedbacks include - water vapour and clouds; ice and snow; land surface heat; deep ocean circulation; the global carbon cycle, atmospheric chemistry and future emission scenarios. He also emphasised the non-homogenous nature of change, i.e. rainfall distribution and that we should realise the limitations of modeling. He stated that projections suggest that globally the best estimates, based on a range of computer model scenarios of future warming, to the year 2100 are 1.8°C to 4.0°C. (IPCC4 p.13) and highlighted that the most conservative estimate is more than double what we experienced in the last 100 years. For Tasmania the projections suggest (CSIRO, UTAS, Hydro report to 2040) that :

- The northeastern area of the state shows trends towards lower rainfall, higher maximum and minimum temperatures;
- The remainder of the state shows trends to higher rainfall, higher minimum temperatures and, on the west coast and highlands, a decrease in evaporation;

However, at present we must accept the limitations of modeling.

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ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION TIES AND SCARVES

The State Treasurer Mrs. Kay Skillington, OAM is holding OAA ties @ \$35.00; Scarves cost \$27.50 each and pens are \$10 each.



Wrest Point

Assistance in producing this Newsletter is acknowledged with thanks.