

# ORDER NEWS

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Patron: His Excellency Dr. Ken Michael AC, Governor of Western Australia

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**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION**  
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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we swelter through what appears to be the hottest summer on record, with all its discomfort, I am reminded that we have been fortunate in Western Australia to avoid significant catastrophe. Yes we have had some serious fires with loss of homes, tornadoes in Karratha and just today in the eastern suburbs of Perth, repeated floods in Carnarvon, no rain, yet much to be thankful for compared to many in flood torn Queensland, NSW and Victoria not to mention our neighbors across the Tasman in New Zealand.

As in previous years the generosity of the Australian people has again been demonstrated. They have not only reached deep into their pockets to help financially but have come out in numbers with incredible in-kind help. It has been a tangible expression of *love and pride in Australian citizenship* that has been demonstrated right across our vast continent.

By now you will have received your invitation to the Australia Day Honours Reception to be held at Council House on the evening of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Some 40 wonderful West Australians have been recognized for their worthy contribution to the Nation that has been above and beyond that normally expected. These people are recognized later in this newsletter with a brief citation of their achievements. The numbers are still disappointing for WA and I urge you once again to think about nominating people for these prestigious awards. We hope to publish a new brochure on the Australian Honours system – *Australia Celebrating Australians* - that provides a checklist for nominations as an aid in completing the nomination form. Some copies of the current brochure are available from our office (9225 5454).

A new initiative of the Executive for 2011 is a proposal that the Western Australia Branch establish a system of awards to encourage students to think about citizenship and the importance of contributing to their community through service and involvement.

A similar student citizenship award operates in Qld, NSW, SA, and the ACT.

Briefly the intention of these awards is to

- Recognise students for community service, not always the high achievers.
- Create role models that will encourage other students
- Value students who contribute
- Focus on ideals of good citizenship
- Create an awareness of the Order of Australia Honours system

Considerable consultation with the public and private school system is necessary and will take place during the year and if successful the Student Citizenship Awards could be implemented in 2012.

I had the pleasure to attend the Great Southern Group annual church service and dinner at the end of last year, so well organised by June Hodgson OAM.

As for 2011 it is all go - go - go. I look forward to your continued support through 2011.



Doreen Keding OAM addressing the children at the Great Southern Group service at the Wesley Uniting Church, Albany. Rev. Judy McKechnie looks on.

## POLICE PATRON WORKSHOP

Jenny McNae OAM

### “What a great idea it was to hold the Police Patron Workshop on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January”.

I arrived thinking, “I’ll find out how it works then decide if I wish to be part of it.” I left thinking, “When can I start?” Because there is only one patron attached to each squad during their training, a most valuable aspect of the workshop was the sharing of each patron’s individual experiences of the process. Along with the appreciation expressed were disappointments, difficulties when timetables had to be changed without notice, questions of protocol and times of sharing that brought sheer joy. Clearly this is a special gift our members can offer to the Police Academy and one that is highly valued.



The long arm of the law – Gary Coxon awarded the Recruit of the Year award from Chairman Clive Robartson AM at the Graduation Ceremony in January at Joondalup under the watchful eye of the Police Commissioner (left).

There are extra training squads this year because WA is hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in October and more police will be needed at that time.

The Police Academy campus is very beautiful with the parade ground set in front of a lake and elegant chapel. The grounds contain a realistic “village” with garage, tavern, pharmacy, domestic settings and police station. Here scenarios requiring police intervention are acted out and members of the squads learn to deal with the “public”. The Sgt. who showed us round warned that the language of the actors can get pretty rough when recreating realistic confrontational situations!

There are about 30 members of each squad and patrons are provided with background information on each member to facilitate contact. Patrons are welcome to attend whatever aspects of the training they wish. It is a good idea to time visits to include lunch break, thus allowing for the informal contact so crucial to the success of the programme.

The Police Patron scheme co-ordination has recently been handed over to Peter Winstanley OAM from long time coordinator John Hollingshead OAM. A detailed history of the scheme has been compiled by John and

was launched at the Annual Dinner last September. A plaque recognizing John’s great effort as coordinator was presented to him by His Excellency Dr. Ken Michael AC, Governor of Western Australia.



His Excellency Dr. Ken Michael AC presenting an Order Association plaque to John Hollingshead OAM (centre) at the 2010 Annual Dinner, Royal Perth Golf Club.

## BRANCH MEMBER RECEIVES RSL AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY AWARD

**Congratulations to WA Branch member Colonel Philip Skelton AM who recently received the RSL Australia Day Community Award.** The following citation appeared in the RSL paper *Listening Post* and is reproduced with their approval.

Colonel Philip Skelton AM has been the Deputy Warden of the State War Memorial for a number of years. His knowledge of the memorial and protocols relating to the memorial are extensive, and he is responsible for the running of over 30 ceremonies per year, including the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day, and the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service. His dedication and commitment is invaluable. Western Australia owes a debt of gratitude to Phillip and his team.



Col. Philip Skelton AM receiving the RSL Community Award from Bill Gaynor OAM – courtesy *The Listening Post*.

## 2011 Australia Day Honours

### Appointed an Officer (AO) – General Division

[KENNEDY, Antoinette](#) Trigg

For distinguished service to the law and to the judiciary, particularly in Western Australia, through major reforms of practices and procedures in the judicial system, to professional associations, as a mentor of women in the law, and to the community.

### Appointed a Member (AM) - General Division

[BEAHAN, The Hon. Michael](#) Victoria

For service to the Parliament of Australia particularly as a senator for WA, to the promotion of international bi-partisan political debate, to the pharmacy profession, and to the community.

[BLACKWELL, Marion Isabel](#) Mount Claremont

For service to conservation and the environment, particularly through the Australian Native Plants Society, and to the profession of landscape architecture.

[COURT, Barrymore Michael](#) City Beach

For service to the primary industry sector, particularly through the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia, and to environmental management initiatives.

[JUNIPER, Robert Litchfield](#) Darlington

For service to the visual arts, particularly as an Australian landscape painter and contemporary artist.

[MILROY, Jillian Debora](#) South Fremantle

For service to the community through the promotion and development of Indigenous education.

[PITSIKAS, Terence Keith](#)

For service to dentistry, particularly through executive roles with professional organisations, and to education.

[THOMPSON, Walter Ross](#) Nedlands

For service to medicine as a clinician in anaesthesia and intensive care, through contributions to the development of an educational framework and through executive roles within professional organisations.

### Appointed a Member (AM) - Military Division

[THOMPSON, David Andrew](#)

For exceptional service as the Commanding Officer, Combined Task Force 635 on Operation ANODE in the Solomon Islands in 2009 and 2010.

### Awarded the Medal of the Order (OAM) - General Division

[ALLEN, Lionel Clarence](#) Rockingham

For service to the community of Cocos (Keeling) Islands through the preservation and promotion of local history and heritage.

[CAMERON, Ian John](#) Swan View

For service to the viticulture industry in Western Australia.

[CARTER, Lawrence William](#) Albany

For service to the community of Albany.

[COCKS, Francis William](#) Ardross

For service to veterans, particularly through the Western Australian Branch of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia.

[DAVENPORT, Elizabeth Anne](#) Nedlands

For service to the fashion industry, and to the community.

[DAVIS, Angela Kathryn](#) Dianella

For service to the community, particularly through the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia.

[DEAN, Terence Kenneth](#) Munster

For service to Australian Rules football.

[DOWLING, Ross Kingston](#) Mount Pleasant

For service to the hospitality and tourism industry, to education, and to the development of ecotourism.

[FLOWER, John Marshall](#) Nedlands  
For service to the sport of sailing.

[HOLDING, Walter](#) Mandurah  
For service to veterans and their families.

[HUGHES, Malcolm Ronald](#) Rockingham  
For service to veterans and their families through the Western Australian State Section of the Naval Association of Australia.

[KELLY, Mary Teresa](#) West Leederville  
For service to nursing, particularly in the field of stomal therapy, and to the development of palliative care support in the Bunbury region.

[LANE, Kay Valmai](#) City Beach  
For service to women's golf and sports administration.

[LAWRENCE, Ramon](#) Canning Vale  
For service to martial arts.

[LOCKE, Heather Julie](#) Cowaramup  
For service to the arts in the Margaret River region.

[LUPTON, Gregory John](#) Mosman Park  
For service to the community through a range of sporting, aged care and education organisations.

[MAIN, Barbara York](#) Nedlands  
For service to science and conservation as a researcher and educator in the field of arachnology, and to the community of Western Australia.

[MEDCALF, Noela Elizabeth](#) Cottesloe  
For service to the Guiding movement, and to swimming.

[NEESHAM, Gerard Joseph](#) Fremantle  
For service to Indigenous youth, and to Australian Rules football.

[PARMENTER, Ian Richard](#) Margaret River  
For service to the food and tourism industries as an event director, author, journalist and broadcaster.

[PLANKEN, Eduard Johannes](#) Padbury  
For service to the Australian Honey Bee industry.

[PRANGNELL, Brian Charles](#) Butler  
For service to the community through church, youth, sporting and ex-service organisations.

[PUGH, John Walter](#) Wilson  
For service to the community through social justice organisations, and to the Uniting Church.

[PUGH, Margaret Mary](#) Wilson  
For service to the community through social justice organisations, and to the Uniting Church.

[REID, David Donald](#) Busselton  
For service to conservation and the environment, particularly through natural resource management roles.

[ROGERS, Ross Douglas](#) Kalgoorlie  
For service to the community of the Kalgoorlie region.

[ROSS, Jocelyn Clare](#) Geraldton  
For service to the community, and to education as a teacher of young people with a hearing impairment.

[ROSS, William Arthur](#) Geraldton  
For service to the Anglican Church of Australia, and to the community of Port Hedland.

[SANKARAN, Ramdas](#) Dianella  
For service to multiculturalism, and to the community of Western Australia.

[WALSH, Margaret Helene](#) Nedlands  
For service to people with disabilities, particularly through the Valued Independent People organisation.

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***Congratulations***

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## AUSTRALIA DAY CUP - ASCOT

Again this year the Association was invited by Perth Racing to present the Australia Day Cup at Ascot on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011.



The atmosphere at Ascot is always exciting and the surroundings very pleasant. As guests of the President Mr. Ted van Heemst and Mrs. Van Heemst the Executive enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and I believe some even came away with a few dollars in their pockets. The Branch appreciates the opportunity to promote the Association in this way.



The presentation of the Australia Day Cup at Ascot by the Association on Saturday 22 January. Members of the Executive with the owner, jockey and Perth Racing committee member Dr. K Christianson (left).

The following is a brief extract from the presentation speech by the Chairman Clive Robartson.

“The growing interest in Australia Day by the people of Western Australia is again obvious this year. On Wednesday next, we will once again come out to celebrate with the greatest of pride the achievements of our Nation over past decades. Australia Day is also the day our Nation recognizes our great achievers and also many quiet achievers with Australian Honours. Australia is unique in that anyone, you and I, can nominate worthy Australian people to receive such awards. I encourage you to nominate people for an award”.

## 2011 EVENTS

Please mark the following dates  
in your diary

### *Ecumenical Evensong Service*

**St. Georges Cathedral  
Sunday 26 June, 2011  
Commencing at 5:00 pm**

### *Queen's Birthday Honours Reception*

**Lawrence Wilson Gallery  
University of Western Australia  
Thursday 28 July 2011  
Commencing at 6:30 pm**

### *Annual Gala Dinner Wednesday 7 September, 2011*

**Royal Perth Golf Club  
Labouchere Road South  
Perth 7:00pm for 7:30 pm**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Keeping our membership roll current and up to date is very difficult and from time to time we slip up with incorrect addresses and members who may have passed away. We deeply apologise for any embracement we may have inadvertently caused. Regular updated lists come from Canberra and we try hard to keep our State list current. Please let our office (9225 5454) or Clive Robartson (9311 4357) know of any changes. Please also note that it is a WA Branch policy that obituary notices are not published either as a Vale Notice in this Newsletter or public notice in the West Australian newspaper.

## HOBART NATIONAL CONVENTION

The State was well represented by a team of dedicated members at the 25<sup>th</sup> National Meeting in Hobart, 10-11 February 2011. The Tasmanian Branch can be proud of their efforts in producing an inspiring and faultless Conference program.



Western Australian delegates at the 25th National Conference Dinner at Wrest Point, Hobart.

One of many highlights was the Symposium held following the opening ceremony by The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Hobart and the Hon. Shane Stone AC QC National President. Four prominent Tasmanians delivered dissertations on the conference theme 'We are Australian – Unity and Australian Values'. I expect that the next issue of our National Order Newsletter will provide more from these excellent addresses.



National President Hon. Shane Stone AC QC and Hon. Sir Guy Green AC KBE CVO (left) following the wreath laying ceremony. Note the tall ship Young Endeavour in the back ground.

The Multi-faith Observance and Wreath Laying Ceremony on the last day will be remembered for many years by those able to attend. The sharing in a 'Charter for Compassion' by the assembled appealed for the creation of a just economy and peaceful global community. A wreath was thrown into the Derwent River by Sir Guy Green and Shane Stone as a lone piper played and a two gun salute fired from the Young Endeavour. It was a moving tribute.

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Scarves:	\$30.00
Pens:	\$10.00 ea.
Cuff-links:	\$40.00 (in presentation box)
Ladies Brooch	\$20.00

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