

ORDER NEWS

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
Western Australian Branch

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Here we are well into 2007 and our Association activities underway. The new Branch committee elected at our November 2006 Annual General Meeting have met on two occasions planning events for 2007. I would urge you all to note in your diaries the coming events advertised in this Order News and plan now to attend them.

The names and contact details of our new committee are to be found in this edition and I trust you will not hesitate to contact me or any members of the committee for details on our activities for the year or to provide suggestions that you think could improve our Association activities.

I would like to place on record my grateful thanks to the 2006 committee for their contribution to the Association in Western Australia. In particular our appreciation to the retiring members, Em. Prof. Val Pervan AM, Dr Keven Turner AM and Rolf Stene AM. We are particularly in debt to Val Pervan who has retired as Treasurer after many years of faithful service. If any member is interested in taking on this role please contact our Hon. Secretary Clive Robartson (0419 048 556) forthwith. The pay is great!

Thank you for the strong support for the Annual Dinner last September it was well attended (117) and enjoyed by all. Prof. David Malcolm AC QC was the guest speaker and excelled as always. This year's Annual Dinner will be held on the 27th July as a mid-year event. I look forward to meeting you throughout the coming months.

Rod Willox



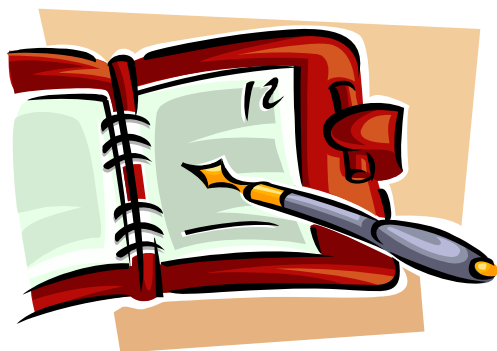
Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE Professor David Malcolm AC QC (guest speaker) and Col Rod Willox AM RFD ED JP enjoying the Annual Dinner at the Hyatt Hotel Perth.

**AUSTRALIA DAY
HONOURS
COCKTAIL RECEPTION
DUXTON HOTEL PERTH
Friday 30 March 2007 6:30pm
Guest Speaker : Max Kay AM**

**RECEPTION for YOUTH
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Wednesday May 30, 2007
3.00 pm to be seated by 2:45 pm**

THE PROGRAM FOR 2007

Please mark the following dates in your diary.



Ecumenical Evensong Service
St. George's Cathedral
Sunday June 10, 2007
Commencing 5:00 pm

Annual Dinner
Friday July 27, 2007
Venue to be advised
6:30 pm for 7:00 pm

Cocktail Reception for the
Queen's Birthday Honours
Friday 7th September 2007
Venue to be advised

Annual General Meeting
The WA Branch AGM will be held
on Thursday 1st November 2007
Bank West Tower,
108 St. Georges Terrace
commencing at 12:15 pm

POSITION VACANT HON. TREASURER

The Branch is in desperate need of a Treasurer. If you have accounting and/or financial experience and a little spare time we would appreciate your assistance on the Branch Committee. Call Clive 0419 048 556

UP AND RUNNING FOR 2007

The year got away with a fast start on Saturday 27 January a very hot day (40°C+), at Ascot Raceway for our first event for the 2007 Australia Day Cup.

The Branch was delighted to again be invited by Mr. Ted van Heemst Chairman WA Turf Club to present the Australia Day Cup.



Chairman Col Rod Willox AM presenting the Australia Day Cup to Mr. Len Moore the owner of the winning horse Kia Ora Miss

In presenting the Cup the Chairman Col. Rod Willox AM made good use of the opportunity to acknowledge the newly awarded Australia Day Honours recipients and encouraged the race goers to consider nominating people for recognition as prominent Australians.



Executive members with the Australia Day Cup winner and WA Turf Club representative (far right).

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS 2007

The Order of Australia Association, Western Australian Branch, extends its congratulations to those citizens listed below who received an Award in the 2007 Australia Day Honours.

Congratulations

Appointed an Companion (AC) in the General Division

HOLMES à COURT, Janet Lee

East Perth

For service to business, particularly as a leader in the construction, wine and cattle industries, to the advancement of Western Australia's musical and theatre culture, to the visual arts, and to the community.

MARSHALL, Barry James

Subiaco

Citation: For service to medicine and to medical research, particularly through the discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter Pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease.

WARREN, John Robin

Northbridge

For service to medicine and to medical research, particularly through the discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter Pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease.

Appointed an Officer (AO) in the General Division

COURT, Margaret

City Beach

For service to tennis as a player, as a mentor to junior female elite competitors and through professional development programs; and to the communities of Australia and Sri Lanka as the initiator of a range of pastoral care, social support and emergency accommodation projects.

TWOMEY, Thomas

North Beach

For service to higher education as an administrator and academic, through promoting Australian tertiary education

to the international market, and as a supporter of Indigenous, regional and multicultural education programs.

Appointed a Member (AM) in the General Division

BEAUCHAMP, Colin Charles

Southern River

For service to the community, particularly through a range of executive and fundraising roles with the Lions Cancer Institute in Western Australia.

BRAYSHAW, Geoffrey Frank

Mount Claremont

For service to the accounting profession through executive roles with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, and to the community as a supporter of heritage and sporting organisations.

HALL, Evelyn Nyirmaria

Kununurra

For service to the Indigenous community as an advocate for land rights, social justice, and the economic advancement and education of traditional owners in the Kimberley region.

HARDWICK, Christine Dorothy

Bencubbin

For service to the community and local government through the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Shire of Mount Marshall, and to rural road safety.

HOUSE, Anthony Keith

Peppermint Grove

For service to medicine, particularly in the fields of liver and kidney transplantations, to rural and remote health, and to education.

IRDI, Gus

Leederville

For service to the community through a range of youth, social welfare and educational organisations, including Youth Focus, and to the law.

KELLY, Ross William

Karrinyup

For service to Indigenous youth through the Clontarf Foundation, to Australian Rules football, to business as a company director, and to the development of water resource policy in Western Australia.

KING, James Thomas

Mount Nasura

For service to the community through the development and introduction of a range of policing programs dealing with crime prevention and child safety, to improving the professional education and training of the security industry, and to charitable organisations.

MacLEAN, Peter Donald

Applecross

For service to the community through cemetery and crematoria facility management.

MICKEL, Ian Stanley

Esperance

For service to local government through the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Shire of Esperance.

STRICKLAND, George Joseph

Gwelup

Citation: For service to the Western Australia Parliament as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to local government, and to the community.

WILSON, Robert Houston

Mosman Park

Citation: For service to the pork industry through a range of research and producer organisations, contributions to business development and market expansion, and improved farm management practices to protect the environment.

Awarded the Medal of the Order (OAM) in the General Division

ARROWSMITH, Douglas Ross

Floreat

For service to veterans and their families through the Nedlands Sub-Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia, to the community and to lawn bowls.

ATLAS, Harry

Dianella

For service to the Jewish community of Perth and to small business development.

BEECH, Michael Robert

Cottesloe

For service to the community through a range of educational, church, service and sporting organisations.

BELCHER, Wayne Laurence

Carramar

For service to the community, particularly through developing and promoting new initiatives in the aged care industry.

BURLING, Jean Elizabeth

Mosman Park

For service to surf lifesaving through a range of roles at national, state and club level, and developing lifesaving programs in Bali.

CROSS, Donald Murray

Bunbury

For service to the community, particularly as a volunteer with the Global InterAction program of the Baptist Union of Australia.

de BURG, William John

Bentley

For service to the community, particularly through recording and preserving local and Western Australian history, and through local government in the Shire of Gingin.

FARDON, Ralph Henry

Winthrop

For service to local government, and to the community through church, service and aged care organisations.

GENEVE, Vyonne Marie

Roleystone

For service to the community through recording and preserving Art Deco architecture and art in Western Australia.

GENOVESE, Carmelo

Dianella

For service to the Italian community of Perth through a range of welfare and cultural organisations, and to vocational education.

HAFFENDEN, Brian Ernest

Riverton

For service to the community through providing assistance to people with drug or alcohol dependencies and their families to access treatment programs, and as a supporter of humanitarian aid projects.

HAYES, Keith Mortimer

Como

For service to the community of Timor-Leste through the Independent Trust of the 2/2nd Commando Association, and to veterans and their families.

KING, Robert William

Claremont

For service to engineering through the design and construction of oil and gas production facilities in Australia's North West Shelf region.

LAYCOCK, Brian Edward

Quairading

For service to the community of Quairading through local government, rural health and agricultural business organisations.

MAGRATH, Ronald James

Lesmurdie

For service to aviation in Australia as a pilot, instructor and contributor to a range of industry bodies.

MURRAY, Anne Elizabeth

Madeley

For service to the community, particularly through counselling and victim support organisations.

OATES, Barry James

Busselton

For service to the dairy industry, and to water resource and catchment management.

RICHARDSON, James William

Melville

For service to the community of Fremantle, particularly through the Fremantle Local Drug Action Group.

WALTON, Harold Charles

Carnamah

For service to rural communities in Western Australia through support for agricultural, welfare, historical and sporting organisations in the Carnamah region.

WALTON, Terrance Rowell

Carnamah

For service to rural communities in Western Australia through support for agricultural, welfare, historical and sporting organisations in the Carnamah region.

WELLS, Marie

Dianella

For service to the dental profession, particularly through the Dental Assistants' Association of Australia.

WHITEHOUSE, Jessie Lorraine

Dianella

For service to the community, particularly through the Ostomy Association of Western Australia.

WYBURN, Robert Sharp

Margaret River

For service to veterinary science and education, particularly through professional organisations and in the field of radiology, and to the community of Margaret River.

YORK, Warren John

Mount Barker

For service to the co-operative movement, and to the community of Mount Barker through a range of health, aged care, school and church organisations.

Awarded the OAM in the Military Division

RUDGE, Vincent Lee

For meritorious service as the Food Services Manager and Support Departmental Regulator in HMAS ARUNTA, and as Leadership Instructor at the Junior Sailors Leadership and Management Faculty - West.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Would members please advise our Hon Sec by phone (0419 048 556) or in writing, of any change of contact details. If you know of someone who has been honoured

in the Order of Australia, who is not a member of the Association but may wish to join, please invite them to do so and forward their contact details to the office.

POLICE ACADEMY PATRON SCHEME GREAT VALUE

Our major WA Branch community service project is the Police Patron's Program, which continues unabated. The program was initially expanded due to a series of Direct Entry Advances Training (DEAT) courses being established by the WA Police Academy to "fast track" over 300 experienced police officers recruited from overseas (mainly the UK) and interstate. The mentoring role of Patrons was modified so as to address issues with which local recruits do not have to contend. This required the involvement of more members I would like to thank those who volunteered.

At the final Graduation Parade for 2006 the Chairman presented the trophy to the Top Graduate for the year and an Order of Australia Association plaque suitable inscribed to the Academy Principal.



Chairman Col. Rod Willox AM presenting an Order of Australia Association plaque to the Joondalup Police Academy Principal Chris Dawson.

"DIRECTORY OF ADVISORS" INTRODUCED - After three DEAT courses it was realized by both the Patrons and the Academy staff that for a number of reasons the scheme was inappropriate for DEAT program. After joint consultation a "Directory of Advisors" was developed

which has been warmly welcomed by Academy staff and DEAT trainees, and is already proving very useful.

BURSARY TO CURTIN STUDENT

We are delighted to announce that one of the four Order of Australia Association Foundation student bursaries has been awarded to Western Australian Ashley Hunt.

Ashley is in his third year of the four year Bachelor of Chemical Engineering at Curtin University. The award was presented at the Annual Dinner of the Order of Australia National Conference on Saturday 24th February at the Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney by the Governor General, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC.



Ashley Hunt (left) receiving the Order of Australia Foundation award from His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC

Ashley has spent his three month University vacation with Rio Tinto Pilbara Iron gaining valuable practical know-how that will undoubtedly assist with his continuing study at Curtin. "The knowledge and contacts that I have made, could possibly open the door for me within the Rio Tinto group should I wish to pursue a career in the minerals and resource industry. I am currently working with iron ore, however, other minerals such as gold or alumina would be more suited to my field of study due to the various extraction processes" said Ashley.

Right now Ashley is back to his final year at Curtin by is very keen to gain employment with one of the large multinational companies after graduating. We wish Ashley well and will follow his progress with interest. He is the second Foundation member from Western

Australia and we hope he will be able to encourage other young West Australians as he continues his career at Curtin.

GREAT SOUTHERN GROUP NEWS

June Hodgson OAM group convener for the Great Southern Group reports that their annual Church Service and Luncheon held on Sunday 3rd December last year was a wonderful success and enjoyed by some 36 members and guests.

A warm welcome to new members R.Elms OAM and G.McGuire OAM added to the event with members from as far a field as Gnowangerup. Congratulations June and our entire Great Southern group for your excellent work. More functions are planned for 2007.



Great Southern Group members following the December Church Service and Luncheon at Albany.

NEW POST OFFICE BOX ADDRESS

Please note that the Australia Post Office previously conveniently located opposite our office has relocated 100 meters down the road to Adelaide Terrace and as a result there has been a minor change to our WA Branch PO address.

The new address is

**PO BOX 3525 ADELAIDE TERRACE,
PERTH WA 6832**

TIES, SCARVES & PENS

Available now at all receptions or from the office:

Neckties:	New style \$35.00 – Old style \$25.00
Scarves:	Blue \$25.00 (New style, chiffon or twill) White \$10.00
Pens:	\$10.00 ea.

(All plus package and postage \$2.50 per item).
Note: For wear by Association members only

NATIONAL CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2007

Fourteen West Australians attended the National Conference in Sydney from 22 to 25 February 2007 and shared a wonderful series of events well organized by the NSW Branch for the National Executive.

It was an exciting time to be in Sydney. The City celebrated the "Royal Rendezvous" of the two Queens of the Sea - Queen Elizabeth 2 and Queen Mary 2 with a spectacular fireworks display. Sharing the CBD roads with the US Vice-President's speeding motor cavalcades was something to behold along with numerous protest demonstrations. These were accompanied by police squads with their horses and guard dogs. Sydney turned on lovely weather throughout the conference.

Some 300 members enjoyed the hospitality of the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir AC at Government House and a wonderful Annual Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel attended by His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery AC CVO MC.

A particular highlight for the West Australian contingent was the Annual Order of Australia Association Oration. To our surprise it was presented by Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC. It was a pleasure to meet with General Sanderson and Mrs. Sanderson and renew acquaintance with one of our past Patrons of the WA Branch. His address as expected was outstanding. Copies of the address will be published on the Order website shortly. www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au



Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC and Mrs. Lorraine Sanderson with members from Western Australia at the National Oration.

The Order Web Site

The Order web site has been setup and has a mine of information available on what the Association is doing around Australia. The WA Branch is a little light on for detail. We could use a web site co-coordinator if you

have some spare time available to help with this please give Clive a call on 0419 048 556.

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OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE ASSOCIATION WAS ESTABLISHED

Members might recall a comment regarding the objectives of the Association in the previous issue. Most are aware of the statement contained in the national publication *The Order*: "To foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship and to uphold the high principles and prestige of the Order of Australia".

Few are aware that there are in fact eight objects contained in the Memorandum of Association. These are:

- To promote loyalty to the Sovereign and to the institution of the Crown, and to foster love of and pride in Australian Citizenship.
- To uphold the high principles and prestige of the Order of Australia.
- To afford means for members of the Association to conduct commemorative or other functions from time to time.
- To encourage continuing meritorious appointments to and awards of the Order of Australia.
- To foster awareness in the Australian community of Australia's history, traditions and culture.
- To promote good citizenship by example, by encouragement, and by awards to individuals, institutions and organizations.
- To encourage the development of a constructive and positive sense of national unity amongst Australians.
- To do such other lawful things as would further these objects.

Rather lofty ideals you might say! However, these are our guiding principles to which we as members are committed. We must endeavour to observe these objects in our personal lives as well as to ensure that Association activities are oriented towards furthering them.

At a State level, the programs our Branch have in place are designed on that basis, focusing particularly on recognizing and rewarding youth. At the National level the Order of Australia Association Foundation supports the next generation of leaders by helping promising young Australians from all walks of life to achieve their potential.