

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

Branch Directors Report to NCM 51 Hobart Report for period August 2010 – February 2011 Western Australia Branch

Looking After Our Members

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held on Wednesday September 1st 2010 at the Royal Perth Golf Club. His Excellency, the Governor of Western Australia, Dr. Ken Michael AC (Patron) and Mrs. Michael attended and the guest speaker was Deputy Commissioner Chris Dawson of the WA Police Service. Chris Dawson was Principal at the Police Academy when the Police Recruit Squad Patron scheme was established by the WA Branch in 2000. The Dinner was once again very successful and enjoyed by all. The move away from the Perth CBD greatly reduced the overall costs. The Royal Perth Golf Club also offers ample parking close by and is generally easy to get to from most parts of the Perth Metropolitan area.

10th Anniversary of the Recruit Squad Patron Scheme

The Annual Dinner provided an opportunity to present a brief but thorough history of the Recruit Patron Scheme written by John Hollingshead OAM. John has been the coordinator of the Recruit Squad Patron Scheme at the WA Police Academy for the last 5 years. The booklet outlines of the scheme and also testifies to the talent that John contributed to the program through his leadership and determination to do things well. He has been passionate about this work and to a very large extent has carried the burden himself. Lt.Col. Peter Winstanley OAM is to take over the coordination of the scheme as John retired in November 2010.

Recruit Squad Patron Scheme at the WA Policy Academy

A pleasant morning tea was held at the Joondalup Police Academy early in the year to farewell the retiring Principal of the Academy Superintendent Kellie Properjohn APM. The Chairman Clive Robartson AM, presented Kellie with an Order of Australia Association plaque suitably inscribed to recognize her kind support to this valuable work that our Branch is privileged to be part of. Superintendent Properjohn was very supportive and a great encouragement to our patrons at Joondalup during her term as Principal. The new Principal Superintendent Craig Donaldson was present and indicated that he will continue to support our work with the Police Patron Scheme. The Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan APM hosted a lunch for the current patrons and a morning tea at which Patrons received their squad photographs was also held.

Australia Day Cup - Ascot Racecourse

The Committee was once again invited as special guests of Perth Racing for the Australia Day Cup on Saturday 24th January. The Chairman presented the Australia Day Cup to the winning owners and made a brief speech, which was televised live. It is always a prestigious event and provides an excellent opportunity to promote the Order of Australia Awards and showcase the Association.

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At the AGM on 16th November 2010 the following people were appointed to the WA Branch Executive.

Chairman:	Mr. Clive Robartson AM LGM
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. Doug Bathgate OAM
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. Stan Nowak OAM
Committee:	Dr. Ken Collins AM CitWA
	Maj.Gen. Barry Nunn AO RFD ED
	Mrs. Joy Sinclair OAM
	Mr. Noel Smith OAM
	Ms Jenny McNae OAM
	Mr. Tom Alford AM ED
Co-opted Members:	Lt. Col. Peter Winstanley OAM

The work of Mrs. Gwen Roderick AM who retired following 5 years of service to the committee and that of Mr. Ian Passmore OAM who had to resign due to work commitments was recognized at the AGM their contribution to the Branch has been greatly appreciated. The commitment of Mr. John Hollingshead OAM as coordinator of the Police Patron Scheme previously referred to has been of great value to the Branch.

Finance – The Branch had a successful year meeting all of its commitments with a small operating surplus of \$3,212.90. Current assets total \$32,074.72

Issues with Association-wide Implications

The Branch Chairman and Mr. Harold Clough AM, following consultation with the Secretary of the Foundation Brian O’Keeffe AO has met with a potential donor. We are confident that there will be a successful outcome and to this end the Chairman of the Foundation Hugh Morgan AC is to meet with this donor shortly.

Clive Robartson AM LGM
Chairman
January 2011