Editor’s message

Welcome to the Winter edition and the second E-newsletter for the year. Recently a list of Queen’s Birthday Honours was declared and we heartily congratulate this new group of Honour recipients to the Order. We would urge the Association members to reach out to the recipients to engage them in the Association. Trying to ensure that the new recipients become members of this Association is an important opportunity for members to enhance this organisation with new blood, ideas and enthusiasm.

However, the Queen’s Birthday list, which contains only 31% women, has again proved that much needs to be done to reach gender equality. This is an issue which is very much championed by the Governor-General, President, the Association’s Committee and probably by most of the members. Despite all the good-will, unfortunately not much is changing. Why is this so?

The process of the honours system can take two to three years to reach to their conclusion. So this year’s outcome is a result of nominations submitted some time ago. In the latest copy of The Order, an article about an initiative entitled “Honour A Woman” was published. According to this article, only 21.7 % of men nominated women and only 44.3 % of women nominated women for the Order of Australia awards. Could this be the root cause of the gender in- balance? If so, we encourage all male and female members of the Association to increase their nominations of women. There are many worthy women who would be qualified for an award based on their merit.

This is the challenge for members of the Association to go out and seek and nominate those women who deserve the recognition by the Nation’s greatest honour. To assist those members wishing to nominate, a ready-made reference is attached at the end of this e-newsletter. Good luck!

Dr John Basarin OAM
Chairman's message

Winter has arrived and the autumn colours of beautiful Melbourne are finally going. Living opposite our Royal Botanical Gardens allows us to walk our dog through this amazing beauty of Melbourne on a regular basis. The changing seasons does however cause me to reflect on change and why it is such an important aspect of nature.

I give advice and support to many NFP boards in Victoria and at a recent presentation to the Foundation of a major Victoria hospital group I was able to point out the robust approach we take to the makeup of the Victorian Branch of The Association. Members that are nominated and elected to the branch serve a maximum period of 5 years. Those that take on an executive position such as Chair, Deputy, Secretary and Treasurer may have that term extended by a further 3 year.

Of course, the argument of losing valuable talent unnecessarily can be made and it is disappointing to lose those who have given so much of their time and treasure to the organisation. Marion Lau OAM and Voi Williams OAM were 2 such losses last year and from my point of view it was an emotional loss for me after working closely with them over the years. Like most members of our Association however Marion and Voi have extensive involvements in the community and I take the view that we should not hold them from their great works and allow them to do much more in the broader community.

With change however comes opportunity and the replacements of both with Helene Bender OAM and Michael Kennedy OAM show us the value of new blood. New ideas, possibilities and general improvement should result from the renewal and in this case that is certainly true.

With this in mind I head to the National Board Meeting on July 10 to elect new members of the National Executive. That will include Chair, Deputy, Secretary and Membership Secretary.

Transparency has been restored and in your latest copy of The Order you will have a nomination form sent to all members to nominate these Non-Branch Nominated Directors of the National Board.

Our chance to refresh the Organisation from the top is being presented here and I encourage any member who thinks this is something they can contribute to, to take action and get that nomination in by June 30, 2017.

Paul Wheelton AM
The relevant dates for E-Newsletter and The Order contributions are summarized below [subject to change]. Please submit your timely articles to editor:

**Dr John Basarin OAM, editorvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au**

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## Upcoming Events

**Victoria Branch**

### August

**Wednesday 2nd: State Branch reception for New Awardees.**

This reception is for Australia Day 2017 and Queens Birthday 2017 award recipients and is by invitation only. For further information contact Fred Harrington OAM at secvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

### November

**Wednesday 22nd: State Branch Annual General Meeting and Luncheon.**

This is to be held at William Angliss Institute. The Annual General Meeting commences at 11:00am and the Luncheon at 12 noon. Guest Speaker will be Channel 9 newsreader and 2017 Australia Day award recipient Peter Hitchener OAM

### December

**Wednesday 20 December – Jointly with Friends of Gallipoli Inc.**

Commemoration ceremony of coming of peace to Gallipoli, between the ANZACs and the Turks- 12 noon, Shrine of Remembrance. For further information contact Dr John Basarin OAM, jbasarin.ooavic@gmail.com

### February 2018

**Friday 23 February: Order of Australia- Victoria Branch - Oration**

The second annual “Inspiring Australians” Oration is to be held in Deakin Edge at Federation Square commencing at 11 a.m. Bookings are available at: [www.trybooking.com/267521](http://www.trybooking.com/267521). For further details contact Fred Harrington OAM, State Secretary at secvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au
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### Regional Groups

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Thursday 17th: Barwon Regional Group.
Primary School Citizenship Award presentations and morning tea from 10.30am to 12noon at Geelong RSL. 2017 is the third year of this Award. Further details will be available end of June. For additional information please contact Helene Bender OAM Barwon Regional Group Secretary at helenebender@westnet.com.au

Friday 18th: Mornington Peninsula Regional Group
Annual Luncheon and Roy Ward Prize Presentation. For bookings or further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at ber.bri@bigpond.com

Sunday 20th: North East and Goulburn Valley
Function at the Euroa Butter Factory. Guest speaker will be Prof Jim Bishop AO, former Executive Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Centre (CCV) in Melbourne. Contact: Barbara Thomas, E: pb.thomas@bigpond.com

September - No events reported for this edition.

October

Sunday 15th: Central Highlands
Spring Luncheon at Quarry Restaurant, Halls Gap. For bookings or further information contact Jean Wise OAM at honeywise@bigpond.com

Tuesday 17th: Central Suburbs Regional Group
The Networking Evening to be held between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. For further information contact Dr John Basarin OAM, jbasarin.ooavic@gmail.com

Wednesday 18th: Gippsland Regional Group
Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnett Address. Guest Speaker will be Professor Doug. Hilton, AO, CEO of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. For bookings or further information contact Beth Delzoppo OAM at bdelzoppo@bigpond.com

November

Friday 10th: Mornington Peninsula Regional Group
Afternoon Tea/ Piano Recital at Beleura House and Garden Mornington along with viewing of the Dame Nellie Melba Rose Garden in full bloom. This will also include the presentation of our School Award 2017. For bookings or further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at ber.bri@bigpond.com
Wednesday 22nd: Regional Groups meeting
The meeting is to be held between 2:00pm and 4:00pm at William Angliss Institute following the State Branch AGM and Luncheon.

Thursday November 30: Barwon Regional Group
Annual General Meeting at The Gordon Gallery, Annual luncheon at the Davidson Restaurant (Gordon TAFE) and the 2017 Archibald Prize Exhibition tour at the Geelong Gallery. The exhibition tour will be led by Geelong Gallery Director Jason Smith. Please save the date in your diary. For additional information please contact Helene Bender OAM Barwon Regional Group Secretary at helenebender@westnet.com.au or Mobile 0407 261 951

December - No events reported for this edition.
News from the State Branch Committee

State Web pages
The Victoria Branch web pages of the OAA website are updated regularly to ensure members have up to date information regarding state matters and events particularly the Upcoming events for State Branch and Regional Group functions.

Recently added pages include the Policy for contact with New Awardees, Guidelines for submission of articles for the State e-newsletter and The Order and State Branch Annual General Meeting information.

If you missed the Inspiring Australians Oration earlier this year a copy of the Governors presentation is on the Victorian web site together with details of the 2018 Oration.

New Awardees
Congratulations letters from State Chair, Paul Wheelton AM have been sent to all the Queen's Birthday award recipients. Included with the congratulatory letter was an invitation to the State Branch reception for new awardees being held in August. Invitations to the reception for new awardees were also sent to all 2017 Australia Day award recipients.

State Branch Luncheon and Annual General Meeting
These events are to be held on Wednesday 22 November 2017 commencing at 11:00 am at the William Angliss Institute. Guest speaker will be Channel 9 newsreader and 2017 Australia Day award recipient Peter Hitchener OAM

Name Badges
If you want a name badge for yourself or partner or maybe for a new awardee that has just joined your Regional Group these can be obtained on line from Name Badges Australia by logging into the website www.namebadgesaustralia.com using the e-mail/username chairvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au and Password: oaassoc1. For any assistance contact State Secretary, Fred Harrington OAM at secvic@theorderofaustralia.asn.au.

The Order of Australia Association – Merchandise
Association members are able to purchase the Association’s merchandise. The current selection of merchandise can be ordered via:
Mr Richard Rozen OAM, National Merchandise Officer
E-mail: rozenr@bigpond.com Phone (03) 9592 8068
The conference dinner at this year’s National Conference was held in the magnificently restored Brisbane City Hall. During the evening three OAA Foundation scholarships were presented. One of these scholarships was donated by Victoria Branch to Mr Jordan Eitler studying at Deakin, Geelong.

Each scholarship is valued at $45,000, paid over three years with each recipient also allocated an expert mentor. Access to such a mentor greatly enhances the value of the scholarship.

The Victoria Branch gratefully acknowledges the generous assistance of its Chairman, Paul Wheelton AM, and the donation of $2500 from the North East Victoria and Goulbourn Valley Regional Group in assisting with the Branch’s contribution. Jordan’s proud parents, Darleen and Phil, were present during the ceremony.

The following is the citation read by Hugh Morgan, Chairman of the Foundation, when presenting Jordan to the Governor General.

Jordan Eitler is a Deakin University (Geelong Campus) student from Wodonga in Victoria. He is enrolled in the double Degrees of Bachelor of Criminology and Bachelor of Laws, where he has achieved excellent results.

He completed his secondary education at Catholic College Wodonga in 2013, achieving an ATAR score of 87.4. He then took a gap year traineeship in a certificate 3 course in Education Support. This led to a position as an assistant to the Department Manager. His main role was to support refugees and students with learning difficulties. As a member of the North Geelong Football Club Jordan enjoys the community involvement, time apart from studies and consolidating his leadership talents.

When Jordan was twelve his father incurred a life changing accident and Jordan needed to take a major responsibility to assist his mother with a large family, including assisting with the family finances. There was significant stress in the family during the time of pursuing compensation for his father’s injury and it was this experience which kindled Jordan’s interest in law.
Van Gogh and the Seasons

For the last four years the Victoria Branch has offered members and their guests the opportunity to visit the annual winter “blockbuster” at the National Gallery of Victoria. The package consists of an introductory lecture, entry to the exhibition followed by lunch at the nearby Café Vic.

This year’s exhibition featured some 50 masterpieces of Vincent Van Gogh. 140 members and friends attended.

Once again we were fortunate in having Dr Ted Gott, Senior Curator of International Art at the NGV, as our lecturer. Few others could equal Ted’s ability to weave the story of Van Gogh’s tragic life, and the influences on his art. Van Gogh was both a brilliant intellect and linguist and had a consuming love of the natural world. The exhibition focussed on his interpretation of life in the changing seasons.

Next year’s exhibition will be of works from the Museum of Modern Art, New York. Once again the Victoria Branch will be offering members the opportunity to visit this exhibition.
News from the Regional Groups

Barwon

Barwon Regional Group Remembering ANZAC Day 2017

The rain cleared and Glenn Agnew Senior Vice President Geelong RSL welcomed everyone to the Geelong RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day wreath laying service on a cool still autumn morning.

It was pleasing to see the following Order of Australia Association Barwon Regional Group members at this service:
Barbara Abley AM Chair laying a wreath on behalf of Barwon Regional Group, Ian Barnes OAM laying a wreath on behalf of the Royal United Services of Defence Studies, Helene Bender OAM Secretary, Lloyd Gosling AM Past Chair, and Jayne Salmon OAM.

Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph forecourt by many dignitaries and this year the Geelong Youth Choir sang songs that reflected on the importance of the day; Amazing Grace, Shackleton and Waltzing Matilda. Glenn Agnew read the ANZAC Day Ode, Piper Corporal Graham Bolton played the Pipers Lament and St Joseph’s College Geelong Bugler Sarah Hepworth played the Last Post. Catafalque duties were undertaken by Alfa Coy 8/7th RVR.

Glenn Agnew acknowledged those who gave their life for our country and reminded us it is an appropriate time to reflect on the brave men and women who have served our nation in all wars, conflicts and on peacekeeping operations. Rev. Russell Trickey from Christ Church Geelong led us in prayer then Julie Beattie on behalf of the Federal Member of Corangamite Sarah Henderson MP read an ANZAC Day message from The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull Prime Minister of Australia.

The OAA Barwon Regional Group congratulates everyone involved in this year’s ANZAC Day Service at the Geelong RSL - Lest we Forget.

We are forever grateful to the men and women, past and present, who have served in our Army, Navy and Air Force.

Primary School Citizenship Award Invitation
Barwon Regional Group invites OAA members and one guest per member to our 2017 Primary School Citizenship Award presentation to a school that has undertaken a project with their students that promotes the value of Australian citizenship in some way.

This award is in line with the Order of Australia Association aim “fostering love of and pride in Australian citizenship”. The Geelong RSL is an “in kind” sponsor; the award fits their goals of supporting children during the Anzac Day commemorations.

All primary schools in the OAA Barwon Regional Group catchment have been invited to submit project applications.

Jordan Eitler will be the guest speaker. Jordan is a student at Deakin University Waterfront Geelong Campus and a 2017 recipient of an Order of Australia Foundation scholarship.

The selection panel of Maureen Zampatti OAM, Professor Geoff Wilson AM and Wayne Myers OAM will shortlist the applications and invite those schools to make a presentation on Thursday August 17, 2017 at the Geelong RSL, 50 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont. Please note there is ample onsite parking.

The winning school will receive $500 and the Geelong RSL perpetual trophy, a replica of ‘The Spirit of ANZAC’ sculpture by William Wallace Anderson (1888-1975) that commemorates the soldiers who fought in World War 1.

The cost of the presentation and morning tea is free however RSVP is essential by August 10, 2017 for catering purposes, name badge preparation and seating.

Invitation will be distributed to our members late June early July 2017.
Annual City of Greater Geelong Civic Reception for 2017 AD and QB recipients Wednesday July 26:

Dr Kathy Alexander Chair of the City of Greater Geelong Administrators will formally host and welcome 2017 Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday recipients and their families to this event at The Gordon Gallery. A formal invitation will be sent to our 2017 recipients mid to late June from the City of Greater Geelong.

Archibald Prize is coming to Geelong

First awarded in 1921, the Art Gallery of New South Wales’ Archibald Prize is Australia’s favourite art award, and one of its most prestigious. Awarded to the best portrait painting, it’s a who’s who of Australian culture, with subjects often including politicians, celebrities, sporting heroes, authors and artists. Since its inception, the Archibald Prize has been engaging art enthusiasts, often stirring up controversy and always challenging the way we see ourselves and our society. Over the years, the prize has been awarded to many of Australia’s most prominent artists. The Geelong Gallery is the exclusive Victorian venue for the 2017 Archibald Prize.

An invitation is extended to all Order of Australia Association members in Victoria to attend the OAA Barwon Regional Group annual luncheon at Davidson Restaurant and the 2017 Archibald Prize at the Geelong Gallery on Thursday November 30.

OAA Barwon Regional Group members will receive their Annual General Meeting pack in October that includes the invitation to our annual luncheon and 2017 Archibald Prize Exhibition to be led by Jason Smith Geelong Gallery Director.

We know the 2017 Archibald Prize will appeal to other regional group members statewide. If you would like to receive an invitation to the OAA Barwon Regional Group annual luncheon and Archibald Prize Exhibition tour in Geelong on Thursday November 30, 2017 please advise Secretary Helene Bender OAM on helenebender@westnet.com.au or Mobile 0407 261 951. If you have already asked to be included on our invite list for this event – thank you, no further communication is required.
Eastern Suburbs

ESRG turned up a hidden gem this month in their search for an interesting out-of-the-way venue for a social event for their members. It was Schwerkolt Cottage, in leafy downtown Mitcham, Victoria, in the last bit of remnant bush, besieged by suburban growth. The Historical Society and the Whitehorse Council have done a great job in presenting this lovely insight back into pioneer life in the nineteenth century. It is surrounded by a marvellous nature reserve, while busy Melbourne whizzes past in cars one hundred yards away. There is also a lovely creek-side trail through Yarran Dheran for those who are up for a quiet walk in the bush.

Our guided tour started with the small three-roomed cottage that the Schwerkolt family lived in. The structure is built of local stone from their quarry and paved with bricks made at local brickworks. Dozens of house-paint items and furniture took us back 150 years. It showed how the family lived in those days.

Encased in a delightful over-grown garden of wisteria and cottage flowers the cottage has a hand-pumped well and lots of evidence of how they dealt with washing, cooking, cleaning and sleeping. We walked to and into a smoke-house, a black-smith’s workshop, an underground wine-cellar, stables, and an orchard packing-shed. The old machinery was there on view for us to remember. The orchard has gone revealing green smooth slopes of lawn. Locals have donated relics of their families’ past to a fascinating museum. ESRG paired this interesting experience with a barbecue lunch. There are very good facilities in the grounds. However in our case the forecast looked rainy so we went about 500 yards up the hill to Antonio Park where the BBQ facilities were under cover. We can recommend this venue for either a group event or for individual visits when you are in the area.

Wednesday 19th July 2017

Lunch at the Mitcham Hotel, on the corner of Mitcham and Whitehorse Roads, Mitcham, in a private room, at 12 noon. Lunch will be at members’ expense with great seniors’ meals being available. This will be followed by an afternoon musical comedy theatrical production featuring music from well-known shows, such as Cats, Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and Evita, at the Whitehorse Centre, which is located at the rear of the Nunawading Civic Centre and Library, in Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. The show starts at 2.00pm. Tickets for the show are $16.00 and bookings need to be made with ESRG Activities Co-ordinator, Dot Browne OAM, 4 Victory Street, Mitcham 3132 or telephone 9874 2501 or email: dotandcol23@bigpond.com
Gippsland

The addition of two new members recently means we are into the nineties and on the way to our goal of one hundred. Dynamic new members on the Committee have given new ideas and contacts to the Group.

As members will have seen in The Order, our trip down the river at Sale was successful and enjoyable. Alan Lewis, our host on the Rubeena, was very knowledgeable about the construction of the waterways and also of the local birdlife. We would recommend the trip to anyone visiting Gippsland.

Our next event will be at Trenton, a historic home near Yarram, where Committee member, Bill Bodman OAM will speak of the history of his family home and garden.

As is our custom in our widespread region we will attempt to conduct events more to the west in 2018.

Arrangements are well in hand for the fifth annual Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet Address and Dinner in Traralgon on Wednesday 18th October, where our Guest Speaker will be Professor Doug Hilton AO, CEO of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute.

From Young Achiever of the Year in 1989 to receiving an AO in 2016, his career has seen him receive over 20 awards for his work in Molecular Biology. He received his Australian Award for his service to medical research, his advocacy of gender equality and his commitment to supporting young researchers. His address, entitled “From Bench to Bedside”, will tell of his research into how genes can affect blood cells in a manner that could lead to new ways to diagnose and treat diseases such as leukemia, arthritis and asthma.

We are proud of the fact that we have been able to have students from Gippsland Universities sponsored by Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and private members of our Branch to attend these dinners and have been very impressed by the caliber of the young people and their participation.

Visitors are always welcome and Traralgon has a range of accommodation to suit all. If you would like further information about what has become a popular event in the Gippsland calendar, contact Beth Delzoppo at bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au.
Mornington Peninsula

The first months of 2017 have seen the Committee involved in reviewing the Regional Group’s Governance and Strategic Planning to respond to the work being done at State Branch level. This followed on work initially carried out by David Reid OAM and reported to the Committee meeting held 27th July 2016. Allan Pizzey AM concerned that no action eventuated spent countless hours reviewing all facets of our existence and activities which was then presented to a Planning Meeting held at Rye Hotel on 10th February 2017. The Committee were unable to deal with all aspects of the papers prepared by Allan and agreed to his recommendation that we hold a full day Workshop on 21st April 2017 at Balnarring Race Course. We thank Hon. Peter Spyker AM, President of Balnarring Picnic Race Club, for making those facilities available for the Workshop.

We were fortunate to have Cathy Roth OAM volunteer to act as Facilitator on the day and her enthusiasm, experience as an Independent Management Consultant specialising in Strategic Organisation Analysis and Training Development provided us inspiring insight and guidance.

This is still a work in progress but members can expect to be kept updated and will be requested to give their opinions on conduct of our affairs via a Survey which will be emailed out to them in the near future.

We appeal to all members, on receipt of that Survey, to give serious consideration to how they can contribute to the future conduct of Regional Group affairs ensuring we remain active and viable.

DATES TO KEEP FREE:
Friday July 14th 2017 – Reception for 2017 Award Recipients (Australia Day/ Queens Birthday) in conjunction with Mornington Peninsula Shire at The Briars, Mt Martha.

Friday 18th August 2017 is the date of our Annual Luncheon and Presentation of the Roy Ward Leadership Prize for 2017. The event will be held at Safety Beach Sailing Club Marine Drive Safety Beach and Guest Speaker will be Judith Muir OAM Owner/Operator of Polperro Dolphin Swims, Board Member and Public Officer Mornington Peninsula Tourism and member of Sorrento Tourism Association. Invitations will be sent out closer to the date.

Friday 10th November 2017 will be an Afternoon Tea/ Piano Recital at Beleura House & Garden Mornington along with viewing of the Dame Nellie Melba Rose Garden in full bloom and Presentation of our School Award 2017. This will replace our Annual Dinner due to concerns raised by members finding it a challenge to attend functions at Night. The Piano Recital will feature Lawrence Matheson who, during full time studies at Australian National Academy of Music, played with Paavali Jumppapanen, Michael Houstoun, the Aurora Ensemble, Anthony Marwood as well as participating in the final of the ANAM Chamber of Music Competition. Invitations will be sent out closer to the date.
___North Central Suburbs___

**Congratulations**

The group offers its congratulations to Don Kinsey AM and his wife Margot on the recent celebration of their 50th wedding Anniversary.

**2017 Events**

Events planned for the remainder of the year include:

*August:* Moring tea at the Old England Hotel, supported by owner John Payne and followed by a visit to the Costume Collection in Bulleen with Loel and Bryan Thompson.

*October:* Morning Tea and tour of Coombe Cottage garden.

*November:* Annual General Meeting, new awardees reception and guest speaker hosted by the Mayor of Nillumbik. As November is ‘White Ribbon’ month we are proposing to invite an Ambassador from the White Ribbon Foundation as our guest speaker.

For further information contact Fred Harrington OAM at fred.harrington@gravity.net.au or 0417 116 304

**New Committee member**

Following the recent retirement of our inaugural Treasurer due to work commitments we are looking for a new committee member. Any member interested in joining the committee member should contact Fred Harrington OAM at fred.harrington@gravity.net.au or 0417 116 304

___North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley___

The North East Goulburn Valley Regional Group lunch held at The Gateway, Wangaratta on Sunday April 9th was attended by 94 members and guests. This was preceded by an Ecumenical service at the beautiful Holy Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta.

Carrillo Gantner AO [photo below] was guest speaker at the luncheon and he spoke about his relationship with the Shepparton Art Museum (SAM). The SAM project involves the building of a new gallery on a new site. The Gantner family have been instrumental in getting this project started and have donated $1.5 million to the Foundation for the project. Federal and State Governments have each promised $10m to a total cost of $40m.
Once completed, the Gantner family will donate most of their indigenous collection to the gallery. The family also supports the annual Ceramic awards and has donated several important pieces of work.

The new SAM will provide an economic benefit with net present value of $9.15 million per year at the end of 10 years, improving the economic base of Shepparton by $19.45 million with this net benefit growing in time. This is so important for Shepparton which as a community has experienced many difficulties and will benefit greatly from this cultural icon.

Our next function is to be held on **Sunday August 20th** at the Euroa Butter Factory. Our guest speaker will be Prof Jim Bishop AO, former Executive Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Centre (CCV) in Melbourne. Contact: Barbara Thomas, E: pb.thomas@bigpond.com.
South Central Suburbs

Our Annual Luncheon: 20 July 2017

Many members from around the State have enjoyed this special event, and are aware of its outstanding reputation. It will be held on Thursday 20th July 2017 at Melbourne’s famous and historic Kingston Heath Golf Club, recent host of the international World Cup and rated number two of all Australian golf courses, number seventeen world-wide.

![Image of Kingston Heath Golf Club]

Our focus this year is on the leaders of tomorrow. Our distinguished guest speaker is Dr Helen Drennen AM BA BSc (Hons) PhD DipEd FACE FACEL, Principal of one of Australia’s leading co-educational schools, Wesley College Melbourne. Helen will speak on the challenges facing schools in preparing students for the future.

A two-course lunch will be provided, with welcome drinks, further drinks from the bar. Cost is $55 pp, with guests welcome. Dress is jacket and tie, full decorations to be worn. A special flyer with booking details and an acceptance form appears below separately. Members are urged to act promptly; bookings will be reserved in order of receipt.

Bayside Schools Anzac Day Special Commemorative Event

The RSL Hampton Sub-branch hosted a special Anzac Day ceremony for the Bayside schools. There were nearly 400 students from several schools who took part in the commemorative event on 21 April 2017 at the RSL premises in Holyrood St Hampton. The initiator of this project Dr John Basarin OAM said: “It is believed that this ceremony enhanced the students’ understanding of significance and meaning of Anzac Day, by participating at an event specifically designed for them”.

The Bayside based Rotary Clubs of Brighton, Brighton North, Brighton Beach, Hampton, Beaumaris and Sandringham were invited to support & assist with the event. The ceremony promoted the recognition of Anzac Day by young people in schools in Bayside. The President of the Hampton RSL Mr Peter Lanigan said: “The outcome for this proposed Anzac Day project will benefit local schools, students and the community”.
Lt. Col. Garry Spencer OAM, laid a wreath, in the form of a book, on behalf of the Order of Australia Association, South Central Regional Group.

From left: Bayside City Council Mayor Alex Del Porto, Federal MHR Tim Wilson, Dr John Basarin OAM, Lt. Com. Helen Ward, State MP Murray Thompson, Hampton RSL President Peter Lanigan and Lt. Col. Garry Spencer OAM

VALE JACK MAYER JOEL OAM [9.8.32 – 15.3.17]

Jack Joel was born in the Melbourne suburb of Newport, the son of the local doctor. As a child Jack was a larrikin, a character trait that remained with him throughout his life. He loved people and people loved him. This natural quality was a cornerstone of his success.

Jack went to primary school in Williamstown where he developed a keen sense of adventure and a love of the sea. At age eight, following the outbreak of WW2, his parents moved him to Wesley College as a boarder.

Jack later worked as a boilermaker in a chocolate factory and then as a fabric salesman before his entrepreneurial spirit lead him to establish Australia’s first frozen chicken processing business, ‘Yankee Birds’, in Tullamarine in 1953.

In 1956 Jack headed north to join his great mate Keith Williams in establishing the Surfers Paradise Ski Gardens. After two wonderful years in the sun Jack returned to Melbourne and joined Kay-Rent-a-Car as a rental clerk. He quickly rose through the ranks to the role of General Manager and established the company’s national network of rental offices.
In 1971, Jack left Kays and formed Australia’s first car leasing company, JMJ Fleet Services. Here his passion, commitment to excellence, and gregarious nature enabled him to successfully pioneer the Australian fleet management industry. By the time the JMJ business was sold to GE Capital in 1996 it had grown to manage a national fleet of more than 50,000 vehicles.

Apart from his commitment to business, Jack was highly community minded and was the founding president of the Rotary Club of Brighton.

In 1999, Jack was awarded an OAM for his services to the automotive industry and for his various community contributions.

Jack leaves behind his beloved wife of 55 years, Karen, his four children and eight grandchildren.
The Regional Group Committee invites you to our

SPECIAL LUNCHEON
THURSDAY 20th JULY 2017 – 12 NOON FOR 12.30 PM

AT MELBOURNE'S FAMOUS
KINGSTON HEATH GOLF CLUB
Kingston Rd, Cheltenham, Victoria 3192 (Melways 78 F11)

GUEST SPEAKER
DR HELEN DRENNEN AM BA BSc(Hons) PhD Dip Ed FACE FACEL
Principal of Wesley College, Melbourne

"Preparing for leadership starts at school"

COST $55 PER PERSON, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE
(Includes fine two course meal and a welcome drink, drinks at bar prices

Guests are welcome

Dress: Jacket and tie. Full decorations to be worn

Bookings are limited, pay or reserve your place now. Bookings in order of receipt

I wish to attend the Special Luncheon at the Kingston Heath Golf Club on Thursday 20th July 2017, commencing at 12 Noon.

Please find enclosed cheque for .........persons at $55 each $..............................

Cheques should be made payable to The Order of Australia Association and mailed to the Treasurer by 13th. July, 2017. Alternately, pay by Direct Debit to Bendigo Bank

BSB 633-000. Account number 132398835. If so, please tick box ☐ No receipts will be issued.

☐ I wish to reserve .........place/places and undertake to pay by the closing date.

Name and Post Nominals........................................................................................................

Phone.....................................................Email..............................................................

Name/s of your Guest/s..................................................................................................

Special dietary requirements..........................................................................................

Please post to the Hon Treasurer Ross Newton OAM, 8 Eddie Street, Highett 3190

Phone 9555 5549. Email: rhnewton@hotmail.com
Referees

Perhaps one of the most difficult, yet most important, tasks is to choose strong referees, who have agreed, in confidence, to support your nominee in this process.

It is suggested that you find five or six referees. The ‘quality’ of your referees helps enormously in the process. As well as personal referees, well known people and community leaders are good referees.

Ensure that these referees can contribute to the story of your nominee and support all aspects of their outstanding life.

It is suggested that you build a personal dialogue with the referees to enjoin with you in your nomination procedure. Regular email contact is helpful with this.

Once the referees are in place it is suggested that you ask them for their reference to ensure that they do commit fully to what has been promised. Do not hesitate to question any area you have concerns about or if the information is not sufficient.

It is considered a more effective way to present the completed nomination by attaching the references to your nomination form. This way it is more likely that important information will be kept together and not mislaid in the assessment process.

You will be required to list the referees and their contact details on your nomination form, but to have the actual references attached to your nomination is the suggested way to gather this information.


Your local Branch Chair of the Order of Australia Association will be always ready to assist you.

Whilst all nominations are important, it is recognised that there is a need to see more young people, women, people with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people of ethnic origin nominated, so ………

KEEP NOMINATING!!!!

Order of Australia Association

PREPARING NOMINATION DOCUMENTATION FOR AN AWARD WITHIN THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA – A SHORT INFORMAL GUIDE

Please note:

This is not an official document and has no legal status, but one which may assist in successfully nominating a person for an award.

This Association is not involved in the selection process of Honours awarded nor does it nominate people for awards.
download an official Nomination Form and find some helpful hints on the preparation of the nomination.

A Nomination Form for the Order of Australia is also available on the Order of Australia Association’s website at www.theredofoaustralia.asn.au

Awards within the Order of Australia are made from applications from Australian citizens and awarded by an independent ‘Council for the Order of Australia’, Government House, Canberra. This process is apolitical.

All Australian citizens are:

- Eligible to nominate another Australian citizen for an award.
- Eligible to receive an award if nominated and meet the criteria set down by the ‘Council for the Order of Australia’.

House, Canberra. Initially, fill in as much as you are able.

This is a confidential process and the nominee must not know of the proposed nomination.

For some information you may need the assistance of a close friend/colleague of the nominee. This information must be acquired in the strictest confidence.

Once the nomination form is complete and sent to Government House in Canberra the Council of the Order of Australia, an independent body, reviews the nomination and decides on the level of membership if the application warrants nomination.

The nomination may take up to two years consideration by the Council. There are two Honours announcements each year being Australia Day and the Queen’s Birthday (official).

An attention-getting beginning to the building of a broad based story of your nominee, which embraces all that they have done to contribute to society and that which has been done beyond the call of duty. Look for the exceptional qualities of your nominee which have contributed to, and impacted on, the community, and helps make Australia a better place.

Structure the document, if necessary with headings, to take the reader through the chronology of contribution. As far as possible write in ‘lay terms’ which will be readily understood by the panel. A one page assessment may not be enough, you need tell the whole story of achievement. Detail any previous awards and recognitions and emphasise the period of time of their contribution.

Provide a concise summary at the beginning and an attention-getting conclusion.