

ACT OAA

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COMING EVENTS

Booking sheets for the following events are enclosed:

Australia Day Breakfast – 26 January 2017

Presentation by Dan Etherington AM - 21 February 2017.

This will follow the Annual General Meeting for the year ending 31 December 2016.

The 2017 OAA National Conference will be held in Brisbane on 20-23 April. A booking form was in the last issue of The Order and is on the OAA website

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THE AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

26 JANUARY 2017

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr Philip Flood AO

Topic – Living with Islam and a Divided America – Challenges for Contemporary Australia



Philip will give a personal perspective on the topic at our regular event to be held at the Royal Canberra Golf Club to honour awardees in the Order of Australia.

He is a distinguished former diplomat and senior public servant. Philip served as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Ambassador to Indonesia and Director General of the Australian Agency for International Development.

Since his retirement from the Public Service in 2000, Philip has been actively involved with [CARE Australia](#), the Australia-Indonesia Institute and [Asialink](#); and has headed several public inquiries, the most recent being the Inquiry into Plasma Fractionation, the Inquiry into Australia's Intelligence Agencies and the Inquiry into Detention Centres.

Philip is the National President of The Order of Australia Association and was appointed an Officer in The Order of Australia in 1992 - *In recognition of service to international relations.*

The Committee is encouraging online registration for the event. Buy tickets to the breakfast online on our 'StickyTickets' web page by clicking the link: <https://www.sticktickets.com.au/45239> . Alternately, copy the link and enter it directly into your web browser. Please give online a try!

A booking sheet is also enclosed for mail or email bookings. We hope to see you there!

For enquiries contact Phil Morrall AM, CSC on 0411 298 926 or morrall@ozemail.com.au.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 21 FEBRUARY 2017

A Notice to members of the ACT Branch of the Order of Australia Association of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 21 February 2017 in the Westbourne Room at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla. An agenda for the meeting and nomination form for committee positions are enclosed.

An advertisement for the AGM will be placed in The Canberra Times Public Notices on Saturday 21 January 2017.

Following the AGM, starting at 6.45 pm, there will be a presentation by Branch member Dr Dan Etherington AM of "A Coconut Odyssey".



Dan's interest in the economics of coconut started during a visit to Sri Lanka in 1976 where he saw the extraordinary range of commercial products that could be produced from the coconut palm and was puzzled as to why, with such an abundance of products, coconut farmers were so poor.

This Asian experience gave him a good reason to look at the situation in the Pacific where coconut is the most abundant and sustainable rural resource of the islands. He found that it was becoming increasingly viewed as just a subsistence crop since farmers were not willing to engage in the poorly paid hard and dirty work of producing raw copra for export.

These were the initial prods that took him on a research and development odyssey to many countries. It has been an exciting journey with many unexpected turns in the development of a technology that enabled smallholder farmers to produce virgin coconut oil – an oil of such high quality that it has changed the whole perception of coconut oil. This is the story that Dan is keen to share. Dan was appointed a Member in The Order of Australia in 2008 *"For service to international trade, particularly the design, manufacture and distribution of coconut oil extraction technology, and through contributions to sustainable agricultural and economic development in the South Pacific region."*

Buy tickets to the presentation online (from 9 January 2017) on our 'StickyTickets' web page by clicking the link: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/47191> . Alternately, copy the link and enter it directly into your web browser. A booking sheet is also enclosed for mail or email bookings.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING - 1 DECEMBER 2016

Forty members and guests attended two presentations following the Student Citizenship Awards on 1 December 2016.

NOMINATIONS FOR ORDER OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS

Elizabeth Mitchell, former Assistant Director at the Honours and Awards Secretariat provided advice to members for the nomination of citizens for awards, particularly concentrating on the need to establish referees who know the nominee well and to provide sufficient succinct information to assist the vetting process that can take up to two years before nominees are considered for approval for awards.

ONLINE BOOKING FOR ACT BRANCH EVENTS

Committee member Michael Crane, DSC and Bar, AM provided detailed information of the ease of booking for ACT Branch events online. The demonstration was appreciated, but also showed that further information was needed to assist members who are unfamiliar with the use of computers and the online booking process. Michael has compiled this support information in this newsletter.

A step by step explanation of the booking process is also available - contact Michael at mandmcrane@live.com or 0467719020 for a copy, electronic or mailed. Printed copies will also be available at coming events. While we are encouraging online booking, manual booking will continue to be available if required.

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THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL PRESENTS THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION ACT BRANCH 2016 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Their Excellencies General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Lady Cosgrove presented the Order of Australia Association ACT Branch Student Citizenship Awards at the Royal Canberra Golf Club on Thursday 1 December 2016. The Branch Patron, General Peter Gratton, AC, OBE read the Citations.

There were three winning groups and two individual winners.

Individual Award to Aodhan Kirk

Year 12 student at St Francis Xavier College, Florey

His citation read in part “Aodhan takes his outstanding leadership role as College Captain very seriously. He is well thought of by his peers and well known to many students fulfilling this important role of College Captain in his strong and empathetic manner.” In his nomination his principal noted that he was a natural leader exercising his leadership capacity and style in a gentle and inclusive manner.



Individual Award to Ben Jenkins

Year 12 student at St Mary MacKillop College

The principal, in his nomination of Ben, described him as a model student and selfless and empathetic in the work he did to support others. In the Eastern Tanzanian community in which he volunteered, he displayed initiative and concern for the wellbeing of all. He produced significant benefits for the community during the medical mission volunteering stint. His emerging business acumen impressed the Judging Panel.



Group Award to the Year 11/12 Youth Ministry Team St Edmund's College

Their innovative reconciliation project, ‘One Life’ was noted by the Judging Panel for its highly meritorious sustainability over five years with the long term goal of building relationships with Indigenous communities delivering messages of hope for the future.

College groups had been travelling to work with primary and secondary Indigenous students in

schools in Darwin, Katherine, Daly River and the Tiwi Islands. Through social sporting interactions and spiritual exchanges they had been developing social and literacy skills.



It is commendable that the program has spread to over 50 colleges around Australia. The group was deemed great role models and leaders in cultural understanding.

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Group Award to the Gold Angels, Merici College



The Gold Angels volunteer in a wide range of community activities. The many hours of commitment devoted to this program conducted out of school hours and off campus was impressive.

The Angels Program strives to break down barriers of fear and prejudice, reducing the impact of stereotypical images and bringing a human face to those in the community who might not normally be seen. Outstanding citizenship was displayed with devotion to the community, and supporting groups in need.

The sustainability and popularity of this three-tier award system was highly commended.

Group Award to the ACT Instrumental Program's ACT Primary Concert Choir



Normally the whole group consists of 70 students, selected by audition, from 29 ACT Government Primary Schools and all students are in Years 4, 5 and 6. The group representing the Choir at the ceremony were the Year 6 students, their last opportunity to sing with the Choir as they are all moving on to High School in 2017.

The ACT Primary Concert Choir performs at a range of events where they love to share their beautiful music with the Canberra community in a variety of concert settings. These 21st Century Primary School students have a range of traits including their social inclusion, their giving and sharing and their positive sense of community.

All Student Awards photos by Danielle Nohra, courtesy of City News.

SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR ONLINE BOOKING OF ACT BRANCH EVENTS

Glossary

Here are some basic terms you'll need to know if you are registering for events on the internet. Please note that there are differences between IBM-style (or "PC") computers and Apple/Mac computers, and there are variations even within those, so what is described below may not exactly match your computer.

Internet: a global network of computers that provides a wide variety of information and communications facilities.

Online: switched on and connected. Your printer is online when it is switched on and connected to your computer. Your computer is online when it is switched on and connected to the internet.

Cursor or pointer: a movable indicator on your screen, often an arrow or a vertical line. This allows you to select the area you want to work in using your mouse (see **point and click** below).

Icon: a small graphic representation of a computer program or website on your computer screen. Some icons require a single click to make them open, others need two (a "double click").

Point and click: the actions of moving a cursor or pointer to a location on a screen (point) and then pressing a button on your mouse, often the left button (click).

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Copy and paste: copying text and replicating (pasting) it somewhere else. This saves you laboriously re-typing the text in the second spot.

1. To start the copy and paste process, highlight the text that you want to copy. To do this, move your pointer to the start of the text you want to copy. Click the left button on your mouse and hold it down, “drag” your pointer over the text you want to copy (it should become highlighted as you go), then let go of the button.
2. Point and click on “Edit” in your menu at the top of the screen, then point and click on “copy”. Or you can click on a “copy” icon if one is available.
3. Point and click at the place where you want the copied text to go.
4. Point and click on “Edit” again, and point and click on “Paste”. Or you can click on a “paste” icon if one is available.

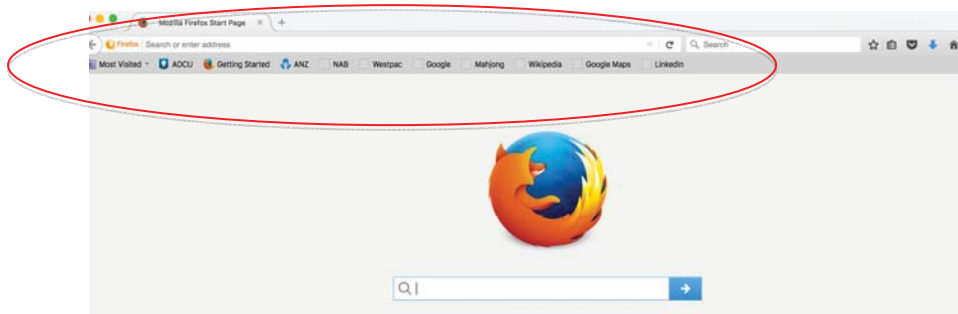
Your text will be pasted to the new location.

Webpage: a single page of information on the internet. Often part of a large collection of pages with related information (see **Website** below).

Website: a collection of related web pages on the internet. For example, the Order of Australia Association website has a number of pages that tell you about the Association.

Browser: a computer program for searching, reaching and exploring websites on the internet. Examples are Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari, and Internet Explorer. You can open your browser by pointing and clicking on its icon on your computer screen.

Browser Address Bar: the text field at the top of your browser that accepts a typed URL (see **URL** below). For example, here is the Browser Address Bar for Firefox:



URL: Uniform Resource Locator. This is the unique identifier, or address, for a document or website or other resource on the internet. For example, here is the URL for the Order of Australia Association website: <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au>. You can go to the website by copying and pasting the URL to your Browser Address Bar or, if you prefer, by typing the URL into your Browser Address Bar.

Link: a reference from a document you're in that takes you directly to another resource on the internet. This is often the URL for the document or website, but sometimes people hide the URL behind a one or two words, such as “click here”. What makes it a link is that it is already digitally connected to the new document. It will be underlined and highlighted in blue or another colour. When you point your cursor at the link, it will change to a little hand with a finger pointing, and when you click you will be taken straight to the website – much easier than copying and pasting or re-typing the URL in your browser! It also increases the likelihood of connecting successfully to the new location. Try doing it for the Association website – here it is again: <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au>.

Sticky Tickets: an online event management website that is open to the public. Anybody can sign up and run their events on it. Once signed up, you can set up an event, then advertise it, sell tickets, track the number of people coming and so on. The Order of Australia Association website does not have an event management facility, so we've chosen to use Sticky Tickets – mainly because it is an Australian company.

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Security: A few words about security. Let's be quite clear – I am not telling you there is no security risk using your card to pay on Sticky Tickets. What I am saying is that we can have confidence in the recognised security protocols. They include information provided by the webpage, such as “Verified by ...”, and physical symbols on the website. For example, you should notice that when you use the secure area of a website (the part that asks for your personal details or credit card information), the beginning of the URL will change from “http://” to <https://>, or there will be a padlock symbol. Look for these when you are considering paying for something online. If you don't see them, reconsider using the website or call or email the company. Here's what Sticky Tickets has to say about its security:

“Is the Sticky Tickets website secure?”

Yes. All communication is encrypted using SSL (certificate provided by GeoTrust), the most widely used website security technology. When information is encrypted it remains private during transmission.

All credit card processing is carried out through SecurePay or TNS Global gateway providers. The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) is a set of requirements designed to ensure that all companies that process, store, or transmit credit card information maintain a secure environment. As of September 2013 Sticky Tickets is PCI compliant. No credit card details are stored by Sticky Tickets.”

You will need to make up your own mind before committing to making purchases online.

The 2016 OAA-ANU Lecture – Australia's Longevity Achievement

Following a welcome by the ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt AC, Association members and University staff enjoyed the 2016 OAA-ANU Lecture given by The Hon Susan Ryan AO at the Australian Centre on China in the World, ANU, Acton on 21 November 2016.

Susan drew on her experience as the former Age and Disability Discrimination Commissioner to address some of the implications that will arise with the increased longevity of the population, when the number of Australians aged 65 and over are projected to double by 2055, and there will be around 40,000 people aged 100 and over. By then, men are expected to live on average to 95.1 years and women to 96.6 years.

While issues like superannuation and the economic wellbeing of older people need to be addressed, Susan particularly noted the need for an extended working life, and that all employers, public and private should offer what older workers need to continue productive working lives by offering flexibility in hours and days worked, and retraining to keep workers up to date and productive. Employers must identify and change employment practices that constitute age discrimination and with it the attitudes and practices that reflect negative stereotypes.



The Hon Susan Ryan AO & Professor Brian Schmidt AC
The presentation was followed by a keen Q & A session.

The full text of the lecture is on our website at

<http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/downloads/OAA-ANULecture2016.pdf>
