Editor's message

Welcome to this first edition of the State Electronic Newsletter for 2016. I trust you and your families enjoyed a safe and rewarding Christmas, New Year and Easter breaks.

Congratulations to the 164 recipients of Awards on Australia Day. A warm welcome is extended to the 28 Australia Day awardees who have joined the association as of 29th February, 2016.

Prior to Christmas I had the opportunity to meet two of the Past Chairs of the Victoria State Branch, Ian Perdriau AM and Don Hyde AM. Ian received his AM in 1995 for service to the community particularly through Kiwanis international. Don received his AM in 2002 for service to the community through the promotion of activities to celebrate Australia Day, to medical research through the Centre for Molecular Biology and Medicine and to children through programs aimed at the prevention of abuse.

I asked both Ian and Don if they could each provide a few paragraphs outlining the highlights of their terms as Chair. This edition I have included the article from Ian Perdriau AM and trust you enjoy his article. Don's item will appear next month.

For our football supporters, particularly the North Melbourne supporters, I have received approval from Heath O'Loughlin, GM Media, Communications & Marketing to include an article from the Kangaroos website on the retirement of Max Stone OAM JP, after some 42 years of voluntary service to the club. Extracts of the article are included in this edition.

Thank you to all the regional group representatives for your support in advising of upcoming events. In this edition there are some 35 events listed for the remainder of 2016.

At the end of this newsletter is a list of members whose addresses are no longer valid. That is information sent to them has been marked 'return to the sender'. If you are aware of any of their new address or possibly their passing can you please advise State Membership Officer, Tony Smith OAM at oaaavicmbrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au so that our membership database can be updated.

Fred Harrington OAM
Chairman's message

I was fortunate enough to attend with a small, but enthusiastic group of fellow Victorians at the National Order of Australia Association Conference in Sydney on weekend of the 12/13th of March.

The highlight to me was the awarding of two new scholarships by the Foundation at the Main Dinner.

These two great Australians will make a difference.

The Victoria Branch supported by you all has committed to do our own Scholarship via the Foundation and that will be awarded at the Next National Conference in Brisbane next year. At a cost of $45,000 payable over three years this is a large commitment we are taking on.

As part of the changing evolution of your Association we are working on how the Association can do more in contributing to the improvement of Australia and Australians in general. Scholarships are one plank of this new approach.

As many will be aware there has been considerable press of late regarding the gender imbalance on the panel that judge potential awardees. This led to further criticism of the general gender imbalance in the Awards with under 30% of recipients being female.

I took to the National Board a firm view from myself that the Association needs to act on the imbalances that exist and make a strong stand to correct the imbalances.

At present we are seen as sitting on the fringe of the debate however unless we move and take action we will be seen to be part of the cause of the issue.

The very fact that we have no female on the National Board as a representative of a State shows the imbalance on our own turf.

We all need to be striving to have our own back yard fixed. That means greater representation on all committees and branches. We must lead by example. We need to be supporting more nominations for women and we need to be having discussions in the broader community about the nomination process with emphasis of how we get more women nominated and get them through the strict processes in place in Canberra. This I believe is another important plank of the future of the Association’s direction.

Paul Wheelton OAM
Upcoming events - Victoria Branch

July

Thursday 21st:
National Gallery of Victoria – Winter Masterpieces “Degas – A New Vision” is an exhibition of 200 works of the French impressionist artist Edgar Degas. The OAA has organised a lecture and visit to the exhibition followed by lunch at the Café Vic. An invitation/acceptance form is attached in this edition of State Electronic Newsletter. For further information contact Julian Stock AM at jbstock@bigpond.net.au

September

Tuesday 27th:
New Awardees reception. This is an invitation only event for both Australia Day and Queen's Birthday award recipients.

November

Wednesday 23rd:
State Branch AGM and Luncheon at William Angliss Institute of TAFE, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Upcoming events - Regional Groups

April

Thursday 7th: Loddon Campaspe
Marilyn Monroe exhibition at Bendigo Art Gallery, View Street Bendigo at 1pm followed by afternoon tea. Tickets $20 and $25. RSVP and payment due by Tuesday March 14 to the Honorary Secretary, Deborah Fleming OAM via canddflemings@bigpond.com or 54261931.

Sunday 10th: Gippsland Group
Luncheon at Wild Dog Winery, Warragul. Guest Speaker is Heather Stacy AM who received her Award on Australia Day for her services to the dairy industry, particularly as an administrator and also the development of rural industries. Members from other groups are very welcome to attend. Contact holleyhill@bigpond.com to enquire.

Sunday 10th: North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley
Luncheon, midday, at The Tuileries Restaurant, 13 Drummond Street, Rutherglen. The Hon. Tim Fischer AC will be the guest speaker. For bookings contact Irene Cracknell OAM on 0439 828 429 or icracknell@bigpond.net.au
Wednesday 20th: Eastern Suburbs
Cocktail Party Reception for 2015 Order of Australia Award recipients and 2016 Australia Day awardees and their guests to be held in the foyer of Camberwell Town Hall Civic Centre, Inglesby Road, Camberwell (Mel.59J2) Parking opposite. 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Finger food and drinks supplied.

2015 Award recipients and 2016 Australia Day awardees will each receive a special invitation and will be guests of the OAA - ESRG Committee. Fee for others attending will be advised).Contact: Dot Browne OAM Phone: 9874 2501 email: dotandcol23@bigpond.com

Monday 25th: Mornington Peninsula
Anzac Day Service Memorial Garden Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza commencing at 2.00pm. For further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at ber.bri@bigpond.com

Monday 25th: Barwon
Anzac Day services as follows:
- 4.15am. Pre-Dawn Service Hall of Remembrance, Johnstone Park.
- 9.30am. Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph, front of the Geelong RSL Sub-Branch, 50 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont. Barbara Abley AM OAA Barwon Chair will lay a wreath on behalf of the Barwon Regional Group. OAA members, family and friends are invited to attend.
- 11.00am. March – Form up at the front of Officeworks at 10.30am. Leaving from the corner of Malop and Yarra Street, march to Johnstone Park for the 11.30am Commemorative Service.

May

Sunday 1st: South West Victoria
Luncheon at Port Fairy.

Thursday 19th: Western Suburbs
Lunch time meeting. Further details will be available closer to the meeting.

Thursday 26th: Barwon
Primary School Citizenship Award presentations and morning tea from 10.30am at Geelong RSL. 2016 is the second year of this Award. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear four primary schools from the Geelong region talk about a project they have undertaken that promotes the value of Australian citizenship. Cost: Free for members and one guest per member. Event invitation will be available early April.

Sunday 29th: Central Highlands
Annual Luncheon Barkly Lodge, 43-57 Main Road, Ballarat with Guest Speaker - Gail Sjogrem speaking on the topic "Crinolines and Corsets". For further information contact Secretary on 5398 1901
July

Sunday 10th: Barwon
Annual film afternoon. Further details will be available in May.

Friday 15th: Mornington Peninsula
Reception for Award Recipients (Queen’s Birthday 2015, Australia Day 2016, Queens Birthday 2016) hosted jointly by Mornington Peninsula Shire Council 5.30pm Edwardian Room Briars Homestead Nepean Hwy Mount Martha.

Tuesday 19th: Regional Groups meeting
Luncheon from noon in the RACV Club Conservatory followed by meeting at 1.00 pm.

Sunday 31st: Eastern Suburbs
"Christmas in July" at Bucatini Restaurant & Bar, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, $35 per head, special meal, drinks at bar prices, private room, Christmas hamper raffle, 1.00 pm arrival. Eminent guest speaker. Parking at the rear. Contact: Ken Lyons OAM, phone: 9830 6136, email: ken.lyons@optusnet.com.au

August

Sunday 7th: Gippsland
Luncheon at Duart, Maffra. New recipient, Ferial Zekiman, who established Maffra Cheese and received an AM for her pioneering work in primary industry particularly in the dairy sector through artisan cheese making, will be the guest speaker. For further details contact Beth Delzoppo OAM at bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au

Friday 12th: Mornington Peninsula
Annual Luncheon/'Roy Ward Prize' Presentation 12.30pm Safety Beach Sailing Club/Community Centre Marine Drive Safety Beach. For further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at ber.bri@bigpond.com

Sunday 14th: Barwon
Afternoon tea reception in Geelong. This event will give Barwon Regional Group members, family and friends the opportunity to meet our 2016 Queen’s Birthday recipients. Event invitation will be sent to members late June 2016.

Thursday 18th: Western Suburbs
Lunch time meeting at Taylor’s Lakes hotel. Speaker to be Caroline Bayliss, experienced sustainability professional.

Sunday 21st: North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley
Luncheon at The Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah, beginning midday. Member interviews are planned to discover more about our members’ lives. For bookings contact Irene Cracknell OAM on 0439 828 429 or icracknell@bigpond.net.au
Wednesday 24th: South Central Suburbs
Special luncheon at the iconic West Brighton Club, 22 Park Street Brighton at 12 noon for a 12.30pm start. Guest speaker is Lindsay Fox AC with the topic, "Lunch with a Tricky Truckie". Cost $55 Per person Includes fine two course meal and drinks. Dress: Jacket and Tie. Full decorations to be worn. For bookings contact Ross Newton OAM, phone 9555 5549 or email rhnewton@hotmail.com Alternatively an Invitation/Acceptance form is included in this edition of the State Electronic Newsletter.

October

Wednesday 12th: Eastern Suburbs
A scenic cruise to Williamstown on the Melbourne Tramboat from 9 Victoria Harbour, Docklands Central Pier. The cruise leaves at 10.30am and returns at approximately 2.00pm. Cost is $45.00 per person and includes cruise, morning tea and fish and chips for lunch. Contact: Colin Browne OAM, phone: 9874 2501 or email: dotandcol23@bigpond.com

Sunday 16th: Central Highlands
Spring luncheon. For further information contact Secretary on 5398 1901.

Friday 21st: Mornington Peninsula
Annual Dinner/Schools Award Presentation 6.30pm Brooklands Convention Centre, Tanti Ave Mornington. For further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at ber.bri@bigpond.com

Wednesday 19th: Gippsland
Macfarlane Burnet Dinner and Oration. Members of all regional groups are most welcome to attend. For further details contact Beth Delzoppo OAM at bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au

Friday 28th: Loddon Campaspe
Dame Kiri Te Kanawa concert at Ulumbarra theatre, Bendigo commencing at 7.30pm Tickets $69. RSVP and payment due by Tuesday March 14 to the Honorary Secretary, Deborah Fleming OAM via canddflemings@bigpond.com or 54261931.

November

Friday 11th: Mornington Peninsula
Remembrance Day Service 10.30am memorial Garden Canadian Bay Rd Mt Eliza. For further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at ber.bri@bigpond.com

Sunday 13th: North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley
Luncheon and AGM beginning midday. Location TBA
Wednesday 15th: Eastern Suburbs
Afternoon tea, eminent guest speaker and AGM. Venue is Applewood Retirement Village, in the Community Centre at 5 Grand Boulevard, Doncaster (47D3) from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Gold coin donation. Hamper raffle. Parking beside the Community Centre or in Grand Boulevard.
For further information contacts Nicole Evered OAM, phone 9874 2219, email: evered@optusnet.com.au or Barbara Thompson OAM, phone 9802 3980, email: jon.barb@bigpond.net.au

Sunday 20th: Central Highlands
AGM and Luncheon. For further information contact Secretary on 5398 1901

Wednesday 23rd: Regional Groups meeting
Meeting at 2.00 pm following the State Branch AGM and luncheon from 11.00 am at William Angliss Institute of TAFE, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

December
Thursday 1st: North Central Suburbs
New Awardees reception, AGM and Guest Speaker, Bill Noonan OAM commencing at 2:30pm in the Eltham Library, Panther Place Eltham.
For further details contact Fred Harrington OAM on fred.harrington@gravity.net.au

News from the State Branch Committee.

State Branch Web pages
Over recent months the state branch pages of the OAA national website have been updated. The pages now contain information on the branch including names and contact details of state branch and regional representatives, copies of the state newsletter and The Order. The web pages can be found via the national website: theorderofaustralia.asn.au

National Gallery of Victoria
On Thursday the 21st July the branch has arranged an exclusive 60 minute introductory talk (to be given by Gina Panebianco, Head of the NGV Education Department) followed by entry to this year’s winter blockbuster. The exhibition contains over 200 works of this French Impressionist artist covering life in late 19th century Paris. Full details are contained in the booking form attached to this newsletter.
Australia Day Flag Lowering Ceremony
Following our strong tradition of Australia Day, the Order of Australia Association, Victoria Branch held its annual Ceremony, at the Shrine of Remembrance, in St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

The Ceremony included the trooping by the Australian Navy Band and the Naval Cadet Squadron from HMAS Cerberus, a wreath laying, the Reading of the Ode to the Fallen, a flyover by the RAAF and the Lowering of the Flag.

The Ceremony commenced at 4.20pm precisely, when Members and Guests assembled at the Second World War Forecourt, in the vicinity of the Eternal Flame, at the base of the steps to the Shrine.

The Master of Ceremonies for this most colourful Australia Day function was again the indomitable Don Kinsey AM. To give the Ceremony an international flavour, representatives of a number of Consulates were present.

The Australian Navy Band and No. 1 Air Cadet Squadron from HMAS Cerberus did a superb performance, as always, with the Trooping of the Colours.

Some 50 members and their guests concluded a delightful afternoon with afternoon tea in the Visitor’s Centre of the Shrine.

There were also about 1250 spectators, who were there enjoying the Australia Day festivities, on a delightful summer day

Guest speaker, Professor Antonio Sagona AM gave the oration on this occasion, as a Gallipoli commemoration. Professor Sagona has for the last 5 years, been working, on both sides of the Gallipoli Peninsula, tracking the tunnels, trenches and features, on both sides of the front line of this historical battle. He received his Order of Australia in recognition of this work.

The following Dignitaries laid wreaths.

- William Furnish - Acting Consul-General of the United States of America
- Michael Pearce - Honorary Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Stephen Blair - Consul-General New Zealand
- Ersel Ozdemir - Vice-Consul of the Republic of Turkey
- Paul Wheelton OAM - Chairman, Order of Australia Association, Victoria Branch

A special thank you is extended to the following,

- Master of Ceremonies Don Kinsey AM
- The Hon David Kemp - Chairman of Scotch College Council, and Mrs Anne Marie Kemp.
- WOFF Daryl Bessell, WOFF Joint Ceremonial – Victoria & Tasmania
- Lieutenant Cassandra Mohapp - HMAS Cerberus
- Glen Coy Squadron Leader, RAAF Base, Point Cook
- Mr Max Chester OAM, Order of Australia Association.
Centennial ceremony to mark the beginning of peace at Gallipoli.
The guns fell silent in the ANZAC Sector at Gallipoli in the early hours of the 20th December 1915.

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of peace at Gallipoli and the silence of the guns in the ANZAC sector, the Friends of Gallipoli Inc. (FOGI), a not-for-profit organisation, co-ordinated a ceremony at the Sanctuary of the Shrine of Remembrance.

After nearly nine months of fighting, the last of the ANZAC troops evacuated with heavy hearts and in anticipation of a different kind of a Christmas, leaving their dead comrades behind. The Turkish forces were relieved that there would be no more fighting, that they could mourn many thousands who perished defending their homeland and that peace had finally prevailed.

Four Members of the Order of Australia Association attended the wreath laying ceremony. Chairman of the Order of Australia Association, Victoria Branch, Paul Wheelton OAM, Fred Harrington OAM, new committee member Dr John Basarin OAM and former secretary, Max Chester OAM.

Dr John Basarin OAM, is the Chair of the Friends of Gallipoli and was instrumental in the establishment of a new organisation; Friends of Malta Inc, which brings together the three nations involved in the conflict, Australia, New Zealand and Turkey.

Wreaths were laid by friends of Gallipoli; Ms Suleyman MP: Consul-General of Republic of Turkey; Speaker of the Legislative Assembly: Mr Larsen: Australian Ambassador to Turkey; former Governor General Dr Hollingworth, and Ms Julie Mason, Rotary District Governor 9800.
Cathy Roth OAM

Congratulations are extended to state committee and Barwon Regional Group member, Cathy Roth who graduated from Swinburne Online with a Bachelor of Business in December 2015.

Ian Perdriau AM - 'Some highlights of my three year chairmanship 1998-2001 of Victoria Branch'

Although now almost twenty years since I succeeded our outstanding dynamic Chairman and wonderful friend Diana Jones AM, I have many pleasant memories of the ensuing three years.

The Committee’s signature event each year was the Annual Dinner of the Victorian Branch – a black tie event attended by town and country members and guests. The prestigious “The Great Hall”, National Gallery of Victoria had been the traditional venue for several years and we were fortunate to have the availability in 1998 prior to its extensive refurbishment. Tony Charlton OAM (later AM) was a magnificent MC and the dinner hosted almost 450 members and guests.

The following two years 1999/2001 we were compelled to move to the Melbourne Park Function Centre with attendances dropping to the high 300’s. Tony Charlton still excelled as MC and high profile guest speakers included Richard Woolcott AC and Admiral Chris Barry entertained the guests. Superb musical contributions were provided by 1998 Nehama Patkin AM and the young musicians of Excellence, 1999 Wesley College Big Band, 2000 Melbourne High School Band and Choir.

Australia Day 2000 we organised the first of several “Flag Ceremony and Receptions” at Victoria Barracks incorporating the Parade Ground and Officers’ Mess. I was especially appreciative of the assistance I received from former Branch Chairman, Major General John D Stevenson AO CBE, in negotiating this unique establishment and function which enjoyed popularity over several years.
Receptions for New Recipients were a given for both Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday awardees and took place at many historical and interesting National Trust facilities. These always included outstanding speakers.

The Branch also installed “Honour Boards” at Melbourne High School and Wesley College, in addition to selected Municipal Town Halls.

The most important achievement in the above three years occurred at national level. I refer to the formation of the Association’s Foundation through the selfless efforts of our Immediate Past and late National Chairman Diana Jones AM. Through Diana’s drive and perseverance we have a Foundation of which we can all be proud.

This précis of events should also include the building and servicing of Regional groups albeit in country areas at that time. I congratulate subsequent Chairmen and Committees for their continuing contributions to our Associations especially in the formation of several suburban groups.

**Voi Williams OAM - The Order**
The cut-off dates for Regional Group articles / items to be received for 2016 editions of our national magazine, “The Order” are:

- August edition: deadline Tuesday, 5 July
- November edition: deadline Tuesday 4 October

Please forward contributions for inclusion in The Order to Voi Williams OAM email: voiwilliams@hotmail.com

**Max Stone OAM JP**
After 42 years with North Melbourne, the 78-year-old has called time on a brilliant career after serving in a multitude of roles, from being a recruiter to working as the club's doorman.

Max began his association as a recruiter from 1972, before assuming the roles of coin toss assistant, banner assistant and match day doorman.

"I did 20 years in recruiting and 22 years as the doorman, looking after the players and keeping the goodies in and kicking some out," Stone told NMFC.com.au.

It's perhaps during Stone's time guarding the rooms where he encountered the most eccentric characters, including one moment about 15 years ago that left him in shock.

"One time at the MCG, these three blokes came in and I thought, 'Jeez, three blokes',' he said.

"But one of them, you wouldn't believe, was a girl dressed up in men's clothing to get into the rooms with the other two people."
Stone was left bemused when, on another occasion, a man posed as a brother of a North player in the hope of gaining access into the rooms.

When Stone asked the man what his brother's name was, he received a rather strange response that raised immediate suspicion.

"He said, '(I) can't remember it now, we haven't been home for 25 years',' Stone said with a laugh.

Stone also helped take the banner out onto the field and held it up for the players to run through.

His responsibilities over the journey didn't end there; he escorted the lucky fan that had been selected to toss the coin at North's home games on and off the ground.

In true Stone fashion, he made sure he was well prepared.

"One thing made me chuckle a bit. Some of them when they came out to toss the coin had no bloody coin to toss, so I used to provide the coin," he said. "They kept that as a souvenir," Max replied.

I used to have 50 cent coins and I thought, 'No, no, bugger this', so it went down to 20 cents because they were disappearing," he said.

Stone's big find as a recruiter was a 16-year-old Tony Liberatore at Brunswick City.

Liberatore, who played under-19s and reserve grade football with the Roos, before going on to win the 1990 Brownlow Medal at Footscray, remains among Stone's highlights.

For the past 30 years, Stone has also sat on the Essendon District Football League's independent Tribunal and his involvement in the local competition continues to this day.

Stone has seen a large amount of players walk through the North change rooms over the years, but there's no denying who he admired.

"I've got to say, (Wayne) Carey was the best player I've ever seen at North Melbourne by far, and then (Glenn) Archer and 'Stevo' (Anthony Stevens) were the funniest buggers – they were funny blokes but they were top people," Stone said.

He named current-day Roos Drew Petrie, Brent Harvey, Andrew Swallow, Todd Goldstein and Michael Firrito among his favourite players.

Petrie said Stone would remain part of the fabric of the Roos.

"Max has been one of the best servants this club has seen," Petrie said.

"Max was the doorman when I started and one of the first people I met at North. He'd greet you with a handshake, a smile and a 'g'day', and there was always a good story after that."
"His commitment could never be questioned and he's the sort of bloke that'd do anything for the place."

Stone said he'd enjoyed every moment at Arden Street and was now looking forward to sitting with his wife in the grandstand to watch their beloved team.

"It's been a fantastic journey, it really has, because people always had time to say hello to you," he said, his voice softening slightly as tears began to fill his eyes.

"They [the players] were always friendly and, I've got to say, they always spoke to my family the way they should."

"We will go to some games, but I'll miss it," Max replied. "North Melbourne has been great to me and I hope that I've been great to them."

For the full article visit the North Melbourne website at nmfc.com.au and follow the links to 'a fond farewell'.

(above:) North Melbourne Coach Brad Scott congratulates Max and his wife Maureen

**News from the Regional Groups**

**Barwon**

**Australia Day 2016 recipients**

Barwon Region had eight Australia Day recipients, six male and two female. Letters of congratulation have been sent plus, ‘Save the Dates for 2016’ listing our planned events.

**Afternoon Tea Reception on Sunday February 28, 2016**

Barwon Regional Group hosted sixty members and guests at an afternoon tea reception on Sunday February 28, 2016. The change of date from our annual Australia Day Twilight Reception gave 2016 Australia Day recipients the opportunity to attend an event early in the year and meet members.
Barbara Abley AM Chair of Barwon Regional Group introduced Cr Rose Hodge who was first elected to Surf Coast Shire Council in 2004 and is now serving her third term as Mayor. Rose warmly welcomed everyone to RACV Torquay in the Surf Coast Shire and thanked members for the work they have done and continue to do in the community.

(Above:) Cr Rose Hodge Mayor of Surf Coast Shire, Toni McCormack OAM guest speaker, Peter Doak OAM event MC and Barwon Regional Group committee member, Barbara Abley AM Barwon Regional Group Chair

Event MC and Barwon Committee member Peter Doak OAM introduced the guest speaker, Toni McCormack OAM, a 2014 recipient for service to the community through local government, transport and volunteer organisations.

Her local government experience includes eleven years as a Councillor of the City of Warrnambool including serving as the first female Mayor between 1987 and 1990. She recalls being invited to nominate for Council by a Councillor who said the role only takes a few hours per week, Toni quickly learnt we all have a different interpretation of ‘a few hours’ per week.

As a lecturer at RMIT TAFE in the early 1990s, she wrote and taught courses in local government and in 1993 she was one of four Commissioners appointed to set up the City of Greater Geelong, followed by a term as sole Commissioner for Surf Coast Shire. Toni valued this solo role and acknowledged she had an excellent advisory panel of two former Mayors who were excellent sounding boards for her.

Toni was a founding director of the Victorian Institute of Sport – her role was to be the voice for the community and to link sports people with the community and to understand there is life after sport and ensure they were equipped.

As the foundation Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council the focus was sensible and sustainable management of the coastal regions.
As a director of the Public Transport Ombudsman Board Toni and fellow board members worked with private operators ensuring good signage and uniform logos plus handling of complaints. During these 30 years Toni learnt about the corporate sector, governance, risk management and compliance.

Toni proudly told us how she fell in love with the Surf Coast and now resides in Torquay with her husband Kevin; we are pleased to have her as a member of the Barwon Regional Group.

In closing Toni said that being a recipient doesn’t mean wanting to stop volunteering her time and knowledge, she wants to continue helping organisations in the community.

She currently is Vice President of Lions Village Torquay, a member of Torquay Surf Coast Probus Club and has been actively involved in establishing the University of the Third Age in Torquay and other Surf Coast towns.

Alston Park AM Barwon Deputy Chair thanked Toni McCormack on her informative address and presented her with a gift of local produce.

Peter Doak OAM and Alston Park AM were joint champions of this event.

**Geelong RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day service times on Monday April 25, 2016**
- 4.15am. Pre-Dawn Service Hall of Remembrance, Johnstone Park.
- 9.30am. Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph, front of the Geelong RSL Sub-Branch, 50 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont. Barbara Abley AM OAA Barwon Chair will lay a wreath on behalf of the Barwon Regional Group. OAA members, family and friends are invited to attend.
- 11.00am. March – Form up at the front of Officeworks at 10.30am. Leaving from the corner of Malop & Yarra Street, march to Johnstone Park for the 11.30am Commemorative Service.

**Primary School Citizenship Award on Thursday May 26, 2016**
All primary schools in the Barwon Regional Group catchment were invited in early December 2015, to nominate for the award that recognises a school for developing a pride in Australian citizenship for its students.

Four schools will be shortlisted to present to Barwon members and guests at a morning tea hosted by Geelong RSL Sub-Branch; the winning school will receive $500 prize money from the Barwon Regional Group. Invitations to this event will be emailed or mailed to OAA Barwon Regional Group members on Thursday April 14, 2016.
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**Vale Neil Everist OAM  27.1.1929 – 7.01.2016**

Architect Neil Everist demonstrated his sporting prowess at Geelong College as a cricketer, footballer, swimmer and athlete becoming the Captain of the Under 14 Football Team in 1943 and Under 15 boys’ swimming champion in 1944. In 1946, his final year, he became a sergeant of the College Cadet Corps, rowed in the 2nd VIII and was a School Prefect.

After leaving College he furthered his education with a scholarship to the Gordon Institute before attending Melbourne University to complete an architecture Degree. At University, he continued rowing stroke as a member of the University Boat Club and for two years, in 1952 and 1953, as a member of the winning King’s Cup Crew.

His services to the College has been extensive and has included the coaching of rowing in the 1940s and 1950s, membership of the College Council from 1960 to 1979, committee membership of the OGAC and Life Membership of the Albert Bell Club. For many years he was a dedicated and committed member and President of the College Boat Club. Neil’s brother Ian Charles Everist OAM (1928-2012) also attended Geelong College.

Not long after graduating in 1953 he co-founded the firm McGlashan Everist, Architects – a productive and successful partnership that was to continue until his retirement from the business at the end of 1997. McGlashan Everist became architects to Geelong College in the early 1960s and over a period of forty years Neil designed many of the buildings of the current College. These have included the George Morrison Library, Science Block, Rolland Centre, Davey House, the Chapel conversion, Principal’s House, Garnet Fielding Wing at the Senior School and the Art Centre, Robertson Hall and the Music Centre at the Preparatory School. His final commission for the Geelong College was the third stage of the Recreation Centre development which included the swimming and diving pool.

Over the years, Neil Everist and the firm received many awards including the Victorian Architecture Medal on two occasions. One of these, in the 1960s, for ‘best building erected in Victoria’ was for ‘Heide’, the home of John and Sunday Reed at Eltham – now a Museum of Modern Art. In 1997, the firm was the recipient of the ‘John George Knight Award for Conservation’ for design of the Deakin University Woolstores Campus now known as the Deakin Waterfront Campus. In 1999, Neil received a rare ‘Victorian Citation for Service’ award, presented by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects for *his contribution to the conduct of the profession* and *to the status and standing of architects and architecture*.

In January 2002, he received a Medal of the Order of Australia for his ‘service to the architecture profession and to the community through the Geelong Art Gallery and Lifeline’. Neil was President of Lifeline from 1991 to 1998 and President of the Geelong Art Gallery from 1996 to 2005 having been a Board member from 1987. He also served on the Faculty Board of the Gordon Institute and was a member of the Public Galleries Advisory Board. Deakin University honoured Neil with an honorary doctorate.
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Neil is survived by his wife, of 60 years, Jill, their four children Richard, David, Robyn and Liz, their partners and ten grandchildren.

Vale Ruth Ricardo de Fégely OAM 27.01.1931 to 23.01.2016

Ruth was born in Beaufort to Arthur and Elsie Beggs and was the eldest of 3 children, with siblings Robert and Rosie. Her early years were spent on a property called ‘Niawanda’ and then the family moved to an old Beggs property called ‘Buln Gherin’. Ruth was home schooled until the age of 13 and then she went to boarding school at the Hermitage Church of England Girls Grammar School in Geelong. She loved the Hermitage making many lifelong friends, receiving school colours and leaderships duties. At the end of 1948, it was back to the farm to help prepare cattle for the various shows and in that time Ruth was reacquainted with Richard (Dick) de Fégely. They married in 1953 and ran a farm south east of Ararat called ‘Quamby’. They raised and educated three boys, Charlie (who runs Quamby), Rob and Phil. A typical photo of Ruth: “Never Tired, Never Bored, Never Stops”

In 1985, Dick won pre-selection for the upper house seat of Ballarat Provence with Ruth by his side. She did every conceivable job for the party; doorknocking, fundraising, handing out ‘how to vote’ cards, policy assembly, pre-selection panel, admin council, women’s section, state and country President – just to name some! 1991-1994 she was Chair of the Liberal Women’s Council Victoria and member of the Geelong section until her passing in January a few days short of her 85th birthday.

In 2015, Ruth received a 50-year service award from Red Cross. Raising three boys on a farm required knowledge of first aid but she took it to a higher level. She taught first aid to schoolchildren and worked at the blood bank in Ararat regularly taking blood from local residents. Trips to the local prison for blood collection were a regular occurrence. Whenever there was a fire in the area, Ruth was there providing first aid and sustenance to the hungry fire-fighters.

Catering was another feat that Ruth took on, supplying catering services throughout the Western District. Many a bride’s day was further enhanced with her culinary expertise.

Ruth was made a Life Governor of the Ararat Hospital. She was founding board member of MacGregor House, Ararat’s workshop for underprivileged children and was a founding and life member of the Ararat Toy Library.

In her early days at ‘Buln Gherin’, her mother always had help in the house from young girls from the Ballarat orphanage. That organisation is now known as CAFS, Children and Family Services for Ballarat and district, of which Ruth was a Board Member for many years.
In 2007 Dick and Ruth moved to Point Lonsdale and her community work continued with the Red Cross and she delivered ‘meals on wheels’ until mid-2015. Cottage by the Sea was another organisation that benefited from Ruth's involvement. She raised over $100,000 from the sale of Christmas cards that she created and distributed with the help of John and Bindy Simpson.

In 2000, both Ruth and Dick received Centenary medals for their services to the community and in 2007 Ruth received a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to political life in Victoria through the Liberal Party of Australia, and to the community of Ararat. Barwon Committee member Mary Lewis OAM knew Ruth all her life; their friendship also saw them involved in community work together. When time and health allowed, Ruth attended Barwon Regional Group and Victoria Branch Order of Australia Association events.

Whatever Ruth put her mind to she was formidable (some even say they were a bit scared of her!). She threw herself into the cause, no matter how large the challenge with bold enthusiasm, good grace and with a wonderful sense of humour.

The eulogy at her memorial service was delivered by her three sons who each spoke about aspects of her life. Below are the last two stanzas of Phil’s piece that was done to verse. A great reader, poetry was something Ruth enjoyed and encouraged.

So now for reflection, the time has come,
A wonderful person, a fantastic mum.
To friends and family that do adore,
The legacy you made, lives forever more.....

Family was important to her, not only did her immediate family benefit from her generosity and spirit but so did her; 6 godchildren, 11 nephews and nieces and their offspring and the long list of relations.

Ruth is survived by her three boys, their wives Liz, Sarah and Jane, 10 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and her brother Robert.

Central Highlands

Events scheduled for the year include:
Annual Luncheon - Sunday 29th May - Guest Speaker - Gail Sjogrem "Crinolines and Corsets".
Spring Luncheon - Sunday 16th October
Annual School Citizen Awards to be presented in October.
AGM Sunday 20th November.
Committee Meeting scheduled for the year include:

  - Friday 13th May
  - Friday 1st July
  - Friday 7th October

The group sadly acknowledges the loss of a valued member, THAI Henry OAM, JP who passed away suddenly on December 24, 2015 aged 66.

**Eastern Suburbs**

A most enjoyable and informative visit was made by the Eastern Suburbs Regional Group to the Islamic Museum of Australia at Thornbury on Tuesday 16th February 2016. Forty members and friends had a guided tour of the Museum followed by a Middle Eastern Banquet lunch.

The Museum showcases a diverse range of Islamic arts including architecture, calligraphy, paintings, glass, ceramics and textiles. Islamic arts date back to the 7th century with the advent of Islam and includes the different artistic styles and cultural influences of various empires that came under Islamic rule such as Persian and Spanish influences.

The objective of the Museum that was founded by Moustafa Fahour OAM, is to assist social inclusion of the Muslim community in Australia and provide a positive image of Australian Muslims. Moustafa Fahour received his Medal of the Order of Australia 2015 for service to the visual arts and to cross-cultural relations in founding the Islamic Museum.

Members visiting the Museum were surprised to learn of the early Muslims who came from Indonesia to Australia in the 17th Century, well before Captain Cook arrived, to harvest a sea slug on the northwest coast. The Museum highlights the role of the early Cameleers who came to Australia and the contribution made by Muslim migrants who followed over the years. Members were most interested in the artwork, architecture, mosque features and the many inventions and contributions made by Muslims over the years including navigation instruments and the game of Chess.

The two guides for the Museum visit openly responded to the many queries raised by members on Islamic culture and religion, including community views on terrorism around the world and integration of Muslims in Australia.

During the Middle Eastern Banquet following the tour of the Museum members were presented with a complimentary copy of The First Australian Muslims, written by Glen Turnbull and published by Minaret College.
The program of activities for the Eastern Suburbs Regional Group for 2016 year has been finalised by Deputy Chair (Activities) Dot Browne OAM and the Activities Committee. A Christmas in July Sunday Luncheon is planned for Sunday 31 July followed by an afternoon meeting with guest speaker combined with the AGM and a Port Phillip Bay cruise with luncheon.

Gippsland

At the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd November at Centenary House Traralgon the then Vice Chairman of the Victorian Branch, Paul Wheelton OAM was Guest Speaker and presided over the election of office bearers. As John Brookes OAM was no longer available to act as Secretary, Anne Macarthur was returned to the position she held for some years. Otherwise Committee membership remained the same, with the addition of Neil Terrill OAM. Paul touched us all greatly with the description of his philanthropic work in Indonesia.

As a group we were delighted to be able to repay the final installment of the seeding loan for Macfarlane Burnet Dinner and Oration and thank the State Branch for their help and faith.

Several members attended Australia Day celebrations, with varying degrees of exposure. We are still working on local councils to have a greater part in these activities.

Six new awardees in Gippsland have been contacted and congratulated and invited to join us. Another recipient also spends part of her time in Warragul and part in Brighton, so we have invited her as well. She has also agreed to be our Guest Speaker at our first luncheon for the year at Wild Dog Winery Warragul on April 10th. Heather Stacy AM is an Agricultural advocate and has helped to develop rural industries. Her topic is entitled "It all began with grass."

Members from other branches are very welcome to attend and can contact the group on hollyhill@bigpond.com to enquire.

On August 7th another new recipient, Ferial Zekiman, who established Maffra Cheese and received an AM for her pioneering work in the field, will be our Speaker. This luncheon will be held at Duart, Maffra.

Arrangements for the Macfarlane Burnet Function on October 19th in Traralgon are well in hand, with final negotiations with the Speaker well advanced.

Loddon Campaspe

Loddon Campaspe branch held their AGM in Bendigo and a new Committee was formed for the coming year under the Chair of John Higgs OAM.

The committee have organised a visit to the Marilyn Monroe exhibition at the Bendigo Art Gallery on April 7 and a group booking for the Dame Kiri Te Kanawa performance at the newly opened Ulumburra Theatre in Bendigo on October 28.
Loddon Campaspe has 70 members but spread widely between Gisborne and Echuca which makes it a challenge when organising activities to suit all members.

**Mallee**

The Mallee Branch had its Annual Meeting on Australia Day resulting in the reappointment of Vernon Knight AM JP, as Chair and Ross Lake OAM as Secretary Treasurer.

The challenges of distance limited attendance to those living in or near Mildura. A number of items were discussed and the group resolved to take action on a couple of fronts.

Our first resolve was to try and promote the existence of the awards and offer assistance to anyone wanting to make a nomination. While we certainly don’t aim to vet applications, we are keen to address the old problem of ‘people’ asking, “Why didn’t so and so get one?” when in reality, no-one got around to making the application. The group was pleased to see the prominent article in the Sunraysia Daily on Thursday 28 January prompting nominations for awards.

The second item was to play a part in recognising those individuals who encourage the talents of young people, in whatever form. A small working group will develop a proposal with a view to engaging local government/s and making an award on Australia Day, in the years ahead.

It is sad that we cannot come together as a group but numerous emails, registering apologies, were encouraging and supportive.

**Mornington Peninsula**

*Annual General Meeting and luncheon*

This function was held on Friday 27th November 2015 attended by 27 members and guests. Prior to the Luncheon the Chairman Brian L. Stahl OAM JP presented the 21st Annual Report outlining the highlights of the year and expressing his thanks to committee and members for their support and involvement.

He announced the retirement of Tom Newman OAM, who had served on committee continuously for over 18 years, as a Secretary and Inaugural Convenor of the Annual Schools Awards Program. He made a presentation of a “Sir John Holland Plaque” to Tom acknowledging his significant contribution.

Guest Speaker on the day was Richard Rozen OAM who gave an enthralling and inspiring talk on his childhood war time experiences and then his successful business and community contribution to Australia. Chairman Brian presented Richard and Ryzia with some Mornington Peninsula Wines and thanked them for their attendance.

Nominations were received from two new Committee Members namely Commander Cameron Eastman OAM RANR who accepted the position of Secretary and Les Harper OAM
who accepted the position of Membership Officer. They join Chairman Brian L. Stahl OAM JP, Vice Chairman Jim Dickson AM MBE RAN (Retd), Treasurer Brigadier Doug Perry OAM RFD ED, Schools Awards Convenor Allan Pizzey AM, Jenifer Mayne OAM, Pauline Powell OAM, Dr David Price OAM, Hon Peter Spyker AM, David Reid OAM and Rev John Leaver AO RFD ED.

At the AGM member, Andrew Mackenzie OAM spoke of his role in co-ordinating a worldwide celebration of the 150th Birthday of Dame Nellie Melba GBE who was born in Richmond on 19th May 1861. This included the international registration of the "Dame Nellie Melba Rose". Andrew advised the meeting of his intention to arrange the official launch of the Rose, in conjunction with MPRG and Mornington Peninsula Shire on the Mornington Peninsula during 2016.

(above:) Back: Chairman Brian Stahl OAM JP, Andrew Mackenzie OAM, front: Eric Brewer OAM’ Richard Rozen OAM. Andrew is advising the meeting about the Dame Nellie Melba Rose.

This Australia Day there was 10 recipients within the areas covered by the group. Letters of congratulations have been sent to each of the recipients.

The primary focus for committee this year will be carrying out a review of the purpose and activities of the Regional Group along with steps to create a greater awareness in community of the Australian Honours System.

A meeting has been held with the Mayor of Mornington Peninsula Shire. Agreement has been made for the Shire to jointly host the Annual Reception for Award Recipients in July and for a presentation to be made to Council on April 11th 2016. Meetings of the Regional Group will this year be held in the Shire Offices Queen Street Mornington.

**Citizenship Ceremonies**
Chairman Brian was Guest Speaker at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony conducted by Mornington Peninsula Shire at Rosebud at which 70 residents received Citizenship from 12 Countries including 13 family groups. Our Regional Group will provide Guest Speakers at all six Citizenship Ceremonies held by the Shire during 2016.
Committee Meetings
The scheduled meetings for the year are:
Friday 15th April 2016: Meeting Room 6 Shire Offices Queen Street, Mornington
Friday 27th April 2016: Meeting Room 6 Shire Offices Queen Street, Mornington
Friday 22nd July 2016: Meeting Room 6 Shire Offices Queen Street, Mornington
Friday 7th October 2016: Meeting Room 6 Shire Offices Queen Street, Mornington
Friday 25th November 2016: To Be Confirmed.

North East Victoria and Goulburn Valley
The AGM held in November at Kerferd Hotel, Beechworth was attended by 70 members and guests who immensely enjoyed the presentation by Prof Brendon Crabb from the Burnett Institute on tropical disease eradication.

The AGM led to few changes, with Isobel Dunstan OAM retiring after many years on the committee, replaced by Graham Kerr OAM who is a relatively new member of the OAA. Bruce Lloyd AM remains on the committee, but stood down as Deputy Chair, replaced by Barbara Thomas OAM. John Brown AO was re-elected as Chairman, and Adrian Twitt OAM as Secretary.

The committee had its first 2016 meeting in February at the Thoona Hotel and the plans for this year are well in hand.

The first function for the group is on Sunday, 10th April at 'The Tuileries', Rutherglen, preceded by an ecumenical church service at the Rutherglen Roman Catholic Church. At the luncheon, the guest speaker will be Hon Tim Fischer AC, who will be speaking about his time at the Vatican.

North Central Suburbs
The 2015 year finished on a high for the group with a very successful function that involved the AGM, recognition of 2015 award recipients and guest speaker: North Central Suburbs Regional Group member, Kel Glare AM APM former Chief Commissioner of Police. Much of the positive feedback from this event centered on the high profile of Kel and the fact that members were pleased to hear of the background/career of another NCSRG members.

In his address Kel advised of a program involving policing and schools and the group committee is progressing discussions on possible avenues of involvement for the group.

This Australia Day there was 15 award recipients within the NCSRG. Letters of congratulations have been sent to each of them.

In addition to inviting awardees to join the OAA, they were invited to provide their email address so that they could be advised of various state and regional group functions. To date two recipients have provided their email address.

The committee continues to meet every second month to discuss and progress the annual program of events.
The one event where the date has been set, venue booked and guest speaker finalised is the AGM/2016 Awardees reception/Guest speaker. Again the guest speaker is a NCSRG member, Bill Noonan OAM.

Bill after working as a truck driver and aircraft refueller for 10 years, became an official of the Transport Workers Union in 1974, retiring after 35 years service in 2009, with the final 15 years as Branch Secretary for Victoria and Tasmania. Bill also served a term as Federal President and is a life member of the Australian Labor Party.

Bill is currently Deputy Chair of Western Melbourne Regional Development Australia Committee, Chair of the Institute for Breathing and Sleep at Austin Health, an Australia Day Ambassador and a founding Director and now Chair of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation.

In 2006 Bill received an Order of Australia Medal for service to the transport industry particularly in respect to road safety and the trade union movement.

The group is also progressing a suggestion to collaborate with Australia Day Ambassadors in NCSRG to determine how we can create an appropriate function. Action is also progressing to contact all NCSRG members to enthuse them to nominate deserving people for Honours.

A renewed program to effectively engage all NCSRG Councils/Shires for mutual benefit is proposed during 2016.

**South Central Suburbs**

The South Central Suburban Regional Group is presenting a special luncheon on Wednesday, 24 August at 12 noon for 12.30pm at the iconic West Brighton Club, 22 Park Street, Brighton. Guest Speaker Lindsay Fox AC will present ‘Lunch with a Tricky Truckie’ ($55 per person includes a 2-course meal and drinks). Guests are welcome. Dress: Jacket and tie. Full decorations to be worn. Contact: Roger Wilson OAM, 0418 395 946 or Ross Newton OAM, 9555 5549.

The group will continue to support local school debating competitions in conjunction with the Debaters Association of Victoria.

South Central Suburban Regional Group has also maintained amiable relations with the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston Councils, who alternate hosting a reception for local Honours’ recipients. This year’s event will be hosted by Glen Eira Council.

**South West Vic**

*Australia Day function*

For the fifth successive year our SW Group, in partnership with the Warrnambool Sub Branch of the RSL, conducted an afternoon “Lowering The Flag” ceremony, mirroring the Victoria Branch ceremony at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance.
The ceremony featured the 43 Squadron Air Cadets, Warrnambool Pipes and Drums, Primary and Secondary students speaking to the topic “I am an Australian”, student musicians and guest, renowned baritone, Manfred Pohlenz. Our special guests included the Mayor, Federal Member of Parliament Dan Tehan and our local Victorian Member for South West Coast, Roma Britnell.

The guest speaker for the Australia Day address was Australia Day Ambassador Tonia Todman, whose stirring address drew much acclaim as well as some controversy. The numbers in attendance, particularly with passing tourists, was well in excess of previous years. The 30 minute ceremony concluded with a very pleasant reception in the RSL Rooms.

**Correction**

In our last report the guest speaker listed for our 4th December meeting in Hamilton was Jarrod Hodgson. Unfortunately Jarrod was a late withdrawal and one of our members, Professor Dr. Geoffrey Quail gave the address. The error was due to the report being submitted, to meet a publication deadline, a few days before the event. Geoffrey’s address was on the debilitating impact of disease upon our troops’ Gallipoli campaign. The address was based upon extensive research, both in Australia and England, by Geoffrey and the evidence he produced was astounding. I apologise for the error in the report.

**Australia Day honours**

We were pleased to welcome five new members to the order from the SW on Australia Day and look forward to greeting them at our next meeting.

**Next function**

The group’s next function is planned to be held in Port Fairy in 1st May. Further details will be announced later.

**Western Suburbs**

At the Annual meeting on 19th November 2015, with 41 in attendance, Vance Hilton OAM was re-elected Chairman of the Regional Group, Rhys Maggs AM as Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer John Ravenhall AM, Allan Eldridge OAM, Bob Fairclough OAM, Jack Harris OAM and June Kane AM as committee members. Fascinating guest speaker at the AGM was Sr. Joan Healy OAM, who spoke on her experiences assisting refugees in dire need in Cambodia and surrounding countries.

An “executive” committee meeting was held at Taylor’s Lakes on Thursday 14 January to review the 2016 program and continue planning for the year.

The Western Suburbs Regional Group’s first function for 2016 was a luncheon at Pascoe Vale Hotel with former Chief Commissioner of Victorian Police, Neil Comrie AO APM as the guest speaker. Neil spoke on his many activities and responsibilities since leaving the Police Force, particularly on government projects. These included the follow up to the Black Saturday bushfires and implantation of the recommendations following the Hazlewood coal fires affecting the people of Morwell.
Dates for the further three “major” Group events for the year were determined to be:

- Lunch time meeting on Thursday 19th May
- Lunch time meeting on Thursday 18th August at Taylor’s Lakes hotel; speaker to be Caroline Bayliss, experienced sustainability professional
- Early evening meeting and AGM at Overnewton Castle, Keilor, on or close to 17th November

A list of other possibilities for supplementary events is being followed up by committee members.

**Book Review**

**Retirement...what retirement - Bill Noonan OAM**

After a lifetime of work many people look forward to spending their golden years of retirement playing golf, travelling or sipping cocktails on the back decking.

When Bill Noonan retired, he wondered what retirement would be like and set out to record his activities on 2013, 'a year in retirement'. Having retired from the position of Secretary of the Transport Workers Union in 2009, his work as a volunteer had continued. Busy roles included chairing the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, the Institute for Breathing and Sleep and as Deputy Chair of Western Melbourne Regional Development Australia. This afforded Bill valuable and rewarding opportunities to engage with quality people, organisations and the community.

As the book evolved it became clear that Bill needed to document some of his childhood experiences, subsequent work life and the ongoing love and support of family and friends, to assist the reader to understand and appreciate the influences that have developed and guided him. Needless to say there has been no time available to join the Bingo set. Retirement, what retirement?

An order form for the book is attached to this newsletter.

*We recognize the ongoing and generous support of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria in the publishing of this newsletter*
National Gallery of Victoria Exhibition
“Degas – A New Vision”

The Victoria Branch of the Order of Australia Association has arranged an exclusive 60 minute introductory talk (to be given by Gina Panebianco, Head of the NGV Education Department) followed by entry to this year’s winter blockbuster.

The exhibition contains over 200 works of this French Impressionist artist covering life in late 19th century Paris.

When – 11 am Thursday 21 July 2016
Where – National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Road, Melbourne
How much - $35 per person

Those wishing to stay for lunch after the exhibition may care to visit Cafe Vic in the Arts Complex. Lunch has been arranged for members of the group at a cost of $35 per person (main course, dessert, glass of wine, tea/coffee).

If you would like to come please complete the following and mail to OAA, PO Box 18389, Collins Street East, Victoria, 8003 or email to jbstock@bigpond.net.au as soon as possible but definitely before the final acceptance date of 14 July.

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Our capacity is 90, pay or reserve your place now. Bookings in order of receipt

I wish to attend the Special Luncheon at the West Brighton Club, 22 Park Street, Brighton on Wednesday 24th August 2016, 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 12th August 2016. Alternately, pay by Direct Debit to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000. Account number 132398835. No receipts will be issued.

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

Phone 9555 5549. Email rhnewton@hotmail.com
Foreword –

Living with a workaholic – if a little less than perfect – has always been interesting, yet did I really believe that retirement would see Bill easing back!

Short of roping him to the front gatepost, unlike certain wives who complain about a retired partner being suddenly under their feet, no such problem is ever likely to exist in our household. Since having worked tirelessly once leaving school at the young age of fourteen, retirement is almost like a foreign word to Bill; and for as long as he is still casting a shadow, a word that he has no desire to ever translate. At his happiest when either participating in, or implementing a meaningful task for the benefit and betterment of others, he has thrived on realizing his many pursuits – both within the workforce and beyond.

Dedicated to all that he has undertaken, his days of leisure have become a selfless labour of love to those in need of assistance. But one of the most pleasing aspects of his limited hours spent at home has been in witnessing his determination to complete this book. Bill’s warmth and no nonsense, yet knock about and down to earth approach shine through on every page, reminding me of the reasons why I was first attracted to this bloke whom I chose to marry.

Together with his wonderful sense of humour, all the right dance moves seem to be covered in this somewhat light-hearted, informative and entertaining story of a man who never plans to retire.

Colleen Noonan

Retirement... what retirement?
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