



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A highlight of the year was the Branch Annual Dinner at the Royal Perth Golf Club, with Hon. Kim Beazley, AC our guest speaker and The Hon Kerry Sanderson, AC, Governor of Western Australia and Patron of the Branch who proposed

the toast to The Order.

Over 140 people attended (despite a necessary increase on the entry price) which was a tribute to Kim Beazley as guest speaker and to the reputation of the event.

In early August our reception at the City of Melville for those honoured in the Queen's birthday list was also a great success. The City was host for the event and its warm hospitality and wonderful civic facilities added lustre to the reception. We enrolled a number of new members for the Branch as a direct result of the event.

Now, what's coming:

- Our annual Christmas lunch, again at RAAFA in Bull Creek, in association with the Royal Commonwealth Society, in late November;

- The annual general meeting (which will be especially important for several reasons this time) in conjunction with a brunch event in February 2018.

The revitalisation of the national body continues apace under national Chairman Barry Nunn, and this has consequences for the Branch, including a renewed national perspective on activities and a larger role for the Branch member (currently the Chairman of the Branch) nominated to the national board.

The Branch will be calling for nominations from all branch members for the appointment to the national board position post the annual general meeting next year.

Also, it should be noted that both the current Chairman of the Branch and the current Honorary Secretary will be stepping down in February so those with an interest should watch for notices calling for nominations.

Financially your branch is sound, its projects are continuing (Police Academy mentoring and Careers Guidance Programme), its branch activities are scheduled as usual and our new "Let's talk about ..." activity has a very worthwhile event organised for October.



**Bill Hassell AM JP**  
Branch Chairman, Western Australia

## COMING EVENTS

**19<sup>th</sup> of November 2017**

**Great Southern Annual Dinner and Church Service**

To be held at St John's Church, Albany and dinner at Motel Le Grande

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

**OAA Christmas Luncheon**

At RAAFA Bull Creek

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**OAWA Annual General Meeting**

This will be a Breakfast meeting to be held 10.30am at the River Room located right on the banks of the Swan River, Charles Court Reserve, The Esplanade, Nedlands.

The breakfast menu has been carefully selected to suit a range in tastes and requirements. All for \$30.00

All are welcome to attend this event. Not every day that you can watch the dolphins swimming by as you enjoy breakfast.

**How to become a  
Member of our Association.  
Check our website  
[www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au)**

## REPLACEMENT OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA LAPEL PINS AND LADIES BROOCHES

These are available to purchase by contacting the Honours Secretariat, Government House, CANBERRA.

The prices for these can vary so it would be advisable to telephone for current prices prior to requesting purchase.

The telephone number: 02 6283 3617. Payment for these can be made by cheque/money order to "The Collector of Public Monies" or over the telephone by quoting your credit card details.

**Should your insignia be stolen** you may request the purchase of a replacement from the Honours Secretariat. The request is to be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration and, if possible, a copy of the Police Report.

## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS INVESTITURE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE



Presided over by H E Kerry Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia



Margaret Nunn OAM with family friend former Governor of Western Australia Ken Michael AC

## ANNUAL ORDER DINNER HELD AT ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB



Pictured our Patron H E Kerry Sanderson AC Governor of Western Australia with HON Kim Beazley AC guest speaker for the evening, and recently retired Australian Ambassador to United States of America, Bill Hassell AM WA Branch Chairman and Russell Aubrey Mayor City of Melville.

### WA BRANCH OFFICE-HOLDERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# ASPIRATIONAL CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

## Successful Conclusion of Phase 1

The world of work is continuing to change with ever increasing speed and intensity. The digital economy with its increasing use of computerisation automation and robotics has resulted in the loss of large numbers of labourers, machine operators, office workers and technicians over the past twenty years or so, and the trend continues.

Bearing in mind that Year 10 students need to select their subjects for the final two years of schooling leads to the self-evident conclusion they need prior assistance and sound advice to do so. This can be done very effectively by means of well-structured "Career Guidance Programs" whilst they are in Year 9, with classroom presentations and work-site visits organised by well qualified and experienced industry-sector representatives.

The WA Branch Committee decided to address this challenge with small pilot programs in the Kwinana-Rockingham region where the youth unemployment was, and continues to be unacceptably high. Having received the blessing of the State Training Board and the support of participating Industry Training Councils and Earth Science WA the first program for Year 9 students commenced at King's College, a small independent Senior High School, in 2014.

Its success encouraged us to consider its expansion to include a few more schools in the region, and with the cooperation and support of the Kwinana Industries Council a presentation was made to its "Senior High School Principals Group" which resulted in Hamilton Senior High School and Tranby College coming on board.

Consequently our "Three Schools Career Guidance Program" was launched in 2016 and its successful conclusion for the year was celebrated at a Parliament House Reception for Branch Committee members, School Principals, Career Teachers and Student representatives in December 2016, hosted by the Hon Liz Behjat MLC.

## Where are the Jobs of the Future?

Apart from the jobs already lost to the digital revolution the "Foundation for Young Australians" recently reported that some 40% of current jobs are also likely to be influenced by automation in the next decade or so. Not only are low-skilled jobs being lost but the growth of online services are eliminating many routine tasks formerly carried out by book-keepers and accountants. Couple these developments with the intrusion of automation and robotics in the Construction, Farming and Mining sectors one can appreciate the scale and extent of future job losses.

It appears therefore that Applied Mathematicians, Computer Technologists, Engineers and Forensic Accountants etc., with computer coding skills will be well sought after, as will those with high levels of interpersonal and enterprise skills, involving critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and good presentation skills. Other important requirements are financial literacy and digital skills which nowadays relate to most aspects of our daily life.

## Essential Elements of Career Guidance Programs

- Programs should commence with students exploring their personal aptitudes and interests using online self-assessment programs etc., against which they can match them against available career opportunities

- Programs should, whilst being all-embracing, ensure coverage of locally available jobs
- Emphasis must be placed on numeracy and literacy skills. Whilst the former should be re-enforced by industry-sector presenters, literacy can be embraced by having students produce their own Class Journal and/or Personal Portfolios
- Information and advice on career options should preferably be presented by carefully selected industry-sector representatives and must include worksite visits.
- Every attempt should be made to assess the success of each module, not forgetting the importance of the Class Journal as a good barometer of the program's impact.
- Parents must be kept informed of the program's content, intent and, if possible, its progress.

## Concluding Phase

The next and ongoing phase involves ensuring that relevant information about these programs are disseminated to other Senior High Schools throughout the State, hence our approach to the then Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier MLC. This led us to Peta Pollock, Manager Career Centre at the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD), organising an attachment to its Career Centre Website providing details of all three Aspirational Career Guidance Programs successfully completed in 2016.

Information on the programs are readily available by using the following online link: <https://wacareercentre.wordpress.com/tag/aspirationasl-careers-development-program/>

Finally, the Branch Committee also intends producing two short videos, which will be available on YouTube, for those seeking additional information.

In conclusion, it must be emphasised that the success of this project has many parents, all of whom are deserving of our sincere gratitude. Let's start with our former Chairman in 2012/13, Barry Nunn AO who encouraged us to broaden our community-based activities and was an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative. Thereafter the Branch Committee under its current Chairman Bill Hassell AM JP has been totally supportive of its development at every stage. Special mention is also due to the Principals and Career Teachers at each of the three schools, as well as participating Industry Training Councils (ITCs), Earth Science WA and Curtin University, all of whom provided experienced personnel for classroom presentations and assisted with worksite visits etc.

The contributions of the former Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier and Peta Pollock, Manager, Career Centre DTWD must also be recognised. A very special word of thanks is also due Dr Simon Karginioff, Deputy Principal, King's College, whose original idea it was to introduce an "Aspirational Careers Guidance Program" for Year 9 students at King's College in 2014.

Finally my personal and very special thanks to Norma Roberts, Executive Director of Retail and Public Services ITC., my colleague Ian Williams AO and fellow committee member for their consistent support, advice and cooperation.

**Emeritus Professor Odwyn Jones AO**