

# ACT OAA

## JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS

**A booking sheet for the following event is enclosed:**

**Australia Day Breakfast, Friday 26 January 2018 at Royal Canberra Golf Club**

**The 2018 ACT Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at The Royal Canberra Golf Club on Thursday 1 March 2018.**

**The 2018 OAA National Conference will be held in Adelaide on 3 to 6 May 2018**

### 2018 AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

#### PENELOPE THWAITES AM is GUEST SPEAKER



Penelope Thwaites was born in Chester, UK of Australian parents. Returning to Australia she attended Tintern Grammar and subsequently took her Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Melbourne, winning the Ormond Exhibition, and being placed first in her final year. Further studies in London led to her concert debut at the Wigmore Hall in 1974.

Since then she has performed and broadcast in over 30 countries, appearing as soloist with such orchestras as the London Philharmonic, the Philharmonia, the BBC Concert Orchestra, and with leading orchestras in Australia, Europe and the USA. Along with her career as a concert pianist, she has composed extensively for the theatre and other genres, and her musical *Ride! Ride!* was produced in London's West End. A committed protagonist for Australian composers, regularly including Australian repertoire in her programs, she founded and chaired the Performing Australian Music Competition (London 2001 and 2008) attracting participants from 20 countries.

Penelope is recognised world-wide as a leading exponent of the music of Melbourne-born Percy Grainger and has recorded over 260 tracks of his music, with a new box set on the Heritage label appearing last year. She was artistic director of major Grainger festivals in London in 1998 and 2011 and is editor of *The New Percy Grainger Companion* (Boydell 2010).

Although she has made her home in London, she returns regularly to Australia and is delighted to have a second home in Canberra. Penelope was appointed a member in the Order of Australia in 2001 *for service to music through the performance and promotion of Australian compositions in the United Kingdom and internationally* and currently serves as Chairman of the Order of Australia Association UK/Europe.

For the Australia Day Breakfast, Penelope has chosen the topic "*Canberra Connections*". Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/62044> (preferred) or alternately, a booking sheet is 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](mailto:morrall@ozemail.com.au).

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## NOTICE OF ACT BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 1 March 2018

The annual ACT Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday 1 March 2018 at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla. The nominations form for positions is enclosed with this newsletter.

The Agenda for the meeting Annual General Meeting is:

1. **OPENING REMARKS:**
2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:**
3. **APOLOGIES:**
4. **MINUTES OF THE AGM 21 FEBRUARY 2017:**
5. **MATTERS ARISING.**
6. **CHAIR’S REPORT:**
7. **TREASURER’S REPORT:**
8. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:**
9. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE 2018-19:**  
DIRECTOR, for National Board  
CHAIRMAN,  
SECRETARY,  
TREASURER,  
SIX MEMBERS.  
Report of Returning Officer
10. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
11. **CLOSING REMARKS – FUTURE EVENTS.**

An advertisement for the AGM will be placed in The Canberra Times Public Notices on Saturday 3 February 2018.

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At 7.00 pm, following the AGM, Branch member Bill Stephens OAM will talk on “**Memories as National Treasures**” regarding the National Library’s Oral History Collection for which he has recorded over 200 interviews since 1985, specialising in personalities from the performing arts. Bill received his OAM in 2017 *for service to the performing arts through a range of roles*. Refreshments will be provided and this event will be at no cost.

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## VALE

We regret the recent passing of the following ACT Branch member and pay our respects for his contribution to the Association and the Australian community.

**Mr Freddy Argy AM OBE** – Queen’s Birthday 1992 – In recognition of service to national economic planning.

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Dear ACT Branch Colleague,

The Annual General Meeting of our Branch is to be held on 1 March 2018. Details, and the nomination form for Committee appointments are provided with this newsletter.

I wish to draw to your attention to our need for at least four and preferably five new Committee members to bring new and fresh views to our activities. Recent awardees are very welcome.

Our Branch Chairman has reached the limit of his allowed tenure but will continue as an ex-officio committee member for one year and take on the Branch Newsletter task. **We need a new Chairperson.**

I am currently both Branch Treasurer and Minute Secretary and I am also the National Secretary of the Association, so I need to relinquish the Branch positions. Neither Branch position is onerous, and the Treasurer's activity is about to be integrated into the National cloud-based accounting system which will simplify production of reports.

The use of the Sticky Ticket facility for events has removed a considerable amount of basic accounting activity, and the setting up of each event in Sticky Tickets is very easy. **We need a new Secretary and a new Treasurer.**

The coordination of our activities is shared around the Committee and obviously more hands make light work! **We need new general Committee members.**

Currently, the Committee meets every second month for two hours on a Wednesday evening.

A relatively new initiative at the National Board level has been to encourage the separation of the roles of Branch Chairperson from the Branch Nominated Director. This spreads the workload and is something as National Secretary I commend to the Branch. **We need an ACT Branch Nominated Director.**

**Phil Morrall AM, CSC      - Branch Secretary / Treasurer**

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**PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING – WE NEED YOU!**

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