

ACT OAA

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Booking sheet for the following events is enclosed:

**Queen's Birthday Lunch with
The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson AO
13 June 2017**

**Booking Information for the
OAA-ADF Oration
25 May 2017**

THE VICE CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCE TO DELIVER THE 2017 "OAA-ADF ORATION" ON 25 MAY 2017

The Vice Chief of Defence Force (VCDF), Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO, CSC, RAN will present the 2017 "OAA-ADF ORATION". His topic will be " **For society and of society: where the ADF sits in modern Australia.**"

Now in its seventh year, the OAA-ADF Oration embraces military and general recipients of The Order to create a closer understanding of each other's commitment to service - as recognised through the Australian Honours system. For this reason, all Branch members are strongly encouraged to attend regardless of whether you have a naval or military background and to invite family and guests to accompany.



Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO, CSC, RAN joined the RAN in 1978 and entered the Royal Australian Naval College at HMAS *Creswell* in 1979. He commanded the Anzac Class frigate HMAS *Arunta*, including service in border protection duties and the Persian Gulf; and later commanded the Australian Amphibious Task Group. He has served as Deputy Maritime (Fleet) Commander and he led the development of the Force Structure Review leading to the 2009 Defence

White Paper. On promotion to Rear Admiral, he was appointed Deputy Head Strategic Reform and Governance, and later served as Deputy Chief of Joint Operations. He was appointed Chief of Navy in June 2011 and VCDF in June 2014.

Vice Admiral Griggs was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in 1997 and a Commendation for Distinguished Service in 2003. He was appointed a Member in The Order of Australia in 2009 and an Officer in The Order in 2012 "For distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force as Deputy Head Strategic Reform and Governance, Deputy Chief of Joint Operations, and Chief of the Royal Australian Navy."

See over.

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The OAA-ADF Oration will be held on Thursday 25 May 2017, commencing at 5.30pm, in the Ngunnawal Theatre. Members and guests are asked to be seated by 5.25pm. The Theatre is accessed from the foyer of Building R1, Russell Offices - the large block to the rear and to the left of the Russell Hill complex, looking from the “Eagle” monument, and backing onto Constitution Ave.

There is no charge for this event, and light refreshments will be served after the Oration courtesy of the ADF - with the event concluding at 7.00 pm.

DRESS: Jacket, tie and lapel pin. Military personnel: dress of the day **or** jacket, tie and lapel pin.

REGISTER NOW for the “Oration”: Members (Guests very welcome) please register at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/50447> [please include post-nominals] or advise attendance no later than Monday 22nd May - to Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020 or email mandmcrane@live.com

THE 31st OAA CONFERENCE IN BRISBANE

Fifteen ACT Branch members and guests enjoyed the 31st Annual Conference, very professionally hosted by the Queensland Branch in Brisbane on 20 – 23 April 2017 with a range of interesting and thoughtful programs including the Conference Forum and the National Oration by The Hon Penelope Wensley AC which is expected to be available on the Association website shortly.

A highlight of the Conference was the presentation at the Conference dinner of three Order of Australia Association Foundation scholarships by His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.



Trish Keller OAM, Kaveri Pathak, Sara Farnbach, Elizabeth Grant AM

Scholarship awardee, Kaveri Pathak was sponsored by ACT Branch member and Secretary of the Order of Australia Association Foundation, Adj Professor Brian O’Keeffe AO. Kaveri is enrolled at Queensland University in a Bachelor of Engineering (with honours) Degree in Electrical Engineering with a desire to work in the power and renewable energy sector.

To report on the value of the scholarships, Sara Farnbach, who received a 2007 scholarship while studying nursing at the University of Canberra, was able to relate how the scholarship enabled her development through engagement with the World Health Organisation in the Philippines and later in the Solomon Islands and to further her studies. Sara is a PhD research fellow at Sydney University and is currently the Project Manager of a national depression validation study with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Sara was mentored in her scholarship by Ms Kaye Hogan AM of the ACT.

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*Commemorative Service at Anzac Square
Ann Street, Brisbane*

NOMINATIONS FOR OAA BOARD EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

An outcome following discussion at the Annual General Meeting of the OAA at the National Conference was the decision by the OAA Board to call for nominations from the full membership for the five Executive Sub-Committee positions. These positions are Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. The issue of ‘The Order’ magazine due for issue this month, will have a nomination form for these positions. Nominations will close on 30 June 2017 and the Board will meet soon after to consider the nominations for appointment in early July 2017.

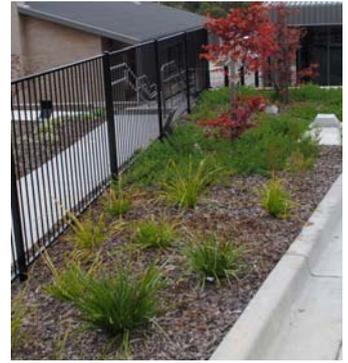
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JOHN JAMES VILLAGE OUTREACH

We are looking for members to continue to support for the John James Village.

As part of our community outreach, the ACT Branch of the OAA last year made a donation to the John James Foundation, John James Village at Garran. This assisted in the fitout of the Village and now that it is in operation as a modern, well planned facility managed by the Leukaemia Foundation to serve people under treatment for blood cancers, the Branch is seeking to offer further support in the way of garden maintenance.

The gardens surrounding the Village have, in part, been donated by one or more of our members and these of course need maintenance to keep in good order.



Recently, I was invited to visit the facility, to see for myself what we could do to ensure the health and beauty of the gardens. It was clear that an afternoon of effort twice a year would maintain and enhance the gardens. I believe that we members of the OAA, as a sponsor of the Village, can continue to support the facility by providing this valuable service.

I will undertake to organise this effort and invite members to spend an afternoon at the John James Village. I will also coordinate with the Village, a BBQ at the conclusion of the day at no cost to the Association, or any Members attending. I urge you to consider offering yourselves to this needed cause. Please contact me on 0414406913 for details and arrangements - John O'Neill OAM

SUPPORT RADIO 1RPH



Branch member Robert Altamore OAM, Vice-President of Radio 1RPH, is inviting OAA members to attend **Radio 1RPH Fundraising Dinner** with guest speaker, Network Ten's Contributing Editor **PAUL BONGIORNO AM**.

Topic - "The direction of Australian media over the next 20 years."

Paul was appointed a member in The Order of Australia in 2014 *"For significant service to the print and broadcast media as a journalist, political commentator and editor."*

There will be pre-dinner drinks from 6.30 pm to 7.00 pm; followed by a two course menu with tea and coffee. Vegetarian meals are available on request.

Venue: Royal Canberra Golf Club, Bentham St, Yarralumla.

Time: 6.30 pm Date: 27 May, 2017. Cost: \$80.00 per person (\$25 will go to 1RPH)

Dress: Suits for men, Ladies 'after 5'

Bookings essential. Contact Jenni Rush from 9am to 4pm on 6241 4076.

Each day people with a print disability have trouble doing what most Australian take for granted: reading newspapers, magazines, books and other printed material, which means they lack access to important information. Radio 1RPH turns print into sound, making this information available. Volunteers contribute 12,000 hours each year to on-air reading, production and administration. Running the Station costs over \$100,000 each year. To find out more visit: www.radio1rph.org.au



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 13 August 2017 – The OAA Multi Faith Observance at The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton hosted by the Executive Director, the Right Reverend Professor Stephen Pickard.

Thursday 26 October 2017 – OAA-ANU Lecture – Guest Speaker Distinguished Professor Chennupati Jagadish AC – Topic 'Nanotechnology: Opportunities and Challenges' at the Australian Centre on China in the World, ANU, Acton.

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RECEPTION FOR NEW AWARDEES

Fifty members and guests welcomed seven new recipients of awards in The Order of Australia at a reception held on Thursday 4 May 2017 at The Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla. This followed the investiture ceremony held at Government House on 28 April 2017 at which the OAA was represented by National President Philip Flood AO and Branch Chair Bruce Trewartha OAM.

Welcomed at the reception were:

Professor Brian Anderson AC: For eminent service to information and communications technology, to engineering and to higher education, as an academic, researcher and author, to professional scientific associations, and as a mentor of young scientists.

Clinical Associate Professor Stephen Bradshaw AM. For significant service to medicine as a vascular surgeon, to health practitioner regulation, and to medical education.

Mr Nicholas Hunter OAM: For service to rowing.

Dr William Maiden PSM OAM: For service to education in the Australian Capital Territory

Professor Gabrielle Cooper OAM: For service to the pharmacy sector, and to tertiary education.

Ms Frances Rose OAM: For service to victims of crime through advocacy and support roles.

Mr William Stephens OAM: For service to the performing arts through a range of roles.



*Dr William Maiden PSM OAM
and Greg Cornwell AM*



Frances Rose OAM and Ross Dunn

*Prof Stephen Bradshaw AM, Prof Gabrielle Cooper OAM,
Dr Sue Packer AM*

VALE TO PAST MEMBERS

The ACT Branch extend our sympathy to the families and friends of the following past members and honour their contribution to our society.

Professor David Biles OAM – Australia Day 2003 - For service in the field of criminology as an educator, researcher and adviser.

Air Vice Marshal Hubert Desmond Hall CB CMG CBE AFC (Retd) – Associate Member.

ON-LINE BOOKINGS

The Branch is happy to report increasing use of the Sticky Tickets booking for events. There was 80% use for the Welcome Reception. We ask members to include their post nominals when booking. Contact Michael Crane DSC & Bar AM at 0467 719 020 or email mandmcrane@live.com for assistance with online booking.
