



JOAN MARGARET GREEN OAM

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Joan Green was born and educated in Launceston at the then Methodist Ladies College (now Scotch Oakburn) where she excelled in athletics and was a member of the 1939 first cricket team. It was also at a very early age (11 years) that she first started to play golf – the sport that became one of her greatest enjoyments. She won many local championships and was captain of the Tasmanian women’s team in the Australian Championships in 1950.

In her last 2 years of schooling at MLC she undertook a commercial course and became a secretary/clerk to a senior stock-broking firm in northern Tasmania. During the war years 1939 – 1945 Joan was a member of the Volunteer Aid Detachment in Tasmania engaged in civil defence and voluntary work at the Launceston General Hospital. She also qualified for first aid and home nursing certificates.

In the early 1940s, Joan worked as secretary to the principal of Hagley farm school. She remembers this as a very rewarding time being able to help young people.

She married Richard Green in 1951 and they set up home at “Sherringham” 22 York Street in Launceston where she lives today. They raised a family of six, and her husband

became the Deputy Mayor of Launceston in 1969 and Mayor of Launceston from 1970 – 1971 and at these times Joan was Mayoress. One of the most memorable events she and Richard were involved in was the opening of the Princess Theatre in 1970.

Along with her husband and co-founder Mrs Biddy Craig, Joan was involved in the founding of the National Trust of Australia – Tasmania in 1960, and she has continued to work for the trust for over 50 years. As member of various committees, she has been instrumental in establishing firstly Frankland House and then Clarendon House as two of Tasmania’s most important and iconic historic properties. This involved a huge amount of voluntary time, effort and fund raising, and much of this involved Joan Green and her home at Sherringham. One of the highlights that Joan remembers is entertaining Queen Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles and Princess Anne at a luncheon in the Town Hall in April 1970 when they visited Tasmania as part of their Australian Royal Tour.

Joan is a foundation member of the Penguins fund-raising committee beginning in 1945 and becoming a life member in 1970. She joined the Victoria League in 1947 and was actively involved until she retired in 1975



On Australia Day 2014 she was awarded an Order of Australia medal for services to the community, particularly through the heritage and conservation of historic properties. The next day she was awarded the Launceston City Council Citizen of the Year Award.

Joan Green has dedicated a greater part of her life to volunteer work for the benefit of Tasmania and the wider community. She most recently has become a committee member of the Order of Australia Association Northern Region.

TASMANIAN BRANCH FIRST AFFILIATE

JOAN JACKS 30/1/1933

The criteria for being admitted as an Affiliate of the Order of Australia Association includes “being a person who was the domestic partner of a Qualified Applicant or Affiliate (By Law 20.5(a)(ii)). Joan Jacks from Launceston is more than worthy of recognition as an Affiliate. Her late husband Bernard Jacks was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services in the life insurance industry in 1986. He was nominated by the Australian Life Underwriters Association at that time. In 1997 he was further recognised with the award of Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for “Services to the community through programmes designed to recognise achievements”.

Joan and Bernard were married on the 24th of June 1987 and Bernard took various branch offices until 1995 when he was elected as the National Chairman of the Order of Australia Association. He and Joan had attended previous national conferences and in particular in Tasmania in 1990. Bernard was elected for a further 2 year term in January of 1997 and sadly passed away on the 6th of February 1999, just days after completing his last term as National Chairman. This was a devastating event for Joan who had supported him throughout his period of office in OAA and who nursed him at home throughout the last 17 months of his terminal illness.

Joan moved to Tasmania in 2006, she and Bernard having discussed a move to our island state in the years prior to his death. She was co-opted as Treasurer of the northern region of the association in October 2009 and served in that role for 2 years as a volunteer without voting rights, as there was no member available to take the



position. During this period she provided quality financial reports and also developed a special photographic promotional material for the 2011 national conference held in Tasmania.

Joan remains an active attendee at Order of Australia Association functions as well as being involved in many other charitable and volunteer organisations. She became a Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow when in Queensland.

Joan Jacks has been a wonderful supporter of the Order of Australia Association as well as a fine contributing citizen of our Northern Tasmanian community. It is most appropriate that she be welcomed as our first Affiliate of the Order of Australia Association Tasmania Branch.

STUDENTWORKS, LAUNCESTON TASMANIA

Thirty eight years ago, a dedicated teacher Mrs Marjorie Knox realised that there was no clear avenue for children who were not suited to academic studies, who were more suited to manual practices and who were not coping or progressing in normal classrooms. She identified the need for a special school and so in 1978 Studentworks began its life in an old shed on the Tamar River waterfront. It rapidly grew and moved to a warehouse in the industrial area of the Housing Commission suburb of Rocherlea. In December 2000 it acquired the large former factory/warehouse of Four Roses flour where it operates today.

Studentworks is a unique school that takes students drawn from right across the northern Tasmanian education region. They must be at least 14 years old, and are referred by their school, parents or sometimes counsellors. There is a maximum number of students at any one time comprising two groups of up to 15. They alternate a week at their own school and a week at Studentworks.

Woodwork, metal fabrication, hospitality and life skills are taught along with a strong focus on numeracy and literacy in all of these areas. Emphasis is also on safe work practices, communication skills, team work, productivity, initiative – all which contribute to an increased likelihood that the young person will go on to further education and ultimately employment.

Staffing consists of a general manager, four full-time instructors and two part-time staff. Approximately half the funding comes from the Education Department and the rest is earned from the sale of the students' products, and sometimes from occasional grants.

Studentworks is the only school of its kind anywhere in Tasmania. It is a wonderful example of inspiration and dedication by all who are involved – supporters, board, staff and students.

VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TASMANIA

On 1st June 35 members and friends of the Southern group visited Government House at the invitation of Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AM and Mr Dick Warner. The pair shared experiences and listened actively to the group as they circulated around the room.

The State Rooms at Government House are both homely and grand. For instance, a personal story related to her Excellency's visit with Queen Elizabeth at the time of the Professor's appointment. Evidently nearing the end of the visit the Queen gave Professor Warner two mounted photos – one of herself and one of the Duke of Edinburgh. The Queen indicated her acute awareness of the Tasmanian Government House by suggesting the photos could be placed on the piano. Indeed in the photo accompanying these notes the reader will be able to see those photos as they are on the piano.

In an informal way, Professor Warner and Mr Warner shared local stories and all present were in awe of Her Excellency's work-load. Tasmanians are also aware of the high regard the judiciary hold her scholarship in several areas of the law, especially sentencing.

The visit was a delight. Members and their friends cemented friendships amongst themselves whilst enjoying close interaction with our hosts, the Governor and Mr Warner.



Jacob Smith, Jayden Pearce, Shon McIntee



Jacob Cox



Shon McIntee (Studentworks Manager), Nick Blaubum (Life Skills Manager)



Teejay Wagg, Zachary Goodyer

TASMANIAN BRANCH OFFICE-HOLDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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NORTH WEST REGIONAL NEWS



Kevin Monson OAM and Merlene Monson

The Queen's Birthday Luncheon was enjoyed by 44 diners from along the North West Coast of Tasmania. Our venue was the Lucas Hotel at Latrobe, where up until the morning of the luncheon the staff were still drying out carpet and airing rooms as a result of the devastating floods during several days before the event. The room was filled with talking and laughter which is the norm for our meeting occasions.

Luncheon was enjoyed which was followed by the drawing of a pantry raffle which included items for every room in the house plus toiletries. Members all donated the items which also included meat, vegetables and wine. There was much joviality during the drawing.

The next function in this Region will be the Reception towards the end of September when we honour those who received Order of Australia Awards on Australia Day and the Queen's Birthday. Mayors or their representatives of the municipalities will join us to speak on their behalf. This will be followed by a supper and light refreshments.

Photos courtesy of The Advocate and photographer, Brodie Weeding.



Reginald Viney, Amy and Noel Viney OAM, Chairman of OAA (Tasmania)



Patsy Bingham, Neville Bingham OAM, Geoff Ralph OAM and Helen Ralph

NORTHERN REGIONAL GROUP NOTES

An enjoyable and informative soup and sandwich lunch was held at the Launceston Studentworks facility at 199 Georgetown Road, Rocherlea on the 7th of April. Members attending were given a tour of the workshop and informed of the range of skills taught (see article in this issue of The Order). The committee of the northern region are very grateful to the General Manager, Mr Shon McIntee and to the instructors Nick Blaubaum, Liz Harris, Tony Green and Andrew Jamison for making their time available - we also thank the students for allowing us to tour their facility.

The next northern regional OAA function will be on the 16th of June. This will be a tour of the Queen Victoria Museum Invermay campus and will be hosted by the Director of the Museum, Mr Richard Mulvaney. He will highlight a particular aspect of the museum's collection in a "behind the scenes" tour, and this will be followed by afternoon tea in the Museum's unique cafe - the majority of the cafe being in a restored Launceston tram. The region will take the opportunity of displaying our banner and also our medal display board at the entrance foyer of the Museum.

Following up the committee's recent decision, a letter has been sent to the Mayors of each of the Municipalities in our region asking if they would consider mentioning the significance of the Order of Australia Awards in their Citizenship ceremonies. We look forward to a positive response.

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