



POST INVESTITURE DINNER SEPTEMBER 2016

At the Queen's Birthday Post Investiture Dinner hosted by the Association on 09 September 2016 award recipients were formally introduced to the Branch Chairman Noel Viney OAM and to members and guests. The dinner was held at the Blundstone Arena in the Ricky Ponting Stand (for cricket tragics!)

The guest speaker for the evening was the Honourable Dr Frank Madill AM, a member of the Branch Committee, who entertained the audience with a talk entitled "and that's another story", and a very entertaining story it was, based upon his years of working as a General Practitioner in a busy medical practice in Launceston, as a State Member of Parliament and as a farmer as well as being an active participant in the Launceston theatre world.



Mrs Elizabeth Smith OAM, Dr Robert Smith OAM & Noel Viney OAM Branch Chairman



Alan Swinton OAM, The Hon. Frank Madill AM & Alastair Douglas OAM

QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, LAUNCESTON. CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

On 29 April 1891 the then Governor of Tasmania Sir Robert GC Hamilton KCB officially opened the Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (as it was then known). Today, 125 years later, it is Australia's largest regional Museum, housing and displaying many of the nation's most important objects and works of art.

Its first and longest serving Curator was Herbert Hedley Scott. Scott used the best ideas from America and Europe to turn his museum into a model for Tasmania, and under his leadership it became a world-class institution for the people of northern Tasmania.

The original building consisted of a ground floor gallery to display mineral specimens with an Art Gallery on the next level. The first of many extensions commenced in 1907 with the addition of the Zoological Gallery.

To avoid confusion with the Victorian State Museum, the then Council agreed to change the title to Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. It was heritage listed in 1978.

In 1998 the Museum undertook the development of a new site at the former Launceston railway yards at Inveresk. This provided a huge area for additional display and storage. The new site was officially opened on 23 November 2001 and in 2007 it was determined that a dedicated Art Gallery at the old Royal Park site, be created. This was followed by a major refurbishment and an official opening on 16 September 2011 as a new Art Gallery in Launceston.

The present Director, Mr Richard Mulvaney brought with him a great deal of expertise from his previous position as developer and Curator of the Bradman Museum at Bowral in New South Wales.

Richard spoke recently with an OAA visiting group and provided a wonderful behind-the-scenes tour. The group was able to see first-hand how amazing the institution is.

Launceston, through the QVMAG can be justifiably proud of its ongoing contribution to the nation's visual culture. Visitors to the city should not miss the opportunity to visit and tour one of Australia's finest museums; the Queen Victoria Museum at Inveresk, and Queen Victoria Art Gallery at Royal Park.



Richard Mulvaney (Director)



The Director, Mr Richard Mulvaney speaking to the OAA visiting group.

JAMES FRASER ANDERSON OAM. RFD. JP



James Anderson's life has been a wonderful example of service to the legal profession, the Australian Military and to numerous voluntary organisations in his community.

Born on 7 March 1927, the son of Stewart and Irene Anderson, he was educated at Invermay Primary School and Launceston Junior Technical College. He commenced employment in December 1942 as junior office boy with the legal firm Shields Heritage Stackhouse and Martin where he went on to become an apprentice, an employed

litigious solicitor and ultimately a partner and then senior partner of the firm. He was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of Tasmania and the High Court of Australia in April 1954, and during his legal career, appeared in all jurisdictions in Tasmania and in the High Court of Australia.

In 1948, he enlisted in the Citizens Military Forces as a private in the 12/40 Infantry Battalion. He was promoted to major and ultimately second-in-command of the 12th Battalion and on its disbandment was appointed Officer Commanding of the 12th Independent Rifle company. He qualified as Major in the Australian Army Legal Corps and was appointed Deputy Assistant Director of Army Legal Services in Tasmania. He retired with the rank of Major and was awarded the Reserve Forces Decoration and bar. In 1949 initiated the re-establishment of the Launceston branch of the Royal United Services Institute of Tasmania, and now is a life member.

James has been Vice President of the Law Society of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Bar Association, the Maritime Law Association and President of the Medico- Legal Association (North). In 1992 he was appointed

Justice of the Peace for Tasmania and Victoria. He has been a Deputy Chairman of the Licensing Board of Tasmania and a reporter for the Tasmanian Law Reports.

James Anderson founded the Frances L Stubbs Scholarship Award at Invermay Primary School in 1967. He was an inaugural member of the Launceston Walking Club, the Marriage Guidance Council and the Association of Friends for the Mentally Ill. He was Vice-Chairman and later Chairman of St Luke's Association which established The Manor Complex, and he is a life member of One Care Ltd.

James married Marion (Bunny) Jaquet in 1953 – they have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He is currently a member of the Probus Club of Launceston, and researches legislation for a member of Tasmania's Legislative Council, and is an active member of the committee to establish a Hospice in Launceston.

NORTHERN NOTES

Northern Regional members warmly congratulate all the Queen's Birthday Northern Awardees -

Mr Robert Allan Brown OAM,
Mr Alan G. Birchmore AO,
Mrs Diana Butler OAM,
Dr Robert Smith OAM,

Mrs Elizabeth Smith OAM,
Mr Robert Silberberg OAM,
Mr Berend Oldenberg OAM,
Mr Anthony Smibert AM.

The members of the Northern Region who attended the June function at the Queen Victoria Museum were treated to a special "back of room" tour by the curator Mr Richard Mulvaney(see separate article). Everyone was amazed to see the enormous amount of interesting and valuable, and in some cases unique items that are in the possession of the museum and not on show to the public. Thanks to Mr Mulvaney and his staff for giving the time and such an interesting talk at a time when the recent northern river floods were at their peak and threatening the lower floors of the rail yards site. An excellent afternoon tea in the museum cafe followed the tour – thank you to the catering staff.

The next function, Thursday 11th August at 1:30pm-4:00pm, began with a Tour of the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania at 86 Cimitiere St, Launceston. The current exhibition features unique iconic Tasmanian vehicles including the official vehicle, a Daimler DS420 belonging to the current Tasmanian Governor. Director Mr Brian Matthews AM joined us and also attended the following afternoon tea at The Launceston Club, 61 Tamar St, to present a talk on the history of the Museum. Members were able to experience the history, elegance and style of one of Australia's most significant motoring collections.

Letters have been sent to all local councils in our region requesting they include mention of the order of Australia Awards in their citizenship ceremonies. We are awaiting their replies.

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BETTY TASKER OAM



Situated on the west bank of the River Tamar, Beaconsfield is one of Tasmania's most famous early goldmining towns. Betty Tasker was born at its local hospital on 18 January 1940, the second eldest of eight children. The family lived at Flowery Gully where Betty has lived all her life. She attended the local area school until year nine, and was head prefect. She left to work in the family

limestone business where she continues to work today. In the very early days she was directly involved in quarrying limestone, literally using pick and shovel alongside her brothers. Today she is involved in the business management of the company.

Betty first started fundraising for charity aged 14 years, baking cakes to raise money for the Beaconsfield cycling club. Betty has worked on the Beaconsfield Museum committee, the Winkleigh Presbyterian Church committee, and is at present after 30 years

of service President of the Winkleigh Hall committee. She is a life member of the Exeter Show Society and has been on that committee for more years than she cares to remember. On many occasions, she has run fundraisers for flood relief and bushfire relief in various parts of Tasmania. As well as an enormous amount of voluntary work, she has been a caterer for more than 20 years.

Her numerous fundraising activities have included many highs and lows. Her daughters won the Miss Charity divisions in both the Miss Multicap and Miss Australia quests, raising the most money. One of the highlights of the many fundraising events for the Frankford Hall was a debutante ball in the 1970s featuring the debs being presented to hilarious caricatures of the then controversial Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and his wife. Betty organised and catered for many balls held at the Winkleigh Hall when fashionable mock weddings were a feature – men being dressed as brides and women as a groom. One of her saddest memories was a major ball which was cancelled at the last minute because the band did not arrive – they had been involved in a road accident on the way and had all perished.

Betty Tasker has given, and continues to give, a busy life full of voluntary service to her community. She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2007. She is a much valued current member of the committee of the Northern Branch of the Order of Australia Association.

LORD MAYOR'S AFTERNOON TEA

On 05 October 2016 the Lord Mayor of Hobart Sue Hickey hosted a function for Southern Tasmanian Recipients of the 2016 Order of Australia Awards. It took the form of an afternoon tea held in the Lord Mayor's Court Room at the Hobart Town Hall which is currently celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

The Lord Mayor, resplendent in her official robes, congratulated the recipients on their awards and for their outstanding service to the community in so many different ways.

The Association thanks the Lord Mayor and her staff for the generous hospitality shown to members, new recipients and guests on the day.



Hilda Edwards & Mary Bell OAM



Simon Cottrell & John Morse OAM



Southern Committee – (Left to right) Sue Cox AM, Terry Mather OAM, Lord Mayor Sue Hickey, Maureen Rudge OAM & Dr John Thorne AM

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