

# ACT OAA

## MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS

**Booking sheets for the following events are enclosed:**

**First Reception, Thursday 17 May 2018 at the Commonwealth Club**

**ADF Oration, Thursday 24 May 2018**

**Queen's Birthday Lunch Tuesday 12 June 2018 at the Royal Canberra Golf Club**

### JOIN US AT THE RECEPTION FOR NEW RECIPIENTS - 17 MAY 2018

The reception to welcome and honour the ACT and region people who were recipients of the 2018 Australia Day awards in The Order of Australia, will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday 17 May 2018 at the Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla. The investitures were held at Government House on 3 and 4 May 2018. There is still time to Register at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/64714> or contact Michael Crane DSC and Bar AM on 0467 719 020. See the detailed booking sheet enclosed with this newsletter.

### A SPECIAL EVENT - THE 2018 "OAA-ADF ORATION" ON THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018



The Chief of Joint Capabilities (CJC), Air Vice-Marshal Warren McDonald AM CSC will present the 2017 "OAA-ADF ORATION" to explain the rationale for the establishment of the new Joint Capabilities Division within the ADF, what the Division does, and where he hopes to take it by 2020.

Air Vice-Marshal McDonald was appointed a Member of The Order of Australia in June 2015 for exceptional performance of duty as *Officer Commanding Number 92 Wing, Director General Capability Planning – Air Force, and Commander of Air Mobility Group.*

Branch members are strongly encouraged to attend, regardless of whether you have a military background, and to invite family and guests to accompany, as the OAA-ADF Oration embraces military and general recipients of The Order to create a closer understanding of each other's commitment to service.

The Oration will commence at 5.30pm, in the Ngunnawal Theatrette. Members and guests are asked to be seated by 5.25pm. The Theatrette 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 ample parking adjacent to Russell building R1.

Light refreshments will be served after the Oration courtesy of the ADF - with the event concluding at 7.00 pm. **REGISTER** at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/66774> for this free event and see detailed booking sheet enclosed with this newsletter.

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE



On Thursday 3 May 2018 in Adelaide, I attended my first OAA Board meeting as the nominated Director for the ACT. The agenda was largely routine with the exception of the election of Non-Branch Nominated Directors. The results of this election were announced the following day at the National Annual General Meeting as follows:

Deputy Chairman: Paul Wheelton AM, KSJ (Vic),  
National Secretary: Phil Morrall AM, CSC (ACT),  
National Treasurer: Tony Metcalf OAM (SA),  
National Membership Director: Helene Bender OAM (Vic),  
with National Chairman MAJ GEN Barry Nunn AO starting the second year of his two year term.

The 2018 AGM was held in the Adelaide Convention Centre on Friday 4 May 2018. The Meeting accepted the Report by the National Chairman, the Directors' Report and the Financial Report. The meeting approved all six of the Special Resolutions to amend the Association's Constitution. These amendments were detailed to members prior to the AGM in **The Order** (Edition 50, Summer 2018).

A tribute was made to former National Chairman Mr Bill Galvin OAM, acknowledging his significant contribution to the OAA and to the tourism industry. Bill passed away on 23 April 2018.

Turning to events here in the ACT, you'll see elsewhere in the newsletter the registration details for our coming Reception, the OAA-ADF Oration and the Queen's Birthday Luncheon. Numbers for the Reception and Luncheon are building nicely, and I would encourage attendance at the Oration, as together with its companion event, the OAA-ANU Lecture, the Oration is an important way of bringing recipients in the Order together. It provides insights into Defence that are not available to the general public, and I strongly encourage all members to come along, listen and ask questions. I hope to see you there.

Michael Crane DSC & Bar, AM  
Branch Chair

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## 2018 OAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ADELAIDE.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> OAA National Conference held in Adelaide from 3 to 6 May 2018 with the theme "*Challenges and Opportunities through life - Youth to Ageing*", was a gathering where members renewed friendships and made new ones, with members attending from all the states and territories. The ACT group (pictured below),



enjoyed the warm welcome provided by the South Australian Branch. The Conference was almost wholly conducted within the Adelaide Convention Centre located in the city between North Terrace and the River Torrens.

Following the official welcome on the evening of 3 May, the formal business of the AGM and the Members' Forum were conducted with a positive focus on 4 May. This was followed by a Panel Presentation on "Challenges and Opportunities". Members then moved to the Adelaide Town Hall on King William Street for a welcome reception hosted by the Lord Mayor.

The Saturday events opened with "Special Topics" on youth and ageing by a range of speakers including Adelaide Crows AFLW coach Bec Goddard. Speakers in the afternoon included National awardees other than Order of Australia, and Youth Voices.

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The Conference dinner on Saturday evening was a highlight where the SA Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC presented Ms Juanita Kelly-Mundine with an Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship to assist her to complete a Master of Cultural Materials Conservation at the University of Melbourne. Dr. Alyssa Fitzpatrick was a recipient of a 2009 OAA Foundation Scholarship and she spoke on the value the scholarship had been to her in the development of her career, which took her to the University of Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship where she completed a Master of Global Health Science and the Master of Public Policy.



*Brian O'Keefe AO, Juanita Kelly-Mundine, Dr Alyssa Fitzpatrick*

ACT Branch member Brian O'Keefe AO has been Secretary of the OAA Foundation since its inception and is retiring from the position. Foundation Chairman Hugh Morgan AC publicly acknowledged Brian's contribution to the Foundation, and also his significant contribution to the development of aviation navigation systems. Brian was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in 1992 *for service to Civil Aviation, particularly International Civil Aviation*.

A wreath laying service was held at the War Memorial on North Terrace on Sunday morning, and this was followed by a guided tour of the ANZAC Centenary Memorial Walk on Kintore Avenue. A farewell lunch was held at the Convention Centre, where we had a final taste of the wonderful South Australian food and wine that was presented throughout the Conference. A very enjoyable and well run conference.

We can now look forward to 2019. The 33<sup>rd</sup> National Conference will be held in Hobart from 11-14 April 2019 with the theme of *Making the Difference*. Members can register their interest with Alastair Douglas OAM: E: [TasConference@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:TasConference@theorderofaustralia.asn.au); T: 03 6225 2012; M: 0418 127 897.

Looking further ahead, the ACT Branch is scheduled to host the 2021 OAA National Conference, following the 2020 Conference in Darwin.

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## ABOUT THE OAA FOUNDATION



*2018 Scholarship Awardee Juanita Kelly-Mundine  
with HE the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC*

The Order of Australia Association Foundation is supporting the next generation of leaders by helping promising young Australians to achieve their potential for the benefit of future generations of Australians.

The Foundation was formed by The Order of Australia Association on 29 April 1999 as a separate entity from the Association and can offer donors tax deductibility for their donations.

Every year the Foundation provides Scholarships with Australian Universities for young students in their early years of tertiary study.

The Scholarships have two significant features. Recipients receive :-

- a Scholarship of \$40,000 which is tailored to the awardee's individual needs to include tuition fees, living allowance, text books and equipment ; and
  - an introduction to and a personal mentoring relationship with a volunteer mentor who has received an appointment or award in The Order of Australia and is eminent in the chosen field of study of the awardee.
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The Foundation, in consultation with the generous donors who have provided the funding for individual scholarships, offers Scholarships to selected Universities. The Universities then call for applications from students in their second or third year of studies in the nominated course, interview promising candidates and select a short list of three. These candidates are then considered by an independent National Selection Panel consisting of representatives from the Universities designated for the awards and chaired by Professor Michael Hamerston. The candidates are assessed on their academic achievements, potential as future leaders in their field of study, community involvement for the benefit of Australia and need for financial assistance to achieve their potential.

The Foundation has so far provided 39 Scholarships to undergraduates from all States and Territories and more are planned.

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## MORNING TEA AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM - 17 APRIL 2018

The Branch conducts morning teas for members to have the opportunity to socialise and hear the personal stories of our members. On 17 April, members and guests enjoyed a morning tea in the Terrace Room at The National Arboretum, to hear **Ian Sayers OAM, ED** tell “**MY STORY**”. Ian talked of his lifetime of volunteering, commencing in 1953 as an Assistant Scout leader in Sydney, continuing his association with Scouts as District Scout Master (Training) New Britain District when he moved to PNG in 1958.

Ian’s association with scouting continued in Canberra when he moved here in 1973 and he became District Commissioner of the then Belconnen District. His volunteering also included being Chair of the ASCT Baseball Major League, President of Belconnen High School P&C and as Coordinator of the Canberra Australia Day Sports Carnival in the 1980s.

He became a Rotarian in 1987, was a club President in 1998-99 and District Governor (DG) of ACT and SE NSW District in 2002/2003. Ian became a member of the National Executive of Rotarians against Malaria in 2006 and was national chairman for three years. During the years that that he has been involved with Rotarians against Malaria he has seen word “elimination” used due to the effective actions to reduce the malaria carrying mosquitos. That word is now being used in Timor L’este, and parts of the Solomon Islands. Rotarians against Malaria concerns itself with Papua New Guinea, The Solomon Islands and Timor L’este – our near neighbours. Rotary, through the Rotary Club of Port Moresby, has distributed literally millions of Long Lasting Insecticide Treated mosquito nets throughout the country. Ian is now Honorary Secretary/Treasurer with the Rotary E-Club of Latitude 38 and has been since its Charter in 2016.



Michael Crane DSC and Bar AM, Ian Sayers OAM, ED

Ian joined the RSL in 1987 has been President of the Belconnen Sub Branch since 2016 and Deputy President of the ACT Branch of the RSL from this year. He is Honorary Secretary/Treasurer ACT Reserve Forces Day Council which conducts the annual Reserve Forces Day commemoration.

Ian was honoured in the 2018 Australia Day awards *for services to veterans and their families, and to the community*, and is one of our newest members. In addition to his work with veterans and Rotary, Ian is also a volunteer guide at the National Arboretum.

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## SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 19 AUGUST 2018 - MFO

The annual Multi-Faith Observance will be held on Sunday 19 August 2018 at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Registration details and other information will be advised in our next newsletter. The POC for this event is Sam Wong AM, 0433 947 888.

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## 2018 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH – TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018



We hope you can join us for the Queen's Birthday lunch on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at The Royal Canberra Golf Club where we can acknowledge the ACT citizens honoured in the Queen's Birthday list on Monday 11 June 2018.

We are also looking forward to hearing our guest speaker, Mr **Glenn Keys AO** talk on "**Giving Back; from Defence, to business to disability**".

Glenn is the co-founder of Canberra-based Aspen Medical, a provider of healthcare solutions which have included establishing the Remote Area Health Corps and managing Ebola Treatment Units in West Africa. In 2013 Glenn was appointed to the Board of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and in November 2014 was awarded the 2015 ACT Australian of the Year. He is a Board Member of the National Capital Authority & was appointed Chair of the Canberra Business Chamber in Feb 15. Glenn is the founder and Chair of Project Independence, housing for people with an intellectual disability. He is a member of our Branch and was appointed an Officer of The Order of Australia in June 2017 *for distinguished service to the community of the Australian Capital Territory through contributions to disability support programs, and to business and commerce as an advocate for corporate social responsibility*. Register at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/67194> for this event. A booking sheet is enclosed with this newsletter.

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## THANKS TO LIFE MEMBERS

The Branch has appreciated the response from life members following the request in the April newsletter to provide their year of birth to assist the OAA National Board with their actuarial calculations.

If you have not yet forwarded this information to our Membership Officer, John O'Neill OAM, he would like to hear from you. To forward your birth year detail, please email John at [mercadier@netspeed.com.au](mailto:mercadier@netspeed.com.au), or if you do not have email, please phone him at 0414 406 913.

Life members who have joined since June 2015 have already provided this information and do not need to respond to this request.

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## WELCOME TO NEW OAA MEMBERS FROM THE 2018 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

Further to the list of new members provided in the last newsletter, we would like welcome the following new members to our Branch.

**Professor Hugh DAVIES AO**. For distinguished service to Australia-Papua New Guinea relations, particularly in the area of the geological sciences, and to education as an academic, author and researcher.

**Dr Robin BEDDING AM**. For significant service to science in the field of entomology as a researcher, and to the forestry industry both nationally and internationally.

**Dr Wilfred MORRISON AM**. For significant service to the community through development and support for international standards, to the energy supply sector, and to engineering.

**Mr Bernard CLARK OAM**. For service to naval and general marine ship design and engineering.

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## VALE

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

**Mrs Caryl Haslem OAM** – Queen's Birthday 1991 – For Service to the Community.

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