

Occasional newsletter from The Order of Australia Association, Western Australian Branch

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What's been

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	
Sunday 24 February	<i>AGM and Brunch</i> <i>A successful event at the Fremantle Sailing Club.</i> <i>Elections were held:</i> <i>Chairman Mark Bonser, AO, CSC and the following were elected or re-elected to the Branch Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Secretary, Margaret Lobo, AM</i>• <i>Treasurer, Ian Williams, AO</i>• <i>National Board Director, Robin Watts, AM</i>• <i>Geoff Cattach, AM</i>• <i>Michael Bleus, OAM</i>• <i>Bettine Heathcote, AM</i>• <i>Barbara Scott, OAM</i>• <i>Bill Hassell, AM, JP</i>• <i>Helen Smith, OAM</i> <i>Sadly, Warren Kerr, AM left the Committee. Helen Smith re-joined the Committee as an elected member. Bill Hassell remained on the Committee as an elected member, no longer Immediate Past Chairman.</i>	

What's to come

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Booking and detail</u>
Wednesday 20 March	Branch Reception for Australia Day list honours recipients and members – to be hosted by the City of Perth at Council House	<i>Fully booked and over-subscribed, other than for new awardees – no available places and waiting list full.</i>
April	Investiture of Australia Day Honours recipients – date to be advised	<i>By invitation only for Honours recipients and their nominated guests.</i>

TBA	Finding HMAS Sydney, talk by Ted Graham, AM. Date, time and venue TBA	<i>One of our “Let’s Talk About” series.</i>
Sunday 16 June	Choral Evensong, St George’s Cathedral	<i>Annual event.</i>

National report from Professor Robin Watts, AM

1. Members will be receiving a package of documents from the National Board the week of the 25th March. There are 2 petitions that are up for discussion. If any member wishes to vote on one or both petitions and they aren’t attending the national AGM, they will need to get their proxy vote in by the 5th April. The AGM package will contain a proxy vote form and instructions, plus background information on the two petitions. Once you receive your AGM package and have any questions that the background material does not answer, Robin Watts, as the WA Director on the National Board, will be happy to assist. Phone 9367 1748 or email wabranche@theorderofaustralia.asn.au.
2. The National Board and State Chairmen will be holding a Future Strategies Day in mid-June in Melbourne.
3. The review of the Association’s Constitution is almost complete and it is anticipated that the revision process will commence in July.

Police Patrons work report by Michael Bleus, OAM

The Academy Principal has advised me of the next squad intake dates. Michael requires 7 Patrons for the following dates,

1. 24th June, 1 Patron
2. 19th August, 2 Patrons
3. 14th October, 2 Patrons
4. 9th December, 2 Patrons

If you are willing to volunteer as a Patron (for which you will be trained before actually doing the work) please contact Michael Bleus, OAM – michael.bleus@bigpond.com

Financial Literacy Workshops

Please find attached to the email forwarding this newsletter an information brochure about Financial Literacy Workshops (free for women over 55), provided by Barry Nunn AO.

Best wishes,

Mark Bonser

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