



# Order of Australia

## Victoria Branch

*“fostering love of and pride in Australian citizenship”*

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### Editor's message

Welcome to this winter 2016 edition of the State Electronic Newsletter.

Congratulations are extended to the 160 Victorian recipients of Queen's Birthday 2016 Awards. Details of all awardees and their achievements can be viewed on the Governor general's website at [gg.gov.au](http://gg.gov.au)



I particularly wish to congratulate and proudly acknowledge my wife, Irene, for receiving an OAM in the Queen's Birthday honours for *service to the community through a range of roles*.

Thank you to those of our members who have emailed comments regarding the e-newsletter.

One comment received related to the megabyte size of the e-newsletter (the size of last issue was approximately 1.6 megabytes) and the issues that this raises for members without broadband access. A further comment was received from one regional group suggesting that all items/reports be kept to 500 words to assist with improving the readers experience.

Hence with this edition, the length of articles has been kept around the 500 words and the use of photographs adjusted to achieve the reduction in the size and number of pages in this edition of the e-newsletter. I look forward to any comments regarding these changes used in the preparation of this edition.

I also thank Patricia Brown OAM JP who wrote "Many thanks for the comprehensive/news. I regret I am not an active member. However I enjoy reading the activities and always proud to be a Member of OAA. P.S. Just eleven days older than Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth".

In the last edition of this newsletter there was item received from former State Branch chair Ian Perdriau AM providing some of the highlights during his time as State Chairman.

This month I am pleased to include an article from Don Hyde AM providing some highlights during his time as chair from 2008 - 2011'

In closing I offer an apology to Ian Perdriau AM for my incorrect spelling of his surname in the April edition of the e-newsletter.

Fred Harrington OAM

## Chairman's message

As we approached the Queen's Birthday I am sure I am like many of you I was checking the mail each day to see if there is letter from the Governor General's office in Canberra. The letter of course is informing me that the nominations that I have submitted have been successful and they will be announced in the subsequent weeks.



One of the important functions that we must accept being members of The Order of Australia Association is the role we play in identifying those in our circles that should be nominated and assisting those wishing to nominate someone on the best way to do that submission.

The State Branch will be taking a leading role in this important function and we are constantly looking at those in the community who have gone above and beyond in their field for recognition. We believe that each regional group also has a responsibility to contribute in this area.

I also believe that we must also consider the serious imbalance in the gender of awardees and it is our responsible to lead by example and actively look at those females in the community who are not getting nominated and take action.

Where possible we would also like Regional Groups to run at least one forum in their community per year where they can present the correct and most effective way of nominating to achieve success.

On May 24th I was fortunate enough to attend with State Branch Member Cathy Roth OAM the launch of the book Gallipoli. The Invasion; written by State Branch Member Dr John Basarin OAM and his wife Hatice. The launch was held in the Victorian Parliament and The leader of the Upper House Bruce Atkinson was one of many dignitaries who spoke at the event.

Former Governor General and Association member Dr Peter Hollingsworth AC read the poem "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon. This poem is commonly called the Ode of Remembrance. It was followed by a moving bugle call of the last post.

Wishing you health and happiness through the upcoming winter.

Paul Wheelton OAM

## ***Upcoming events - Victoria Branch***

### **July**

#### **Thursday 21st:**

National Gallery of Victoria – Winter Masterpieces “Degas – A New Vision” is an exhibition of 200 works of the French impressionist artist Edgar Degas. The OAA has organised a lecture and visit to the exhibition followed by lunch at the Café Vic. An invitation/acceptance form is attached in this edition of the State Electronic newsletter. For further information contact Julian Stock AM at [jbstock@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jbstock@bigpond.net.au)

### **September**

#### **Tuesday 27th:**

New Awardees reception. This is an invitation only event for both Australia Day and Queen's Birthday award recipients.

### **November**

#### **Wednesday 23rd:**

State Branch AGM and Luncheon at William Angliss Institute of TAFE, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Further details will be available in the next edition of this newsletter.

## ***Upcoming events - Regional Groups***

### **July**

#### **Friday 15th: *Mornington Peninsula***

Reception for Award Recipients (Queen's Birthday 2015, Australia Day 2016, Queens Birthday 2016) hosted jointly by Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, 5.30pm Edwardian Room, Briars Homestead, Nepean Highway Mt. Martha.

#### **Tuesday 19th: *Regional Groups winter meeting***

The next meeting of representatives of the Victorian Regional Groups will be held on Tuesday, 19 July 2016 in the RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne commencing at 1.00 pm. Representatives are invited to meet at noon in the Club Conservatory on Level 1 for luncheon and the opportunity to chat informally prior to the meeting.

#### **Sunday 31st: *Eastern Suburbs***

"Christmas in July" at Bucatini Restaurant & Bar, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, \$35 per head, special meal, drinks at bar prices, private room, Christmas hamper raffle, 1.00 pm arrival. Eminent guest speaker. Parking at the rear. Contact: Ken Lyons OAM, phone: 9830 6136, email: [ken.lyons@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ken.lyons@optusnet.com.au)

## August

### **Sunday 7th: Gippsland**

Luncheon at Duart, Maffra. New recipient, Ferial Zekiman AM, who established Maffra Cheese and received an AM for her pioneering work in primary industry, particularly in the dairy sector through artisan cheese making, will be the guest speaker. For further details contact Beth Delzoppo OAM at [bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au)

### **Date to be confirmed: Central Suburbs**

Annual General Meeting to be held Kooyong Centre. For further information contact Suzette Gallagher OAM on [gallagher.suzette@gmail.com](mailto:gallagher.suzette@gmail.com)

### **Friday 12th: Mornington Peninsula**

Annual Luncheon/'Roy Ward Prize' Presentation 12.30pm Safety Beach Sailing Club/Community Centre Marine Drive Safety Beach. For further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at [ber.bri@bigpond.com](mailto:ber.bri@bigpond.com)

### **Sunday 14th: Barwon**

Afternoon tea reception at Eastern Hub Geelong, a fully accessible and inclusive centre. This event will give Barwon Regional Group members, family and friends the opportunity to meet our 2016 Queen's Birthday recipients. Guest speaker will be Mike McKinstry CEO of Karingal. Cost \$38 per person includes afternoon tea and drink options. Event invitation will be sent to members late June/early July 2016.

### **Thursday 18th: Western Suburbs**

Lunch time meeting at Taylor's Lakes hotel. Speaker to be Caroline Bayliss, experienced sustainability professional.

### **Sunday 21st: North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley**

Luncheon at The Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah, beginning midday. Member interviews are planned to discover more about our members' lives. For bookings contact Irene Cracknell OAM on 0439 828 429 or [icracknell@bigpond.net.au](mailto:icracknell@bigpond.net.au)

### **Wednesday 24th: South Central Suburbs**

Special luncheon at the iconic West Brighton Club, 22 Park Street Brighton at 12 noon for a 12:30pm start. Guest speaker is Lindsay Fox AC with the topic, "Lunch with a Tricky Truckie". Cost \$55 Per person Includes fine two course meal and drinks. Dress: Jacket and Tie. Full decorations to be worn. For bookings contact Ross Newton OAM, phone 9555 5549 or email [rhnewton@hotmail.com](mailto:rhnewton@hotmail.com) Alternatively, an Invitation/Acceptance form is included in this edition of the State Electronic Newsletter.

## October

### **Wednesday 12th: Eastern Suburbs**

A scenic cruise to Williamstown on the Melbourne Tramboat from 9 Victoria Harbour, Docklands Central Pier. The cruise leaves at 10:30am and returns at approximately 2:00pm. Cost is \$45.00 per person and includes cruise, morning tea and fish and chips for lunch. Contact: Colin Browne OAM, phone: 9874 2501 or email: [dotandcol23@bigpond.com](mailto:dotandcol23@bigpond.com)

**Sunday 16th: Central Highlands**

Spring luncheon. For further information contact Secretary on 5398 1901

**Wednesday 19th: Gippsland**

Macfarlane Burnet Dinner and Oration. Members of all regional groups are most welcome to attend. For further details contact Beth Delzoppo OAM at [bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au)

**Friday 21st: Mornington Peninsula**

Annual Dinner/Schools Award Presentation 6.30pm Brooklands Convention Centre, Tanti Ave Mornington. For further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at [ber.bri@bigpond.com](mailto:ber.bri@bigpond.com)

**26th: North Central Suburbs.**

Visit to the Kangaroo Ground Fire Incident Control Centre. For further information contact Fred Harrington OAM at [fred.harrington@gravity.net.au](mailto:fred.harrington@gravity.net.au)

**Friday 28th: Loddon Campaspe**

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa concert at Ulumbarra theatre, Bendigo commencing at 7.30pm. This event is included as a reminder for those attending as ticket sales for this event have closed.

**Friday 28th: Barwon**

Annual General Meeting commencing 11.00am followed by Annual Luncheon at Barwon Heads Golf Club, with guest speaker Peter Doak OAM Olympic freestyle swimmer and medal winner. Further details including cost will be available early July 2016.

## November

**Friday 11th: Mornington Peninsula**

Remembrance Day Service at 10.30am memorial Garden Canadian Bay Road Mt Eliza. For further information contact Brian Stahl OAM JP at [ber.bri@bigpond.com](mailto:ber.bri@bigpond.com)

**Sunday 13th: North East Victoria & Goulburn Valley**

Luncheon and AGM beginning midday. Location To be advised.

**Sunday 13th: Gippsland.**

AGM at Centenary House. Guest speaker will be Richard Rozen OAM. For further details contact Beth Delzoppo OAM at [bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bdelzoppo@bigpond.com.au)

**Wednesday 15th: Eastern Suburbs**

Afternoon tea, eminent guest speaker and AGM. Venue is Applewood Retirement Village, in the Community Centre at 5 Grand Boulevard, Doncaster (47D3) from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Gold coin donation. Hamper raffle. Parking beside the Community Centre or in Grand Boulevard. For further information contacts Nicole Evered OAM, phone 9874 2219, email: [evered@optusnet.com.au](mailto:evered@optusnet.com.au) or Barbara Thompson OAM, phone 9802 3980, email [jon.barb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jon.barb@bigpond.net.au)

**Sunday 20th: Central Highlands**

AGM and Luncheon. For further information contact Secretary on 5398 1901

**Wednesday 23rd:Regional Groups meeting**

Meeting at 2:00 pm following the State Branch AGM and luncheon from 11:00 am at William Angliss Institute of TAFE, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

**December**

**Thursday 1st:North Central Suburbs**

New Awardees reception, AGM with Guest Speaker, Bill Noonan OAM commencing at 2:30pm in the Eltham Library, Panther Place Eltham. For further details contact Fred Harrington OAM on [fred.harrington@gravity.net.au](mailto:fred.harrington@gravity.net.au)

**News from the State Branch Committee.**

**Voi Williams OAM - The Order**

The cut-off date for Regional Group articles / items to be received for next edition of our national magazine, "The Order" is Monday, 4th July

Articles which are accompanied by high resolution images will be particularly welcome but it is suggested that the word count is kept to about 300 words. Because The Order is a national publication, items of wide interest will be particularly welcome.

Please forward contributions for inclusion in "The Order" to Voi Williams OAM email: [voiwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:voiwilliams@hotmail.com)

**Merchandise Committee**

The merchandise committee of the State Branch would like to remind members of two new items added to the extensive list of items available to member.

**A5 Leather-look compendium \$40**

The perfect travel & business companion embossed in gold-leaf with the OAA logo.

A compact item that includes a calculator watermarked notepad, internal zippered compartment, pocket for small tablet and others for business cards. Replacement notepads can be purchased separately. (pen not included)



### **Notebook and Calculator \$10**

A compact pocket-sized companion that includes note-pad, calculator and pen with the OAA logo embossed on the front.

To purchase either of these items, members can either use the Order Form in the latest edition of the national magazine, "The Order" or contact Richard Rozen OAM, National Merchandise Officer at [rozenr@bigpond.com](mailto:rozenr@bigpond.com)



Congratulations are extended to Mark Stone, the husband of our State Deputy Chair - Metropolitan Di James AM, on receiving an AM *for significant service to commerce and industry through leadership roles, to the environment and tourism sectors, and to the community.*

### **Don Hyde AM** *Some highlights of my chairmanship 2008-2011 of Victoria Branch*

I had previously been Chairman of the Australia Day Committee (Vic) for seven years having been appointed by Premier Jeffrey Kennett in 1992, following the retirement of John Landy who was later to become Governor of Victoria.

I was elected to the Order of Australia Association (Vic) Committee in 2007 and became Deputy Chairman to Geoff Nielson. When I followed Geoff as Chairman in 2008 he had already embarked on an extensive program of increasing recognition of the Regional Groups where previously the Victoria Branch, although extremely professional, had been more Melbourne orientated with a somewhat *them and us* bias.

With Country Deputy Chairman Kevin Howard at the forefront we increased the tempo of building the status of the existing Groups and establishing new Groups in both country and metropolitan areas. For the first time, Group representatives were invited to attend monthly State Branch Committee Meetings and to actively participate in deliberations whilst a State Branch Meeting was held each year in a Regional Group country location and involving local government participation. I enjoyed my many visits attending Group events around Victoria and especially those in association with the tireless Kevin Howard.

The State Branch continued to widen the scope of our relationships with like-minded organisations including the Australia Day Committee and the Order of the British Empire Association. When that organisation closed down through declining numbers we welcomed their former members as Associates to our Association.

Central to all of these activities, was the professionally published quarterly colour Newsletter which I established and then edited and published for five years. This Newsletter was the key link for communicating with all Association Members particularly in the promotion of upcoming events for the State Branch and Regional Groups.

Importantly it played a key role in membership retention. To ensure the financial longevity of the Newsletter, the first ever Branch sponsorship was negotiated with the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria.

There were countless highlights during my term as Chairman including the live interview on stage by Neil Mitchell with Dame Elisabeth Murdoch at the Annual Dinner and the inspiring address at another of these events by Australia's greatest historian Geoffrey Blainey.

I have always believed that a retiring Chairman should totally leave a committee and not be a hindrance to the incoming Chairman and I did just that when my three year term was up.

My greatest contribution? The implementation of my succession plan!

## News from the Regional Groups

### Barwon

#### Remembering ANZAC Day in 2016

Andrew Smitten Vice President Geelong RSL, welcomed everyone to the Geelong RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day wreath laying service on a perfect Autumn day.

This year marks the centenary of the RSL, a proud moment for its members both past and present, to reflect on and for those who have served the RSL,. The Leagues primary focus is to continue its work in supporting ex-service men and women and current ADF members and now first responders in the local community who require support.

Andrew also made reference to the work the RSL does in the area of commemorations for all conflicts past and present, as those ESO's who require us to carry on their customs and traditions to remember, as well as educate the younger generation of what they have endured.

The Geelong RSL Sub-Branch conducts over 30 ANZAC Day services to age care facilities and other organisations in the lead up to ANZAC Day, so they are remembered and can continue to be a part of those commemorations".

Rev. Russell Trickey from Christ Church Geelong led us in prayer. Then Yogi Stefanovski on behalf of the Federal Member of Corangamite Sarah Henderson MP read an ANZAC Day message from The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister of Australia.

Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph forecourt by many dignitaries including Order of Australia recipients. **Barbara Abley AM** Barwon Regional Group Chair was asked to lay the wreath on behalf of the City of Greater Geelong; **Richard Embelton OAM** on behalf of Darwin Defenders; **Ian Barnes OAM** on behalf of Royal United Services Institute; **Cathy Roth OAM** on behalf of Rotary District 9780; **Helene Bender OAM** Barwon Regional Group Secretary had the honour on behalf of Barwon Regional Group members.

Andrew Smitten read the ANZAC Day Ode, Piper Corporal Graham Bolton played the Pipers Lament and Eliza Barry a Geelong RSL Piper played the Last Post. Catafalque duties were undertaken by Alfa Coy 8/7<sup>th</sup> RVR.

The OAA Barwon Regional Group congratulates everyone involved in this year's ANZAC Day Service at the Geelong RSL Lest We Forget.

Our thoughts are also with those currently in active service.



Caption: Cathy Roth OAM OAA State Committee member and Helene Bender OAM OAA Barwon Regional Group Secretary.

### **Primary school citizenship award**

At a free to member and guest event on Thursday May 26, 2016 MC'd by Committee member Mary Lewis OAM, the Barwon Regional Group of the Order of Australia Association presented the Primary School Citizenship Award to Bellaire Primary School.

The intent of the Award, now in its second year, championed by our Treasurer Wayne Myers OAM, is to encourage and recognise Primary Schools in the OAA Barwon Region catchment which clearly demonstrated and incorporated the aims of The Order of Australia Association; "to foster love of and pride in Australian citizenship" within their school's curriculum to promote the value of Australian citizenship in some way.

All Primary Schools in the Geelong region were invited to submit project applications for the award with three schools, Bellaire Primary School, Northern Bay P-12 College and Torquay P-6 College, asked to present to the judging panel and members of the Association about their citizenship projects.

All schools who presented, received a certificate and the winner received a cheque for \$500 from Barwon Regional Group. This was presented by Chair Barbara Abley AM who acknowledged the quality of presentations was excellent.

The function was held at the Geelong RSL, which supported the initiative as it aligned to the national and state RSL goals of supporting children during the Centenary of Anzac.

The Geelong RSL President, Andrew Hanns, presented the perpetual trophy, the Spirit of Anzac replica sculpture. A larger version of this sculpture designed by a young WW1 soldier Wallace Anderson, for the Returned Soldiers and Sailors Woollen Mill in Pakington Street, Chilwell (now known as Newtown) sits in Geelong's Johnstone Park.



Jess Hansen Senior Learning Unit Leader of Learning and Classroom Teacher at Bellaire Primary School, said the “Order of Australia Association Barwon Regional Group Primary School Award gave the Senior Learning Unit at Bellaire Primary the opportunity to share their learning and develop a sense of pride in their achievements. It has been an experience in which we have thoroughly loved celebrating and acknowledge the work that takes place in our learning community. We take great delight and joy in being the recipients of the 2016 award and look forward to seeing our learners continue to actively uphold the ideals of Australian citizenship”.

Bellaire’s theme was *Local I Am, Global I Stand* a Term 4, 2015 project that blended the AusVELS domain of Civics and Citizenship with the relevant English descriptors and achievement standards that were natural links.

Barwon Regional Group thanks the schools that entered and members who financially supported the award.

### **Vale Kenneth (Ken) CarrAM14/12/1930 – 17/03/2016**

Ken was the second born son in a family of three boys born in Geelong in 1930. He was educated at Newtown Primary School and then went on to complete his schooling at Geelong Grammar.

Ken joined his father in the WL Carr and Sons family business where he worked with his older brother, Max. Ken managed the Insurance Division of the business, until it was sold when he was in his mid-fifties.

Ken was heavily involved in many committees from an early age. He joined Rostrum, he was involved in Insurance and Business Associations and Travel Industry groups (all linked in with his business interests).



He was a committee member of both the Geelong Disabled People's Industries and the Boys Employment Movement.

He was also deeply involved in the YMCA at the local, national and international levels. It was whilst he was President of the National Council of YMCA's and an Executive of the World Alliance of YMCA's, he received a Medal of the Order of Australia in June 1982. This was in recognition of service to the community and the welfare of youths.

At the OAA Barwon Regional Group AGM last October Ken received a certificate, acknowledging his 33 year membership, the longest serving in the region.

Ken was one of the original members of St Laurence. He took a keen interest in the operations of St Laurence from its inception when it passed from the auspice of the Anglican Church, to be a civilly incorporated association

The Rotary Club of Geelong was also a major part of Ken's life; he was a Paul Harris Fellow and recipient of a Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Ken was a family man and this was no doubt his greatest achievement in life.

Ken is survived by his wife Pauline, 4 children and 14 grandchildren.

### **Central Suburbs**

The group in planning to commence a series of information sessions to a range of members of in the community, to provide information about the Order, the process of nomination, and support which could be provided in preparing a nomination.

### **Eastern Suburbs**

Nineteen new recipients of an Order of Australia Award were welcomed by members and friends at a Cocktail Party at Camberwell Civic Centre on Wednesday 20th April.

The Mayor of the City of Boroondara, Cr. Jim Parke spoke and acknowledged the contribution made by our members to the community. Recipients were presented as their citations were read out. Chairman Barbara Thompson congratulated the new recipients and encouraged them to become members and participate in the activities provided and to enjoy the fellowship of other members. Attendance was disappointing but members were able to mingle and meet all those present. Our thanks to the Mayor and the City of Boroondara for their hospitality.

The next function will be a "Christmas in July Luncheon" at Bucatini's Restaurant at 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham on Sunday 31st July at 1.00pm. Cost is \$35.00 per head. The Guest Speaker will be 21 year old Farid Asghar, an inspiring Afghan refugee who will tell the story of his journey and life since arriving in Australia.

All members and their guests are welcome to this function. Contact Activities Co-ordinator, Dot Browne OAM on 9874 2501 or email: dotandcol23@bigpond.com if you are interested in attending.

## **Mornington Peninsula**

### **ANZAC Day Services**

Members of the group attended Anzac Day services at various locations across the Mornington Peninsula. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Order of Australia Association at services held at Rye, Hastings and Mt Eliza.

Of particular note Vice-Chairman of our Regional Group Commodore Jim Dickson AM MBE RAN(Retd) had the honour of leading the Navy in the Anzac Day Parade as they commemorated the 50th Anniversary of Commitment in Vietnam.

The service at Mt Eliza was held in the Mt.Eliza Heritage & Memorial Garden which was established following an initiative attributed to Harry Macdonald OAM and supported by the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza.

The Rotary Club of Mt. Eliza organise the Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services each year and encouraged students from local schools and colleges to play an active part.

Guest Speakers this year were Jack Nankervis and Lachlan McComb, Mt Eliza Primary School, Jess Smith and Sophie Strickland Mt Eliza Secondary College and Max Jones, The Peninsula School.

*In Flanders Field* was read by Ashley Fairfield, Toorak College, *Binyons Ode to the Fallen* was read by Jack Ahern, Mt Eliza Secondary College, the Bugler was Tully Robertson. The Peninsula School along with the Peninsula School Cadet Guard and Peninsula School College Band were also part of the service.

### **Mornington Peninsula Shire Citizenship Ceremony**

Our Regional Group is invited to provide guest speakers at all Citizenship Ceremonies conducted by Mornington Peninsula Shire each year and David Reid OAM, represented our Regional Group Committee as Guest Speaker at the Citizenship Ceremony held at Peninsula Community Theatre on Thursday 26th May. David reported that 63 persons received Australian citizenship status on the night and they came from 20 different countries. Some had been resident in Australia for 30years and one had been resident for 52years.

### **Coming events**

**Reception for Award Recipients** which this year will be hosted jointly with Mornington Peninsula Shire in the Edwardian Room at Briars Homestead Nepean Hwy Mount Martha. Recipients of Awards on Queen's Birthday 2015, Australia Day 2016 and Queen's Birthday 2016 along with their spouse/partner will receive invitations immediately following the public announcement of the Australian Honours Awards on Queen's Birthday 2016.

**The Annual Luncheon/Roy Ward Prize Presentation** will be held at the Safety Beach Sailing Club Marine Drive Safety Beach Friday 12th August 2016 with The Hon. Bruce Billson MP has accepting our invitation to be Guest Speaker. Invitations to this event will be forwarded out by email to our members in July.

### **North East Victoria and Goulburn Valley**

A record attendance of ninety nine guests occurred at the Rutherglen luncheon of the North East & Goulburn Valley Order of Australia function in April; when The Hon. Tim Fischer AC was the guest speaker. Tim was accompanied by his wife Judy Brewer AO and there were twelve OOA award recipients attending for the first time.

Tim explained his busy and varied role while Ambassador to the Holy See in Rome which involved important links with the Australian Government. One example was the urgent communication and assistance relating to Australian citizens aboard a cruise liner that went aground in the Mediterranean Sea.

We were pleased to welcome twenty one new award recipients from the Australia Day announcements, but saddened to announce four bereavements since the last gathering. They were Dr Frank Harder OAM, Joan Hanna OAM, Helen Turnour and Margot Ballard OAM who was the inaugural secretary of our Association and held the position for nearly twenty years.

Our next luncheon will be at the Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah on Sunday 21st August. Three member interviews will be conducted to learn more about the life and achievements of our members. For further information and bookings please contact Irene Cracknell OAM at [icrackne@bigpond.net.au](mailto:icrackne@bigpond.net.au) or 02 60329429)

### **North Central Suburbs**

The group is pleased to welcome Val Lennie OAM to the NCSRG committee. The committee continues to meet every second month to progress the various programs and activities for the year. Several additional meetings have been held with local police to develop a project, with a focus on schools, where the group may be able to assist.

The group sadly acknowledges the death of OAA Life member Dr John Connell AM at the age of 102. Dr John received his award on Queens Birthday 1987 *in recognition of service to civil engineering and to the community.*

Activities now planned for this year include a visit, in October, to the Kangaroo Ground Incident Control Centre and the Annual General Meeting, in December, with guest speaker Bill Noonan OAM.

### **South West Vic**

#### **May Meeting with State Executive as guests:**

The South West group was delighted to welcome State Executive members to our Sunday, May 1, function. Our guests arrived on the Saturday for a delightful luncheon, hosted by Peter and Pamela Habersberger, at their magnificent historic Delvui homestead at Noorat. In the

late afternoon the executive members were hosted to a civic reception by the Mayor of Warrnambool, Cr. Kylie Gaston, at the Civic Centre. During the reception an “Australian Honours Board” was presented to the City of Warrnambool.

This beautiful board displays each of the awards which can be made within the Australian Honours system. Julian Stock AM, our Victoria Branch Treasurer, spoke very effectively to the assembled guests about the work of our Association and its Foundation, before the donors of the board, Bill Phillpot OAM and Glynis Phillpot OAM, presented the board to the City of Warrnambool. Glynis was a former councillor and mayor of Warrnambool.



In receiving the board, Cr. Gaston praised the Association and its local group for their efforts to promote pride in Australian citizenship and the outstanding work of the Foundation. Cr. Gaston admitted that, like many of the assembled guests, her previous knowledge of the Australian honours system was minimal with no knowledge of the work of the Association and the Foundation.

The members of the executive were overwhelmed by the hospitality of the Mayor and her invited guests. They believed that the objective of establishing a strong understanding of the Association, its objectives and the nomination process for the honours system, had been very soundly accomplished. Since both functions the group has been delighted by the positive feedback received from the mayors. It is also pleasing to have received commitments for the donation of two further boards to be presented in two more municipalities within our group's zone.

The SW Group mid- year luncheon, with 40 members present, followed the reception. The guest speaker was James Affleck OAM, one of our members who recently, with co-author Ron Cole, published a history of district men and women who fought in WW1. His address attracted many questions as assembled guests recognised, from the small selection James had chosen for his address, district personnel, past relatives, neighbours and prominent residents, especially those from the field of sport.

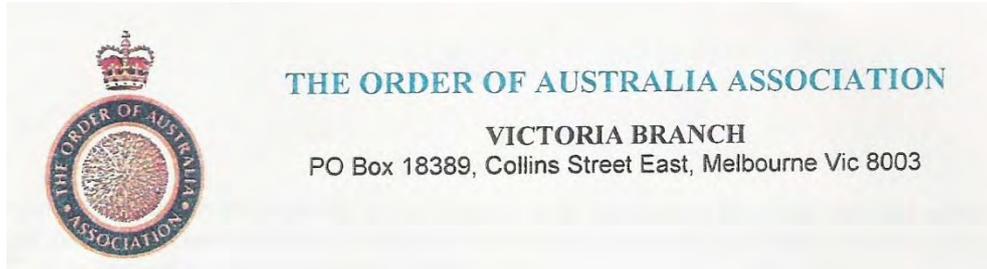
**Forthcoming functions:**

July: a small function for Colac and district members.

November: South West Group meeting Hamilton.

*We recognize the ongoing and generous support of the **Royal Automobile Club of Victoria** in the publishing of this newsletter*





## National Gallery of Victoria Exhibition

### “Degas – A New Vision”

The Victoria Branch of the Order of Australia Association has arranged an exclusive 60 minute introductory talk (to be given by Dr Ted Gott, Senior Curator, International Art, NGV) followed by entry to this year’s winter blockbuster. The exhibition contains over 200 works of this French Impressionist artist covering life in late 19<sup>th</sup> century Paris.

When – 11 am Thursday 21 July 2016

Where – National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Road, Melbourne

How much - \$35 per person

Those wishing to stay for lunch after the exhibition may care to visit Cafe Vic in the Arts Complex. Lunch has been arranged for members of the group at a cost of \$35 per person (main course, dessert, glass of wine, tea/coffee).

If you would like to come please complete the following and mail to OAA, PO Box 18389, Collins Street East, Victoria, 8003 or email to [jbstock@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jbstock@bigpond.net.au) **soon as possible but definitely before the final acceptance date of 14 July.**

Member’s name \_\_\_\_\_ Post Nominal \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest’s name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cost – lecture and entry \_\_\_ @ \$35 per person \$

Lunch \_\_\_ @ \$35 per person \$

Total \$

Payment options (please circle)

- Visa/MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date \_\_\_/\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- Direct deposit to OAA – Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account 1424 94384

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VICTORIA BRANCH  
SOUTH CENTRAL SUBURBS REGIONAL GROUP**

*The Regional Group Committee invites you to our*

**SPECIAL LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST 2016 – 12 NOON FOR 12.30 PM**

AT THE ICONIC

**WEST BRIGHTON CLUB**

22 PARK STREET BRIGHTON (Melways 67 C11)

GUEST SPEAKER

**LINDSAY FOX AC**

***"Lunch with a Tricky Truckie"***

**COST \$55 PER PERSON, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE**

**(Includes fine two course meal and drinks)**

**Guests are welcome**

**Dress: Jacket and tie. Full decorations to be worn**

Our capacity is 90, pay or reserve your place now. Bookings in order of receipt

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I wish to attend the Special Luncheon at the West Brighton Club, 22 Park Street, Brighton on Wednesday 24th August 2016, commencing at 12 Noon.

Please find enclosed cheque for ... ..persons at \$55 each \$.....

Cheques should be made payable to The Order of Australia Association and mailed to the Treasurer by 12th August 2016. Alternately, pay by Direct Debit to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000. Account number 132398835. No receipts will be issued.

If so please tick box

I wish to reserve .....place/places and undertake to pay by the closing date.

Name and Post

Nominals.....

Phone.....Email.....

Name/s of your

Guest/s.....

Special dietary

requirements.....

Please post to the Hon Treasurer Ross Newton OAM, 8 Eddie Street, Highett 3190

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