



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9TH MAY 2020

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have two matters of great regret – that we are not meeting face-to-face and that we are not at our National Conference and AGM in Darwin today.

Our NT Branch has put considerable effort into preparing a worthy conference and we will do our best to ensure that their efforts are not in vain.

We cannot be present for the awarding by the OAA Foundation of our first Association scholarship in Darwin. This award to a very deserving recipient will go ahead in May.

Our financial results in 2019 were commendable, enhanced by healthy growth in our investments, which have regrettably been eroded by recent events. Our national Treasurer covers this in more detail in her statement.

A highlight of the year was the Association “Futures Day” that brought together all National directors and Branch chairmen for a healthy and vigorous exchange of views on present operations and longer-term planning.

The year saw substantial progress in developing the new Association constitution, called for to meet the requirements of our regulatory authority (the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission, or ACNC) and to reduce the complexity of our governing documents. It is pleasing to report that a draft of the new constitution has now been released for member comment and questions.

Many Australia Day Honours investitures and Branch receptions were cancelled in the current period of meeting shutdown. Branches and Regional Groups have been energetic in maintaining contact with members. We face a challenge in the coming months to reinvigorate ourselves at all levels, welcome new members and encourage existing members back into active participation.

I look forward to the opportunity to speak directly to members at our next AGM

Barry Nunn AO
National Chairman