

The Order of Australia Association NSW Branch Newsletter November 2024

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In Memoriam

Dear NSW Members,

On the 25th October 2024, we held our Annual Youth Community Service Awards Presentation Ceremony at Government House Sydney. Our Patron and NSW Governor, Her Excellency Margaret Beazley AC KC acknowledged the contribution of 26 NSW High School Children and presented them with a special certificate and trophy. Our special thanks go to our Convenor, Dr Frank Kelleher OAM for successfully organising and guiding these awards over the past seven years.

The NSW Branch is committed to promoting and recognising the inspirational achievements and exceptional community service of our youth and will continue to hold these awards annually. We thank Her Excellency The Hon Margaret Beazley AC KC for her commitment to our Youth Awards and for hosting them at Government House Sydney, which is such a fitting venue for these prestigious awards. There is a full feature report in this month's Newsletter.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on the 30th November 2024 in the Cellos Grand Dining Room at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel. Our guest speaker will be confirmed shortly.

We will also be holding our 2025 Annual Australia Day Harbour Cruise and Luncheon aboard MV Captain Cook III. This is always a well enjoyed day on our beautiful Sydney Harbour and tickets sell fast so please book your tickets via the link. It includes a 3 course seated meal with soft and alcoholic drinks so it is very good value.

I hope to see you all at these upcoming events.

The NSW Branch is attending as many regional events as possible and a sincere thank you to our Regional Director, David North OAM and our Hon. Secretary Diane North OAM for representing the NSW Brach in our regions, the lifeblood of our Association throughout regional and remote NSW.

Preparations are well under way for the Sydney Conference May 1-4th 2025 which also marks 50 years of The Order of Australia Awards. Registrations are coming in fast, so please register early to avoid missing out on the Welcome reception and Farewell Lunch as spaces are limited. There is more information and a link on our OAA National Website. We are now working on securing some very dynamic and motivating speakers and we will let you know more once names are confirmed.

I would like to sincerely thank the sponsors that have already come on board for their generous support. Our Gold sponsors are LSH Auto Australia, ABAL Banking and HSBC. Our Silver sponsors are Stanmore Mazda and DeLorenzo Australian Made Haircare.

We are looking for more company and individual sponsors so please contact me if you can help in any way.

Once again, I look forward to seeing some of you at our upcoming events, including our Christmas Luncheon on 30th November 2024 and Australia Day Cruise Luncheon on 26th Jan 25.

Kind regards

John

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We are currently looking for sponsors and partners for our 2025 National Conference in Sydney.

These can be companies but also indivduals are welcome to be a sponsor. If you would like to be involved in sponsoring this milestone event, or know someone that can, then please contact the Conference Convenor, Dr John Gullotta AM on chairnsw@theorderofaustralia.asn.au for further details and a sponsorship package.