

## ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

### Appointed an honorary Officer (AO) in the General Division

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**NAME :** Mr Patrick Oliphant

**POSITION :** Syndicated Political Cartoonist

**ADDRESS :** 716 Acequia Madre  
Santa Fe New Mexico 87505  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**CITATION :** *For service to the arts, particularly as a cartoonist, and to strengthening Australia's relations with the United States of America.*

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Mr Patrick Oliphant has been the United States of America's leading political cartoonist for over 40 years. Born in Adelaide, he first worked in Australia for the *Adelaide News* for some 9 years before moving to the United States in 1964 to work for the *Denver Post* and then the *Washington Star (DC)*.

In 1967, Mr Oliphant won the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning and in 1981 he became a fully independent cartoonist, syndicated internationally by Universal Press Syndicate. Through his cartoons, Mr Oliphant has had an immense influence particularly on the American people - their perceptions and assessments about their nation, their politics and society, about world events and about private life and individual psychology. Mr Oliphant is also an acclaimed sculptor in cast bronze and an author of numerous books and journal articles.

In 1990, the National Portrait Gallery in Washington DC held an exhibition of his cartoons, lithographs and bronze sculptures and significantly, the University of Virginia gave him an exhibition in 2009 pairing his work with that of 19<sup>th</sup> century French artist Honoré Daumier. Mr Oliphant's works are held by major collections in the United States including the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Presidential libraries and many others. Additionally, he has been an active collaborator with successive Australian ambassadors to the United States of America in promoting interest in Australia and strengthening links between Australia and the United States.

Mr Oliphant has made a long-time contribution to the arts, particularly as a political cartoonist, and to strengthening bilateral relations.

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**NAME :** Mr Donald Rudolph Voelte

**POSITION :** Managing Director and CEO, Seven West Media Ltd  
(Former Managing Director and CEO, Woodside Petroleum Ltd)

**ADDRESS :** 38-42 Pirrama Road  
PYRMONT NSW 2009

**CITATION :** *For service to the Australian LNG industry and contribution to education and the arts in Perth.*

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Mr Donald Voelte came to Australia in 2004 as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Woodside Petroleum Ltd. He retired from this position in June 2011. Under his leadership, Woodside Petroleum progressed from being a company of gas prospects to one of gas development projects.

Mr Voelte led and championed one of Australia's largest resource projects, the Pluto LNG Project which commenced production at the end of April 2012. He also significantly furthered the development prospects of the major Browse Basin gas fields, a processing plant at James Price Point in the Kimberleys. He has given energetic and passionate leadership to the LNG industry and has been a forthright contributor to public debate. Throughout his seven plus years at Woodside, Mr Voelte has been pro-Australian and pro-development, particularly in his support of employing Indigenous Australians. When he joined Woodside, the company had two Indigenous employees, there are now over 100 and increasing.

Mr Voelte also made monetary contributions, both personally and through the company, to the arts and education sectors in Perth, particularly to the University of Western Australia Business School's "Tomorrow Starts Today" campaign and to the Art Gallery of Western Australia's "TomorrowFund". Additionally, he served as a member of the Board of the University of Western Australia Business School and still serves as Managing Director and CEO of Seven West Media.

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**NAME :** Mr Masahide (Max) Yasuda

**POSITION :** President and CEO, Toyota Motor Corporation Australia

**ADDRESS :** 155 Bertie Street  
PORT MELBOURNE VIC 3207

**CITATION :** *For service to the Australian automotive and manufacturing industries and enhancing the bilateral relationship between Australia and Japan.*

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Mr Masahide (Max) Yasuda has been the President and CEO of Toyota Motor Corporation Australia since 2007. Under his leadership, Toyota has developed substantial assistance to Australia's component manufacturing industry to ensure ongoing viable automotive manufacturing in Australia. He has been committed to Toyota, to Victoria and to the automotive industry generally.

Mr Yasuda was the driving force behind the development of the Camry Hybrid car in Australia in 2009 and has relentlessly pursued Australia's interests in attracting a high technology, new engine manufacturing investment for fuel efficient and environmentally improved future generation Australian manufactured vehicles. In 2010, Mr Yasuda was appointed a member of the Commonwealth Government's Business Roundtable on Climate Change, has contributed to the Commonwealth Government's Automotive Industry Innovation Council and for the past three years he has served as Vice President of the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

Additionally, Mr Yasuda has ensured that Toyota Motor Corporation Australia contributes to, and supports, a wide number of community organisations and causes. Toyota has, of course, been the major sponsor of the AFL for a number of years and has supported various other sporting teams around the nation.

Mr Yasuda has made an extensive contribution to the automotive and manufacturing industries in Australia.

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**NAME :** Mr George Yong-Boon Yeo

**POSITION :** Vice-Chairman, Kerry Group and  
Chairman, Kerry Logistics Network Ltd  
(Former Singapore Minister for Foreign Affairs)

**ADDRESS :** #07-01 Great World City  
1 Kim Seng Promenade  
Singapore 237994  
SINGAPORE

**CITATION :** *For service to Australia-Singapore bilateral relations and the establishment of the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement.*

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Mr George Yong-Boon Yeo is Singapore's former Minister for Foreign Affairs (2004-2011), former Minister for Trade and Industry (1999-2004) and former Minister for several other portfolios. He left Parliament in May 2011. During his time in the Singapore Government, Mr Yeo made a strong contribution to the development of Singapore-Australia relations and was an important partner on a range of regional and global economic, strategic and security issues.

As Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Yeo was integral to the negotiation and successful conclusion of the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) in 2003. This was the second free trade agreement Australia had concluded, the first being in 1983. SAFTA is a comprehensive agreement that has delivered greater economic integration and promoted stronger bilateral relations between Australia and Singapore.

As Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Yeo worked closely with Australia on efforts to counter terrorism in the region and was a strong advocate and partner for Australia at the Association of South East Asian Nations meeting, the East Asia Summit, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting and Asia-Europe Meeting.

Mr Yeo has made a strong contribution to the Singapore-Australia bilateral relationship particularly while Minister for Trade and Industry and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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**NAME :** Ar. Hijjas bin Kasturi

**POSITION :** Architect, Urban Planner and Principal Director of Hijjas Kasturi Associates Sdn

**ADDRESS :** 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Menara KH Promet  
Jalan Sultan Ismail  
50250 Kuala Lumpur  
MALAYSIA

**CITATION :** *For service to Australia-Malaysia relations, particularly through his support of the arts and to architecture.*

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Mr Hijjas Kasturi is a well-known and respected Malaysian architect. He studied architecture in Adelaide and Melbourne, having been awarded an Australian Government scholarship under the Colombo Plan. Mr Hijjas continues his connection with Australia as a visiting lecturer at the University of Melbourne and in Adelaide. He also organises architectural exchanges for students of architecture and junior architects from Australia.

Additionally, Mr Hijjas is well-known for his contribution to the arts. Together with his wife Angela Hijjas OAM, he owns and operates 'Rimbun Dahan' - a centre dedicated to supporting the development and conservation of various art forms. The 'Rimbun Dahan' runs a range of artists' residences which also includes a fully-funded year-long Malaysia-Australia Visual Artist Residency program. Over the years, many Australian and Malaysian artists have benefitted through the artists-in-residence program.

Mr Hijjas's support of and contribution to Australian art and artists and his mentoring of Australian architecture students through student exchanges and as a visiting lecturer have had an important impact on Australia-Malaysia relations.

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**NAME :** Mr Fram Kitagawa

**POSITION :** Chairman, Art Front Gallery Co Ltd

**ADDRESS :** Hillside Terrace A, 29-18  
Sarugaku-cho Shibuya-ku  
Tokyo 150-0033  
JAPAN

**CITATION :** *For service to Australia by promoting Australian Indigenous and contemporary art in Japan and developing a relationship between Australia and rural communities in Japan.*

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Mr Fram Kitagawa is Chairman of the Art Front Gallery in Japan. He is an internationally recognised art director who has worked to create bridges between art and society through his innovative arts projects. His interest in Australian art, particularly over the past 10 years, has contributed both to the high profile Australian art enjoys in Japan today and to the development of positive and mutually beneficial relationships between Australia and rural communities in Japan.

Some of Mr Kitagawa's contributions to Australia include: actively promoting Australian art as an integral part of the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial – a base for cultural exchange, artist and curator-in-residence programs and art exhibitions (since 2000); the touring of the Indigenous *Spirit Country* exhibition in Japan (2003); the establishment of the “Australia House” – hosting regular Artist-in-Residence Programs, as part of the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial (2009); inclusion of seven Australian artists in the Setouchi International Arts Festival (2010) and driving the rebuilding of “Australia House” following its destruction in one of the earthquakes that hit Japan in 2011.

Mr Kitagawa's extremely creative leadership has contributed to promoting Australian art and artists in Japan, consequently achieving a better cross-regional relationship.

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**NAME :** Mr Zoran Kostovski

**POSITION :** Honorary Consul for Australia to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

**ADDRESS :** Australian Consulate Skopje  
Ul. Londonska 11b  
1000 Skopje  
FYR MACEDONIA

**CITATION :** *For service to the Australian Government as Honorary Consul to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.*

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Since 1998, Mr Zoran Kostovski has represented Australia as the Honorary Consul to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. As he is highly respected within diplomatic and business communities, Mr Kostovski proficiently represents Australia in official, trade and consular matters. He provides advice and information to Macedonian migration, passport and visa applicants on a daily basis, and including providing support to Australians finding themselves in difficulties in former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

During official visits by Australian representatives, Mr Kostovski facilitates all arrangements for the visits, working in close consultation with the Australian Embassy. During the 1999 Kosovo conflict, when large numbers of people crossed the border from Kosovo into the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mr Kostovski was of immeasurable help to the Embassy by offering assistance to many Australians or those with Australian connections.

As a former recipient of the Australian Program of Training for Eastern Eur-Asia (program ran from 1991 to 1997), Mr Kostovski formed strong ties with Australia which have continued into his role as Honorary Consul. He has maintained connections in government, chambers of commerce and industry, trade organisations and those responsible for human resources in business. These connections are always made available to visiting Australian business people.

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**NAME :** Mr Yasuki Nakamura

**POSITION :** Honorary President, Suzuki Talent Education Association of Australia, and  
Board Member of the International Suzuki Association

**ADDRESS :** 1 Kennedy Place  
BAYVIEW NSW 2104

**CITATION :** *For service to music education, particularly the violin, through his contribution to the Suzuki Method in Australia and overseas.*

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Mr Yasuki Nakamura is a Board Member of the International Suzuki Association (ISA) and an Honorary President of the Suzuki Talent Education Association of Australia (STEAA). He migrated to Australia in 1979 to develop the Suzuki Method in Australia, now one of the largest Suzuki communities in the world.

Mr Nakamura has also made a strong contribution to the development of the Suzuki Method worldwide and has been very active in the work of the ISA. As President of STEAA (NSW) for 30 years (1981-2011), he guided the Association hosting three successful International Suzuki Conventions in Sydney. For the past 33 years, Mr Nakamura has dedicated his life to teaching music and to his many thousands of violin students. Every year his students are among those who win highly sought-after music scholarships to leading independent schools and who achieve outstanding success worldwide as professional musicians.

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**NAME :** Sir Ronald Sanders

**POSITION :** Member of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, international consultant, a writer and a former senior Caribbean diplomat

**ADDRESS :** Pleasant Hall Drive  
Dayrell's Road  
Christ Church  
BARBADOS

**CITATION :** *For service to Australian relations, particularly concerning Commonwealth issues and advancing the interests of small developing states of the Caribbean region.*

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Sir Ronald Sanders is a member of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) and an international consultant, writer and a former senior Caribbean diplomat (1982-1987 and 1996-2004).

Over the past 30 years, Sir Ronald has significantly contributed to expressing the concerns of the Caribbean region, particularly championing the interests of its small developing states, and the Commonwealth. During the course of his career, he has served on numerous committees and advisory boards formulating and implement policies which affect the Caribbean and the Commonwealth. Sir Ronald has been, and is, a voice for the Commonwealth and developing Caribbean states through his diplomatic work and advocacy as well as his many publications and the media.

At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in November 2009, the EPG was established to undertake an examination of options for reform to bring the Commonwealth's many institutions into a stronger and more effective framework of cooperation and partnership. Sir Ronald and nine other EPG members produced the report: *A Commonwealth of the People – Time for Urgent Reform*. He was an important source of advice to the EPG on the Commonwealth as an institution and on its benefits to the governments and people of all its member states. Sir Ronald also wrote the initial draft of the report which, when finalised by the EPG, was a centrepiece of discussion at the CHOGM in Perth in October 2011.

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**NAME :** Mr William Spooncer

**POSITION :** Director, Kurrajong Meat Technology

**ADDRESS :** 18 Rain Ridge Road  
KURRAJONG HEIGHTS NSW 2758

**CITATION :** *For service to the Australian meat and rendering industry.*

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Mr William Spooncer migrated to Australia in 1974, joining the CSIRO Meat Research Laboratory as a microbiologist. Before setting up his own company 'Kurrajong Meat Technology' in 2004, he was with Australian Meat Technology and Food Science Australia.

In 1991, Mr Spooncer initiated the first training school for personnel in the Australian rendering and allied industries. He continues to run these workshops, which are an integral part of the Rendering Industry Accreditation Program, with over 720 people having attained recognised accreditation in hygienic production of rendered animal products. Also since 1991, he has been the driving force in coordinating the Australian Renderers Association's biennial international symposia to inform and educate the industry.

During the height of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) scare (commonly known as 'mad cow disease') in the early 1990s, Mr Spooncer developed and negotiated a standard to validate the effectiveness of heat treatments in destroying pathogens in the rendering process, ensuring safe finished products. This process is now accepted as a third party audit system by importing countries. He also developed the rendering industry's Code of Practice that came into effect in 1996, which was accepted by the Government and later became the Australian Standard for the Hygienic Rendering of Animal Products. Additionally, as a member of the World Renderers Organisation's Scientific Advisory Panel, Mr Spooncer's work has been invaluable, particularly his latest contribution – the production of the 'WRO Best Practice Guidelines'.

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**NAME :** Datuk Irene Betty Benggon Charuruks

**POSITION :** General Manager, Sabah Tourism Board

**ADDRESS :** 51 Jalan Gaya  
88000 Kota Kinabalu  
Sabah  
MALAYSIA

**CITATION :** *For service to Australia by supporting Sabah's annual commemorations of Australia's fallen soldiers and by promoting tourism links between Australia and Malaysia.*

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Datuk Irene Benggon Charuruks is the General Manager of the Sabah Tourism Board since 1991. She has worked extensively to support commemorations of Australia's fallen soldiers at Sandakan, Ranau and on the Death Marches in Sabah. Over the years, Datuk Irene has assisted in the efforts toward the restoration of various memorials in Sabah including the Cleary Memorial at Ranau, Kundasang War Memorial and Gardens, the Starceovich Memorial at Beaufort and the Last POW Camp at Ranau.

Datuk Irene provides support to the annual commemorations on Anzac Day with the Dawn Service and the Sandakan Day (15 August) Service held at the Sandakan Memorial Park, as well as services in Australia commemorating the Sandakan-Ranau Death Marches. Her dedication to the memory of those who lost their lives is demonstrated through her welcoming support of veterans and their families. She has also provided tireless assistance on visits of senior Australians, including the visit of the Governor-General to Sandakan in August 2010.

Datuk Irene has made an important contribution to supporting Australia's commemorations in Malaysia.

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**NAME :** Mr Desmond Hugh Cross

**POSITION :** Vice Chair of Friends of Palliative Care, and  
Vice Chair of the Maitland District Red Cross

**ADDRESS :** 3 Dutton Street  
METFORD NSW 2323

**CITATION :** *For service to the local community of Maitland as a  
volunteer with various groups and organisations.*

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Mr Desmond Cross has volunteered with many groups and organisations within his local community over a long period of time. He joined the scouting movement in 1969, serving as secretary and president of the Maitland District for many years and as a member of the area executive for 33 years. He was actively involved in fundraising and assisted with camping and transport.

In 1989, Mr Cross joined the Baden-Powell Guild, serving in a number of executive positions over a 12 year period - from deputy NSW Guild Master to Australian Guild Master. Additionally, for 27 years Mr Cross has been a member of Friends of Palliative Care, currently serving as Vice Chair.

Mr Cross's contribution to his church includes serving as an accompanist in services and conducting the church's friendship club for the past 11 years. Previously, he has been an elder, chair of the church committee, a member of the choir and a Sunday school superintendent (from 1967-1980), having also provided religious education in two schools for 12 years.

Mr Cross's other contributions include as President of the Maitland Justices of the Peace, to the local Meals on Wheels, as a volunteer in policing and as Vice Chair of the Maitland District Red Cross branch. Significantly, over the past 50 years, Mr Cross has been a very successful 'Santa' in the local community, bringing much pleasure to the young and old alike.

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**NAME :** Mr Johan Gerard Durnez

**POSITION :** School Teacher

**ADDRESS :** Hazewindstraat 48  
8790 Waregem  
BELGIUM

**CITATION :** *For service to Australian-Belgian relations, particularly his contribution to promoting the role played by Australians during World War I in Belgium.*

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Mr Johan Durnez plays an important role in Belgium by keeping alive the memory of Australia's contribution and sacrifices made during the Great War. He does this through his position as a school teacher of history and over the past 15 years as a guide to visiting Australian school student groups and other visitors seeking to locate graves and cemeteries of loved ones in the Ieper area. Mr Durnez regularly attends commemorative services, particularly on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, and produces and circulates a newsletter every two months updating on activities in the Flanders region and on school activities relating to Australia.

Mr Durnez has also made significant contributions to specific memorial projects over the years including: Geluwe in 2001, organising various commemorative ceremonies in honour of Corporal *of Horse* Leggett (2005 and 2008), the first Australian killed in the defence of Ieper in WWI; again honouring Corporal *of Horse* Leggett by assisting with the erection of a similar 'mirror' monument in Goulburn in 2005; and organising and assisting Australian school student groups in organising various commemorative services in Harlebeke for a young Aboriginal soldier from South Australia, Rufus Rigney (from 2004 to 2008 and in 2010).

Mr Durnez ensures that Australian sacrifices in Belgium during WWI continue to be remembered and the people who died there continue to be honoured.

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**NAME :** Dr Hans-Ullrich Henschel

**POSITION :** Founder and President of *flydoc Australia e.v. (Inc)*

**ADDRESS :** Oswaldstrasse 39  
D-59075 Hamm  
GERMANY

**CITATION :** *For service to Australia through fundraising for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.*

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Dr Hans-Ullrich Henschel, a paediatrician by profession, is the founder and President of *flydoc australia e.v. (Inc)*. He established this charitable association as a support group for Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) in Germany in 2004.

*Flydoc australia's* main objective is to collect donations for the RFDS in Germany. To this end, Dr Henschel organises a range of fundraising activities which often generate valuable publicity for the RFDS and for Australia in general. He regularly travels to Australia, personally visiting a large number of RFDS bases to present donations and to offer support and encouragement to RFDS staff across the country. Since its establishment, *flydoc australia* has raised approximately \$110,000. Additionally, in response to the devastation caused by Cyclone Yasi in February 2011, Dr Henschel initiated a fundraising campaign to assist those in the affected areas of Queensland.

Dr Henschel spends a lot of time promoting the RFDS; regularly speaking to students in Germany to encourage their fundraising efforts and also by establishing a *flydoc australia* website in German. Through his initiative, Dr Henschel has raised awareness in Germany of a unique Australian institution, the RFDS, and also created a wider interest in the more remote parts of Australia.

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**NAME :** Professor Jeanne M Liedtka

**POSITION :** United Technologies Corporation Professor of Business Administration

**ADDRESS :** Darden School of Business  
University of Virginia  
PO Box 6550  
Charlottesville VA 22906  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**CITATION :** *For service to the development of leaders in the museum profession through the Museum Leadership Program.*

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Professor Jeanne Liedtka is a United Technologies Corporation Professor of Business Administration at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia.

As a faculty member of Getty's Museum Leadership Institute, Professor Liedtka was invited in 1999 to teach Australian museum professionals. Since then there have been a series of Museum Leadership Programs which have used her as a key presenter. Professor Liedtka is considered an outstanding contributor to the development of leaders in the museum profession in Australia. Her style and the practical content taught in her classes have been credited by many alumni as turning points in their professional careers. Professor Liedtka has inspired a whole generation of leaders and enhanced their capacity for strategic thinking and innovation. She has made a major impact on how the Australian museum world operates today in guiding, influencing and mentoring over 200 participants of the Program over the past 13 years.

Professor Liedtka is held in high regard by many heads of museums in Australia, particularly for her contribution to the Museum Leadership Program.

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**NAME :** Mrs Nellie Christina Morgan

**ADDRESS :** 1/37 Oaks Avenue  
DEE WHY NSW 2099

**CITATION :** *For service to the local elderly community as a volunteer.*

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Mrs Nellie Morgan is an active member of the Dee Why community in Sydney - volunteering with Meals on Wheels and as a qualified teacher of Scottish country dancing.

Although aged in her 90s and with failing eyesight, Mrs Morgan volunteers three days a fortnight delivering meals to the sick and elderly. She arrives early, checks all the deliveries and then is off on the road, with her driver, distributing meals. Mrs Morgan has volunteered with Meals on Wheels for the past 20 years.

Additionally, Mrs Morgan teaches Scottish dancing for two hours every week in Dee Why. Her enthusiasm for dancing is contagious with the classes always ending with a cuppa and a chat – a very social engagement for her dance students. Until a few years ago, Mrs Morgan also danced and taught dance for decades at the Cremorne/Neutral Bay area, and often served as the driver, transporting dancers to various performances. Overall, for a period of some 25 years, she conducted two adult weekly dance classes and also in-school dance lessons for children.

Mrs Morgan is a remarkable woman who enjoys dancing and takes great pleasure in teaching others. Her volunteering with Meals on Wheels is also commendable.

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**NAME :** Mr Mario Aloysius Sammut

**POSITION :** Honorary Vice-Consul of Malta, and  
Radio Broadcaster/Producer

**ADDRESS :** 16 Evans Street  
MORWELL VIC 3840

**CITATION :** *For service to the Maltese community of Victoria.*

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Mr Mario Sammut migrated to Australia in 1983 and immediately became involved in ethnic radio broadcasting and with the Maltese community. Since 1986 he has held numerous positions in Maltese organisations and also within the wider local community in the Latrobe Valley, Victoria.

As President for 18 years of the Maltese Community Centre, Mr Sammut was responsible for refurbishing and transforming the centre into the biggest and most organised Maltese Centre outside Melbourne. He was also Vice President of the Maltese Community Council of Victoria and has served as Honorary Vice-Consul of Malta in Gippsland since 1989.

Mr Sammut's general community involvement included organising a community-wide concert for the 1988 Bicentennial Celebrations, service with the Morwell Community Health Care Centre and the Latrobe Valley Migrant Resource Centre, and as an Executive Board Member of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria. However, his stalwart achievement is with radio broadcasting. Mr Sammut produces and broadcasts a weekly Maltese program on 3ZZZ in Melbourne and, for the past 28 years, a weekly Maltese program on Gippsland FM including, for the last 11 years, a Wednesday morning 'Breakfast Show' (in English).

Mr Sammut's community contributions, particularly to the Maltese community since his migration to Australia have been constant and exemplarily.

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**NAME :** Mr Martin Stuart Smith

**POSITION :** Music Master, Sydney Grammar School St Ives Preparatory  
(Musical Director of the Nova Youth Orchestra)

**ADDRESS :** 1 Day Street  
MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204

**CITATION :** *For service to youth as the co-founder of the  
Nova Youth Orchestra.*

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Mr Martin Smith is the co-founder of the Nova Youth Orchestra. Since its formation in 1990, Mr Smith has been the orchestra's Musical Director.

The Nova Youth Orchestra is a non-profit organisation that provides opportunities for young people to create music, both at rehearsals and performances, to cultivate friendships and to enhance awareness of their responsibilities to society through fundraising or through community performances. Over the past 10 years, the orchestra has travelled overseas performing in other countries and being exposed to many cultures, and has also travelled within Australia, particularly to outback NSW and the Northern Territory. Mr Smith has dedicated meticulous attention to make these tours successful.

Over the past 22 years, Mr Smith has enriched the lives of hundreds of young Australians by providing opportunities to perform with leading professional musicians and by frequently engaging guest soloists and conductors so that they can share their vast experiences with the young members of the orchestra.