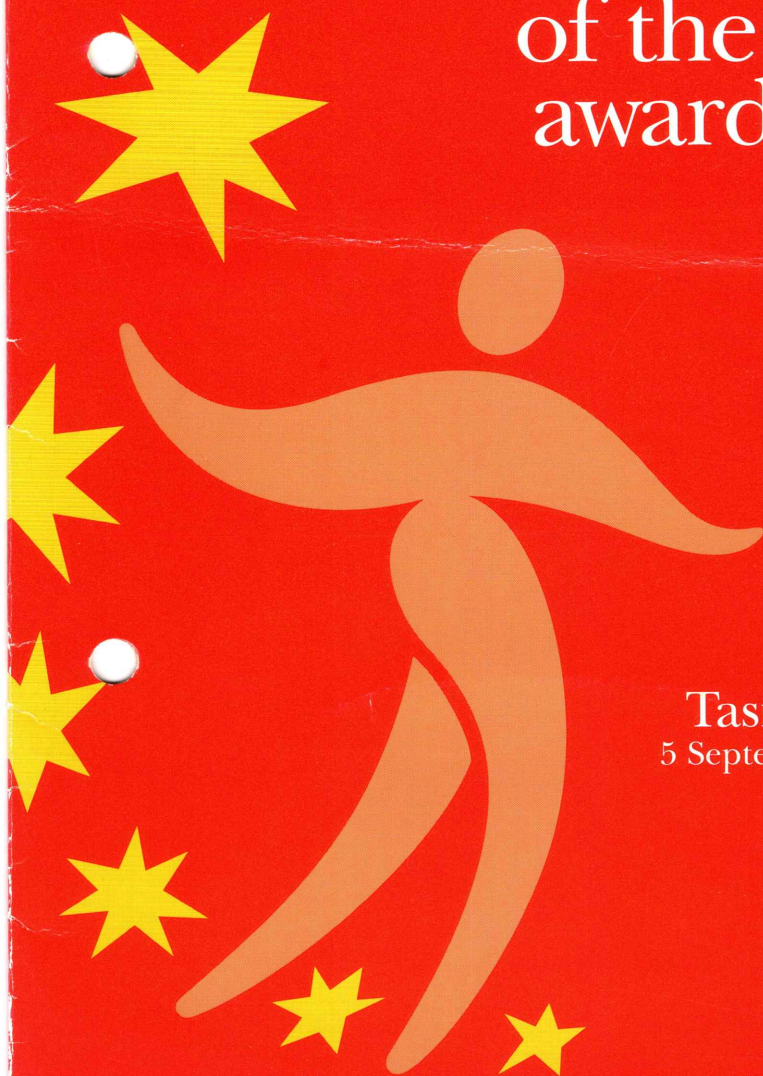




NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL

senior australian of the year awards 2001



Tasmania
5 September 2001



Bronwyn Bishop

The Hon Bronwyn Bishop
Minister for Aged Care

Message from the Minister for Aged Care

The Senior Australian of the Year Awards highlight the significant contribution Senior Australians make to our society. I am delighted these prestigious awards are now a permanent annual event.

The Commonwealth Government is committed to ensuring that we, as a community, recognise the achievements of Senior Australians. We believe everything possible must be done to ensure the talents of this significant and growing segment of our society are recognised and celebrated.

The enthusiastic response these Awards have enjoyed, since I introduced them in the International Year of Older Persons, is both proof that our society is becoming more aware of the tremendous contributions made by Senior Australians, and a recognition that ageing is a positive experience for individuals and the nation.

I congratulate the Senior Australian of the year and all Senior Australian Achievers – they are an inspiration to us all.



Lisa Curry-Kenny

Lisa Curry Kenny MBE OAM
Chairman

Message from the Chairman National Australia Day Council

The Charter of the National Australia Day Council is to foster national pride in each and every Australian. We are delighted that pride in our senior Australians is evident, with hundreds of nominations received for this year's Senior Australian of the Year awards. We thank the people of Australia for their enthusiastic support of the awards and for recognising the positive contribution being made by senior Australians to our nation.

As we celebrate the Centenary of Federation and the International Year of the Volunteer, it is fitting that nominations were put forward for outstanding achievement in community service, the arts, business, science, medicine, sport and indigenous affairs.

Over the next few weeks, Senior Australian Achievers will be recognised in each State and Territory. Later this year, we will announce the Senior Australian of the Year.

We congratulate them all.

TAS Senior Achievers 2001



Cecily Gilson

Cecily has had a long-standing commitment to community services and community development for over 30 years. She has generously and freely given of her time as a volunteer, often full-time. She is responsible for the establishment of the Citizens Advice Bureau in 1973 and was heavily involved for the 28 years that it was in operation. An active member of the community, Cecily has served on various committees.



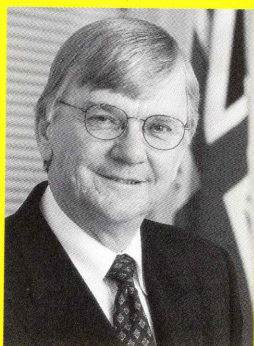
Kenneth O'Brien

Kenneth O'Brien is the recipient of Rotary's highest honour. He served in war and has lived in New Norfolk since he was a child. His community involvement includes Rotary, Legacy, Masonic Lodge and is a Justice of the Peace. Recognised as the local historian, he writes for the local newspaper and is a tour guide, radio personality and an avid public speaker.



Barbara Fenton

Barbara continually gives to others and has a tireless sense of caring for any worthwhile cause. She has worked for the Red Cross for more than 30 years, being President for 15 of those years. Her community involvement is extensive particularly in organisations such as the local rowing club and the Auxiliary of the district hospital.



David R Deans
Chief Executive

Message from the National Seniors Association

As the largest organisation representing older Australians, National Seniors Association is delighted by the public response to the *Senior Australian of the Year Awards*.

Pioneered to acknowledge the significant contributions of seniors, the Awards have gone from strength to strength since the 1999 International Year of Older Persons.

As our policy-makers debate the challenges of an ageing population, the vital role seniors play in the workplace, at home and in the community is gaining greater recognition.

These Awards celebrate the strength, inspiration and selfless commitment to the greater good, of the Senior Australian Achievers and the Senior Australian of the Year.

Thank you, and congratulations to all nominees for demonstrating that age is not a use-by-date.

The National Australia Day Council in partnership with National Seniors Association, wish to acknowledge and thank the following.

Judging Panel

Ms Leona Bradley – Australia Day Council – Tasmania
Mr Keith Butterworth – Australia Day Council – Tasmania
Mr Malcolm Portwin – Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Mr Peter Win – Southern Cross Television
Mr David Deans – National Seniors Association

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