



Chair's Report 2008

Mark Baker

I'm pleased to report a year of continued progress towards long term sustainability for the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the ACT. Now underpinned by a sound financial base, the Award is well placed to offer expanded opportunities to participants and to build its profile within the community in the years ahead.

This new financial security has been brought about through the completion earlier this year of the sale of 'Edge', a property gifted to the Award some years ago. The earnings on the funds received, combined with the generous support of the ACT Government will ensure that the Award's is made available to as many young Canberrans as possible.

In fact, we are extremely fortunate to be generously supported by many people and organisations. During the year, the Commonwealth Government provided funding for 20 young people at the Gungahlin Regional Community Centre to participate who would otherwise have been unable to do so. A donation by Canberra's Freemason community has enabled the Award to modernize and upscale its office equipment. Mr Robert Scott has acted as the Award's auditor for many years on a pro bono basis. And of course, each week, many many people – our licenced operators, co-ordinators and other volunteers - selflessly give their time. To all, please accept my heartfelt thanks for the vital contribution you have made to the Award during 2008.

There have of course been some disappointments. Our participant numbers were slightly down this year although we are confident there will pick up in 2009. Regrettably also, funds from the 'Charter for Business' to the ANU were unable to be utilised in the way intended and accordingly have now been returned to the Charter.

It is difficult to dwell on such setbacks though when you meet the vibrant, talented and self confident young people who participate in the Award's programs – twenty four of whom are Gold recipients this year. Congratulations to each of them.

As this year will be my last as Chairman, I would like to thank my Committee colleagues and especially Maureen Burdett, our Executive Director, for their hard work and dedication. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time representing the ACT's interests at a national level and being involved in decisions affecting the local Division's future. I will look forward to continuing to serve on the Committee under the leadership of Commander Tony Lodomirski.

In closing, can I wish the members of the Award community, all the very best for a safe and happy Christmas and throughout 2009.

Mark Baker
Chairman



Administration

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh Prince Philip, KG, KT is founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees that control the Award Program internationally.

The International Secretariat located in London carries out administration of the Award on behalf of the Trustees. The Secretariat deals with matters of overall policy and liaison with the member Award Authorities. Prince Edward is the Chairman of the International Council.

In Australia NAA (National Award Authority), a Company Limited by Guarantee made up of a representative from each State Award Committee and other Independent Board Members governs the Award at the national level, licensing and levying the States and Territories to run the Award.

The ACT Division is an incorporated body with its committee members elected each year at its Annual General Meeting. The State Award Office is located at 19 Coyne Street Fadden ACT 2904, staffed by the full time Chief Executive Officer, assisted by volunteers and with part time staff as finances allow. The State Award Committee Licenses Operators to run the Award Program in Schools, Colleges and other Community Organisations.

Part funding is provided through a grant from the ACT Government. Additional funds are obtained through participant entrance fees, fundraising; sponsorship; Trust fund investment; membership; and Licensed Operator fees.

Office Bearers

International Patron: His Royal Highness Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh

Australian Patron: Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC
Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia

National Chairman: Mr Larry Anthony

ACT Division State Award Committee:

Chair	Mr Mark Baker
Deputy Chair	Mr Tony Lodomirski
Treasurer	Mrs Maureen Burdett
Secretary	Ms Marilyn Jessop
Committee Members	Mr Jon Belmonte Mr William Burdett Mr Nicholas Bakker Mr Peter Dunn
Public Officer	Mrs Maureen Burdett

We certify that the above members served on the State Award Committee for 2007/2008

Treasurer & Public officer
November 2007/2008

Committee Member
November 2007/2008



ACT Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2007/2008 Licensed Operators and Coordinators

Licensed operators appoint a Coordinator to Coordinate the Duke of Edinburgh's Award within their organisation. The Coordinators spend a large amount of their own time assisting the young people under their care. They play a role that is inestimable in its value to our community and we honour them highly.

Some High Schools and Colleges do not run the Award Program for a year or two, either because the school has no one who will undertake the Coordinators role or they feel there is not enough interest among their student body. Invariably they return as Licensed Operators, in the most part because students want the Award to run in their school.

The State Award Office continues to perform the role of Licensed Operator for "Independent or Unattached Participants". These participants either attend a school or organisation that is not a Licensed Operator. Alternatively they may be attending University, ADFA or be in the workforce.

The following is an extract from training notes of what a "Coordinator is".

Coordinators

- The Coordinator is the person who ensures that the Award Program is successfully implemented and promoted. He/she must be familiar with the aims and requirements of the program and be able to obtain assistance from other adults suitably qualified and interested in specific activities likely to be undertaken by the participants.
 - The Coordinator is the contact between the participant and the State Award Division
 - The Coordinator guides the program of participants ensuring that the specific activities being undertaken meet the criteria.
 - The Coordinator must be available to answer questions on appropriate activities to each section.
 - The Coordinator checks the records of the participants to ensure that they have met the criteria and has the appropriate person sign off their books.
 - The Coordinator advises participants on appropriate activities for each section.
 - The Coordinator collects monies from entrance fees and forwards them to the State Award Office.
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Operator

Coordinator

ACT State Award Office

Maureen Burdett

224 ACU

Jon Belmonte

Brindabella Christian College

Ken Seach

Burgmann Christian School

Tim Birkett

Canberra Girls Grammar School

Melissa Musgrove

Canberra Grammar School

Rosemary Carlson

Canberra Pathfinders

Graeme McDean

Girls Brigade

Narelle Ford

Girl Guides

Jennifer Hobson

Gungahlin Youth Centre

Peter Mitchell

Lyneham High School

Philip Dunne

MacKillop Catholic College

Ms Spencer

Marist College

Simon Rugala

Merici College

Diana Davis

Narrabundah College

Mary Adams

Radford College

Rachelle Hayward

St Clare's College

Graeme McDean

St Edmund's College

Tracy Craze

St Francis Xavier College

Nicholas Bakker

Scouts ACT

Michael McDonnell/Attila Ovari

Trinity Christian School

Aira Chilcott

Stromlo High School

Kerrie Long



Statistics

New and Continuing Participants 2007/2008

July 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	Nil	4	4
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gold	Nil	Nil	Nil

CGGS 4

Total Nil Nil 4

4

August 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	13	6	19
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gold	Nil	1	1

CGGS 4

Independent 1

Marist College 12

StClares 2

TCS 1

Total 13 7 20

20

September 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	2	10	12
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gold	Nil	Nil	Nil

Merici College 9

SFX College 3

Total 2 10 12

12

October 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	8	13	13
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gold	Nil	Nil	Nil

Marist College 3

Merici College 5

StEdmunds College 5

Total Nil Nil 13

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November 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	Nil	Nil	Nil
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gold	Nil	Nil	Nil

Total Nil Nil Nil

Nil

December 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	1	2	3
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gold	Nil	Nil	Nil

224 ACU 1

Merici College 2

Total 1 2 3

3

January 2008 Office closed



February 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	7	6	13
Silver	2	12	14
Gold	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	9	18	27

Burgmann College	5
CGGS	4
Independent	2
Marist College	2
Merici College	2
SFX College	1
StEdmunds College	1
TCS	10
	27

March 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	6	27	33
Silver	15	6	21
Gold	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	21	33	54

CGGS	23
Marist College	6
Merici College	5
SFX College	1
TCS	19
	54

April 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	16	26	42
Silver	4	5	9
Gold	1	3	4
Total	21	34	55

Brindabella	13
Burgmann College	8
Canberra Pathfinders	3
CGGS	16
Lyneham High School	12
TCS	3
	55

May 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	Nil	2	2
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gold	Nil	2	2
Total	Nil	4	4

CGGS	2
Independent	1
Merici College	1
	4

June 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	13	2	15
Silver	5	2	7
Gold	Nil	1	1
Total	18	5	23

Brindabella	1
CGS	18
CGGS	2
Independent	1
TCS	1
	23

<u>YEAR 2007/2008</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BRONZE	66	90	156
SILVER	26	25	51
GOLD	1	7	8
TOTAL	93	122	215



Statistics

Awards Gained Bronze and Silver 2007/2008

July 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	Nil	Nil	Nil
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil

Nil

August 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	2	3	5
Silver	1	Nil	1
Total	3	3	6

St Clares College	3
ACU224	1
ACT State Award Office	1
Marist College	1

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September 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	Nil	Nil	Nil
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil

Nil

October 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	Nil	1	1
Silver	2	Nil	2
Total	2	1	3

CGGS	1
Marist College	1
St Francis Xavier College	1
Total	3

November 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	1	17	18
Silver	Nil	7	7
Total	1	24	25

CGGS	14
Merici College	10
Lynham High School	1
Total	25

December 2007

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	14	10	24
Silver	2	6	8
Total	16	16	32

Burgmann College	2
CGGS	2
MacKillop Catholic College	2
Merici College	2
Telopea Park School	4
Trinity Christian School	20
Total	32

January 2008 Office closed



February 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	3	14	17
Silver	Nil	4	4
Total	3	18	21

CGGS	5
Independent	5
Lyneham High School	2
Merici	1
StClares College	8
Total	21

March 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	3	3	6
Silver	Nil	5	5
Total	3	8	11

CGGS	7
Marist College	3
Narrabundah College	1
Total	11

April 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	1	2	3
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	1	2	3

Independent	3
Total	3

May 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	1	6	7
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	1	6	7

CGGS	6
Independent	1
Total	7

June 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Bronze	3	4	7
Silver	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	3	4	7

Merici College	2
StFrancis Xavier	4
Trinity Christian School	1
Total	7

YEAR 2007/2008	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
BRONZE	28	60	88
SILVER	5	22	
TOTAL	33	82	115



Gold Award Recipients 2008

General Information

There were 26 recipients eligible to be presented.

24 will be presented

Two are overseas

Those presented were as follows:

ACT Recipients by Organisations

Australian Army Cadet Unit	Jonathon Belmonte	
Canberra Girls Grammar School	Emily Balmaks Laura MacKinnon Charlotte Marshall Emilia Skopal	
Canberra Grammar School	Alex McKenzie	Completed as Independent
Girls Brigade	Kate Hollands	
Lake Tuggeranong College	Jenni Hodgman Ebrahim Tabandeh	
Radford College	Christopher Coppin Joanna McMillan Richard Perrin Stephanie Pulsford	
St Clare's College	Natalie Bannan Rachel Benzie Alexandra Sturgess	Completed as Independent Completed as Independent Completed as Independent
Trinity Christian College	Alyssa Buchardt Anna Flutsch Ben iring Sarah Jensen Isla Moyse Ryan Southwell	
Independent	Abdifitah Aden Rebecca McLeish	



Chief Executive Officer's Report

Maureen Burdett

This year we welcomed a number of new Coordinators, both from new Licenced Operators and because of some Coordinators stepping down from running the Award after a very long time. We have run a number of Network meeetings and training sessions throughout the year, but unfortunately they were not very well attended. We are very well aware that Coordinators time becomes ever more heavily taxed and it is difficult for them to find time for extra curricula activities such as the Award. We are grateful for the time that they do give.

We continue to look at new ways of doing, to meet the challenges of rising costs and difficulties facing the requirements of using volunteers in our program, which is a program based primarily on volunteers. This year in particular we will be looking at the utilisation of school based and outsourced camps to fill the outcomes required for the Bronze and Silver Awards and for Gold where appropriate.

New equipment purchased for the office with donations from the Freemasons of Canberra is a great help. We are still holding some funds that will be utilised for maintaining and purchasing other office equipment as required.

We are very privileged to have Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia agree to be Patron for the Award in the ACT. This enables us to give our Gold Award Recipients a very special ceremony at Government House each year.

Thank you to the State Award Committee for their support and work during the past year. Farewell to outgoing members Brother Jon Belmonte from the Army Cadet Unit 224; Nicholas Bakker, from St Francis Xavier; Peter Dunn, Community Member and William Burdett, Convenor of the Youth Advisory Group, for their work and support of the Award Program. Thankyou to the Committee Members who have agreed to remain working for the Award for another year. Especially thank you to Mark Baker who has stood down as Chairman but agreed to stay on the Committee as Deputy Chair. Mark has steered the ACT Award through sometimes difficult waters as we have been working to make the Award sustainable for the future. We are also lucky to have Marilyn Jessop, whose particular eye for the detail of matters has proved invaluable.

I look forward to working with the 2008/2009 Committee and Chairman, Commander Tony Lodomirski, who has already supported the Award and me for a number of years and all of our Coordinators, as we strive to bring the Award and its benefits to as many young people as we can.

Maureen Burdett
Chief Executive Officer



An Award Journey -

Alex McKenzie – Canberra Grammar School

Gold Award presented 2008

Introduction

My friend Ben Ascione and I decided before the year 2006 when he went to Japan to study Japanese for one year and I went to China to study Mandarin for one year, that we would do a one month trip together in both China and Japan. There were two purposes for this trip, half of which was spent in China and half in Japan. Firstly for us to discover some of the major differences between Chinese and Japanese culture. Secondly, for me to translate for Ben and make arrangements for travelling and accommodation whilst we were travelling in China and for Ben to do the same for me when we were travelling in Japan.

Trip Summary

Ben and I first spent a few days in Shanghai, then took a train to Beijing. After spending a few days in Beijing, we took a train to Nanjing, where we spent a few days before taking a train back to Shanghai. We flew out of Shanghai on Monday, the 13th of August and arrived in Tokyo in the evening of the same day. We spent a week in Tokyo, then travelled to Kyoto, where we visited the temples for a day. After that, we travelled to Nara, which is a sister city of Canberra, spent a few days there, then Ben took a train back to Tokyo.

At the same time, I took a train to Himeji, where I explored the grounds of Himeji Castle before catching an afternoon bullet train to Hiroshima. I spent a day exploring Hiroshima and then a day exploring the island of Miyajima. A day later, I took a few bullet trains back to Tokyo. On Tuesday 28th of August, 2007, I flew back to Shanghai and spent the night there before taking train number K516 for a 30 hour trip back to Changchun. I arrived back in Changchun at around 5pm on 30th of August.

Travel Dates

The trip began in the city of Shanghai in China. I arrived in Shanghai on train number K518 on Sunday, the 29th of July, 2007 after a 30 hour train trip from the northeastern Chinese city of Changchun. Ben arrived on Air China International Flight CA930 from Tokyo on Monday, 30th July, 2007. A friend of Ben named Natalie, whose friend, James told both Ben and I about a place called the Shanghai Propaganda Poster Art Centre. Whilst visiting the Shanghai Propaganda Art Centre was not a purpose of the trip, we decided out of sheer curiosity to go and take a look.

Purpose of Exploration

It is our visit to the Shanghai Propaganda Poster Art Centre which is the purpose of this report. On Thursday, the 2nd August, 2007 we visited the Shanghai Propaganda Poster Art Centre. We took the subway from the People's Square station to the Jing'an Temple station in the morning. After that we walked to the Shanghai Propaganda Poster Art Centre which was located in Room B0C 868 on Hua Shan Road. Hua Shan Road is located in the French Concession district of Shanghai.

It was a perfect day to visit the Propaganda Poster Art Centre because just when we arrived, a huge thunderstorm rolled in and did not clear until the afternoon. Ben noticed that the address of the Propaganda Poster Art Centre was not clearly marked. We eventually got given directions from a security guard. The Propaganda Poster Art Centre was located in the basement of an apartment.



I was struck by a sense of this place being very secretive. In addition, Ben noticed the underground nature of the Propaganda Poster Art Centre, presumably because it had a very secretive feel about it. Even though we were given a brochure which had photos on it, we were not allowed to take photos. It seems that all of the visitors were tourists, no local Chinese people. Thus, due to these observations, I assume that the owners of the Propaganda Poster Art Centre wanted as few people as possible to know about its existence.

Ben and I stayed at the Propaganda Poster Art Centre for a few hours, though a few hours was nowhere near enough because there were so many posters to see. It was really fascinating to look at how the posters between 1949 and 1979 changed. Ben was trying to write down the titles of all of the posters on display but in the end he gave up because there were so many of them. After we had looked at the posters for a few hours, we went to the gift shop.

At the gift shop I bought a book which contained a sample of propaganda posters between 1949 and 1979. I also bought an original English textbook which was used during the Cultural Revolution and some postcards which had propaganda posters printed on them. I was considering buying a red book with the quotations of Chairman Mao in both English and German which was an original copy from I suspect, the late 1960s. It was a very rare book.

However, I didn't buy the book because the number of the person who either compiled it or checked it was 13. According to superstitions in China, 13 is an unlucky number. Another reason I didn't buy the book of quotations of Chairman Mao was because Ben convinced me that it would be much harder to find an original English textbook from the Cultural Revolutions than to find a book of quotations.

Ends.



Sponsorship and Volunteers

Continued operation of the Award Program in the ACT is due to the very generous sponsorship by business and members of the community.

This year we would especially like to thank:

The Freemasons of Canberra's generous donation of \$20,000

Department Housing and Disability through the Youth Bureau who part fund the Award Program in the ACT.

We also thank all those individuals who give us their time and expertise in our day-to-day operations of the Award in the ACT.

In particular:

The Mums and Dads who assist the participants in their quest to achieve an Award.

The Coordinators and their volunteers

Greg Nason Freemasons of Canberra

David Eager Convenor of Edge

William Burdett Convenor of Youth Advisory Committee

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