



OMRS Australia Conference

18, 19 and 20 October 2024

Mercure Canberra Hotel

Corner Limestone Ave and Ainslie Ave, Canberra

Welcome

We will be holding our annual conference in October. This conference is open to all medal collectors, you do not need to be an OMRS member. You will hear from many great speakers, meet international guests, meet the representatives of international auction houses, and have a great time talking to and re-acquainting yourself with collectors from all over.

Friday

Friday is a great kick off day. We will begin with a tour of the National Archives, and then we will officially start with welcome drinks at the hotel at 7pm.

Activity	Where	Time
Tour	National Archives, viewing medal designs from WW1 and WW2 as well as a general tour.	2pm
Exhibit setup	Conference Room, Mercure Canberra	5:30pm onwards. Note that there is no security on this room, it is suggested that you don't leave valuables there overnight or alone.

<p>Speakers test and setup</p> <p>If you want to test your presentation to make sure it works I will have the laptop and projector ready and we can load it all up.</p>	<p>Conference Room, Mercure Canberra</p>	<p>6:30pm</p>
<p>Meet and Greet, where we say hello, have some nibbles, have a drink, and collect our name badges.</p> <p>Drinks are kindly sponsored by Spink, as well as after there will be a cash bar.</p>	<p>Conference Room, Mercure Canberra</p> 	<p>7pm</p>

Saturday

Saturday kicks off with a day of presentations, and then winds down with a good and relaxing dinner.

Activity	Who	Time
Open and welcome	Mike Downey	10:00 – 10:15
Australian Honours System Late Awards	Anthony Staunton	10:15 – 11:00
TBC	Mark Wilson	11:00 – 11:45
A chance to look at the exhibits		11:45 – 12:00
Lunch		12:00 – 13:00
Lions Amongst men: Rhodesians in the Great War	Alexander James	13:00 – 13:45
Anzacs in North Russia 1919/Samuel Pearse VC remains recovery	Damien wright	13:45 – 14:30
Afternoon tea and a chance to look at the exhibits		14:30 - 15:00
MC & Bar - 2nd/16th Bn - Syria & New Guinea	Ed Robinson	15:00 – 15:20
Crimean War Medals - Perth Pensioner Guard	Les Emery	15:20 – 15:40
Medalling over 48 years	Jim Johnstone	15:40 – 16:30
A chance to look at the exhibits		16:30 – 17:00

Activity	Who	Time
Dinner and after dinner talk		19:00 – 22:00

Saturday Night Dinner

As usual we will meet for dinner and an interesting guest speaker. The wine is kindly sponsored by Noonans.



Your conference cost includes the cost of the dinner.

Dress is jacket and tie.

Miniatures are traditionally worn at this dinner.

Sunday

Sunday will continue with presentations, and include some less formal shorter presentations and an opportunity to show and tell or share anything you have recently got or are working on.

Note since we are all in the same hotel we are starting at 9am to get time for all the great speakers.

Activity	Who	Time
A Medal to the NSW Rum Corp	Steve Danaher	09:00 – 09:30
Gems of my QSA Collections part 3	Barry Carr	09:30 – 10:00
Morning tea		10:00 – 10:30
Escapers and evaders	John Williams	10:30 – 11:00
TBA	James Mactier	11:00 – 11:30
Member's Own – free for anyone to do a 5 minute mini talk	Any	11:30 – 12:00
Close and lunch		12:00

Exhibits

As we have had before we will have exhibits along the sides of the room. Setup will take place from 5:30pm on Friday.

Costs

The cost of the conference is similar to last year:

\$200 for the full conference and dinner.

\$140 if you are not coming to the dinner.

\$260 if you are attending the conference and want to bring one guest to the dinner.

To secure your spot please pay into the conference account:

OMRS AUST

BSB 062268

AC 10485566

Or send a cheque made out to OMRS AUST,

At the following address:

Barrett J Carr

PO Box 263

Wentworthville

2145

If you are coming from overseas let me know you are coming and pay when you are here if that is simpler for you.

Hotel

The location of the conference is Mercure Canberra. This is the same hotel we have always used, on the corner of Ainslie and Limestone Avenues in Braddon. You can call them on (02) 6243 0000.

A block of discounted rooms including breakfast have been offered, so mention you are booking for the Orders and Medals Research Society to get a discount. Note there are only 20 such rooms so first in best dressed. This is quoted at \$189 per night with breakfast. It is up to you to arrange and confirm the hotel yourself.

War Memorial Visits

If anyone is planning on visiting the war memorial please beware there is construction there and you need to book a time slot on their website to visit.