

# THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM FOUNDATION



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## A WARM WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Following last year's National Chapter meeting, I was saddened to learn that David Slater AM has resigned from the Foundation Board. I want to reiterate my appreciation for David's assistance and support over the past few years. Since then, the Foundation Board has been seeking a suitable candidate.

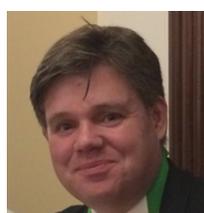
In the 2021-22 financial year, the OSL Foundation decided to provide funds to assist with the Tongan recovery program and the floods in northern New South Wales. While the recovery from these natural disasters is continuing, the decision was made in the context of an unfolding war in Ukraine.

Sadly, this war has continued. Therefore, donating last year to assist with the humanitarian effort was an easy and important decision for the OSL Foundation Board. I was pleased to learn from Caritas ((the DGR 1) charity we donated to) that our funds were spent on the immediate need for emergency food, water, shelter and hygiene support for families impacted by the escalating conflict.

At the National Chapter meeting in Canberra, and again in late 2023, the OSL Foundation Board was delighted to receive a presentation by Mr David Robinson CLJ. His professional advice eloquently outlined the challenge facing the Foundation to strike a solid balance between capital growth and yield (and, therefore, our ability to meet the Australian Tax Office's requirements). Again, I sincerely thank David for his interest and ongoing support.

Finally, I once again encourage members of the Grand Priory of Australia to consider becoming a member of the Foundation or renewing their membership (please refer to the back page for further details). I consider it a cheap investment (\$50) in an organisation that seeks to make a difference in those we seek to help and serve the marginalised, the disadvantaged and those less fortunate than ourselves.

Anthony Kennedy OAM  
Chairman - OSL Foundation



## THE FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

### SITUATION REPORT - FROM CARITAS

The war in Ukraine continues to be marked by indiscriminate shelling in civilian areas, with the number of civilian casualties rising to over 21,000 people and close to 1,000 children.

Civilian infrastructure in Ukraine continues to be targeted, including water supplies, gas and electric supplies, hospitals, and homes. The extensive destruction of essential services has left over 10 million people without power, heating and water through the brutal winter cold as the government tries to ration the existing resources and energy.

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MEDICATION AND  
PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT”.**

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA



*Image: courtesy of Caritas Australia*

Caritas Ukraine, Caritas Spes Ukraine and other Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries continue to support displaced people urgently. The Caritas Ukraine network is supported by 448 parish hubs and more than 1,200 employees covering most regions of Ukraine and providing services in urban and rural areas.

# A THANK YOU LETTER FROM CARITAS

It was deeply encouraging to receive the words of appreciation from Caritas Australia. Mr Will Cummins, Major Gifts Manager, expressed his thanks by saying that he would like to express his "sincere appreciation for the generosity that the OSL Australia Foundation has confirmed in supporting our Ukraine Appeal."

He then indicated that Caritas Australia has been working with Caritas Ukraine. Over many years, Caritas Ukraine "has been working with vulnerable communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine since 2014, is working to respond to the unfolding crisis and support refugees fleeing into neighbouring countries".

The impact funding provided by the OSL Australia Foundation will have an immense and positive impact on many lives in the region.

Right is the formal letter from Ms Kirsty Robinson, CEO of Caritas Australia:

## 10 YEARS OF OSL AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

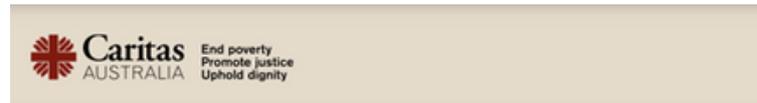
Members of the Grand Priory of Australia will be interested to learn that the OSL Australia Foundation celebrated its 10th year of operation.

It was during the visit of the late Grand Master of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, HE Carlos Gereda y de Borbón – recommended the Australian Grand Priory investigate the establishment of a significantly funded charitable foundation along the lines of the in jurisdictions around the world including Europe.

Following three years of planning, on 31 May 2013 Lady Potter AC CRMI settled \$1,000 upon the establishment of The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem Australia Foundation. A trust is managed by a trustee - a company called " OSL Nominee Limited" and therefore the trust and the managing company are separate identities.



Reception at Government House NSW hosted by former NSW Governor Dame Marie Bashir AD, the late Grand Master HE Carlos Gereda y de Borbón and former Grand Prior the Hon Mr Justice Barry O'Keefe AM GCSG KC\*HS GCLJ (Ret.).



27 June 2023

OLJ Australia Foundation Public Ancillary Fund  
3 Leist St  
WESTON ACT 2611

Dear Mr Donovan,

Thank you for the generous donation to Caritas Australia's Ukraine Appeal on behalf of the OLJ Australia Foundation Public Ancillary Fund. The tax-deductible receipt can be found below.

The gift will support vulnerable communities in Ukraine, where there is an immediate need for emergency food, water, shelter and hygiene support to families impacted by the escalating conflict. The funds will go to our partner, Caritas Ukraine, who has been working with vulnerable communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine since 2014 and is working to respond to the unfolding crisis, as well as to support refugees fleeing into neighbouring countries.

For more information and updates on our response in this region, please go to <https://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine>

Thank you again for the generosity of the OLJ Australia Foundation Public Ancillary Fund. Together we are building a better world.

With gratitude,

*Kirsty Robertson*

Kirsty Robertson  
Chief Executive Officer

CARITAS AUSTRALIA ABN 90 970 605 069 GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001 Tax Deductible Donations can be claimed under the Caritas Australia Overseas Aid Fund.		OFFICIAL RECEIPT NUMBER R03576702	
DATE	RECEIVED FROM	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (\$)
26/06/2023	Supporter ID: A-00042431 OLJ Australia Foundation Public Ancillary Fund	Ukraine Emergency Appeal	\$20,200.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$20,200.00</b>

Received with Thanks

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**KNOW YOUR OSL AUSTRALIA  
FOUNDATION MEMBER:  
CHEV KEVIN EDWARDS AM**

I was honoured to be approached in the mid-1990s by the late Geoffrey Summerhayes OAM KLJ CMLJ, the then President of the Western Australian Commandery, to consider membership of the Order.

I have been a member for 27 years and President of our Commandery for six years (2010-2015). When I joined, I was a partner in a large Perth law firm and welcomed the opportunity to support the works and objectives of the Order. I had been involved in or a supporter of several not-for-profit and charitable organisations, including Catholic Homes for the Aged, of which I was a foundation director and chairman for over 40 years.

I firmly believe in the objectives and good work of the Order and its commanderies (around Australia) in assisting a wide range of organisations and people assisting those in need. I enjoyed the association with the excellent members of the Order.

As the Western Australian Commandery President, I strongly supported the establishment of the Foundation to establish a permanent long-term fund that enables the Order to assist situations in Australia and overseas. These are, for various reasons, beyond the day-to-day work of individual commanderies. The OSL Foundation enables members of the Grand Priory of Australia (and others) to make tax-deductible contributions to building the Foundation.

I was delighted to accept an invitation to join the Board of the OSL Foundation in 2022 by the new Chairman, Chev Anthony Kennedy OAM KHS KLJ OMLJ. While I am a new board member, I am pleased that we have provided over \$60,000 to critical charitable activities over the past three years.



**DONATE NOW**

To make a tax-deductible donation to OSL Foundation Australia please email the Secretary, Mr Joe Thorp CLJ advising of the amount and your contact details.

**BSB: 085 364  
Account: 94 396 7276**

For those that do not require a tax-deductible receipt, are encouraged to use the following details, but are also encouraged to email the Secretary, Mr Joe Thorp CLJ advising of the amount and your contact details.

**BSB: 085-005  
Account: 94 413 1745**

**CONTACT OSL AUSTRALIA  
FOUNDATION**

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**BECOME AN OSL AUSTRALIA  
FOUNDATION MEMBER**

At the National Chapter meeting in Adelaide in May 2022, the Chairman of the Foundation announced that all members of the Grand Priory of Australia were eligible to become a member of the OSL Australia Foundation.

The annual subscription is \$50. To join, please visit the website: <https://oljfoundation.org/blog/> and download a copy of the form. Please send the complete form and payment details to Mr Joe Thorp CLJ at: [josephethorp@gmail.com](mailto:josephethorp@gmail.com)

