

## PRESS RELEASE

## SCOA HAS GONE NATIONAL

Welcome to SCOA Australia Incorporated, the new national body replacing the former incorporated branches of the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers' Association (SCOA) and their governing body, SCOA Federal Council. SCOA Australia has about 8,000 members across Australia, and is managed by a National Committee and National Office, which is located in Canberra.

In launching SCOA as a national organisation, President Dr Annette Barbetti said that "we believe that this restructuring will make SCOA bigger and stronger and will enable us to speak with a louder voice on our members' behalf". And, she wanted to assure members that advocating on their behalf would remain SCOA's core business.

Dr Barbetti said, "we will continue to fight for better conditions for the taxation and indexation of Commonwealth superannuation pensions, as well as all the other areas and issues that affect retired public servants' lifestyle in retirement, including the age pension and the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card as well as many other Centrelink benefits some of our members may be eligible to receive. Our quarterly newsletter, SuperTime, will continue to keep all members informed about all these things".

Annette Barbetti invited everybody to "check us out at our website at <u>www.scoa.asn.au</u> and have a look at the many issues we are currently focusing on, and to join the conversation on SCOA's newly launched page on Facebook".

"Please like us and let's talk", said Annette Barbetti.

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