



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, June 2020

This is a further catchup newsletter to keep you all informed about our activities.

Our members have found alternative ways to mark Anzac Day, and we have explored new ways of meeting while complying with social distancing requirements so our committee meetings and Fellowship gatherings can continue. The committee has held regular monthly meetings through the 'Zoom' app and is exploring ways to use this to allow country members to be more involved in SA Branch operations and events.

The Fellowship group is resuming face to face lunches (subject to social gathering rules), and will use Zoom to broadcast the presentations of their guest speakers to members who are unable to attend in person (see details following).

Keep Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 25 June: Honours recipients fellowship meeting at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club and using the 'Zoom' online application. Guest speaker is Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd), 'Orders of the World'. To RSVP or to participate via Zoom, please contact:

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Thursday 27 August: Honours recipients fellowship meeting, NMBAF Club and using 'Zoom'. The Guest Speaker will be Pamela Rajkowski OAM, 'In the steps of Elder, Barr Smith, Waite'.

Friday 25 September: Close of nominations for the 2020 South Australian Student Citizenship Awards.

SAVE THE DATE

SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea

We are certainly looking ahead to resuming some social interaction. All Association members and their friends are cordially invited to the SA Branch annual Christmas Morning Tea.

We hope to have a guest speaker or artist (details will be confirmed later). There is no cost.

Date: Wednesday 2 December 2020, 10 am

Venue: St Francis Anglican Church Hall,
835 South Road (corner of Dinwoodie Street),
Clarence Gardens

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS



New Recipients Welcome Receptions

We are planning to conduct a combined Welcome Reception – for all new honours recipients from the 2020 Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Honours Lists. Because of the possible numbers involved, we are looking at running two activities.

Dates and further details will be given in future newsletters. The proposed details are as follows:

Venue: Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Library complex, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow (corner of OG Road and Turner Street)

Cost: \$26 per head; no cost for new recipients

Full-size medals should be worn

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ANZAC DAY DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Saturday 25 April 2020

In a previous newsletter we noted that, despite the impositions placed upon us this year, many people were still able to reflect on the achievements, service and sacrifice of our forebears.

Many people marked Anzac Day at home through some form of reverent reflection. Many used a social media platform to pay their respects, either to a particular family member or a notable Australian from their local district.

People shared photos of an ancestor or their war medals. Others shared images of war memorials, left a poppy tribute, or gave some other message of reflection.

We will remember them
Lest we Forget



SA Branch committee member Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd) marked Anzac Day at home.

CITIZENSHIP RESOURCE VOLUNTEERS

The South Australian Branch is exploring the level of interest amongst our Order of Australia Association members who may be interested in being identified as resource volunteers.

Their role will be to support secondary school teachers with the delivery of a structured information session for students from the Citizenship Knowledge and Understanding Strand, Civics and Citizenship, Australian Curriculum. If you are interested, further information can be obtained from Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM:

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Sydney Lawrence Arthur Badenoch enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force in Adelaide on 2 August 1940, and was discharged at Wayville Showgrounds on 30 May 1945, aged 28.

AN ANZAC TRIBUTE

Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP spent time on Anzac Day this year finalising the military service record she has been compiling on her father, Sapper Sydney Lawrence Arthur Badenoch (1917-1995).

Syd Badenoch was born in Hyde Park, and attended Adelaide Boys High School and St Peter's College.

During World War 2, he first served as an Engine Artificer with the 2/3rd Field Park Company, Royal Australian Engineers. After service in the Middle East, he undertook jungle warfare training on the Atherton Tablelands in Queensland before then deploying to Lae in New Guinea with the 2/23rd Field Park Company, RAE.

His right foot was injured by machinery in New Guinea, and he also suffered tropical ulcers, malaria and dengue. He was a member of the Kensington RSL, and was President for many years.

In memory of her father, Anne Bachmann recited the following verse she had previously written in his honour:

I shall walk tall
Medals proudly displayed
In memory of you –
Then together
We shall stand beneath
Our favourite tree
Your hand in mine
Memories of times shared

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COVID-19: A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Vice Regal program has been adjusted to take account of the public health situation, resulting in the necessary cancellation or postponement of most face-to-face engagements by His Excellency and Mrs Le.

Both will, however, seek to continue their regular engagements and communication with community members and organisations by other means.

In this spirit, His Excellency has prepared a message to the people of South Australia which you are invited to view. A video and text of the message can be found at:

https://youtu.be/vA_XGuxvUDo

Chairman's note: I have received a telephone call from His Excellency, who is Patron of the OAA SA Branch, passing on his best wishes to the members of the SA Branch. I also note that His Excellency placed his tribute on Anzac Day on our behalf as well as on his own behalf.



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2020

The committee and members of the SA Branch offer our hearty congratulations to all who have been announced in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List. The List, and further information on recipients, is available here:

<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awardsaustralian-honours-lists/queens-birthday-2020-honours-list>

New recipients and their guests, and Association members, will be invited to attend a Welcome Reception, which will be held after the investitures conducted by His Excellency the Governor.

At this stage we are planning to hold one event on Monday 26 October at the Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Library complex. There will probably be a second reception because of the numbers involved. There is no cost for our new recipients.

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION 34th National Conference 2020

As members are aware, based on the best public health information then available, earlier this year the national Board decided to cancel the Darwin 2020 Conference due to the high risk COVID-19 was posing at that time.

In lieu of this, on Saturday 9 May Directors and Branch Chairman held an AGM teleconference, with input from Association members via proxy forms.

Refer to the next issue of *The Order* for more information.

NATIONAL SECRETARY

The Association has been unsuccessful in attracting a nomination for the National Secretary position for 2020/21. The Board is currently supporting the unfilled position by the re-distribution of duties and additional contractor activity.

While workable, this is not the preferred way of managing this activity. The Board is again approaching the membership in order to attract a nomination.

The position description has been amended to allow for some changes in the requirements of the task.

If you are interested in taking on this important role, a nomination form and position description can be obtained from the SA Branch Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM:

orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com

NATIONAL GUIDANCE COVID-19 Exit Strategy

The Board has provided some guidance on when Branch and Regional Group meetings and activities involving groups of people can be safely resumed.

Branch and regional committees have been advised to make their decisions based on the latest state government health information along with their own member demographic and local coronavirus infection statistics.

It is essential that the rules and regulations set in place by respective State and Territory governments are followed. Any meetings will still require social distancing guidelines to be followed, together with the other basic preventative measures and those implemented by venues.

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Flight-Lieutenant Matt Holecek at RAAF Williamtown, pictured with an F/A-18A Hornet.

MEMBER NEWS

Scout Headquarters recently sent out a notification congratulating various Adults in Scouting who have been recognised with awards for long service. One among them was SA Branch committee member Brian Holecek OAM CEM, currently the District Commissioner for Lone District, who received the 25 year award.

At the same time, Brian's son was the feature story on page 3 of the *Air Force News* (volume 62 issue 9, 28 May 2020).

Matt Holecek is a Flight-Lieutenant in the RAAF: he learnt to fly through the Murray Bridge Gliding Club and now just a few years later flies an F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet from RAAF Base Williamtown, near Newcastle, NSW.

As the Hornets reach their end of life, Matt is now looking forward to training in the United States to convert to the newest aircraft in the RAAF inventory, the F-35A Lightning II. Flight-Lieutenant Holecek will complete his F-35A training at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona.



This portrait of Martin FitzPatrick OAM accompanies his profile which was featured on page 25 in the May issue of *The Order* (Edition 59).

MEMBER NEWS

SA Branch committee member Martin FitzPatrick OAM was awarded the OAM in the Australia Day Honours List of 26 January 2003 for his service as a Scout Leader: *"For service to youth through the Scouting movement"*.

Martin had his profile featured in the May issue of *The Order*, but unfortunately his portrait photo was inadvertently omitted.

Martin received his OAM insignia at Government House Adelaide on 8 April 2003.

He had previously been made a Life Member of the Scouting Association in 1984, and was awarded the Silver Emu in 1998. In 2019 he celebrated 60 years as a Scout Leader: he received a Long Service Award with other Leaders on Sunday 13 October 2019 at Titanium Security Arena.

And following the theme of long service, earlier this year another Order of Australia Association SA Branch committee member was the subject of a major feature article in *The Advertiser* on 7 March – John Phillips OAM, our SA Branch Events Manager.

At that time John had announced his retirement as the Chief Executive Officer of KESAB, but he has stayed on to assist with hand-over and transition.

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SHIFTING GEARS: KESAB chief executive John Phillips will retire from KESAB after 31 years of visionary leadership.

Picture: MIKE BURTON

VALERINA CHANGARATHIL

AFTER more than three decades of leading one of Australia's most successful environment-focused organisations, chief executive John Phillips says it's time to make way for someone new to build on opportunities for the future.

A search has begun for a new chief executive for KESAB environmental solutions. Mr Phillips, who has led the organisation for the past 31 years, has announced his retirement in July.

"I will turn 70 this year so it's timely for me to focus on some of my other philanthropic interests in India, Malaysia and hopefully Borneo soon, and implement a few changes there," Mr Phillips told *The Advertiser*.

"The next step for KESAB will be becoming an integral part of the circular economy – where everything we make can

be reused in some way with very little waste."

KESAB has service agreements with Green Industries SA and Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges NRM and corporate partnerships such as those with Sims Metal Management and SA Water, and is sought after for waste and recycling audits and opportunities to identify new recycling and resources initiatives.

"That's the future SA needs to take leadership in, and KESAB will be an important part of it," Mr Phillips said.

Reflecting on his time, Mr Phillips said he was proud of his role in turning a campaign into an organisation that has led the country in creating sustainable communities through education, action and participation.

"We were the first state to implement the 10c Container Deposit Scheme. A lot of peo-

ple didn't want it, but KESAB, along with other stakeholders including the government, helped bring the community on board with it."

Keep South Australia Beautiful started in 1966 as a litter reduction campaign supported by *The Advertiser*, RAA, the Junior Chamber Jaycees (now Business SA); ACI Glass (now O – I Adelaide), General Motors Holden and the South Australian Brewing Company.

"It has been a tremendous journey in delivering strong community impact – taking on institutions and organisations in the start to change attitudes and cultures," Mr Phillips said.

"In the early days of KESAB, with the change in packaging from billies and heavy wooden boxes and bottles to plastic and PET bottles, we saw a change in community behaviour.

"We were becoming a

throwaway society and we needed to start to think about recycling. Yes, there were water, energy and economic advantages to the change, but there was more littering and more stuff going to landfill."

Mr Phillips said there was more work to do with the recent decision by China not to accept waste from Australia, among other countries.

"These issues are still alive and questions around how we become more sustainable as a society that thrives on convenience remain.

"We need to change the language around waste. It's a resource now and we need to think about the impact on innovation and technology and broadly, society."

KESAB chair Ros DeGaris, an environment and science consultant, said Mr Phillips' service has been "exceptional and personal".

"The work ethic of John Phillips has been truly outstanding across three decades of change and challenge that has enabled KESAB to be flexible, proactive and creative in delivering education programs to reach a wider community here and overseas.

"With a track record like this, it is imperative that a highly suitable, proactive and well-connected successor is secured."

Environment Minister David Speirs praised Mr Phillips' role in developing KESAB as a "national and international innovator".

"The positive impact of KESAB as a mover and shaker in our community is in no small way due to an exceptional three decades of individual effort by its CEO John Phillips OAM, whose conspicuous efforts are worthy of special note."

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Jan Forrest OAM was the first online guest speaker on 30 April: she described this inaugural virtual meeting as: "A big learning curve but that is what life is about".

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 'Virtual Meetings' in 2020

The next scheduled meeting of the Fellowship Group will be held on Thursday 25 June – at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club *and* using the 'Zoom' online application.

Guests for lunch should arrive at the NMBAF Club at 12 noon so that appropriate social distancing guidelines may be complied with. The presentation will start at 1.10 pm.

The Guest Speaker is Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd) talking on his topic of 'Orders of the World'. Paul is a collector of orders, decorations and medals, and a published author.

Members can stay connected to Fellowship sessions by making sure their name and email address is passed onto Flavia De Pasquale.

Pamela Rajkowski OAM
Flavia De Pasquale OAM



Fellowship committee members Pamela Rajkowski OAM and Flavia De Pasquale OAM joined participants from throughout SA in the first 'Virtual Fellowship' meeting.

FELLOWSHIP : HOW TO PARTICIPATE

This is a brief summary on how to connect to the Fellowship sessions by Zoom (please refer to the May newsletter for detailed notes).

You will need an electronic device: a computer, laptop, smart phone or tablet.

Provide your email address to Flavia De Pasquale, who will provide the list of contacts to the host of the Zoom meeting.

The host will email you a link to connect to the Zoom session. You can use that link to automatically access and download the Zoom app. The app is also available for manual download here:

<https://zoom.us/download>

Conferencing will start promptly at 1.10 pm, but you should plan to be in front of your screen by 1 pm.

On the day and time the presentation is scheduled, click on the link. Make sure your sound is turned on.

You will see the faces of your host and others as they join up together on the screen.

The host will talk first to introduce themselves. Be careful not to talk over each other.

Bryce Saint OAM will give the official welcome. Then Professor John McKellar AM ED will introduce the speaker. The speaker will talk for about 20 minutes.

Members can then talk, one at a time, in a Q&A session for ten minutes.

The session should finish at about 1.45 pm. Bryce Saint OAM will thank the speaker, conclude the session and announce that you can disconnect.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM Virtual meetings for 2020

To participate, please contact Flavia to pass on your email address, and she will provide a complete list of contacts to the host of the Zoom meeting. For information please contact:

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REGIONAL GROUPS

Fleurieu Regional Group

Meets on the first Friday in May and November, with a social activity followed by a luncheon. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 6 November.

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South East Regional Group

Meets annually in February.

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Barossa Regional Group

Gawler and District Regional Group

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The Order

In addition to the standing Branch contributions, personal contributions, 'Letters to the Editor', advertisements etc may be submitted by any financial member of the Association.

Items may be sent by post, as per details given in *The Order*, or by email to the Editor. Please note that the Editor of *The Order* has a new specific email address:

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REGIONAL GROUPS

Riverland Regional Group

Meets socially twice a year, in March/April and September/October.

The Riverland Group area includes the Mallee areas of Lameroo, Pinnaroo and Karoonda, and down river to Swan Reach.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 27 September.

Convenor:

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Newsletter contributions

Please submit any articles of interest, photographs, news snippets or event notices to the Editor:

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