



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, September 2020

We have continued to comply with social distancing requirements using a combination of face-to-face and 'Zoom' meetings for our Branch activities.

The committee is now able to recommence face-to-face meetings (with appropriate distancing), and His Excellency the Governor will commence hosting investitures of new recipients.

This newsletter gives important information about some upcoming events we hope to be hosting if restrictions continue to be eased.

There is also information about our Citizenship Resource Volunteer initiative, the national reader survey, and also the 2020 Governor's Multicultural Awards – I hope you will consider nominating someone worthy.

Keep Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM

SA Branch Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday 27 September: Riverland Regional Group meeting – *cancelled*.

Tuesday 13 October: Student Citizenship Award (SCA) Assessment and Selection Panel to meet to assess nominations.

Thursday 29 October: fellowship meeting, Naval, Military and Air Force Club *and* using 'Zoom'.

The Guest Speaker will be Peter Routley OAM talking on "World Vision, other NGOs and foreign aid". To RSVP or to participate via Zoom, please contact:

Flavia de Pasquale OAM: 0438 873 025
flaviadepasquale@yahoo.com.au

SAVE THE DATE

35th Annual General Meeting

All Association members are cordially invited to attend the 2021 SA Branch Annual General Meeting.

There is no cost: all financial members of the Association are welcome. A morning tea will be provided if COVID rules allow. Lunch at own expense will follow for those who wish to stay.

Date: Saturday 13 February 2021, 10 am

Venue: The Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel,
150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton [*confirmed*]

Full-size medals should be worn

INVITATION



SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea

All Association members and their friends are cordially invited to the SA Branch annual Christmas Morning Tea. There is no cost. If you are intending to come you will need to register with the reply slip so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

Date: Wednesday 2 December 2020, 10 am

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

RSVP by Wednesday 25 November:
see reply slip attached

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NEW MEMBERS

Order of Australia Association, SA Branch

The committee and members of the SA Branch welcome the following new members of the Order of Australia Association:

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 2009

Leith Jenkins OAM (rejoined)

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 2020

Dr Jacqueline Craig AM

Mr Graham John Davis OAM

Mr William David Hardy OAM

Mrs Janice Elaine McLellan OAM

Mr Barry Colin Need OAM

Mrs Jillian Ruth Paterson OAM

Mr William Robert Paterson OAM

Mr Bruce John Raymond OAM

Mrs Yvonne Margaret Shakes OAM

Dr Ivan Joseph Simmons OAM

Mr Peter Ross Wadewitz OAM

NATIONAL READER SURVEY

The most recent issue of *The Order* contained a national magazine reader survey.

A copy of this survey is included with this newsletter.

Your participation in the survey will provide guidance to the Association on how members wish to receive information in the future.

Please complete this survey by 23 September and email or mail your survey to the address given on the survey form. If you have already actioned the survey, you don't need to take any further action.

This survey offers an opportunity to go in the draw to win a \$200 Coles Myer Gift Card.

CITIZENSHIP RESOURCE VOLUNTEERS

Order of Australia Association, SA Branch

The South Australia Branch committee is exploring the level of interest amongst members in visiting secondary schools on invitation as resource volunteers (refer to the July-August newsletter for full details).

Your role as a Citizenship Resource Volunteer will be to support teachers in delivering a prepared classroom lesson from the Citizenship Knowledge and Understanding Strand, Civics and Citizenship, which looks at the Australian National Honours system and the ways in which individuals may contribute to civic life and serve others.

You can indicate your likely availability and your preference for a school(s), and prior to your visit you will receive a short induction.

If you would be interested in becoming a Citizenship Resource Volunteer, please complete the attached Reply Slip **A: Expression of Interest**.

On the other hand, if you would just like to receive further information to consider before making a commitment, could you complete the attached Reply Slip **B: Request for Information**.

2020 GOVERNOR'S MULTICULTURAL AWARDS

These important awards recognise and celebrate outstanding South Australians who promote multiculturalism, and increase understanding of the benefits of cultural diversity in our community.

Any person can nominate an individual, team or organisation that is making a positive contribution to multiculturalism and intercultural understanding in our community.

Your nomination is an opportunity for their stories to be celebrated and acknowledged at the highest level.

See the attached poster for more information and the award categories. Read more about the award categories and the award guidelines at:

<https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/multicultural-affairs/events/the-governors-multicultural-awards>

Nominations (online) for the 2020 Governor's Multicultural Awards close 5pm Friday 9 October 2020.

Governor's Multicultural Awards 2020



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Nominate an individual, team or organisation by 5pm Friday 9 October 2020.

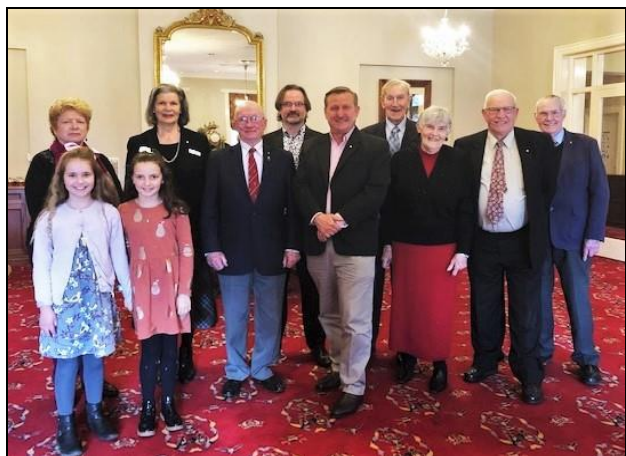
- Outstanding individual achievement
- Arts and culture
- Community sector
- Media
- Private sector
- Public sector
- Volunteer
- Senior volunteer
- Youth

Visit multicultural.sa.gov.au/gma



Government of South Australia
Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

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Members and guests at the luncheon meeting of the Fellowship Group on 25 June – the first joint face-to-face and online presentation.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Thursday 27 August

Our first joint face-to-face and online Fellowship presentation on 25 June was a great success. Thanks to Bryce Saint OAM, our gracious and articulate MC who has said that he will stay on as MC while we use Zoom. Thanks also to our Club host, Colonel Ray Stanley AM OBE.

In the latest Fellowship luncheon meeting held on 27 August at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club, 13 attended for lunch, 7 registered for Zoom, and nine people sent apologies.

We welcomed both new recipients expressing a keen interest to connect and ongoing attendees. Immediately there was a great atmosphere of conversation and connection.

The talk of the guest speaker, Pamela Rajkowski OAM, “In the steps of Elder, Barr Smith and Waite”, included naming beneficiaries of the three South Australian philanthropists, and attendees made connections. There will be a more detailed report on this in the next newsletter.

This was our second face-to-face Fellowship lunch meeting also using Zoom. This ‘virtual engagement’ allows remote members to join our Fellowship gatherings. We are now able to connect and involve members across the state and to facilitate any members wishing to be guest speakers by zooming their talk and presentation from their homes.

We hope to see you all again soon
Flavia De Pasquale OAM
Pamela Rajkowski OAM

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Virtual and Lunch Meetings in 2020

The next meeting of the Fellowship Group will be held on **Thursday 29 October** – at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Hutt Street, Adelaide *and* also using ‘Zoom’. The Guest Speaker will be Peter Routley OAM talking on “World Vision, other NGOs and foreign aid”.

To register to attend the Fellowship lunch meeting at the Club, or to send apologies, send your name and email address to **Flavia De Pasquale OAM**, who provides a list to the Club to enable entry.

Guests attending for lunch should arrive at the Club at 12 noon so that appropriate social distancing guidelines may be complied with. A dress code applies at the NMAF Club (neat ‘business’ attire; collared shirt, jacket preferred).

If you wish to connect to the Fellowship sessions by Zoom, please provide your name and email address to **Pamela Rajkowski OAM** (contact details below) to be included in the Zoom link list. Refer to the May newsletter for detailed notes:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SA-Branch-Newsletter-May-2020-Zoom-guidelines.pdf>

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.

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.

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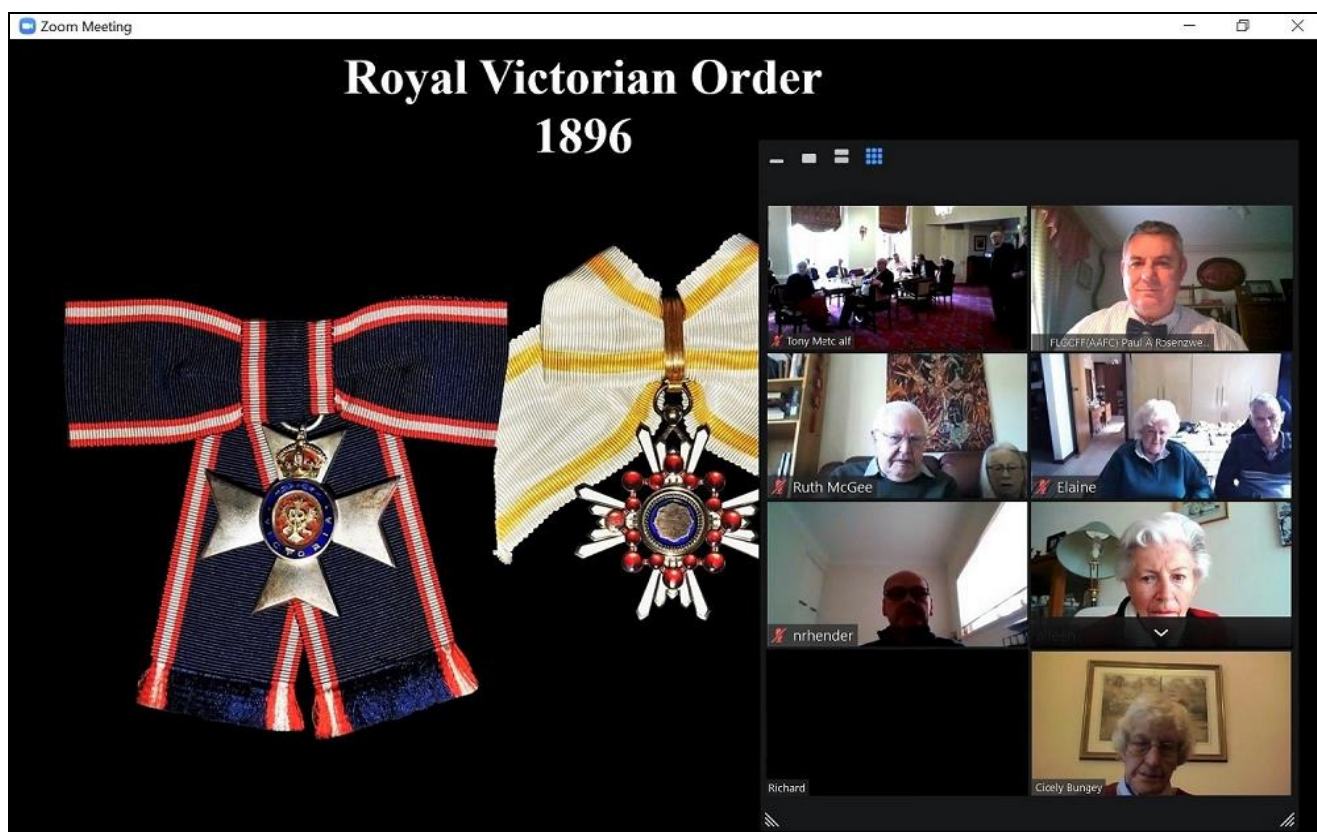
Virtual and Lunch Meetings in 2021

The Functions and Events Sub-Committee of the SA Branch is currently planning Fellowship activities for 2021. For more information about the Fellowship luncheon meetings, or to express an interest in the 2021 program, please contact:

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0438 873 025
flaviadepasquale@yahoo.com.au

Pamela Rajkowski OAM
0400 810 196
pamraj@bigpond.com

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Fellowship Lunch and Presentation, Thursday 25 June

For the June Fellowship gathering, we had 12 guests attending at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in the city (with five apologies from members who wished to participate but had a clash of dates) and 10 participants online who stretched from Victor Harbor to Glenelg, and north to Munno Para and as far as Loxton. These numbers indicate there is widespread, growing interest in Fellowship meetings.

The online participants included Bryce Saint OAM who gave a very eloquent welcome, and the guest speaker Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP who gave his presentation online, projected onto the 'big screen' at the NMAF Club.



FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE

Members of the newly-formed Functions and Events Sub-Committee of the SA Branch (left to right): Flavia de Pasquale OAM, John McKellar AM ED, John Phillips OAM, Pamela Rajkowski OAM and Brian Holecek OAM.

INVESTITURES

As a consequence of the COVID-19 restrictions, the Governor's investiture program was deferred until it could be held safely in a modified format.

In September, Branch committee members will represent the Association at a series of 2020 Australia Day investiture ceremonies at Government House, with special distancing and attendance requirements.

A similar series of investiture ceremonies will be held at the beginning of October for recipients from the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The SA Branch looks forward to holding Welcome Receptions for these Honours recipients, to celebrate their achievements and to allow the opportunity to meet other members of the Association, when it is appropriate to do so.

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Did you know...?

The Order of Australia is a community based honours system – anyone can nominate a fellow Australian for an award.

Traditional honours systems have seen great change over the last century, with more emphasis being placed on recognising actual contributions made by recipients rather than simply their status or position in the community.

Equally, these systems have increasingly been restructured, and new systems such as the Order of Australia have been established, to draw on public nomination.

Australian citizens may receive an appointment or award in the General Division of the Order of Australia. Permanent residents may be nominated for honorary membership of the Order.

A nomination for an award in the General Division may be made by any person or organisation.

Nominations are submitted to the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat at Government House, Canberra.

These nominations are researched and assessed by the Secretariat, and are then considered by the Council of the Order, for recommendation to the Governor-General (as Chancellor of the Order) for approval.

Persons who are not Australian citizens may be appointed by the Governor-General as honorary members of the Order in the General Division: permanent residents are recommended to the Governor-General by the Council for the Order, while other non-citizens are recommended by the Prime Minister.

For information on the Australian Honours System:

<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards>

For information on nominating someone:

<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award>



The Australian Honours System

We all know that most 'quiet achievers' do their good deeds without seeking notoriety or reward. The work of those who elude public attention and avoid the limelight is often most noticed by members of the community. For that reason, anyone can make a nomination for an award in the Australian Honours System.

Resources such as charts and posters may be found here: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/its-honour>

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Do you have email?

Did you know, if you opt to receive this newsletter via email rather than through the post, you will save the Branch \$3 for each newsletter not posted.

We will continue to post the newsletter to you if that is what you wish. But if you have an email address that you would like us to use, could you please advise the SA Branch Member Secretary Mr Greg Gordon OAM JP:

oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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.

Convenor:

Mr Rex Keily AM JP

Mobile: 0400 279 297

RNKeily@activ8.net.au

South East Regional Group

Meets annually in February.

Contact:

Mr Eric Roughana AM

Mobile: 0408 817 260

roseric1@bigpond.com

Barossa Regional Group

Gawler and District Regional Group

General enquiries:

orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com

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:

nateditor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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:

Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP

Mobile: 0409 099 122

tgrieger@riverland.net.au

Newsletter contributions

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

Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd)

PO Box 5, SMITHFIELD SA 5114 **or**

orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com



A. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – CITIZENSHIP RESOURCE VOLUNTEER

If you would like to be listed as a *Citizenship Resource Volunteer* with the Order of Australia Association SA Branch, to assist and support classroom teachers with the delivery of a teaching session during the school day for junior secondary students on the Citizenship Knowledge and Understanding Strand, Civics and Citizenship, Australian Curriculum, please provide the details requested below. In preparation for this role, you will be provided with the opportunity to engage in a short induction session conducted remotely by the SA Branch.

Preferred title:

Name: [post nominal/s]

Email:

Address:

.....Post code Phone Contact.....

For travel to schools, please indicate your likely availability and preference: ☒

- I am available to travel only to schools within a 10km radius of my home address ☐
- I am available to travel to any school within the greater metropolitan area of Adelaide ☐
- I can travel to specified regional schools ☐
- I am available to travel to country region(s) in negotiation with the Coordinator ☐

Please sign below and forward this information to:

Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, at nrhender1@optusnet.com.au OR post to 41 D'Erlanger Avenue, Collinswood 5081, to be received by **Saturday 31 October 2020**

Signature: Date:

OR

B. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – CITIZENSHIP RESOURCE VOLUNTEER

Before volunteering, if you would like to know more about becoming a Citizenship Resource Volunteer please complete your details below and email to Noel Hender OAM BEM: nrhender1@optusnet.com.au

Name: [post nominal/s]

Email:

Address:

.....Post code Phone Contact.....



REPLY FORM – SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea – Wednesday 2 December 2020 starting at 10 am, St Francis Anglican Church Hall, 835 South Road (corner of Dinwoodie Street), Clarence Gardens. Full-size medals should be worn.

No cost – all financial members of the Association and their friends are welcome

Please register using this reply form so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

Please forward to: Tony Metcalf OAM, PO Box 1065, Clearview SA 5085

or by email to Professor John McKellar AM ED at jmck1279@bigpond.net.au

to be received not later than **Wednesday 25 November**

Name: [please print] [post nominal/s]

Email or Address:

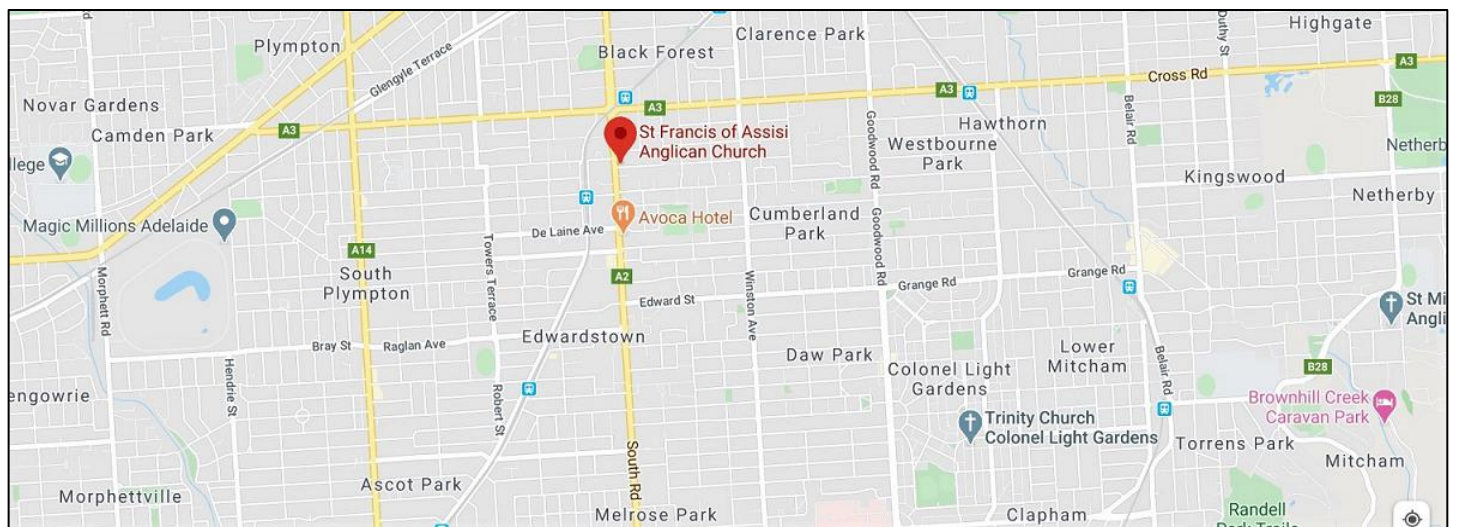
..... Phone Contact:

I will be accompanied by [please print name/s]

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Dietary requirement [if any]



Your support for the SA Branch is greatly appreciated