



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, October 2020

The committee has resumed holding face-to-face meetings (with appropriate distancing), and our Fellowship Group has continued to hold luncheon meetings, also broadcast using 'Zoom'.

His Excellency the Governor has held investitures for Australia Day recipients, and we expect further investitures to be held in November for this year's Queen's Birthday recipients.

We are looking forward to hosting our Christmas Morning Tea, an Australia Day luncheon, and also our AGM in February at the Arkaba Hotel.

At the AGM, we will supply a small morning tea if COVID rules allow. We will need a firm response as to who is staying for lunch as we get a concession on the room hire cost.

Keep Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM

SA Branch Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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November: Committee members to represent the OAA at the 2020 Queen's Birthday Investitures at Government House, Adelaide.

Friday 6 November: Fleurieu Regional Group biannual lunch meeting – *cancelled*.

Wednesday 2 December: SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea; St Francis Anglican Church Hall.

INVITATION

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

RSVP by Sunday 31 January 2021:

see reply slip with further details attached

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)

RSVP by Wednesday 25 November:

see reply slip with further details attached

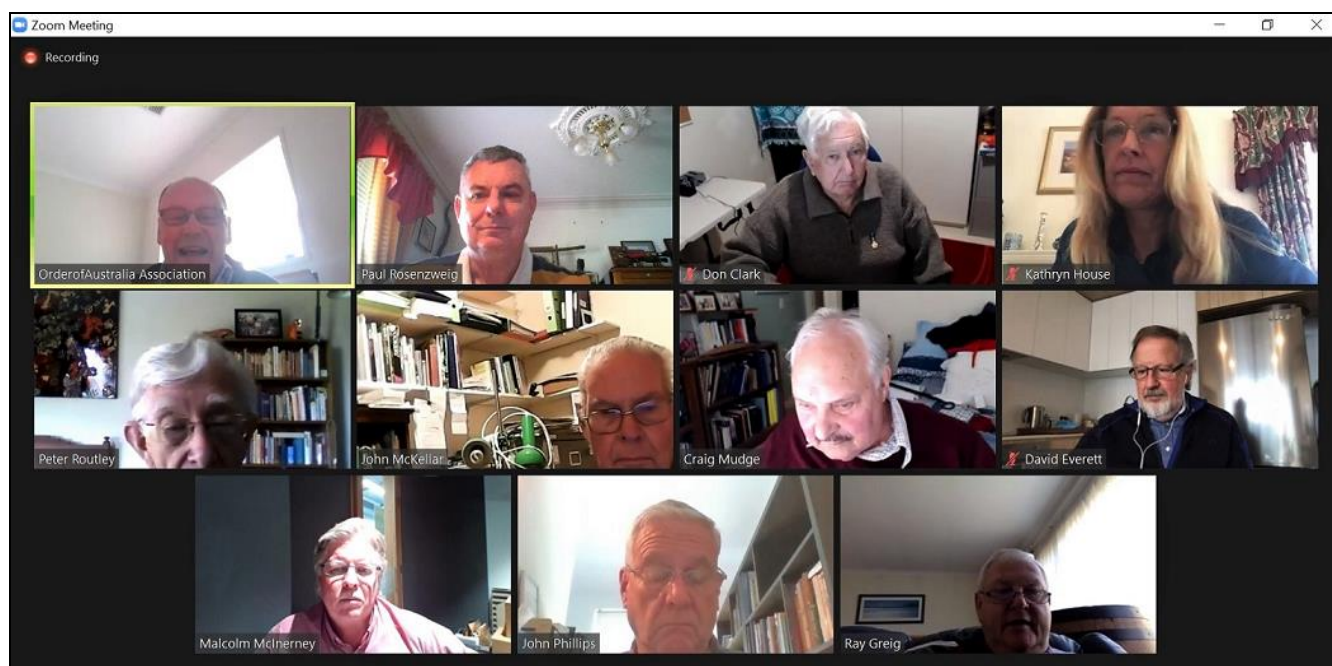
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The first Citizenship Resource Volunteer induction session was hosted by Noel Hender OAM BEM on 23 September.

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:

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST 2018

Adjunct Professor Charlotte Francis
Champion de Crespigny AM (rejoined)

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 2020

Mr Donald Sherwood Juers OAM

SAVE THE DATE

AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON

Saturday 23 January 2021

All Association members and their friends are cordially invited to the SA Branch Australia Day luncheon on Saturday 23 January 2021.

If you are intending to come, we will request that you register so that we can comply with COVID regulations. A reply slip will be provided in the next newsletter for this purpose.

Venue: *to be advised*

There will be a 2 course meal and a guest speaker. Full-size medals should be worn.

CITIZENSHIP RESOURCE VOLUNTEERS

The SA Branch committee is considering a new initiative to engage with our younger community members in a meaningful way – through the creation of Citizenship Resource Volunteers.

These volunteers will visit secondary schools to support teachers in delivering a prepared classroom lesson on the Australian National Honours system and the ways in which individuals may contribute to civic life and serve others.

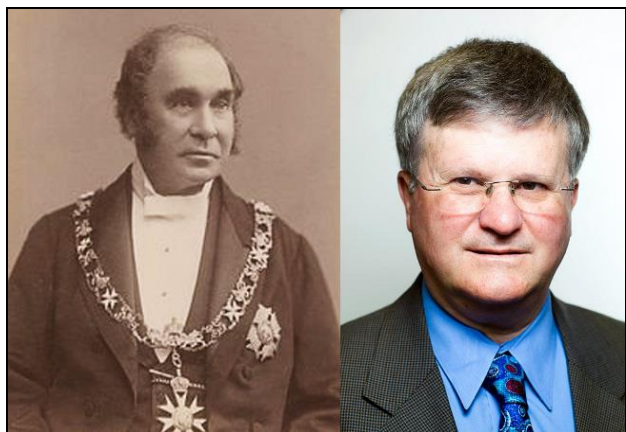
On 23 September, the first induction session was delivered online via Zoom. Ten participants joined in the session, facilitated by Noel Hender OAM BEM.

Malcolm McInerney (Department for Education), a subject matter expert in Humanities education and current Manager of the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools, gave an overview of the Citizenship Knowledge and Understanding Strand, Civics and Citizenship from the Australian Curriculum for Schools.

Paul Rosenzweig OAM provided an overview of the Australian Honours System and the Order of Australia. Noel provided details regarding the management of the process.

Some of these volunteers will take part in an initial pilot program in schools to test the program's feasibility.

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In 1874, Thomas Elder (left) helped found the University of Adelaide and later endowed the Medical School and the School of Music. In 1878 he was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael & St George (KCMG), and in 1888 was promoted to Knight Grand Cross of the Order (GCMG). Right: Professor Anthony Thomas AC, the seventh Elder Professor of Physics.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM Thursday 27 August

Fellowship meetings for members and guests are informal, social, enjoyable luncheons.

Many thanks to our most recent Guest Speaker Pamela Rajkowski OAM who spoke on 'Homes, Housing, Holidays and Philanthropy – In the steps of Elder, Barr Smith and Waite'. The speaker, new recipients, and members and guests connected in conversation in a congenial and animated atmosphere.

Pamela received the OAM in the Queen's Birthday 2008 Honours List, *"For service to the community through research into the history of the Afghan and Aboriginal cameleers in Australia"*.

The talk of the guest speaker included naming beneficiaries of the three South Australian philanthropists (Elder, Barr Smith and Waite), and attendees made connections. Among them was the 2014 South Australian Scientist of the Year, Professor Anthony Thomas AC who is the seventh Elder Professor of Physics at Adelaide University, a position funded by Sir Thomas Elder.

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
Pamela Rajkowski OAM
Flavia De Pasquale OAM

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Virtual and Lunch Meetings in 2020

The next meeting of the Fellowship Group, and the last for 2020, will be held on **Thursday 29 October** – at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club *and* also using 'Zoom'. The Guest Speaker will be Peter Routley OAM talking on 'World Vision, other NGOs and foreign aid'.

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 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.

Members can register for a Fellowship lunch meeting at the Club by making sure your name and email address is given to Flavia De Pasquale OAM, who provides a list to the Club to enable entry.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Virtual and Lunch Meetings in 2021

The 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
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pamraj@bigpond.com

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Fellowship Lunch and Presentation, Thursday 27 August

For the August Fellowship gathering, we had 13 guests attending at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in the city (with nine apologies) and 7 participants online. We welcomed both new recipients expressing a keen interest to connect and ongoing attendees. Immediately there was a great atmosphere of conversation and connection. Thanks to our Guest Speaker Pamela Rajkowski OAM (far left) and our MC for the day Professor John McKellar AM ED (far right). Thanks also to our Club host, Colonel Ray Stanley AM OBE (ret'd).



STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2020

By the end of October, the Student Citizenship Award (SCA) sub-committee will have finalised the selection of recipients and will be preparing the certificates for delivery to Government House.

During Term 4, we anticipate SA Branch members being invited to present Student Citizenship Awards and Highly Commended certificates at various school end-of-year graduation and valedictory assemblies throughout South Australia.

INVESTITURES

At the beginning of September, Tony Metcalf OAM, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP, Pamela Rajkowski OAM and Noel Hender OAM BEM represented the Order of Australia Association at a total of five investiture ceremonies at Government House for recipients from Australia Day 2020. These were unique ceremonies, with particular attention paid to distancing and density requirements.

A similar series of investiture ceremonies will be held in November, for honours 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.

New members of the Order of Australia are assured of a warm welcome to our SA Branch and its activities should you wish to join.

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Did you know...?

When the Order of Australia was originally created, it comprised just three grades, Companion, Officer and Member – there was no provision for a knighthood, nor was there a Medal associated with the Order (such as the British Empire Medal associated with the Order of the British Empire).

The Order of Australia was created by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia, by Letters Patent given under the Great Seal of Australia at St James's on 14 February 1975.

In these Letters Patent, published in the *Australian Government Gazette* No S28 of 17 February 1975, the Order was created in three grades: Companion (AC), Officer (AO) and Member (AM).

These appointments could be made in either the Civil Division or the Military Division (the former was retitled 'General Division' in 1976).

On 24 May 1976, the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) was created by the Queen on the advice of the Australian Prime Minister.

At the same time, the levels of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD) were also created. Of note, the level of Knight/Dame could be awarded only in the General Division.

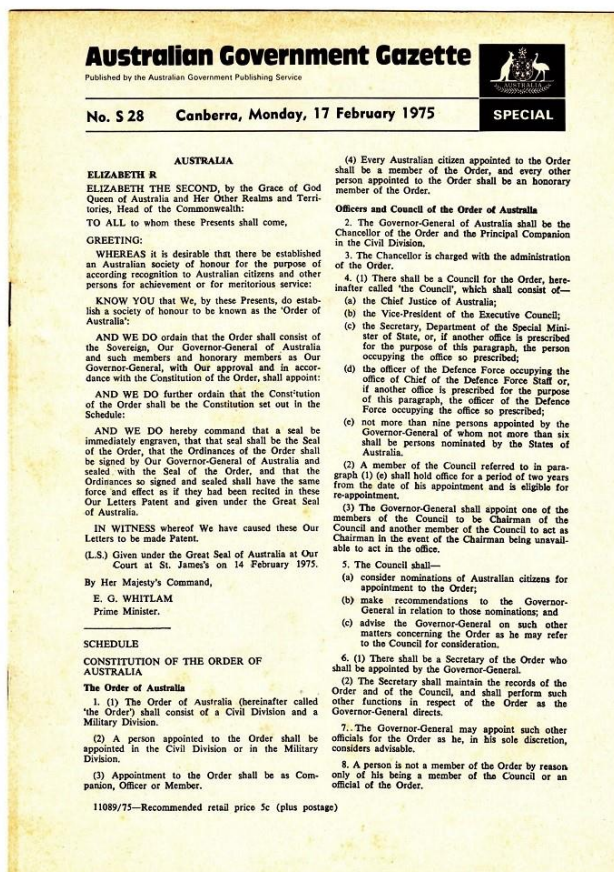
Following the 1983 federal election, on the recommendation of the Australian Prime Minister, the Queen co-signed Letters Patent dated 3 March 1986 directing that no further awards were to be made at the level of Knight or Dame.

Existing Knights and Dames were not affected by the change. By that time, twelve Knights and two Dames had been created (all but one are now deceased).

This level was re-introduced by Letters Patent dated 19 March 2014, to recognise "*Extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or to humanity at large*".

Three appointments as Knight were made, and two as Dame.

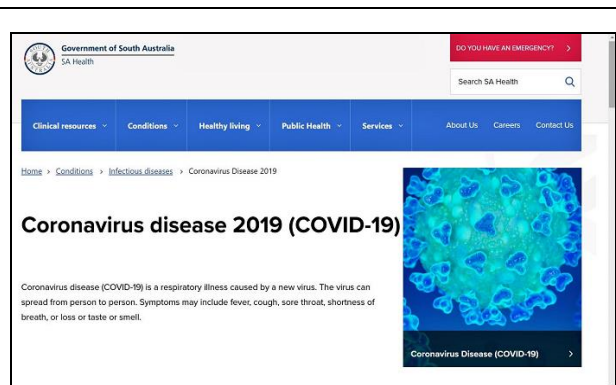
Since 2015, the Knight/Dame level has again been discontinued (amendments to the constitution of the Order were gazetted on 22 December 2015).



The creation of the Order of Australia

The Letters Patent for the Order of Australia, given under the Great Seal of Australia at St James's on 14 February 1975, were published in the *Australian Government Gazette* No S28 dated 17 February 1975.

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The SA Health website is your best source of up-to-date information regarding the novel Coronavirus Disease COVID-19.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH: COVIDSafe

The SA Branch committee has been working hard these last several months to ensure compliance with national and state government COVID-19 directions.

This is a summary of how we have proven ourselves to be COVIDSafe in our 'workplace'.

The Branch committee has used transformational management principles to ensure compliance and innovation while continuing to deliver services to our members and posturing ourselves for the future.

In March, we reduced the risk of disease transmission by immediately ceasing all face-to-face activities and cancelling upcoming events.

Committee functions however, continued via monthly 'virtual' meetings using 'Zoom'.

We modified our business procedures to keep our members engaged. Previously, quarterly newsletters focussed on upcoming events; from March, we switched the focus to general interest stories and positive messaging – see here:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/newsletter/>

With Anzac events cancelled, we encouraged members to pay their respects through reverent reflection at home.

Our Fellowship group had previously met each second month for lunch with a guest speaker. For the 30 April meeting, the Fellowship coordinators instead used Zoom to host a 'virtual meeting' accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation: the speaker was joined by 21 online participants.

With the easing of restrictions, the Fellowship Group next met at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club on 25 June – with 12 lunch guests *and* ten online guests using 'Zoom'.

To mitigate infection risks, lunch guests followed distancing and density guidelines and hygiene controls. The speaker gave his presentation online, also projected onto the 'big screen' for the lunch guests.

These changes to our business model have seen a generational change, with technology being embraced and proven to be an effective means of service delivery.

Holding future meetings via 'Zoom' will allow country members to be more involved in branch operations and let them serve as committee members. The Fellowship lunch meetings also using a Zoom subscription will allow for greater participation by regional members.

Despite the financial impost, the committee has been "performing whilst transforming", and this evolution has led us to realise there is no limit to serving our membership.

STOP THE SPREAD

Information from the SA Health website

Restrictions have eased somewhat in SA, but there is no room for complacency.

We ask our members to continue looking after your own health, and continue playing your part to stop the spread of coronavirus:

- get tested if you have symptoms (even if mild)
- keep practising good hygiene
- stay 1.5 metres apart wherever possible
- download the COVIDSafe app

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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.

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

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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.

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**

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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. The guest artists will be Mr Rob Wight OAM and Mrs June Genders OAM.

There is no cost to members and guests: all financial members of the Association are welcome.

Full-size medals should be worn.

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

or to the Events Sub-committee Convenor Professor John McKellar AM ED: jmck1279@bigpond.net.au

to be received not later than **Wednesday 25 November 2020**

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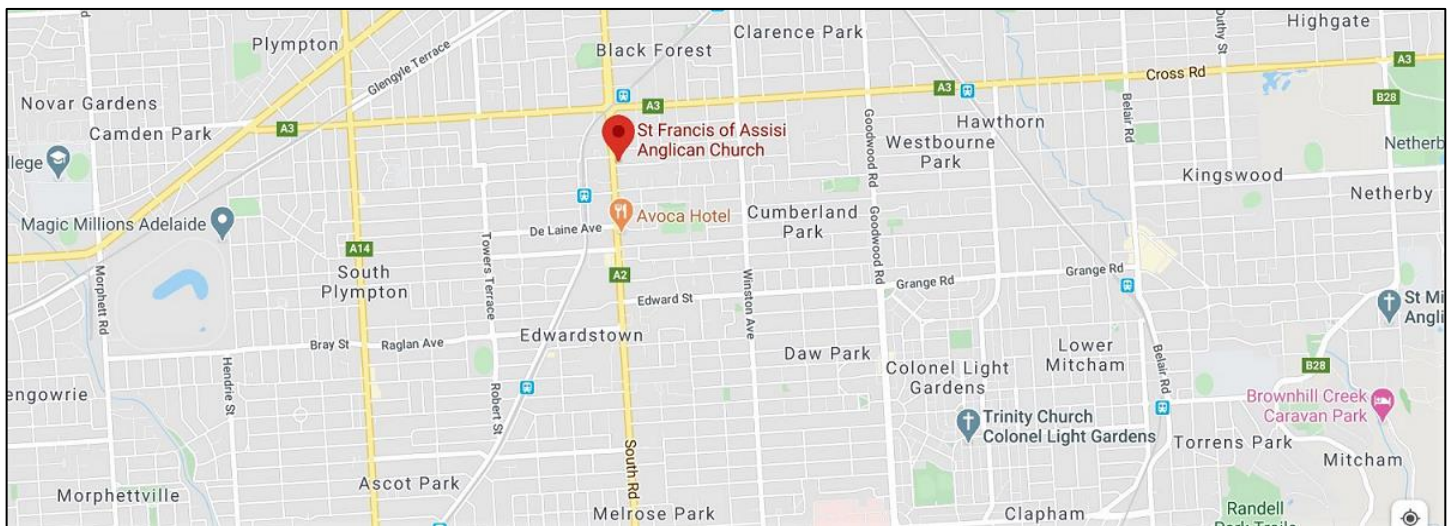
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I will be accompanied by [please print name/s]

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Dietary requirement [if any]



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REPLY FORM – SA Branch 35th Annual General Meeting – in The Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton on Saturday 13 February 2021, commencing with Morning Tea at 10 am, AGM to start at 10.30 with a Guest Speaker, concluding by 12 noon.

There is no cost to members and guests: all financial members of the Association are welcome.

Full-size medals should be worn.

To be followed by lunch at own expense for those who wish to stay on. To assist with compliance with COVID regulations, please confirm if you will be staying for lunch.

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

or to the Events Sub-committee Convenor Professor John McKellar AM ED: jmck1279@bigpond.net.au

to be received not later than **Sunday 31 January 2021**

AGM

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]

LUNCH

I will be staying on for lunch: YES ☐ NO ☐

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

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