



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, November 2020

The Branch committee has continued to hold face-to-face meetings with the addition of Zoom facilities, and is settling in to some 'COVID-normal' routines for our future activities. Please note the necessity for you to register for all events as part of this change.

Our Student Citizenship Awards panel has completed their assessments, and we are pleased with the number and quality of nominations this year. We are currently discussing the format of presentations for this year with Government House. The Governor has scheduled his investitures of Queen's Birthday recipients for early November, so this side of things is getting back to normal. Our usual Australia Day lunch is also on schedule for January 2021.

Keep Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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: Christmas Morning Tea at St Francis Anglican Church Hall

December: SA Branch members to present Student Citizenship Award certificates at school graduation and awards ceremonies

Saturday 23 January: SA Branch Australia Day luncheon

Saturday 13 February: SA Branch Annual General Meeting at the Arkaba Hotel

INVITATIONS

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA Wednesday 2 December 2020

All members and their friends are cordially invited to the SA Branch annual Christmas Morning Tea at St Francis Anglican Church Hall, commencing at 10 am. There is no cost. Our guest artists will be Dr Rob Wight OAM and Mrs June Genders OAM.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 25 November 2020
See Reply Form with further details attached

AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON Saturday 23 January 2021

All members and their friends are cordially invited to the SA Branch Australia Day luncheon. There will be a 2 course meal and a guest speaker.

Please RSVP by Sunday 10 January 2021
See Reply Form with further details attached

35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 13 February 2021

All members are cordially invited to attend the 2021 SA Branch Annual General Meeting at the Arkaba Hotel, commencing at 10 am. There is no cost: all financial members of the Association are welcome. A morning tea will be provided if COVID rules allow. Lunch will follow (at own expense) for those who wish to stay on.

RSVP by Sunday 31 January 2021
See Reply Form with further details attached

Full-size medals should be worn at these events.

If you intend coming to one or more of these events you will need to register with the respective Reply Form so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

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SA Branch member Mr Russell Ebert OAM (fourth from the left) has been named the 2021 SA Local Hero (image courtesy of the Honourable Jing Lee MLC)

AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR 2021 AWARDS

Congratulations to SA Branch member Russell Ebert OAM, a Respectful Relationships Advocate, who has been named as the 2021 SA Local Hero.

The Australia Day Council of SA has said: *"Each year our nation celebrates the achievement and contribution of eminent Australians through the Australian of the Year Awards by profiling leading citizens who are role models for us all"*.

"They inspire us through their achievements and challenge us to make our own contribution to creating a better Australia".

Russell Ebert's award was announced in the Australian of the Year 2021 Awards presentation ceremony on Monday 12 October hosted by the Australia Day Council of SA.

Russell is the only player to have won four Magarey Medals, awarded to the best and fairest player in the South Australian National Football League.

Russell was awarded the OAM in the 1984 Australia Day Honours List, *"In recognition of service to the sport of Australian football"*. He also received the Australian Sports Medal on 24 October 2000.

He is considered to be one of Port Adelaide Football Club's greatest players of all time.

The Australia Day Council of SA noted: *"Today, Russell continues to give back to the club and the South Australian community through his leadership of the club's Power Community Ltd (PCL) youth programs. He is particularly passionate about PCL's Power to End Violence Against Women (PTEVAW) program, which he delivers to Year 10 students around the state"*.

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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2020

The South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association is pleased to announce the names and schools of the students who have been recognised in the Top 10 Student Citizenship Awards for 2020.

The nominations for these awards were judged on a range of criteria, including leadership, contributions to the school and/or community and contributions to the environment and / or community development, as well as pride in Australian citizenship.

The students assessed to be in the top 10 from this year's nominations are as follows:

Elija Barrott-Walsh, Cardijn College
Kylan Beech, Nazareth College
Gabrielle Connolly, Cardijn College
Charlotte Mauviel, Temple Christian College
Jake Meinel, Temple Christian College
Taylor Portelli, Eynesbury College
Skye Sexton, Loreto College
Sallee Shepherd, Unity College
Samoda Silva, Adelaide High School
Ethan White, Xavier College

Each of the top 10 students will receive an inscribed plaque and certificate, signed by our Patron, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia.

Presentations this year will be subject to COVID-19 constraints: the 2020 Student Citizen of the Year will be announced at that time.

The SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf joins with all Association members in congratulating these worthy award recipients and thanks schools for their strong support of this Branch initiative.

THE SA BRANCH IS ONLINE

General information about the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association can be found here:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/>

In particular, all of our recent Newsletters and Reply Forms are available on the OAA website:

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

Citizenship Resource Volunteers

The SA Branch committee has been exploring a new initiative to engage with the younger members of our community in a meaningful way – Citizenship Resource Volunteers will support teachers in delivering a prepared classroom lesson on the Australian Honours System. Read more here:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/citizenship-resource-volunteers/>

Student Citizenship Awards

The Student Citizenship Award program is the flagship enterprise of the SA Branch. See more here:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/school-awards/>

Patron

We are very grateful for the ongoing patronage of His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia. His Excellency's profile may be found here:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/our-patron/>

STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2020 Order of Australia Association, SA Branch

Late news: Our Patron His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le have kindly agreed to host a ceremony and reception at Government House on Tuesday 8 December to announce the 2020 Student Citizen of the Year.

His Excellency will present an inscribed plaque and certificate to each of the Top 10 Student Citizenship Award recipients. Due to space restrictions, priority attendance will be given to the recipients and their guests. The SA Branch Chair and the SCA Director will represent the Order of Australia Association.

We once again thank His Excellency and Mrs Le for their patronage and support.

News

& views

FOR ULTRA LONG SERVICE

As we are all living longer these days and age is far less of an impediment than once it was it was only a matter of time before somebody realised that standard "long service" awards were simply not enough. This is the case with the Order of St John which has recently introduced an "Ultra Long Service medal" (ULS). The new medal, which is a gilded version of the standard Service medal with a golden stripe in the ribbon, is awarded for 50 years services and replaces the golden emblem that had previously been introduced for reaching the five decade mark. Recipients wear this medal in place of their previous award which they retain but cannot wear. Clasps are awarded for further service in line with the standard medal. Eagle-eyed readers will also notice a slight amendment to the reverse of the medal—something that applies to the standard medal too. The inscription is no longer in Latin and now reads: THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM: FOR SERVICE.



MEDAL NEWS March 2020

The Ultra-Long Service Medal of the Order of St John has been introduced to recognise 50 years' service, and a Service Bar may be awarded for each additional 5 years' service.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE SA Awards Day 2020

Congratulations to our Branch Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM CSTJ BEM who has been awarded the new Ultra-Long Service Medal of the Order of St John plus the First Service Bar, denoting a total of 55 years' service.

The Deputy Prior in South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, gave the following message for the St John Ambulance SA 2020 Awards Day: *"While it is disappointing that we are unable to gather in person to celebrate Awards Day, I wish to acknowledge all St John staff and volunteers, and offer my heartfelt congratulations to this year's award recipients"*.

Other honours recipients who have received the new ULS Medal are:

Mr Ray Greig OAM KStJ SJ JP:
Ultra-Long Service Medal (50 years)

Mrs Lyn Dansie AM DSTJ:
Ultra-Long Service Medal & First Bar (55 years)

Dr Brian Fotheringham AM KStJ:
Ultra-Long Service Medal & First Bar (55 years)

Mrs Raelene Denham OAM DSTJ:
Ultra-Long Service Medal & Second Bar (60 years)

Mr Cliff Wright OAM CSTJ JP:
Ultra-Long Service Medal & Second Bar (60 years)



ULS 1st Bar 55 years of service

Lyn Dansie
Brian Fotheringham
Noel Hender
Patricia Kakoschke

ULS 2nd Bar 60 years of service

Raelene Denham
Cliff Wright

ULS 4th Bar 70 years of service

David Heard

Ultra-Long Service Medal 50 years of service

Alan Bennett
Robert Dale
Carey Evans
Wendy Gibson
Ray Greig
Peter Hawkins
Ian Pole
Lynette Pole
Bronte Rayson

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The Fellowship Group guest speaker for October, Peter Routley AM (image courtesy of *Lumen*, the University of Adelaide Magazine, Summer 2011).

2020 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Thursday 29 October

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

Many thanks to our most recent Guest Speaker Peter Routley AM who spoke on 'World Vision, other NGOs and foreign aid'.

Peter was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday 2018 Honours List, *"For significant service to the international community through the leadership and administration of foreign aid programs"*.

Peter graduated from the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1959 and a Diploma in Primary Education in 1960. He subsequently embarked on an international career in education and non-government organisations in countries including England, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, Laos, Mali, Cambodia and Thailand.

Peter was later Chair of the Hughes Bequest Society Committee, which manages bequests and donations to the University of Adelaide.

We hope to see you all again soon

Pamela Rajkowski OAM

Flavia De Pasquale OAM

2021 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Events Sub-Committee of the SA Branch is currently planning Fellowship activities for 2021. This newsletter provides advance notice of the proposed 2021 events.

Members of the Order of Australia and other honours recipients, partners, family and friends, are invited to share in the fostering of fellowship, in an informal setting.

These lunches are held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club, 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide on the last Thursday of every second month.

In anticipation of COVID-19 regulations continuing, guests attending for lunch should arrive at 12 noon so that social distancing guidelines may be complied with. The function will conclude by 2 pm.

Dates and speakers for 2021:

Thursday 25 February

Dennis Meredith AM –

"Hockey and international experiences"

Thursday 29 April

Dr Robert Black AM RFD –

"John McCrae and the Great War Poets"

Thursday 24 June

Neil Andrew AO and Di Davidson AM –

"Reform of water use in the Murray Darling Basin"

Thursday 26 August

Kathryn House AM –

"Collective Giving & the changing face of philanthropy in Australia"

Thursday 28 October

John Phillips OAM –

topic tbc

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Virtual and Lunch Meetings in 2021

For more information about the Fellowship luncheon meetings, or to express an interest in being a speaker, please contact:

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Did you know...?

Members of the Order of Australia are entitled to use post-nominal letters after their name.

The handbook of the Order advises: *"Upon publication of their award, recipients are entitled to have the appropriate post-nominals placed after their name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary"*.

The 'Designations and Insignia Ordinance' (as amended) made under section 30 of the Constitution of the Order specifies that the post-nominals applicable to the Order of Australia are:

AK (Knight)

AD (Dame)

AC (Companion)

AO (Officer)

AM (Member)

OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia)

These post-nominals apply to appointments made in the General Division and the Military Division, and also to Honorary awards.

'Promotions'

When a Member or Officer of the Order of Australia in either division is subsequently appointed to a higher grade in the same division, they are entitled to use the post-nominals of the *higher award* only.

For example: if an Officer in the General Division (AO) is subsequently appointed a Companion, also in the General Division, they may only use the post-nominals 'AC'.

Similarly, when a holder of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in either Division is subsequently appointed to the Order of Australia at any grade in the same Division, they may use the post-nominals of the *higher award* only.

For example: if the holder of an OAM in the Military Division is subsequently appointed a Member of the Order, also in the Military Division, they may only use the post-nominals 'AM'.

Different rules apply to the use of post-nominals relating to appointments and promotions in *both* divisions of the Order of Australia, where both awards may be retained and worn (this situation will be described in the next newsletter)

DESIGNATIONS AND INSIGNIA

26. (1) A Companion or honorary Companion of the Order is entitled—

- (a) to have the letters 'A.C.' placed after his name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
- (b) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Companions of the Order.

(2) An Officer or honorary Officer of the Order is entitled—

- (a) to have the letters 'A.O.' placed after his name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
- (b) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Officers of the Order.

(3) A Member or honorary Member of the Order is entitled—

- (a) to have the letters 'A.M.' placed after his name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
- (b) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Members of the Order.

Post-nominals

Left: The use of post-nominal letters by members of the Order of Australia was first prescribed in the Constitution of the Order of Australia, published in the *Australian Government Gazette* No S28 dated 17 February 1975.

Note that in the original Letters Patent establishing the Order, given under the Great Seal of Australia at St James's on 14 February 1975, the Order of Australia was created in just three grades.

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

The levels of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD), and the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), were created on 24 May 1976.

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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

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.

Convenor:

Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP

Mobile: 0409 099 122

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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 Dr 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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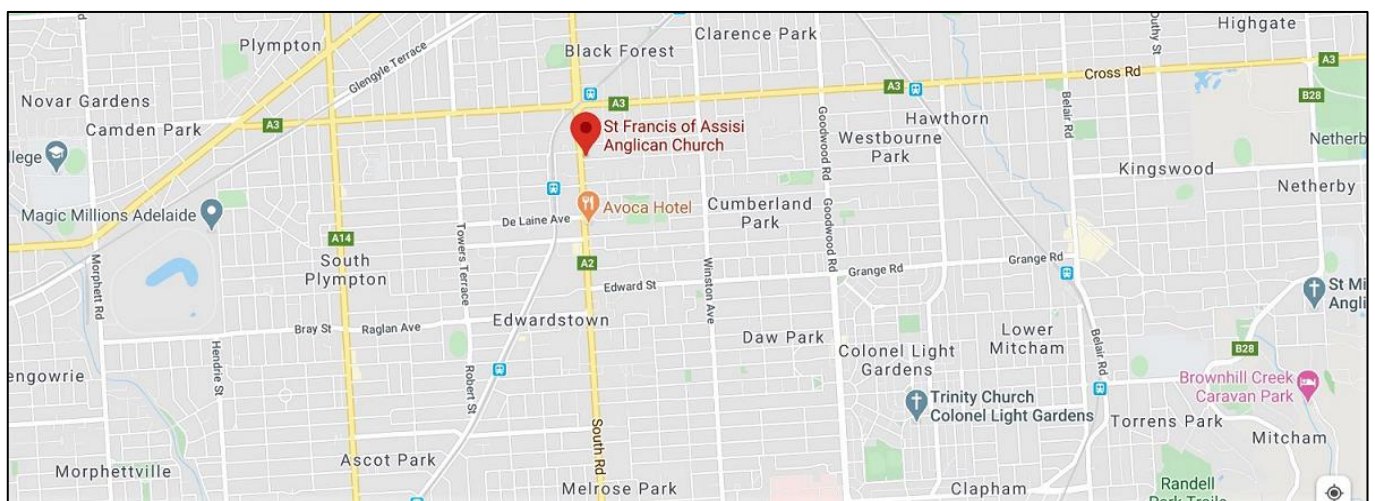
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Dietary requirement [if any]



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REPLY FORM – SA Branch Australia Day Luncheon – in the Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton (confirmed), 12 for 12.30pm. Cost \$60 per person for a 2 course meal (alternate drop).

The Guest Speaker will be Professor Anthony (Tony) Thomas AC, Elder Professor of Physics at the University of Adelaide.

Full-size medals should be worn.

To comply with COVID regulations, please confirm if you will be attending.

Please forward this reply form (with payment) 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 **10 January 2021**

Make your cheque or money order payable to “SA Branch, Order of Australia Association”

If preferred, payment can be made by EFT:

Account Name – ‘Order of Australia Association’
BSB 105-900 // Account no 147028640 (Bank SA)

Please use the code ‘ADL-21 + your surname’.

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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 comply with COVID regulations, please confirm if you will be staying for lunch.

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

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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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