



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, January 2021

Despite the cancellation of our Christmas Morning Tea, we are starting the year on a positive footing.

Our Australia Day lunch is still on schedule: *there are still seats available and we have extended the RSVP deadline*. Please register with the Reply Form so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

An important aspect of our event this year is that we will present the Top 10 Student Citizenship Awards for 2020 in a short ceremony prior to the lunch.

Unfortunately though, only key members can be present to represent the Association – numbers are limited due to density restrictions.

Some students and their families will remain and join us for lunch. I am very pleased to announce that the 2020 Student Citizen of the Year will be one of those joining us for lunch.

Also attached to this newsletter are the documents for our AGM.

I would also ask that you note in your diary that the national AGM will be held on Saturday 8 May 2021. Further details will follow in due course.

Thank you to our Committee members and associates who worked very hard throughout last year to keep things going and to plan for our events – whether they happened or not, the planning process was still comprehensive and thorough.

I would like to thank everyone for your support throughout 2020, and I look forward to catching up when things get back to some kind of normal.

For general enquiries and RSVPs for functions, unless otherwise noted, the committee can be contacted via the following generic email address:

orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com

Stay Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM

SA Branch Chair || 0412 774 122

REMINDER

35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 13 February 2021

All members are cordially invited to attend the 2021 SA Branch Annual General Meeting. We plan to commence with morning tea at 10 am (if COVID rules allow).

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

The meeting itself will commence at 10.30 am with an address from our guest speaker.

Lunch will follow the AGM (at own expense) for those who wish to stay on.

Full-size medals should be worn.

Venue: The Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton

RSVP by Sunday 31 January 2021

See Reply Form with further details attached

If you plan on attending you will need to register with the Reply Form so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 23 January: Australia Day luncheon – *RSVP deadline extended to 13 January*

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

Thursday 25 February: Fellowship luncheon at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club. The Guest Speaker will be Dennis Meredith AM talking on “Hockey and international experiences”.

Friday 26 February: South East Regional Group annual meeting/luncheon, Mount Gambier RSL.

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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2020

We have previously published the names of the students who were assessed to be in the Top 10 from this year's nominations. Congratulations again to the following:

Elijah 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

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, had once again kindly agreed to host a presentation ceremony at Government House Adelaide. Each of the top 10 would have received an inscribed plaque and a "With Distinction" certificate signed by the Governor, who is our Patron.

In this ceremony the 2020 Student Citizen of the Year would be announced. Unfortunately however, this event had to be cancelled.

The Student Citizenship Awards program is the flagship endeavour of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association.

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



Charlotte Mauviel is South Australia's Student Citizen of the Year for 2020.

CHARLOTTE MAUVIEL

The Chairman of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, Mr Tony Metcalf OAM, is pleased to announce that Charlotte Mauviel from Temple Christian College (Mile End Campus) has been announced as South Australia's Student Citizen of the Year for 2020. The citation on Charlotte's certificate reads:

In addition to outstanding results in her academic studies, Charlotte has provided exceptional and extensive leadership and service to her school and community.

A recipient of the valued Bronze, Silver and Gold Character Service and Influence Awards during her College years, Charlotte has contributed enthusiastically to many fundraising events, has organised and participated in numerous House, sporting, drama, music and other College events, has been a valued mentor to younger students and has been a College Prefect and a Petty Officer with the Australian Navy Cadets.

A wonderful role model for all in citizenship.

Charlotte said, *"I would also once more like to reiterate my many thanks for this award and I feel very blessed to have been so honoured. This is a very prestigious award and I am ever grateful!"*

We have invited Charlotte to join us at our Australia Day luncheon as our guest. Shortly after this, she will leave Adelaide to begin her initial military training at HMAS Creswell, the Royal Australian Naval College, before starting her degree course at the Australian Defence Force Academy.



STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS

In keeping with the aim of the Association to raise awareness about the Order of Australia, each school/college was encouraged to invite a member of the Association to attend a suitable school end-of-year graduation or valedictory assembly. Fortunately, some were able to do this before another COVID lock-down was imposed. In most cases however, the Top 10 awards and 'Highly Commended' certificates have been delivered to the school to be posted out or presented in a live-streamed award ceremony with minimal invited guests.

Paul Rosenzweig OAM, who was to have presented a 'Highly Commended' certificate to Fatima Shah of Thebarton Senior College, instead viewed Fatima receiving her award from Principal Eva Kannis-Torry in a live-streamed Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Friday 4 December (above).

FATIMA SHAH

Fatima Shah has been described as a born leader who strives to create harmony and peace through youth and community engagement.

As an Afghan Hazara refugee, Fatima continuously works to improve her English and use these skills, along with her ability to fluently speak Dari, Hazargi, Farsi, and Urdu, to help others.

Fatima received the Student Citizenship Award 'Highly Commended' certificate for her service as a member of the Thebarton Senior College Youth Reference Council, engaged with Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service (STTARS).

Fatima has been a student representative on the college's governing council since 2017, and has taken an active role in the 'Student Voice' peer mentoring program.

Fatima also co-founded a women's well-being group where women from various cultures come together for activities such as yoga, dance and group discussions.

Additionally, Fatima represents her community in the 'On the Same Wave Program' at West Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

In the same graduation ceremony, Fatima also received the 'Adelaide Award' sponsored by the Federal Member for Adelaide, Mr Steve Georganas MP, awarded for her outstanding commitment to college activities, her strive for outstanding results and attendance and participation in classes.

Fatima also achieved recognition earlier last year when she was awarded the Australia Day Council of South Australia's 2020 Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures 'Student Award'. Congratulations Fatima on your achievements!

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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Fatima Shah of Thebarton Senior College received her Student Citizenship 'Highly Commended' certificate from Principal Eva Kannis-Torry in a Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Friday 4 December (left). At the beginning of last year, Fatima was announced as the recipient of the Australia Day Council of South Australia's 2020 Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures 'Student Award'. In the same ceremony, Zahra Bayani of Thebarton Senior College (right) was announced as the recipient of the Australia Day Council's 2020 Leadership in Languages and Culture Award. Zahra also received a Student Citizenship 'Highly Commended' certificate for 2019.

EBONIE MOULTON Penola High School

The Director of the SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards program, Noel Hender OAM BEM, was to have presented a Student Citizenship 'Highly Commended' certificate to Ebonie Moulton of Penola High School. However due to the government restrictions he was unable to attend the ceremony.

Ebonie received her 'Highly Commended' certificate at the school's 59th annual Presentation Night held on Wednesday 9 December (image courtesy of Penola High School).

Principal Ngaire Benfell of Penola High School wrote to the SA Branch:

Once again, we would like to sincerely thank you for making this highly prized Award available to our students.



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NEW MEMBERS

One of our newest members is Roger McCauley, who received the OAM in the 2020 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to the Uniting Church in Australia, and to the community"*. Roger recently had the opportunity to see three of his grandchildren honoured for their achievements in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Firstly, at Adelaide Town Hall on 15 October, Roger's grandsons Zach and Ethan Nicholls received their Gold Award certificates from His Excellency the Governor. And then on 4 December, Roger was a guest at the Gawler Air Force Cadets depot to witness another grandson receiving on parade his Silver Award badge and certificate.

Pictured above: Mr Roger McCauley OAM (left) with his grandson Cadet Corporal Daniel Sherratt of No 608 (Town of Gawler) Squadron and Daniel's Award Leader, Flying Officer (AAFC) Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP. Photograph by Flying Officer Jacob Auston, RAAF.

NEW MEMBERS

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The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch welcome the following new members who have joined the Order of Australia Association:

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 2017

Mrs Lyn Dansie AM

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST 2020

Mr Roger McCauley OAM

The SA Branch looks forward to eventually being able to hold Welcome Receptions for these and other recent 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.

THE SA BRANCH IS ONLINE

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

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

Newsletters

Our Newsletters and Reply Forms can be found here:

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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:

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Members of the Order of Australia recognised with service awards within the Order of St John (left to right): Noel Hender, Dr Franklin Bridgewater, Raelene Denham, Dr Brian Fotheringham, Lyn Dansie and Ray Greig.

ST JOHN AMBULANCE SA Long Service Awards

On Monday 7 December, St John Ambulance SA held a special award ceremony to present the new Ultra-Long Service Medal of the Order of St John to various members in recognition of their many years of voluntary service.

Members of the Order of Australia who received the new ULS Medal at this ceremony were:

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)

Noel Hender OAM CStJ BEM:
Ultra-Long Service Medal & First Bar (55 years)

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

The medals were presented by the CEO of St John Ambulance SA Mr Mark Groote. The MC for the ceremony was Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP.

In the same ceremony, the Sixth Bar to the Service Medal of the Order of St John (representing a total of 40 years of service) was presented to Dr Franklin Bridgewater OAM KStJ.



The Ultra-Long Service Medal of the Order of St John has been introduced to recognise 50 years of voluntary service with St John Ambulance; Service Bars may be awarded for each additional 5 years' service. Images by Paul Rosenzweig OAM.

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AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON Saturday 23 January 2021

The SA Branch Australia Day luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel is still on schedule, and there are still seats available if you haven't yet booked. There will be a 3 course meal. Our Student Citizen of the Year and some of our Top 10 recipients will be joining us.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 13 January 2021
*See Reply Form with further details
included in this newsletter*

Our Guest Speaker will be Professor Anthony Thomas AC, Elder Professor of Physics at the University of Adelaide.

Professor Thomas is an Australian Research Council Australian Laureate Fellow and Elder Professor of Physics at the University of Adelaide.

His specific areas of expertise are in high energy and particle physics, nuclear physics, mathematical modelling and complex systems. He has been a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science since 1990, a Fellow of the UK Institute of Physics and the Australian Institute of Physics.

His awards include the Walter Boas Medal, Lyle Medal, Massie Medal, Inaugural Silver Jubilee Convocation Medal of Flinders University and the Centenary Medal. In 2014, Professor Thomas was recognised as South Australian Scientist of the Year.

In 2020, Professor Thomas was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for his eminent service to scientific education and research, particularly in the field of nuclear and particle physics, through academic leadership roles.

2021 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This newsletter provides advance notice of the proposed Fellowship activities for 2021 prepared by the Events Sub-Committee of the SA Branch.

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.

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 are as follows:

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 – “SA Waste Strategy 2022-25 – engaging the population”

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:

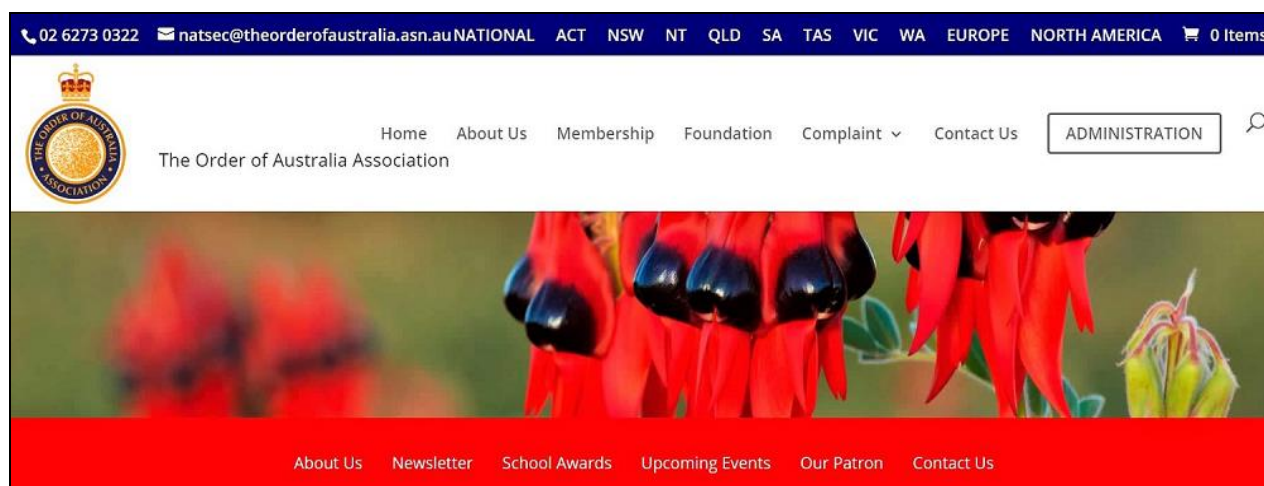
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oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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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Barossa Regional Group

Gawler and District Regional Group

General enquiries:

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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:

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

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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)

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REPLY FORM – SA Branch Australia Day Luncheon – in the Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, Saturday 23 January 2021, 12 for 12.30pm. Cost \$60 per person for a 3 course meal (alternate drop). Our 2020 Student Citizen of the Year and some of our Top 10 recipients will be joining us.

The Guest Speaker will be Professor Anthony 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 **13 January 2021**

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