



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, June 2021

Our meetings and social activities have continued: we had a very successful Port River Dolphin Cruise, and our New Recipients Reception saw almost 200 recipients, members and guests attending!

The Association and Branch have been represented at the Australia Day Investitures at Government House held on 4, 5 and 6 May, and at also at the Royal Presidents' Dinner 2021, for the heads and chairs of associations with Royal patronage.

There is also much happening with the Regional Groups, with several news items in this newsletter.

It's not often that we receive feedback, but it is greatly appreciated. This newsletter contains one complimentary email recently received from the Northern Territory. Another received was from our National Chairman, Major-General Barry Nunn AO RFD ED (ret'd) who wrote:

Tony

I would like to congratulate you and your editorial team for a truly exceptional SA Branch newsletter.

It combines essential and interesting information and a wide variety of well-constructed articles.

It was an enjoyable read!!

Regards

Barry

Upcoming events include our Queen's Birthday Luncheon (limited spaces are still available) and our fellowship luncheon meetings. We are also planning social activities including visits to All Souls' Anglican Church in St Peters and historic Urrbrae House.

With the return to our social program, you may find that you need a professional-looking name badge: an order form can be found on our website:

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

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

INVITATION



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday 12 June 2021

All members, their partners and guests are invited to attend the SA Branch Queen's Birthday Luncheon on Saturday 12 June, 12 for 12.30pm. There will be a 3 course meal (alternate drop) and cash bar.

Venue: The Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel

Full-size medals should be worn.

There are limited spaces still available, so if you wish to attend, please urgently contact the SA Branch Treasurer with the Reply Form attached and payment of \$65 per person.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 24 June: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club: Neil Andrew AO and Di Davidson AM – "Reform of water use in the Murray Darling Basin".

Thursday 19 August: visit to All Souls' Anglican Church in St Peters at 10 am, \$20 per person including morning tea in the War Memorial Chapel, historical talk and inspection of church windows.

Proposed social activity (details tbc) – visit to Urrbrae House with morning or afternoon tea.

Thursday 26 August: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting at the NMAF Club: Ms Kathryn House AM – "Collective Giving & the changing face of philanthropy in Australia".

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ANZAC DAY

Sunday 25 April 2021

Pictured here following the 2021 Anzac March in Adelaide is Dr Robert Black AM RFD, who just a few days later was guest speaker for the SA Branch Fellowship luncheon meeting.

Dr Black is a retired RAAF Group-Captain, who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 1996 Queen's Birthday Honours List, *"In recognition of service to the RAAF Specialist Reserve"*. The gold edges on his Order of Australia ribbon denote that this was an award in the Military Division.

Dr Black is the current President of the Air Force Association, SA Division, and also President of the Mitcham Branch of the AFA. He noted that the Royal Australian Air Force had just celebrated its centenary, and to honour this the AFA President's party was privileged to be near the head of the march.

With him is Dr Tania Black PSM, who was awarded the Public Service Medal in the 2003 Australia Day Honours list, *"For outstanding public service, particularly to women and children, in the area of public health"*.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellowship activities for every second month of 2021 have been prepared by the Events Sub-Committee of the SA Branch.

Members of the Order of Australia and other honours recipients, partners 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 COVID and social distancing guidelines may be complied with. The function will conclude by 2 pm.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2021-2022

Virtual and Lunch Meetings

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

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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Thursday 29 April 2021

For the April Fellowship luncheon meeting, coinciding with the period of Anzac commemorations, Dr Robert Black AM RFD spoke on “John McCrae and the Great War Poets”. Pictured are members and guests at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club. Standing (left to right): Mrs Carol Whitelock OAM; Mrs Gill Rogers OAM; Dr Tania Black PSM; Mrs Helen Smith; Ms Flavia de Pasquale OAM; Mr Peter Routley AM; Mrs Glenys Jones OAM JP; Mrs Helen Wang; Mr Russell Starke OAM. Seated (left to right): Mr Ken Smith AM; Mr Ken Irvin; Dr Robert Black AM RFD (guest speaker). Photograph by Pamela Rajkowski OAM.

Dr Black observed that the First World War had produced extraordinary stories of horror, ineptitude and blunders, and heroism and sacrifice – but also an amazing quantity of wonderful poetry.

He related the story of John McCrae, notable as the author of the memorable poem ‘In Flanders Fields’. He spoke of Rupert Brooke, Robert Graves, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.

He also spoke of some other less well-known personalities, including our own Leon Gellert (1892-1977) who was born in Walkerville and was a teacher at Norwood High School.

Gellert was author of the highly praised book *Songs of a Campaign*, a collection of poems published in 1917, with the third and final edition containing illustrations by Norman Lindsay (pictured right: this copy is in the Editor’s collection).

Gellert has been adjudged ‘Australia’s Greatest War Poet’, and has often been described as Australia’s Rupert Brooke.



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David Ward ESM OAM State Emergency Service

Chris Beattie, the Chief Executive Officer of the SA State Emergency Service since 2010, recently made a special presentation to SA Branch member David Ward ESM OAM.

A special acknowledgement and farewell celebration was held for David, who retired from the SA State Emergency Service on 2 April this year after a long and distinguished career.

David has worked with St John Ambulance SA and trained with the National Disaster Management Organisation at Mount Macedon.

His frustration with the lack of road rescue capabilities in Loxton and its surrounds led to his involvement in the establishment of the Loxton State Emergency Service unit with a group of eight other community volunteers in 1975. Since then, David has led and supported units across the Riverland District, and was the Loxton SES Unit Controller from 1980 to 1989. He received the Emergency Services Medal (ESM) on Australia Day 2005.

He was the Riverland Division Officer in 2005-06, and Loxton SES Unit Manager in 2012-13. In 1993 David was one of the founding office holders for the newly established SA State Emergency Service Volunteers Association. In 2009, he was appointed as a Deputy Director on the Board of the newly established South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission. David received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 12 June 2017, *"For service to the community through a range of organisations"*.

Congratulations David for your long and outstanding contribution to community safety in Loxton, the Riverland and more broadly for the State.



PORT RIVER DOLPHIN EXPLORER CRUISE Wednesday 12 May 2021

Several members and guests participated in our recent Port River Dolphin Explorer Cruise to the Dolphin Sanctuary at the eastern end of the Port River. The group enjoyed a complimentary morning tea at the waterfront offices of Bruce McFarlane AM (pictured fifth from the left).



SA BRANCH PROFILE GREG GORDON OAM JP



Greg Gordon OAM JP

Hanging in Greg Gordon's office at home is a print of 'The Scots Greys and The Gordons at Waterloo'. Beside it is a chart he produced on canvas, the result of his research into his family history, showing his Gordon heritage across 30 generations. With this heritage it is perhaps not surprising that Greg was awarded the OAM on 26 January 2000, "For service to the pipe band movement as an administrator and tutor".

During his mid-teens, Greg experienced at close quarters the colour, power and spectacle of a pipe band performance. Not being one to shy away from a challenge, he set about learning to play the bagpipes with the aim of becoming a part of what he had witnessed, the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia.

READER FEEDBACK

The Order – Edition 60,
August 2020

Alasdair McGregor has written to us from the Top End about the SA Branch contribution to *The Order* which featured a profile of Greg Gordon who was awarded the OAM on 26 January 2000, "For service to the pipe band movement as an administrator and tutor".

Alasdair wrote: "I had just wished to thank you . . . for the note you put in about a young man, as he then was, who was a piping acquaintance of my father – Greg Gordon. It was nice to read about a piper and an organiser of pipers getting recognition".

Alasdair McGregor OAM is a long-serving Northern Territory Magistrate, serving from 1976 until his retirement in 2002. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 1997 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "For Service to the Law and the Community in the Northern Territory".

Alasdair's father, Daniel Law McGregor, had served as a piper during both world wars, and with the Caledonian Pipe Band in South Australia in the intervening period.

Born on 23 October 1898, the childhood years of Daniel Law McGregor were spent in Crieff and Comrie where his father John was a journeyman stonemason and piper. John and Catherine McGregor lived in The Cottage, off Dundas Street in Comrie, Perthshire.

During World War 1, 26137 Private John McGregor served with the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers. He was killed in France on 19 June 1918, aged 39, and is buried in Aire Communal Cemetery in France.

On 4 October 1916, young Dan McGregor also enlisted – and served with the 10th Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders in Fifeshire. He went abroad in 1917 as a piper and stretcher-bearer with the 5th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.

After the war, Dan married Bessie Walker in Glasgow in 1924, and they moved to Adelaide where he joined the Caledonian Pipe Band in 1925.

In 1938, Dan was asked to raise and train a pipe band for the 27th Battalion, South Australian Scottish Regiment, a Citizens Military Force (part-time) unit based at Torrens Training Depot, and he became their Pipe-Major.

After the outbreak of World War 2, the 27th South Australian Scottish was called up for home duties. It was later re-designated "27th Australian Infantry Battalion" and, in 1941, the battalion relocated to Darwin where it was tasked with protective duties.

The members of the Pipes and Drums were attached to the Medical Platoon as stretcher-bearers, and Dan McGregor was Pipe-Major and Stretcher-Bearer Sergeant.

On the morning of 19 February 1942, as Darwin suffered its first air raid, the Pipes and Drums were in the middle of training. They continued their rehearsal because they allegedly could not hear the air-raid sirens or exploding bombs. Dan McGregor kept them playing as Highland pipers have done for centuries in the midst of battle. When he was told that there were enemy aircraft overhead, McGregor reputedly replied, "They won't hear us".

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VALE

Colonel Raymond John Stanley AM OBE RFD ED (1928-2021)

Ray Stanley passed away on 25 April 2021, aged 92. He was the loving husband of Val for 60 years; father and father-in-law of Robin and Jane, Russell and Susan; grandad to Ellie, Lucy, Abby and Reville, and grandad-in-law to Mattie; and great-grandad to Harrison.

Ray was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the Military Division (OBE) in the 1968 New Year's Honours List.

A funeral service was held in the Memorial Hall at St Peters College on Saturday 8 May.

A reception to celebrate Ray's life was then held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club.

Ray Stanley was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the Military Division (AM) in the 2004 Queen's Birthday Honours List:

"For service to the Reserve Forces, particularly through the Defence Reserve Support Council, and to science education as a teacher and author of chemistry textbooks for senior secondary students".

The SA Branch Nominated Director Professor John McKellar AM ED recalls that he served with Ray as a member of a committee examining the Chemistry curriculum throughout Australia for the Academy of Science.

Colonel Stanley served one term as President of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club – in 1979-81 (reference: *The Club, Martial and Mufti*, 2007, p 130).



Colonel Ray Stanley AM OBE RFD ED (1928-2021)

The Fellowship luncheon meeting held on Thursday 29 October 2020 was the last attended by the late Colonel Ray Stanley, a former President of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club.

Rear row (left to right): Mr Ken Smith AM; Mrs Nancy Stuart OAM; Ms Flavia de Pasquale OAM; Colonel Ray Stanley AM OBE RFD ED; Mr Brian Holecek OAM; Professor John McKellar AM ED.

Front row (left to right): Mrs Helen Smith; Dr Aileen Connors AM; Mr Peter Routley AM (guest speaker); Dr Joan Thomas; Professor Anthony Thomas AC FAA; Mrs Margaret Ford OAM; Mr John Thomas AM.

Photograph by Pamela Rajkowski OAM

Regional Group News

YORKE PENINSULA REGIONAL GROUP

Sunday 18 April 2021

A gathering of members from both the Yorke Peninsula Council and Copper Coast Council areas was convened at the Yorke Valley Hotel, Maitland to consider the formation of a Regional Group in these communities.

There were 6 members and 7 other guests; there were 8 member apologies but each had expressed support for the formation of a regional group for the Peninsula.

It was agreed that – subject to Branch and National Board endorsement – a Regional Group be formed in the Yorke Peninsula community based on the areas of the Copper Coast Council and Yorke Peninsula Council, to be known as the ‘Yorke Peninsula Regional Group’.

The intention of the group is to conduct self-funded social activities and fellowship activities for its members and guests as permitted under the bylaws.

The meeting was co-hosted by former State Branch Chair Elaine Bussenschutt OAM (Kadina) and Maree Anderson OAM (Minlaton), with Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM and his wife Di attending. Elaine and Maree have agreed to be the joint Contacts for the Yorke Peninsula Group.

Further thought will be given to possibly adding other communities to the east and north that are within the Wakefield Regional Council that have a community of interest with parts of the Yorke Peninsula.

The next meeting will be a self-funded luncheon on 31 October at the Yorke Valley Hotel, Maitland.

FLEURIEU REGIONAL GROUP

Friday 7 May 2021

The Fleurieu Regional Group held its meeting and luncheon at the historic Greenman Inn, Ashbourne.

The SA Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM and Cheryl Metcalf; Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and Di Coventry; and National Director SA Professor John McKellar AM ED attended the event.

There were 21 members and guests present. John Hutchinson OAM accepted appointment as the Regional Contact for a 12 month period, and this was endorsed by the SA Branch Committee at its meeting on 11 May. Thanks was expressed to Rex Keily AM JP for his past efforts as retiring Convenor.

RIVERLAND AND MALLEE REGIONAL GROUP

The proposed name change to ‘Riverland and Mallee Regional Group’ was noted by the Branch Committee at its meeting of 13 April 2021. The National Board has been advised of this name change.

A POSSIBLE NEW REGIONAL GROUP

Barossa, Gawler & District and mid-North

A brief meeting will be held in Nuriootpa at the end of June to discuss the possibility of creating a larger regional group to serve the Barossa, Gawler & District and mid-North areas.

In the past, the Barossa Group and the Gawler & District Group have functioned individually, while the mid-north has not had a group but members in that area have on occasion joined in with either of the groups mentioned when they have met.

It is also of note that Council mergers over the last few decades have given a new perspective to many rural regions and communities.

TOWARDS A CASHLESS ECONOMY

Seenying Lau Meaney is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Anthropology and Development Studies at the University of Adelaide. Her project is titled, “Towards a Cashless Economy”.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Australia has been propelled towards an increasingly cashless economy. This research project seeks to engage with individuals aged 60 and above in Adelaide to explore how they have negotiated the path towards a predominantly cashless economy during a public health crisis.

It seeks to examine whether this path has been one which enhances or suppresses the economic wellbeing of those in the targeted age group in relation to their capacity to participate in, and engage with a society that has become increasingly cashless.

She is inviting all Adelaideans aged 60 and above to participate in an anthropological study, seeking to explore the impact of cashless payments on economic independence and social wellbeing (see attached).

Please contact Seenying Lau Meaney directly to participate or for more information:

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TOWARDS A CASHLESS ECONOMY: EXPLORING THE CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY THROUGH CASHLESS MONETARY INSTRUMENTS IN THE LIVES OF OLDER ADELAIDEANS DURING COVID-19

You are invited to participate in the research project described below.

What is the project about?

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This research project aims to:

1. Increase understandings of the lived experience of Adelaide's older generation through their engagement with cash and cashless payments;
2. Explore the connection between monetary instruments, economic independence and social wellbeing amongst older Adelaideans.

Who is undertaking the project?

This research project is being conducted by Seenying Lau Meaney. This research will form the basis for the degree of PhD in Anthropology at the University of Adelaide under the supervision of Dr. Alison Dundon (principal supervisor) and Professor Andrew Skuse (co-supervisor).

If I want to participate, what do I do?

If you are interested in participating in this research project, please contact Seenying Lau Meaney at seenying.laumeaney@adelaide.edu.au for more information.

**Human Research Ethics Committee
Approval Number: H-2020-257**

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<p>REGIONAL GROUPS</p> <p>Regional Groups Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com</p> <p>Fleurieu Regional Group Meets on the first Friday in May and November.</p> <p>Regional Contact: John Hutchinson OAM Mobile: 0427 525 670 johnhutc@bigpond.com</p> <p>South East Regional Group Meets annually in February: in Mount Gambier biannually, and at Naracoorte and Millicent respectively on the alternate years.</p> <p>Regional Contact: Mr Eric Roughana AM Mobile: 0408 817 260 roseric1@bigpond.com</p> <p>Barossa Regional Group Gawler and District Regional Group orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com</p>		<p>REGIONAL GROUPS</p> <p>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group Meets socially twice a year, in March/April and September/October.</p> <p>Regional Contact: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP Mobile: 0409 099 122 tgrieger@riverland.net.au</p> <p>Yorke Peninsula Regional Group The group will conduct self-funded social activities and fellowship activities for its members and guests throughout the Yorke Peninsula and Copper Coast communities. The next luncheon meeting will be on Sunday 31 October.</p> <p>Regional Contacts: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM (Kadina) Mobile: 0417 806 839 elaine@yp-connect.net</p> <p>Maree Anderson OAM (Minlaton) Mobile: 0407 975 174 mareeanderson@internode.on.net</p>



REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, Saturday 12 June 2021 – in the Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, 12 for 12.30pm. Cost \$65 per person for a 3 course meal (alternate drop); cash bar. Full-size medals should be worn.

The Guest Speaker will be Dr Duncan McKellar BMBS FRANZCP Cert OldAge Psych BMus(perf) (Hons) BA.

Dr McKellar is the Head of Unit, Older Persons’ Mental Health Service at the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network. His appointment in May 2017 followed the release of the Oakden Report, to lead the implementation of the recommendations of the Report and a reform process in the Older Persons’ Mental Health Service.

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Payment enclosed: (\$65 per person)

We hope you can join us on this very special occasion

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