



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, May 2021

We have been fortunate to be able to continue with our activities: we had a wonderful social outing to Carrick Hill Mansion in March, and Dr Robert Black AM RFD spoke at our April Fellowship luncheon.

At the beginning of May, I will be representing the Association and the SA Branch at the 2021 Australia Day Investitures at Government House. Later in the month, I will represent the Association at the Royal President's Dinner 2021 hosted this year by the Royal Society of St George.

Please note the many new activities that are arising.

On 12 May we will be having a Dolphin Cruise and lunch which promises to be very interesting. There are still a few spaces available if you wish to attend.

On Monday 24 May we will hold our combined New Recipients Reception. This will be for Australian Honours recipients from the 2020 Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Honours Lists and the 2021 Australia Day Honours List. Please note: there is no cost to attend for new recipients.

Our Queen's Birthday Luncheon is on schedule, with a confirmed date of Saturday 12 June. It is important that you register with the Reply Form attached if you wish to attend, so that we can comply with the ongoing COVID regulations.

If you would like to order a professional-looking name badge, an order form for this purpose can be found on our website:

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

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

INVITATION



NEW RECIPIENTS RECEPTION Monday 24 May 2021

All members, their partners and guests, and new recipients and their guests, are invited to attend our Welcome Reception for 2020 and 2021 Honours recipients, 5.30 for a 6 pm start, concluding by 8 pm.

Venue: Goodwood Community Centre

Full-size medals should be worn.

If you wish to attend, please register with the Reply Form so we can comply with COVID regulations.

RSVP by Monday 17 May 2021

See Reply Form with further details attached

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 7 May: Fleurieu Regional Group meeting and luncheon at the Greenman Inn, Ashbourne.

Saturday 8 May: 35th Annual General Meeting (National) to be conducted online.

Wednesday 12 May: Dolphin Cruise with lunch; *see Reply Form with further details attached.*

Saturday 12 June: Queen's Birthday Luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel; *see Reply Form with further details attached. RSVP by Friday 21 May 2021.*

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".

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VALE

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT OM AK GCVO GBE (1921-2021)

On 9 April 2021, Buckingham Palace announced the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, a Knight of the Order of Australia.

Prince Philip was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Military Division on 13 June 1988 during Australia's bicentenary year for "*Service to the Australian Defence Force as Admiral of the Fleet of the Australian Navy, Field Marshal in the Australian Army and Marshal of the Royal Australian Air Force*".

Typically, recipients who are not Australian citizens receive an Honorary appointment, but Prince Philip's appointment was substantive (refer *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No S159 dated 13 June 1988, p 1).

On 25 March 2014, the grade of Knight/Dame of the Order was re-established. In the 2015 Australia Day Honours List, Prince Philip was appointed a Knight of the Order of Australia in the General Division (refer *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No S1 dated 26 January 2015, p 1).

Prince Philip, Prince Consort of the Queen of Australia, was honoured for his significant contribution to Australia during the 62 year reign of Her Majesty.

Prince Philip was also recognised for founding the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in 1956.

The Award is an enriching program in which young people participate in a number of activities over a set length of time to qualify for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Each level is progressively more challenging. The Award now operates in more than 130 countries and territories across the globe, helping 14 to 24 year olds to become committed, responsible and fulfilled citizens of the world.

At present, there are 23,000 Australians undertaking the award.

Over 775,000 young Australians have participated in the Award since its inception in Australia in 1959.

Lest we Forget



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

This is a Royal Household Badge personally presented by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

This particular badge was presented by Prince Philip to Miss Victoria Martin, who served as Chief Housekeeper of the Royal Residences from 1 January 1970 to July 1980.

Miss Martin oversaw the operations of 'H' Branch, which was responsible for upholding the cleanliness, appearance and general maintenance of all rooms at the Royal residences.

Victoria Martin (1916-2005) had an earlier career as an officer in the Women's Royal Naval Service from 1941 to 1955, and then in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service from 1955 to 1959.

Miss Martin was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977 in the Privy List, as a personal gift from the Queen.

In recognition of her service to the Royal Household and the Queen and Prince Philip, in the 1979 New Years' Honours List Miss Martin was appointed a Member (5th Class) of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO).

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Vilmos Milisits OAM (1948-2021)

Just as the April newsletter was 'going to print' we learned of the passing of SA Branch member and legendary Adelaide baker Vilmos 'Vili' Milisits OAM, aged 72.

There was a private funeral (by invitation only) and then there was a State Memorial Service on Friday 30 April at the Adelaide Festival Centre.

Vili joined the SA Branch in August 2005 as a Life Member after he and his wife Rosemary were awarded the OAM. Vili was involved in the operations of the Branch from that time, and provided assistance through generous donations of produce for various branch functions and, until recent changes to health regulations, tours of the bakery for members, followed by a morning tea at the Cafe de Vili's.

Many thanks to Glenys Jones OAM JP for representing the SA Branch in passing our condolences to Rosemary and the Milisits family. This image shows the condolence table at the South Road premises with Vili's photo.

Our notice may be found here:

<https://siebert.com.au/notices/vilmos-milisits-oam-kjsj/>



Regional Group News

RIVERLAND AND MALLEE REGIONAL GROUP Sunday 28 March 2021

At the afternoon tea held at the Loxton RSL, the Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM conducted a short interview with three members.

Brian Caddy OAM, Ellen Traeger OAM and David Ward ESM OAM gave brief highlights on what they have done in their life and the activities that contributed to their award.

Those present enjoyed the format, and have decided for the time being to meet again for afternoon tea and hear from others about their life and the activities that led to their awards in the Order of Australia.

The next meeting will be convened in September/October on a date to be confirmed.

GAWLER & DISTRICT

The SA Branch Chair and Regional Groups Coordinator have written to the previous long-serving convenor of the Gawler and District Group Dr Bruce Eastick AM thanking him for his past efforts.

YORKE PENINSULA REGIONAL GROUP Sunday 18 April 2021

At a meeting held in Maitland, the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group was formed – subject to Branch and National Board endorsement – for the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula Council areas.

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 are now the appointed 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 luncheon on 31 October at the Yorke Valley Hotel, Maitland – 12.30 for 1pm.

FLEURIEU REGIONAL GROUP Friday 7 May 2021

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

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A POSSIBLE NEW REGIONAL GROUP

Barossa, Gawler & District and Mid-North

A brief meeting will be held in Nuriootpa in late 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.

NEW MEMBERS

SA Branch

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

Professor Lionel Crompton AM RFD

Dr Michael Gordon Penniment AM

Patricia Mary Chigwidden OAM

The SA Branch Committee is pleased to once again be able to hold a New Recipients Reception for honours recipients – in this case from the 2020 Australia Day Honours List, 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List and the 2021 Australia Day Honours List.

The event will be held at the Goodwood Community Centre on **Monday 24 May 2021**. All members, their partners and guests, and new recipients and their guests, are invited to attend. There is no cost for new recipients.

The SA Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM will announce each recipient and read a brief citation. There will be a light supper and refreshments.

Full-size medals should be worn.

Receptions such as this allow new recipients to celebrate their achievement with friends and family, and also allow the opportunity to meet other members of the Association.

If you wish to attend, please register with the Reply Form attached for planning purposes and so we can comply with COVID regulations.



Air Force Cadets Alana and Charlotte were wreathlayers at a 2019 Anzac Day Dawn Service. Charlotte (right) particularly honoured the service of her great-grandfather during and immediately after World War 2.

ANZAC DAY

Sunday 25 April 2021

When she was a member of the Air Force Cadets, on Anzac Day Charlotte would wear the medals of her great-grandfather – 439435 Leading Aircraftman Owen William Forrest (1924-2015). And on her uniform she also wore a poppy in his memory.

The Flanders Poppy is a well-recognised symbol of remembering Service personnel who are no longer with us. In Australia and the UK, the wearing of a poppy was originally reserved for Armistice Day (11 November), subsequently known in Australia as Remembrance Day. In New Zealand, the red poppy has always been part of the Anzac Day tradition.

Increasingly though, poppies are also being worn on Anzac Day in Australia as a sign of remembrance.

Owen Forrest from Coolamon, NSW first enlisted in the Militia, and then joined the RAAF in 1943, qualifying as a Fitter-Driver Motor Transport. He deployed to Morotai with No 2 Airfield Construction Squadron in 1944, and then to Borneo where he was involved in airfield perimeter security at Balikpapan. From 25 October 1945 he was working on airfields with No 5 Airfield Construction Squadron on Labuan Island. Owen Forrest passed away in 2015, aged 90.

We will remember them
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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday 29 April 2021

For the SA Branch Fellowship April luncheon meeting, Dr Robert Black AM RFD spoke on "John McCrae and the Great War Poets". John McCrae is notable as the author of the poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

During World War 1, fields and farmlands were turned into barren wasteland by the continued bombing and digging. And yet in Flanders (Belgium), as the soldiers ventured out of the trenches each Spring they saw the fields covered with a carpet of red as the local 'Corn Poppy' (*Papaver rhoeas*) flourished in the recently bombed soil. This plant had been given this name because it flourishes as a weed in grain fields.

The poppy grew profusely in trenches and craters: artillery shells and shrapnel stirred up the earth and exposed the seeds to the light they needed to germinate. It soon became known as the 'Flanders Poppy'.

The sight of the Flanders Poppy flourishing in the fields was the inspiration for Lieutenant-Colonel McCrae, a Canadian artillery officer and military doctor, to pen his now-famous poem.

He wrote this in May 1915, and it was published in the 8 December 1915 issue of *Punch*. McCrae died on 28 January 1918, and so did not see the end of the war.

The Flanders Poppy became a symbol of regeneration, and wearing a poppy soon became a tradition amongst those wishing to remember the soldiers who had not returned.

In 1918, Madame Guerin, the French YMCA Secretary, began selling silk poppies to raise funds for soldiers' widows. In 1921, in both England and Australia, silk poppies made in France were sold by the British Legion (England) and the 'Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia' (now the Returned and Services League of Australia or RSL), with funds going towards welfare work, a practice that continues to this day.

Today, wreaths of poppies are laid during commemorative events, and poppies are placed beside the names of family members on memorials and honour rolls, or worn in their memory.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
Though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellowship activities for 2021 have been prepared by the Events Sub-Committee.

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

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.

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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deflavia750@gmail.com

Pamela Rajkowski OAM
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pamraj@bigpond.com

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SOCIAL HISTORY

The beautiful Carrick Hill estate was the result of a marriage, in 1935, of members of two of Adelaide's most prominent families. Edward (Bill) Hayward was a son of the wealthy merchant family that for more than 100 years owned John Martin's Ltd, once Adelaide's greatest department store.

MORE

CARRICK HILL EXCURSION Friday 26 March 2021

At the end of March, members and guests participated in a day trip to historic Carrick Hill Mansion. The building was substantially restored during its closure in 2020. It now includes in its magnificent interior a new top floor art gallery, an interior lift and wheelchair access at the entrance. There is a magnificent panoramic view of Adelaide from the café. The event consisted of a guided tour of the upgraded facility followed by morning tea. The visit to Carrick Hill was attended by 19 members and was judged a great success.

See more here: <https://www.carrickhill.sa.gov.au/>

DOLPHIN EXPLORER SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA The Port River Dolphin Cruise Specialists

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Port River Dolphin Cruises

PORT RIVER DOLPHIN EXPLORER CRUISE Wednesday 12 May 2021

On 12 May, members and guests will be gathering for a two-hour Port River Dolphin Explorer Cruise to the Dolphin Sanctuary located at the eastern end of the Port River. The boat has two airconditioned decks, and a top sun deck that allows all-round viewing. A lift between decks and toilet facilities provides wheelchair access.

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 \$32 per person.

See more here: <https://www.dolphinexplorer.com.au/>

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<p style="text-align: center;">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. Regional Contact: Vacant orderofaustraliasa@gmail.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. 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 style="text-align: center;">REGIONAL GROUPS</p> <p>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group Meets socially twice a year, in March/April and September/October. Regional Contact: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP Mobile: 0409 099 122 tgrieger@riverland.net.au</p> <p>Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Encompassing the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula Council areas. The next luncheon meeting will be on Sunday 31 October. 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 PORT RIVER DOLPHIN EXPLORER CRUISE, Wednesday 12 May – a 2-hour boat trip from Port Adelaide to the Dolphin Sanctuary and return, including a 2-course lunch. The cost is \$32 per person.

The boat has two airconditioned decks, and a top sun deck that allows all-round viewing. Each deck has a full bar available for drinks, and all meals are freshly prepared and cooked on board and served to the table. A lift between decks and toilet facilities provides wheelchair access for passengers who need such facilities.

The cruise leaves from the wharf at the end of Commercial Street.

To comply with COVID regulations, members are required to sign in at 11.00 am, and the cruise will begin at 11.30 am. Parking may be available, and a morning tea may be supplied at 10.30 am.

Please forward this reply form (with payment) to:

SA Branch Treasurer, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085

to be received not later than **Wednesday 5 May 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 ‘DC + your surname’ on your payment details.

Send this form completed to the Treasurer, Professor John McKellar AM ED: jmck1279@bigpond.net.au

Name: [please print] [post nominals]

Email or Address:

..... Phone Contact:

I will be accompanied by:

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Dietary requirement [if any]

Payment enclosed: (\$32 per person)

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REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH WELCOME RECEPTION FOR HONOURS RECIPIENTS, Monday 24 May 2021 – at the Goodwood Community Centre, 32-34 Rosa Street Goodwood, 5.30 pm for a 6 pm start, concluding by 8.30 pm. Cost \$30 per person (children \$15), including a COVID-compliant light supper and refreshments.

This will be a combined New Recipients Reception for Australian Honours recipients from the 2020 Australia Day Honours List, 2020 Queen’s Birthday Honours List, and the 2021 Australia Day Honours List.

***** New Recipients are guests of the Association** – there is no cost for new recipients.

Full-size medals should be worn. Parking is available adjacent to the Community Centre.

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Name: [please print] [post nominals]

Email or Address:

..... Phone Contact:

I am a new recipient: YES / No Honours List:

I will be accompanied by (please include post nominals if applicable):

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Dietary requirement [if any]

Payment enclosed: (\$30 per person / \$15 per child / no cost for new recipients)

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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: “Us, the other and the power of stories”.

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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Email or Address:

..... Phone Contact:

I will be accompanied by (please include post nominals if applicable):

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Dietary requirement [if any]

Payment enclosed: (\$65 per person)

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