



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, July 2021

Half the year has now gone by, and we have been fortunate to continue with our Branch meetings and social activities.

This newsletter contains some images from our very successful New Recipients Reception in May.

In June we hosted our annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon with 32 attendees, and a Fellowship luncheon meeting later in the month.

We have several upcoming social events planned, or in the process of being planned.

Congratulations to all who have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. I look forward to meeting you at your Investiture at Government House.

And of course we are looking forward to hosting another New Recipients Reception later this year to acknowledge your award and introduce you to the Association.

Our next fellowship lunch is on Thursday 26 August, and attached to this newsletter is a Reply Form for our next social activity.

We are still conscious of staying COVID-Safe and in many cases this will restrict the number of guests. Please use the Reply Form so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

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/>

For general enquiries the Branch committee can be contacted via the following generic email address:

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Stay Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair



### THE SA BRANCH

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

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

Our Newsletters are available on the OAA website:

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

An Application for Membership may be found here:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/membership-application/>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday 26 July:** Closing date for 2021 Student Citizenship Award nominations.

**Thursday 19 August:** visit to All Souls' Anglican Church, St Peters at 10 am, \$20 per person including morning tea in the War Memorial Chapel, historical talk and inspection of church windows.  
*Please register using the Reply Form attached by no later than Monday 9 August 2021.*

**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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### NEW RECIPIENTS RECEPTION

Monday 24 May 2021

At the end of May, the SA Branch hosted a very successful New Recipients Reception at the Goodwood Community Centre, with almost 200 recipients, members, partners and guests attending.

This was a combined function to welcome 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 were guests of the Association.

The SA Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM said, *"I have received a number of good comments from those who came along, and hopefully that will lead to new members of the Branch. I also had an approach from one recipient to assist on the committee"*.





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**Mr Tony Metcalf OAM**

The host for our New Recipients Reception held on Monday 24 May was Mr Tony Metcalf OAM, SA Branch Chairman.

Tony was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2012 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to youth, to aged welfare, and to motor enthusiast organisations in South Australia"*.



**Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM**

The MC for the night was Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, SA Branch Deputy Chairman and Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards Program.

Noel has been an educational consultant, teacher and educational administrator, with ten years' service as a secondary school principal, and he also served as Commissioner of St John Ambulance in 2014-17.



**Dr Rob Wight OAM**

Guests at our New Recipients Reception enjoyed a musical interlude by Dr Rob Wight OAM. Rob has a passion for music which often sees him invited to perform, and he has done this for us previously. As guest speaker at our AGM in February, Rob gave some insight into the issues and challenges of Australian foreign aid delivery in the past.

Rob was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to medicine through a range of roles"*.



**Some New Recipients**

Some of our guests, left to right:

Mrs Janet Simmons OAM (centre): *"For service to youth through Guides, and to the community"* (Australia Day 2021).

Mrs Fiona Thomson OAM (right): *"For service to youth through Guides, and to academic librarianship"* (Australia Day 2021).

With Mrs Jan Forrest OAM: *"In recognition of service to youth through the Girl Guides Association"* (1991).

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### NEW RECIPIENTS RECEPTION

To allow for the additional number of recipients and guests and to comply with current regulations, a slightly different format had to be adopted for this year's New Recipients Reception.

The SA Branch Chair announced each new recipient in turn, and read their citation as they stood to be acknowledged. At the end, the recipients all stood together to be toasted by their friends, partners and guests.

More photos are available from this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jyALbUu4EmbfGACYCs1Z6W3jhzaGG92k?usp=sharing>



### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

**Saturday 12 June 2021**

The SA Branch hosted our annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon for members, their partners and guests in the Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel. The Guest Speaker was Dr Duncan McKellar BMBS FRANZCP Cert OldAge Psych BMus(perf) (Hons) BA. The title of his address was, "Us, the others and the Power of Stories". A more detailed report will be published in the August newsletter.

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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### THANK YOU!



#### A Message of thanks from the Governor-General to Australia's volunteers

The National Secretary of the Order of Australia Association has passed on the following message from the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General:

At the beginning of National Volunteers Week, the Governor-General has sent a message of thanks to Australia's six million volunteers. In the message, available on Facebook and YouTube or to download, the Governor-General says:

*Volunteering takes many forms and volunteers come from all sorts of backgrounds.*

*Together, you help strengthen our community in just about every way imaginable. We are grateful. We appreciate you. To all those who volunteer, thank you.*

*Chances are you don't volunteer for recognition or thanks – but you deserve both and National Volunteer Week is our opportunity to offer it to you.*

Please consider nominating someone for recognition through the Order of Australia – one of several ways to celebrate the most committed of volunteers.

Government House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

14 June 2021

#### Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following awards:

##### COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

###### Ms Frances ADAMSON

Red Hill ACT 2603

For eminent service to public administration through the advancement of Australia's diplomatic, trade and cultural interests, particularly with the People's Republic of China and the Indo-Pacific region, to innovative foreign policy development and high level program delivery, and as the 36th Governor appointed in South Australia.

##### 2021 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

This year's Queen's Birthday Honours List recognised a total of 1,190 Australians. Among them were 947 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia and 33 recipients of awards in the Military Division.

Notable in the list is a new Companion of the Order of Australia – Frances Adamson, who has been Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade since 2016, and is Governor-designate of South Australia.

Ms Adamson previously served as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China (2011-15) and Deputy High Commissioner in London (2005-08).

Under her leadership, the Department undertook the largest consular operation in DFAT's history in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, Ms Adamson's support to her staff, including those posted overseas, enabled them to provide continuing assistance to Australians abroad.

Ms Adamson graduated from the University of Adelaide with a degree in Economics in 1985, and this year was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*) in recognition of her enormous and continuing contribution to Australian international relations, as a diplomat, advisor and leader.

The Chairman and Branch members congratulate Ms Adamson and all newly announced recipients.

We look forward to holding a Welcome Reception for all of the new honours recipients later this year, following the investitures at Government House. This reception will allow new recipients to celebrate their achievement with friends and family, and to meet other members of the Association.

We also look forward to welcoming Ms Adamson as the 36<sup>th</sup> Governor of South Australia.

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### SAVE THE DATE

## WISTERIA WALK ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDEN

**Saturday 2 October 2021**

The SA Branch Events Sub-Committee cordially invites members and guests on a breath-taking Wisteria Walk and tour of the gardens, followed by a delicious morning tea organised by Elliott Horner, Venue and Events Manager.

**Start:** meet at the Schomburgk Pavilion at 10 am for a 10.15 start – Guided Walk (Short or Longer Walks available)

**After:** meet at Café Fibonacci at 10.45 am – coffee / tea / juice and morning tea provided

**Cost:** \$25 per person, includes morning tea

Expressions of interest may be sent to Flavia De Pasquale OAM:

Email: [deflavia750@gmail.com](mailto:deflavia750@gmail.com)

Mobile: 0438 873 025

*We look forward to your participation*

*A Reply Form with RSVP and payment details  
will be provided in the next newsletter*



Botanic Gardens of  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

#### **Access and parking:**

<https://www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/visit/adelaide-botanic-garden/visitor-information/planning-your-visit>

#### **Map of the Gardens:**

[https://www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/botanic\\_gardens/visit/abg\\_brochure\\_2019.pdf](https://www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/botanic_gardens/visit/abg_brochure_2019.pdf)

#### **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING**

**Thursday 26 August 2021**

The next fellowship luncheon meeting at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club will have SA Branch Committee member Ms Kathryn House AM as guest speaker. Her topic is: "Collective Giving & the changing face of philanthropy in Australia". Please contact:

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0400 810 196  
[pamraj@bigpond.com](mailto:pamraj@bigpond.com)

#### **DEGENERATIVE EYE DISEASE**

Georgie Hollitt at Flinders University (Ophthalmology) is part of a team conducting a study on the genetic risk factors of degenerative eye disease, including glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

These are the two most common causes of irreversible vision loss and blindness in Australians, and genetics is known to play a strong role in both conditions.

Participation involves having a single blood sample taken. An information flyer is attached. Please contact Georgie direct if you would be interested in joining this study.



**Flinders**  
UNIVERSITY

**GRADE Study:**

Genetic Risk Assessment for  
Degenerative Eye disease

# RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

## BACKGROUND

- **GLAUCOMA** and age-related **MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD)** are the 2 most common causes of blindness in Australia
- Individuals are more likely to develop glaucoma or AMD if a relative has the same condition
- 50% of people with glaucoma don't know they have it

## WHAT is the study about?

Researchers are developing a genetic test that estimates the risk of developing glaucoma and macular degeneration

## WHAT is involved?

- Eligible if over the age of 50 years
- provide a single blood sample for genetic studies
  - may need to attend a single eye examination within 12 months

**If interested, please contact  
Dr Georgie Hollitt or scan the QR code:**

Phone: 0493 057 068

Email: [georgie.hollitt@flinders.edu.au](mailto:georgie.hollitt@flinders.edu.au)





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### MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTRE St John Ambulance Historical Society of SA

The St John Ambulance Historical Society's Museum & Research Centre was recently officially opened at its new location at 7 Arundel Road, Brighton by His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC KStJ, Governor of South Australia and Deputy Prior of the Order of St John in South Australia.

Several members of the SA Branch played key roles in the event on Sunday 16 May 2021.



The event was hosted by Dr Brian Fotheringham AM KStJ, Chair of the Historical Society. The MC was Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP, and Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM OSTJ JP gave the Blessing.

Among those in attendance was former Commissioner of St John Ambulance Noel Hender OAM CSTJ BEM, who features in the exhibit "recalling Real Life First Aid Experiences", describing the circumstances of Saturday 26 October 1968 that led to his award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry.



*Mrs Lyn Dansie AM DSTJ, Retired Chief Officer Cadets and Secretary of the St John Ambulance Historical Society of SA, presented a First Aid Kit to His Excellency to thank him for opening the Museum.*



Also among those in attendance was Historical Society stalwart Mrs Raelene Denham OAM DSTJ, a recent recipient of the new Ultra Long Service extension to the St John Service Medal with two Service Bars, representing 60 years' service.

Raelene is pictured (left) with Dr Brian Fotheringham AM KStJ, His Excellency the Governor and Mr Mark Groote, Chief Executive Officer of St John Ambulance – South Australia.



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**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH VISIT TO ALL SOULS’ ANGLICAN CHURCH, Thursday 19 August 2021** – a visit to All Souls’ Anglican Church, corner Third Avenue and Stephen Terrace in St Peters, starting at 10 am. Maximum capacity 25.

Cost: \$20 per person, including morning tea.

Parking is available in the nearby street. Meet at the entrance to the church; registration, then walk to the front towards the altar for morning tea in the War Memorial Chapel; followed by a talk on the history of the church by Curator Sue, and inspection of the church windows.

***Please forward this reply form (with payment) to:***

SA Branch Treasurer, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085  
to be received not later than **Monday 9 August 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 ‘ASC + your surname’.

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

Name: [please print] ..... [post nominals] .....

Preferred name: ..... Phone Contact: .....

Email or Address: .....

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

..... [post nominals] .....

..... [post nominals] .....

..... [post nominals] .....

Dietary requirement [if any] .....

Payment enclosed: ..... ( \$20 per person )

*We hope you can join us for this special visit*

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