



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

Immediate Past Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, September 2021

As we emerge from another COVID lockdown, the Branch is preparing for a number of upcoming events and social activities. Please use the Reply Forms attached to this newsletter so that we can comply with regulations and stay COVID-Safe.

As a result of the state-wide lockdown, the closing date for the Student Citizenship Award nominations was extended to 30 July to allow schools extra time to compensate for the disruption caused. The Assessment and Selection Panel has reviewed the nominations – we were very pleased to see that despite the difficulties this year we received a total of 34 nominations. The quality of submissions and calibre of the nominees remained impressively high.

The Assessment and Selection Panel has now met to determine the top 10 nominations and the 2021 Student Citizen of the Year – there will be further announcements made in due course.

With the Branch once again becoming active, we are now in a position to hold a Strategic Planning Day. This will be on 30 October. All financial Branch members are invited to come along and have input into the future direction of your Branch.

Stay Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

Just a reminder that images from the SA Branch New Recipients' Reception on Monday 24 May can be found here:

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

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

orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com

INVITATION



STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY Saturday 30 October 2021

All financial members are invited to attend the SA Branch Strategic Planning Day, to allow you to contribute to Branch forward planning.

The agenda will include a review and update of our 2019 Strategic Plan, and look at various operational factors including membership and succession planning, events and activities, and coordination.

Venue: Goodwood Community Centre

Date: Saturday 30 October, 10 am to 2 pm

A light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday 15 October 2021.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 2 October: Wisteria Walk and Botanic Garden tour; *please RSVP using the attached Reply Form by 24 September.*

Thursday 28 October: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting at the NMAF Club: John Phillips OAM – “SA Waste Strategy 2022-25 – engaging the population”.

Wednesday 1 December: SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea at Goodwood Community Centre, 10 am to 12 noon. Dr Rob Wight OAM and Mrs June Genders OAM will provide the entertainment.

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THE HONOURABLE HIEU VAN LE AC and MRS LAN LE A heartfelt 'Thank You' from the SA Branch Committee and Members

The SA Branch has been very privileged to have had the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC as our Patron for the last seven years. As the 35th Governor of South Australia, His Excellency was patron of more than 200 organisations. As our SA Branch Patron, he has been closely involved with three branch presidents, namely Professor John McKellar AM ED, Ken Coventry OAM JP and Tony Metcalf OAM.

During each of their terms as Branch Chairman, both His Excellency and Mrs Le have made an immense contribution to the work of the Association in their Vice-Regal capacities. Their support for the Student Citizenship Awards – our flagship endeavour – has been a wonderful driver in engaging with the Education sector and some really fine students as they move into young adulthood and their careers.

A most significant event at which we enjoyed their support was the National Conference of the Order of Australia Association in 2018. Their presence and participation at the Annual Dinner and presentations will remain as a highlight of a wonderful relationship. The Branch Committee members, and indeed all South Australian members, enjoyed and delighted in having met with His Excellency and Mrs Le, and the relaxed manner in which they both mixed with those present.

The SA Branch Chair, Mr Tony Metcalf OAM said: *"John, Ken and Di, and Cheryl and I, personally have great memories and have appreciated both their professional approach and friendship. We, along with the many recipients, students, SA Branch members and our Committee, pass on our sincere thanks for the role you both played while we were Chairmen, and we extend best wishes to both of you as you step back from this role".*



His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, on Saturday 23 January 2021 with South Australia's 2020 Student Citizen of the Year, Charlotte Mauviel from Temple Christian College (Mile End Campus).

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Mrs Lan Le with some SA Branch Committee members at Government House, 14 November 2019.

The SA Branch also welcomes Ms Frances Adamson AC to her impending appointment as the 36th Governor of South Australia. A biography of Her Excellency may be found here:

<https://www.premier.sa.gov.au/news/media-releases/news/south-australias-36th-governor-announced>

Regional Group News

The next **Riverland and Mallee Regional Group** meeting will be on Sunday 26 September at 2 pm, at the Barmera Club, 149 Dean Drive, Barmera.

There will be a meeting at the Tanunda Club, 45 Macdonnell Street, Tanunda on Sunday 10 October at 2.30 pm to further discuss the possibility of creating the **Barossa, Gawler & District and mid-North Regional Group**. All members from those communities are invited to a gathering where they may have input into the possible formation and structure of a new Regional Group serving those communities.

The next meeting of the **Yorke Peninsula Regional Group** (comprising members from throughout the Yorke Peninsula and Copper Coast communities) will be a self-funded luncheon on Sunday 31 October at the Yorke Valley Hotel, Maitland, 12.30 for 1pm.

The **Fleurieu Regional Group** will hold a self-funded luncheon on Friday 5 November; the location and time will be advised in the next newsletter.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP Deferral Options for Members

The National Board has acknowledged that the recurring COVID lockdowns, as well as floods, droughts, fires and other challenges, may have caused hardship for some members around the country.

You may not be aware that the National Board has put in place a mechanism to assist affected members.

If you are currently experiencing hardship that impacts on your ability to pay your annual or three-year membership renewal, or lifetime membership by instalment, please contact our Membership Secretary and he will arrange for the National Membership Director to contact you regarding deferral options.

This hardship option is designed to enable such members to pay their membership by an agreed extended date.

Please contact:

SA Branch Member Secretary

Mr Greg Gordon OAM JP

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READER FEEDBACK A Pleasant Surprise Reunion

At the SA Branch New Recipients' Reception on Monday 24 May, there was a surprise reunion as two attendees took their seats.

The August newsletter included a photo of new recipient Andrew Peake OAM JP (Australia Day 2020) with Trevor Powell OAM (refer photo above, left and right respectively). Trevor has sent in this outline of the chance meeting and reunion.

When my wife and I arrived, the room was starting to fill up, and looking for a place to sit I noticed a table with only one occupant, and I asked if it was free.

On being told no-one else was there as yet I sat down and we introduced ourselves.

On hearing his name, I remarked that I once knew an Andrew Peake many years ago at school, so, I asked him if he had ever attended Rose Park School.

He answered in the affirmative, and we worked out that we were there at the same time.

I left that school halfway through 1957 and I believe Andrew left the next year. We were classmates in 1956 and half of '57. It was really nice to catch up and talk about our school experiences and our careers after school.

The Branch Committee is currently planning a Welcome Reception for our newest recipients. These receptions allow recipients to celebrate their achievements with friends and family, and allow the opportunity to meet other members of the Association.



NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch welcome the following new members of the Order of Australia Association (*as at the time of the August Branch Committee meeting*):

Patrick Toby Hewlett Coates AO
Richard Abbott AM
Joanna Collins AM
Richard Thomas Collins AM
Brian John Gilbertson AM
Lolita Veronica Mohyla AM
Associate Professor Tony Phillips AM
Victor Roy Squires AM
Wayde Bilsborow OAM
Derrick Casey OAM
Ian Francis Doyle OAM
Leigh Radford OAM
Kaye Frances Roberts-Thomson OAM
David Norman Thomas OAM

IN MEMORIAM

As at the time of the August Branch Committee meeting

Roy Woodall AO
Margaret Carnegie-Smith AM
Thomas Sheridan AM
Pamela Spry AM
Ian Wilson AM
Henry Young AM
Lois Brock OAM
Rowley Charles Miller OAM
Vilmos 'Vili' Milisits OAM
June Schaeffer OAM
Gordon Schwartz OAM
William Spear OAM

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In 2017, Flight-Lieutenant Guy Bowering (ret'd) was the Guest of Honour at a Dining-in Night hosted by No 617 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets based at Unley High School. He is pictured with the unique 'travelling wardrobe' of a WW2 veteran, which was the topic of his presentation to the Cadets. Read more here:

<https://www.contactairlandandsea.com/2017/08/24/no-617-squadron-annual-dining-night/>

Image supplied by Chris Trewin, former Commanding Officer No 617 Squadron

THE LATE GUY BOWERING OAM (1964-2018)

The Veterans Mental Health Services have honoured the late Guy Bowering OAM by naming one of the consulting rooms after him in the new Repat Veterans Wellbeing Centre.

Born in Melbourne, Guy attended Unley High School. He served in the Army Cadets at Warradale, and then as an Army Reservist at Torrens Training Depot in the 1980s. He was a graduate of the University of South Australia and South Bank University, London, and first worked as a Radiographer.

Guy served with 24 Squadron RAAF in 1983-87. He then joined British Aerospace in the UK. He worked with the Royal Saudi Air Force, and then the RAF in 1991 during Operation 'Desert Shield'/'Desert Storm'. Guy subsequently rejoined the RAAF Reserve, and in 2011 served in the Middle East on Operation 'Slipper' with the Special Operations Task Group. Flight-Lieutenant Bowering served as Aide-de-Camp to two Governors of South Australia before retiring in 2015.

Guy was a member of Mitcham Branch, Air Force Association from 2014, and an executive member in 2016-18 until his medical condition deteriorated. He was a tireless advocate of the Repat, Ward 17 and for the mental health and wellbeing of veterans. He was also a valuable contributor to the development of the Specialist Mental Health Services Model of Care for The Jamie Larcombe Centre.

Guy was nominated for the Medal of the Order of Australia, for service to veterans and their families, but unfortunately died before the announcement of the award, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 10 June 2019.

Lest We Forget



The names of the following seven people have been applied to the consulting rooms in the Repat Veterans Wellbeing Centre, with these panels honouring their contributions: Guy Bowering OAM; George Gosse GC; Murray Crittenden; Warren Featherby OAM; Bob Cowper DFC OAM Legion of Honour (France); Pat Deal; Ronald Coxon OAM. Image supplied by Mr Darren Renshaw, Veteran's Mental Health Services.



Statement on Afghanistan

19 August 2021

STATEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (ret'd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Patron of The Order of Australia Association

Over recent days I have been speaking with the Prime Minister as well as many in the defence community and veterans organisations. With recent news of the operation to extract Australians and others from Afghanistan, I would like to address Australians and, in particular, the men and women of the ADF, Defence, and the many Government and non-government organisations who served in or supported operations in Afghanistan, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) said.

At this time it is important to say to you: be proud of your service. You must not, cannot, let current events diminish the personal effort and contribution you made to this war. You did as your nation asked. You served diligently in very difficult circumstances. Be confident and assured that your efforts are valued and respected here at home.

To the families of those who have lost loved ones as a result of this war – I understand that words are cold comfort at this time, but please know that Australia will forever honour the memory of your loved one. They helped protect Australia from terrorism and sought to provide a better future for the people of Afghanistan. We will never forget them.

To all Australians: be proud of the men and women who served our nation. Almost to a man or woman they did so with honour and commitment and following in the legacy of the Anzacs. They built on that legacy and we respect them for that.

I know the ex-service organisations around the country I have been speaking with stand ready to support our veterans. I urge those distressed and concerned at these recent events to seek assistance should they trigger mental health concerns.

<https://www.gg.gov.au/about-governor-general/media/statement-afghanistan>

WISTERIA WALK

Adelaide Botanic Garden, Saturday 2 October 2021

The SA Branch invites members and guests on a breath-taking Wisteria Walk and guided tour of the gardens, starting at the Schomburgk Pavilion, followed by morning tea at Café Fibonacci

We are still conscious of staying COVID-Safe and this may restrict the number of guests. Please use the attached Reply Form to RSVP and pay so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

The Reply Form may also be found online:

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Jubilee Medals

A Brief History, Part 1

On 6 February 2022, we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.

Following long-established precedent, this milestone will be marked in Great Britain and parts of the Commonwealth through the awarding of a Jubilee Medal.

Coronation and Jubilee medals

Medals have long been awarded by sovereigns as a personal souvenir at the time of their coronation or on the jubilee of their accession to the throne.

At first, these medals were awarded only to the Royal Family and selected officers of state, officials and staff of the Royal Household, ministers, government officials, mayors, senior public servants and senior local government officials. Before long, such medals were also awarded to members of the armed forces, police and auxiliary services who were present at or involved with the coronation ceremony or the coronation/jubilee parade and commemorations. Later, they were awarded more widely, to eminent citizens throughout the Commonwealth.

Queen Victoria Golden Jubilee Medal, 1887

This Jubilee Medal was established in 1887 to mark the 50th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Victoria on 20 June 1837. This was the first such Royal commemorative medal to be awarded and worn from a ribbon in the now familiar manner. It was only awarded however to those who actually attended the celebrations in England, and is quite rare to Australians.

Alexandrina Victoria (1819-1901) had acceded to the throne as sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland on 20 June 1837, at the age of 18, after her uncle William IV died. Adopting the regnal name 'Victoria', she was the last British monarch of the House of Hanover.

In 1887, the anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession was celebrated with enthusiasm throughout the Empire.

The *London Gazette* of 5 January 1888 noted: "*The Queen was pleased, in commemoration of the Jubilee, to entrust to Mr. Emptmeyer, the design and execution of a Medal, which was struck in Gold, Silver, and Bronze*".

The medal was designed by the sculptor and medallist Clemens Emptmeyer, an Austrian sculptor and medallist working in London at the time. His bust of Queen Victoria was based on a portrait design by Sir Edgar Boehm (1834-1890), who had recommended Emptmeyer to the Queen's Private Secretary as the engraver.

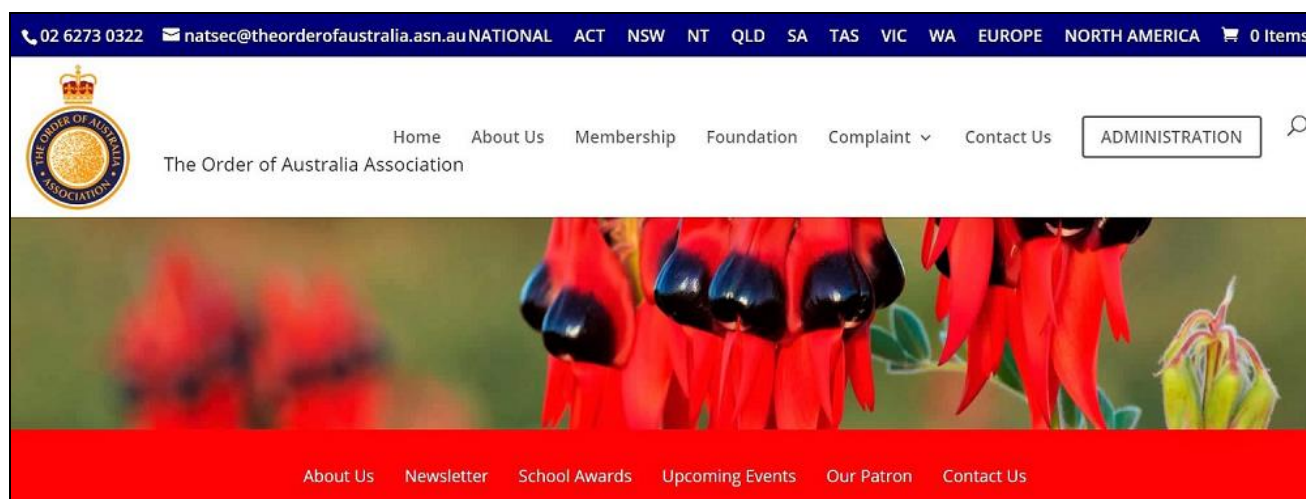
This medal was awarded in gold to members of the Royal Family, silver to officers and those of similar status, and in bronze to selected Other Ranks and those of similar status. Military recipients included selected officers, sailors and soldiers of the Royal Navy and Army, and the Indian and colonial contingents that participated in jubilee activities, including the London parade and the Royal Naval Review at Spithead, where the commander of each ship received the medal in silver.

The obverse of the medal bears a portrait of Queen Victoria facing left, wearing a small crown and veil which falls over the back of the head and neck.

The reverse bears a garland of roses, shamrocks and thistles and the year '1887'. Within the wreath is the inscription surmounted with a Tudor Crown: "IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF QUEEN VICTORIA 21 JUNE 1887" – bearing the date of the Jubilee Procession.

The suspension ribbon is in garter blue (drawn from the ribbon of the Order of the Garter) with wide white stripes towards each edge.

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<div><div><p>REGIONAL GROUPS</p><p>Regional Groups</p><p>Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com</p><p>Fleurieu Regional Group</p><p>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</p><p>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></div><div><p>REGIONAL GROUPS</p><p>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group</p><p>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</p><p>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></div></div>		



REPLY FORM – WISTERIA WALK, SA BRANCH VISIT TO THE ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDEN, Saturday 2 October 2021 – members and guests are invited to join a breathtaking Wisteria Walk and tour of the gardens, followed by a delicious morning tea organised by Elliott Horner, Adelaide Botanic Garden Venue and Events Manager.

The cost is \$25 per person, which includes morning tea.

Meet at the Schomburgk Pavilion at 10 am for a 10.15 start – Guided Walk (Short or Longer Walks available); afterwards meet at Café Fibonacci at 10.45 am – coffee / tea / juice and morning tea are provided.

For more information contact Flavia De Pasquale OAM:
deflavia750@gmail.com || 0438 873 025

Please forward this reply form (with payment) to:

SA Branch Treasurer, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085
to be received not later than **Friday 24 September 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 ‘WW + your surname’.

Send this form completed to the Treasurer, Professor John McKellar AM ED: 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]

Dietary requirement [if any]

Payment enclosed: (\$25 per person)

We look forward to your participation

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REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY, Saturday 30 October 2021, at Goodwood Community Centre, 32-34 Rosa Street, Goodwood from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

This Planning Day will provide an opportunity for financial members of the Order of Australia Association, SA Branch to contribute to Branch forward planning.

The agenda will include a review of the Branch Strategic Plan, Branch Succession Planning, Branch IT, Branch Events and Activities, and Branch Coordination.

There is no cost, and a light lunch will be provided.

Parking is available in the Council Carpark between Rosa and Florence Streets, or in the surrounding streets.

We are still conscious of staying COVID-Safe and this may restrict the number of participants. Please use this Reply Form so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

Please forward this reply form to:

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Professor John McKellar AM ED: jmck1279@bigpond.net.au

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Name: [please print] [post nominals]

Preferred name:

Phone Contact:

Email or Address:

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

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Dietary requirement [if any]

Total attending:

We hope you can join us for this important session

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