



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

Immediate Past Patron: the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, October 2021

This newsletter contains information on our recent Branch events – our visit to the historic All Souls' Anglican Church in St Peters and our August Fellowship luncheon meeting.

On 24 August, members of the Branch Committee farewelled the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le, to thank him for being our Branch Patron for the last seven years. His Excellency told us that his staff had collated some statistics on his term as Governor – notably, in seven years he has attended over 8,000 events, and he has invested 1,003 recipients of the Order of Australia.

His Excellency had earlier written to us: *"It has been a privilege to have served as your patron, and I wish your organisation continued success in its important work in the community"*.

We welcome Ms Frances Adamson AC, who will be sworn-in as Governor of South Australia this month.

And we have been advised by Government House that the investiture ceremonies for the Queen's Birthday recipients will be held in the first week of November, over seven separate ceremonies to accommodate COVID restrictions.

Our Student Citizenship Award Assessment and Selection Panel has determined the top 10 nominees. The 2021 Student Citizen of the Year will be announced at the award ceremony.

I remind you of our Strategic Planning Day to be held on 30 October. A light lunch will be provided. Please come along and have some input into the future direction of your Branch.

Please also note in your diary that our 2021 Annual General Meeting (36th AGM) will be held at the Arkaba Hotel on Saturday 26 February 2022.

Stay Safe

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

## Regional Group News

The **Riverland and Mallee Regional Group** held its meeting at the Barmera Club on 26 September.

On Sunday 10 October starting at 2.30 pm there will be a meeting at the Tanunda Club at 45 Macdonnell Street in Tanunda to further discuss the possibility of creating a **Barossa, Gawler & District and mid-North Regional Group**. All members from those communities are invited to contribute to the possible formation and structure of a new group serving those communities.

The **Yorke Peninsula Regional Group** will hold a self-funded luncheon on Sunday 31 October at the Yorke Valley Hotel, Maitland, 12 for 12.30 pm, to include future planning regarding meetings.

The **Fleurieu Regional Group** will hold a self-funded luncheon meeting at Belicious at Glacier Rock, 1 Mount Alma Road, Inman Valley (Victor Harbour), on Friday 5 November commencing at 12 noon. RSVP by 26 October to John Hutchinson OAM.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Thursday 28 October:** Fellowship luncheon meeting at the NMAF Club: John Phillips OAM – "SA Waste Strategy 2022-25 – engaging the population".

**Saturday 30 October:** Strategic Planning Day at the Goodwood Community Centre, 10 am to 2 pm.

**Tuesday 23 November:** New Recipients' Reception, Goodwood Community Centre, 5.30 for 6 pm.

**Wednesday 1 December:** Christmas Morning Tea, Goodwood Community Centre, 10 am to 12 noon.

**Saturday 22 January:** SA Branch "Celebration of Australia Day" luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel.

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### **ALL SOULS' ANGLICAN CHURCH VISIT Thursday 19 August 2021**

SA Branch members recently conducted a visit to All Souls' Church in St Peters (the Anglican Parish of All Souls). Members inspected the historic stained-glass windows, and learnt about the origins of the Church and Parish, and its relationship to All Souls' Church in the UK. Prior to the history talk given by the President of All Souls' Church, members enjoyed morning tea in the War Memorial Chapel.

The participants in the visit (left to right): Tony Metcalf OAM, Branch Chairman; George Reeves; Cheryl Metcalf; Jo Reeves OAM; Briony Barker; Elaine Murphy AM; Flavia De Pasquale OAM; Monica Schneider OAM; and Professor John McKellar AM ED, Treasurer and Branch Nominated Director.

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### THE HONOURABLE HIEU VAN LE AC and MRS LAN LE SA Branch Farewell Luncheon, Tuesday 24 August 2021

SA Branch Committee members farewelled the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le with a self-funded lunch at the Adelaide Club, to thank His Excellency for being our Branch Patron for the last seven years.

Left to right: Kathryn House AM; Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd); Christine Gordon and Greg Gordon OAM JP; Regina Phillips and John Phillips OAM; Flavia de Pasquale OAM; SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM; SA Branch Nominated Director Professor John McKellar AM ED; His Excellency; Pamela Rajkowski OAM; Mrs Lan Le; Jill Hender; Cheryl Metcalf; Noel Hender OAM BEM. Image by Mr Nick House.



SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM presented His Excellency with a specially-inscribed Order of Australia plaque as a memento of his term as Patron.



On behalf of the SA Branch Committee and Members, Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM presented Mrs Le with a 'namesake' red orchid.

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### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday 26 August 2021

For the August Fellowship meeting, Ms Kathryn House AM spoke on “Collective Giving and the changing face of Philanthropy in Australia”. Kathryn was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2020 Queen’s Birthday Honours List, “*For significant service to the community through charitable initiatives*”.

Kathryn began her career as an educator, and has taught over the last 35 years in a wide range of educational settings. Most notably, she was a pioneer in Chinese language teaching in SA, and was a founding board member and Secretary of the Chinese Language Teachers’ Association SA (1986-89).

For the past 25 years, she has worked with her husband Nick in the House Group of Companies, in administration and support roles (the Group has a portfolio of interests and companies, ranging from

aged care, building, development and property management to community engagement).

Kathryn’s appointment to the Order of Australia recognised her role as a “committed philanthropist”, as she was described by *SA Life* magazine. She devotes most of her time to supporting various not-for-profit organisations, and sits on several boards including the Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation and Grandparents for Grandchildren SA. Kathryn is one of the newest members of the Order of Australia SA Branch Committee.

She has been a volunteer for Catherine House Inc for the past 17 years, supporting women who are experiencing homelessness, serving as chair of their Trust and Community Ambassador and working in fundraising and events during that time. She was a founding Board Member of the Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation (2011-19) and is a supporter of a range of other charities and clubs, including the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute, Cambodian Children’s Trust and Yalari. In addition, she chairs many community groups including a collective giving circle Impact100 South Australia, Young Impact for school-aged children and Powerful Women, as well as her own streets’ residents’ association in St Georges.

Kathryn says that she has “*a commitment to create kinder, more connected communities*”, and her aim is to raise the profile of philanthropy and the culture of giving in our community.

### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The final honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting for 2021 will be held on Thursday 28 October: John Phillips OAM will speak on “SA Waste Strategy 2022-25 – engaging the population”.

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 activities for every second month of 2022 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, from 12 to 2 pm.

For more information, or to express an interest in being a speaker, please contact:

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### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING Thursday 26 August 2021

SA Branch members and guests at the August Fellowship luncheon meeting. Standing (left to right): John Mula OAM, Flavia de Pasquale OAM, Catherine Davis, Ken Smith AM, Glenys Jones OAM JP, Hedley Bachman AM, Kathryn House AM (guest speaker), Professor John McKellar AM ED (MC for lunch), Professor Anthony Phillips AM and Sue Phillips, John Thomas AM, Peter Routley AM (MC for speaker), Margot Vowles OAM, Helen Smith, Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd).

Front row (left to right): Jill Hender and Noel Hender OAM BEM, Gill Rogers OAM, Margaret Ford OAM, Pamela Rajkowski OAM, Dr Aileen Cannon AM.

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2021

The SA Branch Committee of the Order of Australia Association is pleased to announce the names and schools of the students who have been recognised in the Top 10 of the Student Citizenship Awards for 2021.

The nominations for these awards were judged on four criteria, including leadership, contributions to the school and/or community and contributions to the environment and/or community development, as well as pride in Australian citizenship.

Each of the top 10 students will receive an inscribed plaque and certificate, and the Student Citizen of the Year will be announced during the award ceremony.

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

The students selected to be in the top 10 from this year's nominations ('With Distinction') are as follows:

Shikofa Anguri, Thebarton Senior College

Riley Day, Australian Science & Mathematics School

Jayden Gale, Rostrevor College

Georgia Kehagias, Immanuel College

Madeleine Moss, Walford Anglican School for Girls

Jamieson Noutsatos, Temple Christian College

Kanika Singla, Mount Carmel College

Samuel Wabnitz, Temple Christian College

Charlotte Worthley, Walford Anglican School for Girls

Jordan Zorzi, Rostrevor College

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### THE SA BRANCH Welcome to Mr Joe Ienco OAM

The SA Branch Committee welcomes Mr Joe Ienco OAM from Mount Compass as a co-opted Branch Committee member. Joe was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day 2020 Honours List, *"For service to the community through charitable and multicultural organisations"*.

Joe was a committee member of The Society of Saint Hillarion from 1985 to 2002, and has been a member of the Calabrese Benevolent Society since 2005.

Joe is a Life Member of the Calabria Association: he was a Founding Member in 1989, and is a former President. He served terms as Secretary (2010) and President (2011) of the Federation Calabrese Del Sud Australia.

He was also a Founding Member of the Italian Historical Society in 2015, and served a term as Vice-President (2015).

He was a Councillor for the City of Charles Sturt from 1997 to 2000 and also 2010-14, and is a former Vice-President of the Society of Auctioneers and Appraisers.

He has also been active with Freemasons Australia. He has been a member of Brighton United Lodge since 2005, and has served as Worshipful Master in 2010, and since 2018.

He has been President of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and the Northern Territory since 2019, and has held appointments as Director of Masonic Homes (2019) and Director of Masonic Charities (2019).

Welcome Joe!



### NEW MEMBERS

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

Thomas Robin Conboy OAM

### IN MEMORIAM

*As at the September Branch Committee meeting*

Robert Darwin Brown OAM

Ronald Albert Thomas OAM



### Vice-Regal News

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

In the afternoon at The Adelaide Club, the Governor and Mrs Le attended a function in their honour hosted by The Order of Australia Association - South Australian Branch.

### VICE-REGAL NEWS

The Lieutenant-Governor Professor Brenda Wilson AM was appointed as Administrator of the State from 12:01 am on Wednesday 1 September 2021.

She will serve in this role until Ms Frances Adamson AC is sworn-in early this month as the 36<sup>th</sup> Governor of the State of South Australia.

The details of Ms Adamson's appointment to the Order of Australia may be found here:

<https://honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/awards/2009366>

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### HIGH FLYER

This year the RAAF has celebrated the centenary of its formation. To mark this milestone, Air Force has produced a Commemorative Program for the year's events. One of the features is "Our Air Force, Our People".

Among those featured is Flight-Lieutenant Matt 'Checkers' Holecek, one of our few F-35A Lightning pilots. Matt is the son of SA Branch member and former committee member Brian Holecek OAM.

Matt learned to fly through the Murray Bridge Gliding Club, and within just a few years was flying F/A-18 Hornet fighter jets from RAAF Williamstown near Newcastle, NSW and RAAF Tindal near Katherine in the Northern Territory. With the Hornets reaching their end of life, Matt underwent training at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona to convert to the newest aircraft in the RAAF inventory, the single-seater F-35A Lightning II.

Updating the story published in the RAAF Commemorative Program – Matt finished his conversion training in July last year. He is instructing the new F-35 pilots at No 2 Operational Conversion Unit at RAAF Williamstown, before he returns to an operational squadron. You can listen to 'Checkers' Holecek reflect on his career here:

<https://airforce2021.airforce.gov.au/people/matt-holecek>

### *Upcoming Events*

The SA Branch Events Sub-Committee meets monthly to plan future activities. Some proposals for 2022 include visits to the Army Museum of SA at Keswick Barracks, the SA Museum, the South Australian Police History Museum, and the Roborn Menz and Haigh's Chocolates factories. Most activities will include a morning tea or lunch, and members' guests are always welcome. Reply Forms will be issued in advance with the Newsletter, and may also be found online in the 'Events' section of our website:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/upcoming-events/>

## Jubilee Medals

### A Brief History, Part 2

On 6 February 2022, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne will be celebrated.

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



### Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Medal, 1897

On 23 September 1896, Queen Victoria surpassed King George III as Britain's longest-reigning monarch, however the Queen requested that celebrations be delayed to coincide with her Diamond Jubilee. Following the precedent set in 1887, a Diamond Jubilee Medal was created to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne on 20 June 1837, for award to those who attended the celebrations in England.

This medal was identical in design to the 1887 Golden Jubilee Medal other than the inscription on the reverse: "IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE REIGN OF QUEEN VICTORIA 20 JUNE 1897" (the date of the actual anniversary of the Queen's accession).



This is a Queen Victoria Jubilee Medal 1897 in bronze in its original presentation case, with the suspension ribbon formed into a bow as worn by ladies. This medal was presented as a personal gift from the Sovereign to one of Queen Victoria's Drawing Room maids, who served at Buckingham Palace from 1894 to 1905.

The suspension ribbon is also identical to the 1887 medal: in garter blue (drawn from the ribbon of the Order of the Garter) with wide white stripes towards each edge.

Anyone who had received the earlier 1887 Golden Jubilee Medal wore a silver or bronze clasp '1897' on the ribbon (to match the metal of the original medal). For this reason, the 1897 medal was issued in relatively small numbers, making it quite rare.

The medal was awarded in gold to members of the Royal Family and the Royal guests (73), silver to officers and those of similar status including Envoys, Foreign Ambassadors and Colonial Prime Ministers and certain senior members of the Royal Household (3,040) and in bronze to selected Other Ranks and those of similar status who took part in the jubilee parade, and ladies and gentlemen of the Royal Household (890 awarded).

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. Members of the Australian contingent to the UK received 25 silver medals (officers) and 251 bronze medals (other ranks).

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**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA, Wednesday 1 December 2021**, at the Goodwood Community Centre, 32-34 Rosa Street Goodwood, 9.30 for a 10 am start; concludes at 12 noon.

There is no cost for members and guests. Full-size medals should be worn.

Entertainment will be provided by Dr Rob Wight OAM and Mrs June Genders OAM.

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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to be received not later than **Friday 19 November 2021**

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

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

Dietary requirement [if any] .....

Total attending: .....

*We look forward to your participation*

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