



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

Patron: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, January 2022

We have hosted a series of successful events in November and December, and you will find photographs in this newsletter – including links to find more photos and information online.

I hope those who attended the New Recipients' Reception enjoyed themselves, and will consider joining the Order of Australia Association if you have not already done so.

As a member of the Association, you may purchase a professional name badge using the order form found on our website, and you may also purchase a variety of Association merchandise as shown on the rear of the national magazine, *The Order*.

Our Student Citizenship Award Top 10 nominees received their awards at Government House in a ceremony hosted by the SA Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, who has kindly agreed to be our Branch Patron.

We then started December with a very successful Christmas Morning Tea.

Meanwhile several of our members have been visiting schools and colleges to present 'With Distinction' and 'Highly Commended' certificates of the Student Citizenship Awards program.

I remind you to respond if you would like to attend our 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon with guest speaker Bruce McFarlane AM. Your RSVP will help us comply with all COVID requirements.

With the December newsletter you received documents relating to our Annual General Meeting in February, and these are also available online:

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

I look forward to your attendance.

Best wishes to you all for a prosperous and safe New Year

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

REMINDER



'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' Saturday 22 January 2022

All members and their partners and guests are invited to attend our Australia Day luncheon.

Venue: Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton; 12 for 12.30pm

Full-size medals should be worn.

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

RSVP by Friday 14 January 2022

See Reply Form with further details attached

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 24 February: Fellowship luncheon meeting at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club with guest speaker Dr Aileen Cannon AM on the topic: "The Poet Robert Browning (1812-1889)".

Friday 25 February: South East Regional Group luncheon meeting at Naracoorte Caves Café.

Saturday 26 February: 2021 AGM at the Arkaba Hotel, with the 2021 SA Student Citizen of the Year Georgia Kehagias from Immanuel College as guest speaker; with lunch to follow at own expense for those who wish to remain. RSVP by 18 February.

March: Proposed visit to the Robern Menz Factory.

Sunday 17 April: Self-funded luncheon meeting of the Riverland and Mallee Regional Group.

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Left to right: Mr Ian Doyle OAM; Dr Toby Coates AO; Dr Victor Squires AM; Professor Donald Howie AO; Mr Derrick Casey OAM; Mr Kevin Kleemann OAM; Associate Professor Tony Phillips AM; Emeritus Professor Barbara Santich AM; Mr Bryan Hearn OAM JP; Ms Jill Argent OAM (AD21); Mr John Ford OAM; Mr John Mula OAM; Warrant Officer Wayde Bilsborow OAM (Military Division); Emeritus Professor James Toouli AM; Mr Oscar Joppich OAM; Mrs Jill Swann OAM; Mr David Thomas OAM; Dr Richard Willing OAM; Mr Keith Yates AM; the Reverend John Maddern AM RFD; Dr Kaye Roberts-Thomson OAM.

NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Tuesday 23 November 2021

These are some images from the New Recipients' Reception we held at the Goodwood Community Centre. Photographs and additional information on the Order of Australia and the Association may be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16tEoRlOaX-Ql63raEaeG8pcruWovPbmw?usp=sharing>



OFFICER of the Order of Australia

Professor
Donald Howie AO
with Oksana Holubowycz

*"For distinguished service to
medicine in the field of
orthopaedics, and to professional
medical organisations"*

Queen's Birthday 2021

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MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Mr Kevin Kleemann OAM

*"For service to the community
of the Adelaide Hills"*

Queen's Birthday 2021

pictured with
Ying Kun Fen and
Mrs Janice Kleemann

Mr John Ford OAM
with Jennifer Fitzpatrick
*"For service to the community
of Port Adelaide"*
Queen's Birthday 2021



Dr Richard Willing OAM

*"For service to conservation
and the environment"*

Queen's Birthday 2021

pictured with Professor
John McKellar AM ED



Dr Willing is a recipient of the Polar
Medal with clasp "Antarctica 1957",
awarded on 5 January 1960 for
service as the Medical Officer
at Mawson during the 1957
Australian National Antarctic
Research Expedition (ANARE)

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2021 STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Georgia Kehagias, Immanuel College

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Buntin hosted a reception at Government House on 29 November for the presentation of the South Australian Student Citizenship Awards for 2021. Her Excellency presented the 2021 Student Citizen of the Year award to **Georgia Kehagias** from Immanuel College.

The Student Citizenship Awards program is the flagship endeavour of the South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association.

Each of the Top Ten nominees was presented with an inscribed plaque and a 'With Distinction' certificate signed by Her Excellency.

SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM joins with all Branch members in heartily congratulating Georgia and the other nominees listed in the Top 10, and thanks schools for their strong support of this Branch initiative. Further photographs may be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-2yr66HAzMFvh_JGqUlcDTGFrUliHVr-?usp=sharing



The South Australian Student Citizen of the Year for 2021, Georgia Kehagias from Immanuel College, with her father Mr Odi Kehagias and mother Ms Helen Tsiolis.

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GEORGIA KEHAGIAS Immanuel College

Georgia's detailed citation reads:

With a passionate desire to help and support others, Georgia has enthusiastically contributed her time and energy as School Captain to lead several initiatives dedicated to supporting and engaging her peers and the community, including an online platform to promote sustainable fashion.

Examples have also included the College's buddy system to support international students through early COVID times, her work on Relay for Life, her involvement in the Pink and Blue Swim and St Vinnie's Winter Sleepout and her representation on the Community Reference Group for the Future of the Coastline Project, and in addition, her work with the Ntari Aboriginal Community to build a model of the Hermannsburg Historic Precinct.

Georgia is an exceptional role model who has had a positive and valued impact on her school and community, especially with her focus on the environment.



Attending the 2021 Student Citizenship Awards Reception at Government House Adelaide on 29 November (left to right):

Di Coventry, Cheryl Metcalf, Lucia Fiocchini, Flavia De Pasquale OAM and Pamela Rajkowski OAM.

Jill Hender and SA Branch Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM, Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards Program.



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CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA Wednesday 1 December 2021

These are some images from our Christmas Morning Tea, for which we had a total of 61 members and guests attend. An outstanding range of food from Vili's Bakery was kindly donated by Rosemary Milisits OAM, and we express our gratitude for this support – refer <https://www.vilis.com/> More images may be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Pr3IYetEsw4_Y4rAhQbsBkF9zq9jnsfH?usp=sharing



Entertainment was provided by Dr Rob Wight OAM, and then June Genders OAM joined Rob to offer us the following piano duets:

- > The Soldiers' March, from Il Trovatore by Giuseppe Verdi
- > The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by George Frideric Handel
- > Rondino by Friedrich Kuhlau

First Prize winner in the Christmas Raffle Draw was Lennox Pawson OAM (left).

Lennox received his OAM in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours List, *"For service to the community through a range of charitable organisations"*.

pictured with Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM



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Thanks to Cheryl Metcalf and our Merchandise Officer June Genders OAM who ran the merchandise table.

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Seventh Prize winner in the Christmas Raffle Draw was John Whitbread OAM QGM (left).

John received his OAM as a Chief Superintendent with the South Australian Police in the 1988 Australia Day Honours List, *"For public service"*.

Earlier, on 17 February 1974, as an Inspector with SAPOL, John had received the Queen's Gallantry Medal for bravery in apprehending an armed man.



Dr Brian Neldner (left) was appointed a Member of the Order on Australia Day 2007, *"For service to international humanitarian aid programs, particularly through the Lutheran World Federation and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies"*.

pictured with Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd)

Brian had served in the third National Service Scheme, with the Air Force at Mallala. This qualified him for the Australian Defence Medal, and in 2001 he received the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal.

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NEW MEMBERS

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

Oscar Edwin Joppich OAM

Dr Richard Willing OAM

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences on the passing of the following South Australia Branch members:

Frank Harris AO

Ailsa Rosemary Hill-Ling OAM

IMPORTANT NOTICE COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

The National Board of the Order of Australia Association has decided that only *fully vaccinated* members and guests, visitors and volunteers should attend Association meetings, events and activities. This decision was made in recognition of the Board's duty of care to all attendees to ensure that they are not exposed to preventable risk.

It will now be a requirement when attending an event to acknowledge your status as fully vaccinated.

On arrival, you may need to provide documentary evidence. We recommend that you carry the necessary document or electronic certificate to meet any venue inspection requirements – any specific safeguards imposed by SA Health or the venue must be observed.

This requirement does not apply to those with a valid medical exemption, nor currently to children under 12. Evidence of exemption may need to be provided.

Regional Group News

Fleurieu Regional Group. On Friday 5 November, 32 members and guests assembled at Belicious Tea House (formerly Glacier Rock) on the Victor Harbor/Yankalilla Road for the Group's half-yearly gathering.

SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and his wife Cheryl, SA National Board Director John McKellar AM ED, and Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and wife Di all attended.

In welcoming all present, Regional Group Contact John Hutchinson OAM shared his past history with this particular area.

Ken interviewed Bob Bruce OAM, Pat Chigwidden OAM and Neville Gibbs OAM, who shared a brief overview of their lives and reasons behind their honours.

A social gathering is proposed for the first half of this year to progress the concept of the possible creation of a **Barossa, Gawler & District and mid-North Regional Group**. Further details to follow.

South East Regional Group. The next meeting will be a self-funded luncheon at Naracoorte Caves Café on Friday 25 February, 12 noon for 12.30. The cost is \$22 per person for lunch with tea/coffee included; dessert is available. Meals need to be ordered in advance. Further details to follow. RSVP to Eric Roughana AM.



Left to right: Fleurieu Regional Group Contact John Hutchinson OAM, Neville Gibbs OAM, Pat Chigwidden OAM, Bob Bruce OAM and SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM.

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MR NOEL HENDER OAM CStJ BEM

Second Service Bar to the Ultra-Long Service Medal of the Order of St John

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, hosted the St John Ambulance-SA Awards Day at Government House Adelaide on Saturday 16 October.

In Her Excellency's capacity as Deputy Prior of the Order of St John in South Australia, the Governor presented Mr Noel Hender with the 2nd Gold Service Bar to his Ultra-Long Service Medal – representing 60 years of service to St John Ambulance.

As an educational consultant, former teacher and educational administrator (1966-03), Noel has enjoyed a steeped career with the Department for Education and Children's Services and the wider education arena, including 10 years as a secondary school principal.

Noel joined St John Ambulance as a volunteer in 1957, and rose to be appointed Commissioner of St John Ambulance (2014-17).

For his service with St John, on 31 December 1971 Noel received the Service Medal of the Order of St John and successive service Bars. Ultimately in 2013, he received the Gilt Laurel Leaf – the highest award available to wear on the ribbon of that medal – denoting a total of 52 years' service.



The National Emergency Medal was established in 2011 to provide recognition within the Australian Honours System for the committed and courageous efforts of frontline responders, volunteers and community supporters during nationally-significant emergencies in Australia.



The Ultra Long Service extension to the St John Service Medal has the same design as the standard Service Medal but with a gold-plate finish; the suspension ribbon is also the same but the central black stripe is dissected by a 3mm gold stripe. Subsequent service is recognised by a gold bar every five years.

At the St John Awards Day at Government House Adelaide on 19 October 2018, Noel received a special Certificate recognising a total of 57 years' service as a volunteer with St John Ambulance.

On 1 January 2020, the Ultra-Long Service extension to the St John Service Medal was introduced to recognise 50 years of qualifying service. On 7 December 2020, Noel's Service Medal was replaced with the new Ultra-Long Service Medal and First Service Bar, representing 55 years' service with St John Ambulance.

Congratulations Noel on receiving the 2nd Gold Service Bar to the Ultra-Long Service Medal of the Order of St John.

In addition, Noel has recently been announced as a recipient of the **National Emergency Medal** for having rendered eligible service with St John Ambulance SA during the Black Summer Bushfires 2019-20. His service was provided in direct response to the nationally significant emergency, in the local government area of Kangaroo Island. Noel will receive the National Emergency Medal with clasp, "BUSHFIRES 19-20".

Jubilee Medals

A Brief History, Part 5

Next month, on 6 February, the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne will be celebrated.

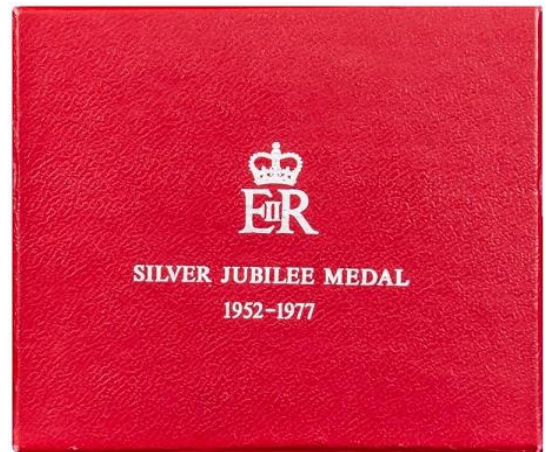
Following long-established precedent, this milestone will be marked in Great Britain and parts of the Commonwealth through the awarding of a Jubilee Medal.

Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977)

After the silver jubilee of King George V in 1935, it was not until 1977 that another Jubilee Medal was issued.

The Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal was created by Letters Patent issued on 5 February 1977 to mark the 25th anniversary of Elizabeth II's accession in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand upon the death of her father George VI on 6 February 1952. The medal was physically identical in all realms where it was awarded, save for Canada where the medal contained unique elements.

The medal was struck at the Royal Mint in silver, 1.25 inches (32 mm) in diameter, with a ring suspension. The obverse bears an effigy of Queen Elizabeth II wearing a St Edward's Crown, facing right.



When coronation/jubilee medals are awarded to a female recipient, the insignia may be worn from a ribbon in the form of a bow. However, if a female recipient holds other awards, the medal would be mounted in the usual manner with the existing medals.

These are the medals of Miss Victoria Martin MVO who was Chief Housekeeper of the Royal Residences. Miss Martin received the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (on the right) in 1977 as a personal gift from the Queen as a member of the staff of the Royal Household.

The Silver Jubilee Medal is court-mounted with her medals for service during World War 2 – the Defence Medal, 1939-1945 and the War Medal, 1939-1945.

The reverse of the British and Commonwealth pattern medal bears the St Edward's Crown and a wreath. The medal was issued unnamed.

A total of 68,377 medals were awarded – just 30,000 medals were awarded within the United Kingdom, including 9,000 to armed forces personnel, making this one of the rarest coronation/jubilee medals awarded.

Among the recipients were members of the Royal Family, staff of the Royal Household, and living holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross.

There were 6,870 medals awarded to Australian civilians, and up to 100 were awarded to military personnel. The medal was also awarded to living Australian holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross as a personal gift from the Queen.

The medal was despatched to recipients in a Royal Mint red cardboard box; the lid bears the Royal Cypher of Queen Elizabeth II surmounted by the St Edward's Crown, above the title of the medal and the years '1952-1977'.

When this medal was awarded to a female recipient it was presented in a larger box, with the ribbon fashioned in the form of a bow, with a brooch fitting.

The suspension ribbon is 1.25 inches (32 mm) wide, in white with a narrow cardinal red stripe at each edge, and a wide stripe of garter blue in the centre bisected by a thin red stripe.

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<div><div><p>REGIONAL GROUPS</p><p>Regional Groups</p><p>Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP</p><p>Fleurieu Regional Group</p><p>Meets on the first Friday in May and November. Next meeting Friday 6 May.</p><p>Regional Contact: John Hutchinson OAM Mobile: 0427 525 670 johnhutc@bigpond.com</p><p>South East Regional Group</p><p>Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at Naracoorte and Millicent respectively in the alternate years. Next meeting Friday 25 February.</p><p>Regional Contact: Mr Eric Roughana AM Mobile: 0408 817 260 roseric1@bigpond.com</p><p>Barossa, Gawler & District and mid-North Regional Group</p><p>orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com</p></div><div><p>REGIONAL GROUPS</p><p>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group</p><p>Meets twice a year, in March/April and September/October. Next meeting Sunday 17 April.</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 1 May.</p><p>Regional Contacts:</p><p>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 – SA BRANCH ‘CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY’ LUNCHEON, Saturday 22 January 2022 – at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, 12 for 12.30pm. Cost \$65 for members and their partner, and \$70 for non-members and partners, for a 3 course meal; cash bar. Full-size medals should be worn.

The Guest Speaker will be Mr Bruce McFarlane AM: “My journey so far”.

Please forward this reply form and payment to:

SA Branch Treasurer, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085

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

to be received not later than **Friday 14 January 2022**

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If preferred, payment can be made by EFT:

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BSB 105-900 // Account no 147028640 (Bank SA)

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Name: [please print] [post-nominals]

Preferred name: Phone Contact:

Email or Address:

Dietary requirements [if any]

COVID-19 vaccination status, circle or highlight one only:– Fully Vaccinated / 1st Dose only / Not Vaccinated

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

..... [post-nominals]

Guest’s COVID-19 vaccination status:– Fully Vaccinated / 1st Dose only / Not Vaccinated

..... [post-nominals]

Guest’s COVID-19 vaccination status:– Fully Vaccinated / 1st Dose only / Not Vaccinated

Payment enclosed for OAA member and partner: for people (\$65 per person)

Payment enclosed for non-members and partner: for people (\$70 per person)

Please note: On arrival at the event you may be required to provide documentary evidence of your vaccination status or medical exemption – it is recommended that you carry the necessary document or electronic certificate to meet any inspection requirements.

We hope you can join us on this very special occasion

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