



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, December 2021

We are very pleased to announce that Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, has kindly agreed to become our Branch Patron.

Thanks to all who helped make our Strategic Planning Day on Saturday 30 October successful. We clarified a number of key issues and decided on several ways forward. I look forward to progressing the ideas discussed.

Early last month, Branch Committee members and myself attended a total of seven investiture ceremonies at Government House for recipients from the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

We were then able to hold a very successful New Recipients' Reception on 23 November – ensuring full compliance with all COVID requirements, as we do with all of our functions, events and meetings.

Our Student Citizenship Award Top 10 nominees received their awards at Government House on 29 November, and in this newsletter we are pleased to announce our 2021 Student Citizen of the Year.

We will be holding our 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel with guest speaker Bruce McFarlane AM. There is a subsidised cost for Association members and their partner.

Also enclosed with this newsletter are documents relating to our Annual General Meeting in February. I look forward to your attendance.

Christmas season greetings to all

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

*Just a reminder* – if you are interested in purchasing a professional Order of Australia Association name badge, the order form may be found on our website:

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

### INVITATION



#### '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:** Luncheon meeting of the South East Regional Group, Naracoorte Caves Café.

**Saturday 26 February:** SA Branch 2021 Annual General Meeting at the Arkaba Hotel, commencing with Morning Tea at 10 am and concluding by 12 noon; with lunch to follow at own expense for those who wish to remain (refer Reply Form).

**March:** Proposed visit to the Robern Menz Factory.

**Sunday 17 April:** Luncheon meeting of the Riverland and Mallee Regional Group.

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### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING Thursday 28 October 2021

For the October Fellowship Luncheon, the guest speaker was Mr John Phillips OAM, with the topic, "Waste pathways: the new Circular Economy". John is Secretary of the SA Branch Committee, a member of the Events Sub-Committee and a member of the Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel. He is also a Life Governor of Apex Australia, and former CEO of KESAB Environmental Solutions (1988-2019).

Pictured above – standing (left to right): Pamela Rajkowski OAM, Hamish Kerr (IT communications – Zoom), Gill Rogers OAM, John Philips OAM (guest speaker), Peter Routley AM ED (MC), Flavia De Pasquale OAM, Kathryn House AM, Glenys Jones OAM JP, Dr Aileen Cannon AM, Bryce Saint OAM ED, Ruth McGee, Professor Tony Phillips AM and David Linn OAM. Seated (left to right): John Thomas AM, Margaret Ford OAM, Helen Smith, Ken Smith AM, Susan Phillips, Liz Linn.

Not in the photo: Carmine Walker-Galpin, and Mathew Romaine and Paul Hill from Mitcham Council, and four members who participated via Zoom.

#### NEW MEMBERS

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

The Honourable Kevin Scarce  
AC AO(Mil) CSC RANR  
Mrs Elizabeth Scarce AM

#### IN MEMORIAM

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

Phillip Satchell AM  
Russell Ebert OAM  
Kenneth Thorsen OAM

#### POSTHUMOUS RECIPIENTS

The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch acknowledge with respect the following recipients of the Order of Australia announced in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List whose awards were presented posthumously by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC:

The late Mr Raymond Walter Scott AM: *accepted on 1 November by his wife Mrs Jill Scott*

The late Dr Betsy Williams AM: *accepted on 3 November by her partner Mr Ralph Jones*

The late Mr John Menzel OAM: *accepted on 3 November by his wife Mrs Anne Menzel*

The late Mrs Judith Lorraine Crabtree OAM: *accepted on 5 November by her son Mr Mydwan Crabtree*



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### VALE

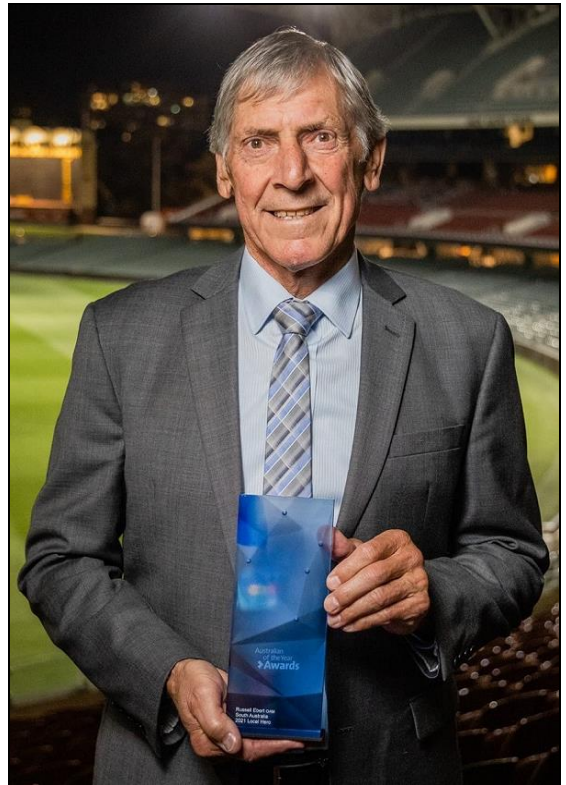
#### Russell Ebert OAM (1949-2021)

With sadness we advise of the passing of South Australia Branch member Russell Ebert OAM on 5 November 2021, aged 72.

Russell Ebert was a four-time Magarey Medal winner who played a club-record 392 games for Port Adelaide, including three victorious SANFL premierships. He was recently elevated to Legend status in the South Australian Sport Hall of Fame.

Noted as a Respectful Relationships Advocate, he was named by the Australia Day Council of SA as the 2021 SA Local Hero (see right). At the time of granting his award, the Australia Day Council of SA observed:

*"Today, Russell continues to give back to the club and the South Australian community through his leadership of the club's Power Community Ltd (PCL) youth programs. He is particularly passionate about PCL's Power to End Violence Against Women (PTEVAW) program, which he delivers to Year 10 students around the state".*



### REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

Remembrance Day ceremonies and commemorative events were held across the State on Thursday 11 November. Modbury High School held a moving and respectful Remembrance Day assembly – Air Force Cadets from No 604 Squadron (Hampstead Barracks) honoured a long-standing commitment to the school and again provided a Catafalque Party, Honour Guard and Flag Orderly. Their dress, bearing and drill was impeccable.

We will remember them . . .

Lest we Forget

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*Standing (left to right):* Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP, Dr Brian Neldner AM, Val Baldwin OAM, Peter Routley AM ED, Dr Aileen Connon AM, Dr David Cox AM, Professor John McKellar AM ED, David Ward ESM OAM, Greg Gordon OAM JP, Flavia de Pasquale OAM, Secretary John Phillips OAM. Not in photograph: Sue Vardon AO.

*Seated (left to right):* Richard House OAM, Kathryn House AM, Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM, Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM, Don Clark OAM, Pamela Rajkowski OAM (COVID Marshall).

### STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

**Saturday 30 October 2021**

The SA Branch held a successful Strategic Planning Day at the Goodwood Community Centre. We took the opportunity to review our four strategic aims relating to Governance & Leadership, Membership, Community Engagement and Finance. The success of our Student Citizenship Awards program and sponsorship of the Adelaide Eisteddfod, which accord with the key Objects and Purposes of the Branch, were highlighted as opportunities that might be built on in the future. The information gathered will be included in our contribution to the Association's Futures Day meeting, to be held at the time of the 2022 National Conference in Canberra.

### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

**Tuesday 23 November 2021**

We held a very successful New Recipients' Reception at the Goodwood Community Centre, with a total of 66 recipients and friends in attendance – including 21 new recipients. Most of the new recipients received their award in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Welcome receptions such as this allow new recipients of the Order of Australia to gather and celebrate their achievements with friends and family, to meet other members of the Association, and to learn more about the activities of the SA Branch.

Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM was MC and proposed the Loyal Toast. Thanks to Pamela Rajkowski OAM who was again our COVID Marshall.

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

**Monday 29 November 2021**

At Government House on 29 November, our Branch Patron Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, 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 SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association.

SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM joins with all Branch members in congratulating Georgia and the other nominees listed in the Top 10, and thanks schools for their strong support of this Branch initiative.



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### INVESTITURES

#### 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List

In the first week of November, SA Branch Committee members attended seven investiture ceremonies at Government House conducted by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC. Many of these recipients then attended our New Recipients' Reception on Tuesday 23 November.

#### MR JOHN MULA OAM

We congratulate Mr John Mula OAM and welcome him as a new member of the SA Branch. John was awarded the OAM for services to Catholic Education, and received his insignia on Monday 1 November.

John has 35 years' experience as an educational leader and teacher. His senior educational leadership roles have included service as a Principal (Toowoomba and Brisbane) and Assistant Director (Cairns Diocese). In 2010 he was named a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, and in 2016 was named a Fellow of the Australian College of Educational Leaders. He was Diocesan Director of Schools for the Diocese of Armidale (2010-14), and Executive Director of Catholic Education in Tasmania (2015-19). John has been Deputy Director of Catholic Education in SA since January 2020.

After his investiture John said, *"Thank you to Julie Mula, Daniel Mula and Joseph Mula for sharing this special day with me and for their support and the support of family, colleagues and friends throughout my years in education. Feeling both honoured and humbled to receive this recognition"*.



#### 2021 STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**Georgia Kehagias, Immanuel College**

Georgia Kehagias from Immanuel College received the 2021 Student Citizen of the Year award from Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, in an award ceremony held at Government House on Monday 29 November 2021 hosted by Her Excellency and Mr Rod Buntin.

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### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Tuesday 23 November 2021

These are some images from our recent New Recipients' Reception 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

Dr Toby Coates AO  
and Mrs Penny Coates

*"For distinguished service to  
renal medicine, to professional  
medical organisations, and to  
tertiary education"*

Queen's Birthday 2021

#### MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Mr Keith Yates AM  
and Mrs Susan Yates

*"For significant service to the  
minerals and mining sector,  
and to the community"*

Queen's Birthday 2021



#### MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Warrant Officer  
Wayde Bilsborow OAM

*"For meritorious performance  
of duty as a Navy representative  
within the Air Warfare  
Destroyer Program"*

Queen's Birthday 2021  
(Military Division)





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Emeritus Professor  
Barbara Santich AM

*"For significant service to  
tertiary education, to gastronomy,  
food culture and history"*

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Mr Ian Doyle OAM

*"For service to journalism,  
and to the community"*

Queen's Birthday 2021

Mr John MULA OAM

*"For service to  
Catholic education"*

Queen's Birthday 2021

*Pictured with:*

Gill Rogers OAM, and  
Yorke Peninsula Regional  
Group Contact (Kadina)  
Elaine Bussenschutt OAM



Edward McAlister AO  
Australia Day 2003

*"For service to conservation  
and the environment, particularly  
conservation of the world's  
endangered species through  
initiation of and participation  
in a range of collaborative  
programmes in the zoo and  
aquarium community, species  
management initiatives, education  
projects and regional conservation  
awareness campaigns"*

*Pictured with:*

John Phillips OAM,  
SA Branch Secretary



## Regional Group News

A meeting held at the Tanunda Club on 10 October discussed the possible creation of a **Barossa, Gawler & District and mid-North Regional Group**. Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP advised that this was a very positive and constructive meeting.

The participants reported their pride in receiving the Order of Australia, and see that collectively they could have a significant impact in their communities and for future nominees. A social gathering to progress the concept is proposed for the first half of next year.

The **Yorke Peninsula Regional Group** (Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula Council areas) held its self-funded luncheon meeting on Sunday 31 October at the Yorke Valley Hotel in Maitland, with 22 members and guests attending.

Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and wife Cheryl, and Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and wife Di joined them for a most enjoyable afternoon. Ken interviewed Ron Duncan OAM and Roger McCauley OAM – inviting them to recall their early lives, what led to their award, and what they are doing now.

The **Fleurieu Regional Group** held its luncheon meeting at Belicious on the Victor Harbour – Yankalilla Road on Friday 5 November.



Catching up on old times in Local Government at the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Luncheon are SA Branch Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and Ray Agnew OAM.

Below: Members of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group at their meeting on 31 October; images by Di Coventry.



At the Yorke Valley Hotel in Maitland, left to right: SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM, Ken Algate OAM, and Branch Nominated Director for SA Professor John McKellar AM ED.



The members interviewed by Ken: Ron Duncan OAM (left) and Roger McCauley OAM, pictured with Regional Contacts Maree Anderson OAM (Minlaton, left) and Elaine Bussenschutt OAM (Kadina).



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### LONG SERVICE MEDAL Duke of Edinburgh's International Award–Australia

Congratulations to SA Branch Committee member Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP who has been awarded the Long Service Medal of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Australia.

This medal was created in 2015 by the National Board of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Australia to acknowledge significant service to the Award in Australia.

The medal provides formal recognition for those individuals who have provided ten years' or more service to the Award in a voluntary and/or paid capacity. The first award presentation ceremony was conducted by the Governor-General in 2016.

At various times since 1984, Paul has been a School Award Coordinator, a Squadron Coordinator in the Air Force Cadets, an Award Leader and an Advocate, and he also provides support as a Friend of the Award. Paul's medal was due to be presented at Government House Adelaide in August but unfortunately the award ceremony had to be cancelled because of the COVID restrictions in place at that time.



The Long Service Medal of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Australia is accompanied by a lapel pin for everyday wear.



Other South Australian recipients of the Medal include Alan Brown, Elizabeth Butterworth, Colin Curnow, Debra James, Thanh Thea Lam, Kathryn Oliphant and David Speirs.

The Medal and the first service clasp ('bar') have been awarded to Noel Mifsud, Robert Oliphant and Andrew Pope, denoting a total of 20 years' service.

Notable among the recipients of this medal is the late Vivienne Ashcroft OAM from NSW who was honoured for 40 years' service, notably as lead advocate to implement the Award Program in Australia for Girls.

Very early on in the Award's history, Vivienne was a key player in opening the Award up to women and those with a disability. You can read about Vivienne's contributions here:

<https://dukeofed.com.au/people-that-matter-vivienne-ashcroft-oam/>

The medal is not part of the Australian Honours System, and therefore is worn by the recipient on the right breast. The medal is accompanied by a lapel pin. Both feature the insignia of the Award in Australia – the Royal Cipher or monogram of the late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and stylised eucalyptus leaves.

## Jubilee Medals

### A Brief History, Part 4

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

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

#### King George V Silver Jubilee Medal (1935)

After Queen Victoria's jubilees, the next Jubilee Medal to be awarded within the British Commonwealth was issued in 1935 to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King George V, the first monarch of the House of Windsor.

Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert acceded to the throne on 6 May 1910 as King George V, King-Emperor of the United Kingdom and its Dominions, and Emperor of India. King George and Queen Mary's coronation took place at Westminster Abbey on 22 June 1911, and the event was celebrated by the Festival of Empire in London.

This medal, designed by the Welsh sculptor Sir William Goscombe John (1860-1952), was awarded as a personal souvenir by King George V to commemorate his Silver Jubilee.

The medal was issued unnamed, and was despatched to recipients in a Royal Mint red cardboard box; the lid bears a large Tudor Crown of King George V flanked by the years '1910' and '1935'.



This is the King George V Silver Jubilee Medal awarded to Police Constable George Midgley of the Metropolitan Police for service in London with 'N' Division (Islington) on 6 May 1935 during the silver jubilee celebrations of King George V and Queen Mary.

George Arthur Midgley (1890-1955) from Royston in south Yorkshire joined the Metropolitan Police at New Scotland Yard in London on 1 August 1910, aged 20. He was on duty with 'Y' Division in June 1911 for the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary, and received the George V Police Coronation Medal.

This medal was struck at the Royal Mint in silver, 1.25 inches (32 mm) in diameter.

The obverse bears the conjoined crowned effigies of King George V and Queen Mary in their robes of state, facing left. The reverse bears the Royal Cypher 'GRI' (*Georgius Rex Imperator*) – 'George, King and Emperor (of India)'.

The suspension ribbon is 1.25 inches (32 mm) wide, in dark red with wide royal blue stripes at either edge, each bisected by a thin white stripe.

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

This was the first commemorative that was not only awarded to those attending in England but also to community members throughout the Commonwealth considered to be deserving.

There were 85,235 medals awarded throughout the Commonwealth.

There were 6,500 medals awarded to Australian civilian and military personnel. The medal was also awarded to living Australian holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross as a personal gift from the King.



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<div><div><p><b>REGIONAL GROUPS</b></p><p><b>Regional Groups</b></p><p>Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP</p><p><b>Fleurieu Regional Group</b></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 <a href="mailto:johnhutc@bigpond.com">johnhutc@bigpond.com</a></p><p><b>South East Regional Group</b></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 <a href="mailto:roseric1@bigpond.com">roseric1@bigpond.com</a></p><p><b>Barossa, Gawler &amp; District and mid-North Regional Group</b></p><p><a href="mailto:orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com">orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com</a></p></div><div><p><b>REGIONAL GROUPS</b></p><p><b>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group</b></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 <a href="mailto:tgrieger@riverland.net.au">tgrieger@riverland.net.au</a></p><p><b>Yorke Peninsula Regional Group</b></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 <a href="mailto:elaine@yp-connect.net">elaine@yp-connect.net</a></p><p>Maree Anderson OAM (Minlaton) Mobile: 0407 975 174 <a href="mailto:mareeanderson@internode.on.net">mareeanderson@internode.on.net</a></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 is \$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](mailto:jmck1279@bigpond.net.au)

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

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Please use the code ‘ADL + your surname’.

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

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

*We hope you can join us on this very special occasion*

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