



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, March 2023

On behalf of all of our members, I would again like to congratulate all recipients in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List. We look forward to meeting you at your investiture or at one of our events.

Thank you to everyone that came along to our recent Annual General Meeting. You will find some of the outcomes in this newsletter.

Branch Committee members will be attending investitures for the Australia Day Honours List recipients. We will then be able to welcome them if they wish to attend, at a New Recipients' Reception.

This newsletter includes a one-page fact sheet noting key points about the Order of Australia. It might be of use if you are invited to speak at any time about your award.

Coming up, please note our ongoing Fellowship luncheon meetings at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Adelaide with interesting guest speakers – these are held every two months.

I and several Branch Committee members will be attending the 2023 National Conference, AGM and Members' Forum in Geelong in May. We might see some of you there.

If you would like to play a more active and tangible role in supporting the activities of the SA Branch, we have produced a document titled, "How can I support the SA Branch?".

And we have an Order Form if you wish to purchase a professional Order of Australia Association name badge.

You can find these documents on our website:

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

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

ADVANCE NOTICE



NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION May 2023

We will welcome recipients from the 2023 Australia Day Honours List in our traditional reception to be held at Payneham Library in Felixstow – on a Monday evening at the end of May.

A Reply Form will be attached with the April newsletter, and will be available online.

There is no cost for new recipients at these receptions – you are guests of the SA Branch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 16 April: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group meeting – details to follow.

Thursday 27 April: Honours Fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker Lieutenant-Colonel David Brook AM (ret'd) – "Why the Naval, Military and Air Force Club was formed in 1879".

Sunday 30 April: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel.

Friday 5 May: Fleurieu Regional Group half-yearly luncheon.

18-21 May: 2023 National Conference in Geelong, with national AGM and Members' Forum on Saturday 20 May.

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'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY'

Saturday 21 January 2023

Our annual 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon was held in the Fullarton Room of the Arkaba Hotel, hosted by Branch Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM. Mrs Jenny Macintosh OAM said Grace. Including quite a few guests, we had a total of 55 attend the function.

Our Guest Speaker Michael Weatherald OAM shared some experiences of growing up at Heathfield in the Adelaide Hills as the son of a butcher, and whilst at school learning to love playing sports, cricket and football in particular.

Events Committee member Pamela Rajkowski reported, *"From his experiences of childhood, teenage years and adult years he evoked in members and guests historical memories in their past"*.

Michael talked about the Bali bombing and acknowledged the wonderful work of the Burns Unit set up in South Australia as a consequence of the bombing.



Our Celebration of Australia Day luncheon guest speaker Michael Weatherald OAM, variously known as 'Mick' or 'Weathers'.



Left to right: Kathy Iuliano, Ted Iuliano OAM, Jenny Macintosh OAM and Val Baldwin OAM. Seated: Dr Aileen Connon AM.

SA BRANCH 2023 KING'S BIRTHDAY AND CORONATION LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 3 June 2023

We will be hosting a Luncheon to mark the King's Birthday and Coronation in the Victoria Room of the Edinburgh Hotel at 7 High Street in Mitcham, 12 for 12.30 pm. The cost is \$75 for members and their partner, and \$80 for non-members, partners and friends, for a 3-course meal; cash bar. We will have an interesting Guest Speaker.

Full-size medals should be worn. Association merchandise will be available to purchase.

A Reply Form will be included in the April Newsletter and on the OAA website under 'Upcoming Events'.

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2023



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday 23 February 2023

The guest speaker for our first honours recipients fellowship luncheon for 2023 was Elaine Attwood AM.

Rear, left to right: Dr Tony Phillips AM, Mrs Susan Phillips, Dr Aileen Connors AM, Glenys Jones OAM JP, Brian Attwood, Vic Squires AM, Pamela Rajkowski OAM, Flavia De Pasquale OAM (Events Committee Coordinator).

Front: Peter Dunn OAM, Gillian Rogers OAM (Hospitality), Mrs Shirley Dunn, Elaine Attwood AM (Guest Speaker), Peter Routley AM (MC), Don Clarke OAM, Anne Ferguson OAM JP.

“From There to Here; a Consumer Advocate’s Journey”

Elaine’s working life started in a bank where she showed talent for being an innovator. She devised a system to make it easier to send out bank statements and was the first female teller. Her career direction changed when her husband Brian became manager of the Pacific Far East division, in the Adelaide office, of the American Company ARO. Elaine became the first woman to master Applied Pneumatic Logic Controls.

While a mother raising two boys, she studied Japanese to support her husband’s business and passed at matriculation level. With one child being diagnosed as hyperactive she took a Diploma in Orthomolecular Nutrition and, with her husband, set up the Hyperactivity Association of SA.

She studied food additives which were found to affect hyperactivity in children. She wrote submissions to the National Food Authority to request improved naming on labelling of food additives on food packaging.

Elaine joined the Australian Federation of Consumer Organisations, and became a consumer consultant to Flinders University.

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Elaine Attwood AM – “From There to Here; a Consumer Advocate’s Journey”, *continued*

Elaine later pursued advising the Board of Standards Australia New Zealand to take on nano-technology which affects food and packaging. She attended international meetings of nano-technology and consumer education.

In developing her career on consumer education, Elaine worked with nine other major national consumer and health organisations.

She said she is pleased that she has contributed to society’s health at state, national and international levels.

Pamela Rajkowski OAM



Barely visible remnants (lower right) of the 119-year-old shipwreck of the three-masted iron barque SS Ethel in Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park on the south-western tip of the Yorke Peninsula.

Regional Group News

The South East Regional Group held its meeting at the Mount Gambier RSL on Friday 24 February. The guest speaker was Dr Jerry Leech AM, who was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2022 Queen’s Birthday Honours List, *“For significant service to the forestry industry, to tertiary education, and to the community”*.

Jerry’s career has spanned involvement with the Institute of Foresters Australia (now Forestry Australia), the Association of Consulting Foresters of Australia, and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), notably in Myanmar, China, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Bhutan and in Rome.

Through his long involvement with Rotary since 1989, Jerry has been a Paul Harris Fellow in 2005 and 2021, and he received a Citation for Meritorious Service from The Rotary Foundation (2014-15). His other awards include the Medal of Excellence, South East Asia and Pacific Region, Commonwealth Forestry Association (2009), President’s Award, Institute of Foresters of Australia (2011) and the NW Jolly Medal awarded by Forestry Australia (2021). He is a Life Member of the Commonwealth Forestry Association.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. The group will meet on Sunday 16 April – further details to follow.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group: The next luncheon meeting will be in Ardrossan on Sunday 30 April – at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel (commonly known as the ‘Top Pub’), 36 First Street, 12 for 12.30 pm. This will again follow the ‘interview’ format, to allow members and guests to learn more about their fellow honours recipients.

Fleurieu Regional Group: The next half-yearly luncheon of the Fleurieu Regional Group will be on Friday 5 May.

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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 25 February 2023

The SA Branch held its 37th Annual General Meeting at the Arkaba Hotel with a pleasing number of members and guests in attendance.

We were privileged to have *two* Student Citizens of the Year as our guest speakers – Callum Barrott-Walsh and Jordan Norman, who both completed their secondary studies at the end of last year – at Cardijn College and Urrbrae Agricultural High School respectively.

We were also pleased that Callum, Jordan and Jordan's mother Renée could stay for lunch as our guests. Our members certainly appreciated the opportunity to interact with two of our future community leaders.

The following Branch Committee members still had a further part of their term to serve and were not required to stand for re-election: Joe Ienco OAM (Treasurer and committee member) and committee members Don Clark OAM, Greg Gordon OAM JP and Kathryn House AM.

The Returning Officer advised that after the close of nominations on 4 February the following valid nominations were received and therefore no election was required: Chairman – Tony Metcalf OAM, and Secretary – John Phillips OAM. The Branch Committee has endorsed these nominations, and at the AGM the nominees were congratulated on their re-election.

The Returning Officer also advised that five positions were available on the Branch Committee: five valid nominations were received by the designated closing date and all candidates were deemed suitable for appointment, so an election was not required: John Ziesing OAM was elected, and Noel Hender OAM BEM, Flavia de Pasquale OAM, Pamela Rajkowski OAM and Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP were re-elected.

We congratulate these members elected or re-elected for a 3 year period.

For the various appointments on the Branch Committee, incumbents will be invited to continue or otherwise the Branch will call for expressions of interest.

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37th Annual
General Meeting
(2022 AGM)

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Arkaba Hotel

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 25 February 2023

In his report to the AGM, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM referred to members taking up the opportunity to play a more active and tangible role in supporting the activities of the SA Branch.

Voluntary contributions help us to conduct our various endeavours and increase public awareness, as part of the Governor-General's aim of increasing the Association's exposure Australia-wide.

Tony said, *"We have received several financial contributions which will assist with our general expenses. We have also received one substantial contribution which will be allocated to a specific project".*

"I wish to thank all who have contributed in this way".

Further details from the Chairman's report will be included in the April newsletter.



SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

We welcome Mr John Ziesing OAM as the newest member of the SA Branch Committee.

John was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2022 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to hockey, and to the community"*.

John has had significant service with the Adelaide Hills Hockey Club and Hockey SA, and also SA Primary School Amateur Sports Association and Scouts SA.

He has been a member of the South Australia Country Fire Service since 1984. Fire Fighter John Ziesing was awarded the National Medal on 9 March 2001 for 15 years' service.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM also announced that Honorary Life Membership of the Order of Australia Association has been granted to the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, our immediate past Patron and former Governor of South Australia.

The SA Branch was very privileged to have had the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC as our Patron for seven years. He was in fact patron of more than 200 organisations during his term as Governor.

The Honourable Hieu and Mrs Lan Le 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 – was a wonderful driver in engaging with the Education sector and some really fine students as they moved 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, hosted in Adelaide in 2018.

Their presence and participation at the Annual Dinner and presentations, and the relaxed manner in which they both mixed with those present, will remain as a highlight of a wonderful relationship.

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SA BRANCH CHAIRMAN

Congratulations to Tony Metcalf OAM who has been re-elected to the SA Branch Committee and as our Chairman for the period 2023-2026.

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"*.

Tony was a founding member and former president of the South Australian branch of the Range Rover Club of Australia, and was a long-time volunteer 4WD trainer.

He is also a past president of the South Australian Association of 4WD Clubs, and was a delegate on the national council of Four Wheel Drive Australia.

Tony's service to youth began on joining the 1st College Park Scout Group in 1954. He gained the Queen's Scout award in 1958, and then held a number of leadership positions across the Group until 1990, when he became State Treasurer of the South Australian Branch, serving in this role until 2008.

He was awarded Life Membership of Scouts SA in 1987, and received the Silver Emu service award in 2004. This award recognises distinguished service to Scouts Australia by an adult member in an active leadership role for a period of at least four or five years since receiving a previous award.

Tony graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1983 with a Bachelor of Economics degree, and also holds a Diploma in Accountancy (CPA 1971). After his OAM was announced, Tony joined the Branch Committee and subsequently served for several years as Treasurer.

He succeeded Ken Coventry OAM JP as Chairman of the South Australia Branch at the AGM in February 2020.



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SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

We thank outgoing committee member Mr Charles Figallo OAM for his service on the SA Branch Committee during 2022.

And we congratulate the following members who now make up our Branch Committee:

Statutory appointments:

Chairman: Tony Metcalf OAM (re-elected)

Secretary: John Phillips OAM (re-elected)

Treasurer: Joe Ienco OAM (continuing)

Other committee members:

Don Clark OAM (continuing)

Greg Gordon OAM JP (continuing)

Kathryn House AM (continuing)

Noel Hender OAM BEM (re-elected)

Ted Iuliano OAM (continuing)

Flavia de Pasquale OAM (re-elected)

Pamela Rajkowski OAM (re-elected)

Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (re-elected)

John Ziesing OAM (elected)

Branch Nominated Director:

Joe Ienco OAM

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CALLUM BARROTT-WALSH
Cardijn College

The first speaker at our Annual General Meeting was Callum Barrott-Walsh, a graduate of Cardijn College.

The citation on Callum's Student Citizenship Award 'With Distinction' certificate reads as follows:

An excellent leader through several committees and roles, Callum has accomplished many significant achievements which have positively benefited the College and wider community. These include participating in the UN Youth (Australia) State Conference, addressing issues such as climate change, refugees and homelessness.

He has volunteered for and assisted with several fundraising events and activities supporting Fred's Van soup kitchen, St Vincent De Paul Christmas hamper appeal and the Hutt St Walk a Mile. He was successful in winning the Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize Competition and the Muriel Matters Award, recognising self-initiative and valued citizenship qualities.

Thanks Callum for your insightful presentation!



JORDAN NORMAN
Urrbrae Agricultural High School

Our second speaker was Jordan Norman, our other joint Student Citizen of the Year for 2022.

Jordan completed his studies at Urrbrae Agricultural High School last year.

The citation on Jordan's Student Citizenship Award 'With Distinction' certificate reads as follows:

Throughout his secondary years Jordan has made an outstanding contribution to the Urrbrae and wider community.

A caring and compassionate leader and mentor for the younger students, Jordan has been a trusted and highly valued School Captain in 2022.

His talents have been widely recognised from his many school achievements and community service including SRC President and Governing Council representative, the Plant Club and Barn Market, the Environmental Focus Group, and many other conservation and landcare projects.

Thanks Jordan for your interesting presentation!

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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
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INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS 2023

Nominations are now invited for the 2023 Student Citizenship Awards.

Each school or college is entitled to nominate one or two students from Years 11 and/or 12 who satisfy the criteria listed in the following pages for these prestigious awards.

The awards are intended to recognise those senior students who actively engage with and contribute to school and/or local communities. The Awards exemplify the Association's objective:

to celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship

All nominations are considered by an adjudication panel and all students who are judged to meet the selection criteria will receive a medallion and certificate signed by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the SA Branch of the Association.

The ten students judged most worthy ('With Distinction') will be invited to receive their medallion mounted on a special plaque with personalised engraving at a reception to be hosted by Her Excellency at Government House.

2023 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

The SA Branch has announced its Student Citizenship Awards program for 2023.

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

A professional brochure has been published to promote the Awards program to schools and colleges.

This brochure includes images from last year's presentation ceremony and reception at Government House Adelaide on Monday 14 November 2022 hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron, and Mr Rod Buntin.

The brochure also contains the Association's purpose statement:

To celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship

The Convenor of the awards program, Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, said: *"We have again kept just four selection criteria to simplify the nomination process"*.

The 2023 brochure is available online:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/school-awards/>

We are very grateful to Sally of Peacock Design and Print for her assistance in producing these high-quality brochures.

We anticipate having a Student Citizenship Awards Top 10 ('With Distinction') award ceremony and Reception in November, at which time the 2023 Student Citizen of the Year will be announced.

Our Student Citizenship Awards program is separate from, but proudly presented in collaboration with, the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools.

Associated with our program is the **Citizenship Resource Volunteer** program.

The role of a Citizenship Resource Volunteer is to support junior school teachers in delivering a prepared classroom lesson from the Citizenship Knowledge and Understanding Strand, Civics and Citizenship.

Junior secondary students can be assisted to explore ways that individuals contribute to civic life, discuss how the Australian Honours System recognises and celebrates those who make a difference and serve others, and understand how the Australian Honours System works.

The Citizenship Resource Volunteer program is currently under review by the Assessment and Selection Panel.



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In the Somerton Park retirement village where he lives, 'Fowler Lane' has been named in honour of World War 2 veteran Keith Fowler OAM.

SX8150 Private Keith John FOWLER OAM

One of our newest members, and a generous benefactor to the SA Branch, is Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List.

On Monday 15 August last year, Keith had the privilege of cutting the ribbon to formally dedicate the new 'Thailand' pavers on the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk on Kintore Avenue. He was assisted by Her Excellency the Governor and the Premier the Honourable Peter Malinauskas MP.

'Chook' Fowler, now aged 102, enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force Mitcham on 6 July 1940, and served in North Africa with the 2/3rd Machine-Gun Battalion AIF, part of the Australian 7th Division AIF.

In March 1942, Keith was taken Prisoner-of-War while his battalion was fighting on Java with 'Blackforce' under Brigadier Arthur Blackburn VC, a Great War veteran from South Australia.

Keith was sent to work on the infamous Burma-Thailand railway.

The two pavers recognise the service and sacrifice of the POWs who worked on the Burma-Thailand Railway during World War 2, and also the RAAF veterans who served at Royal Thai Air Force Base Ubon in northeastern Thailand between 1962 and 1968.



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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2023

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.

The next honours recipients fellowship luncheon will be held on Thursday 27 April at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street in Adelaide.

The speaker will be Lieutenant-Colonel David Brook OAM (ret'd) on the topic: "Why the Naval, Military and Air Force Club was formed in 1879".

Lunch guests should arrive at 12 noon so that any necessary COVID registration requirements may be complied with – this relates to our own Order of Australia Association requirements as well as any site requirements of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club.

Lunch commences at 12.30 pm, the guest speaker begins at 1.15, and the event will conclude by 2 pm. A dress code applies at the NMAF Club: smart day wear for ladies, and long trousers and jacket for men. To RSVP please contact:

Hostess and Covid Marshall: Pamela Rajkowski OAM
0400 810 196 || pamraj@bigpond.com

Flavia de Pasquale OAM
0438 873 025 || deflavia750@gmail.com

In addition, there will be the opportunity to join the event remotely, connecting via Zoom. Please contact:

Pamela Rajkowski OAM
0400 810 196 || pamraj@bigpond.com

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DAVID BROOK OAM (ret'd)

David Brook received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "*For services to Military History and the Recreational Boating Industry*".

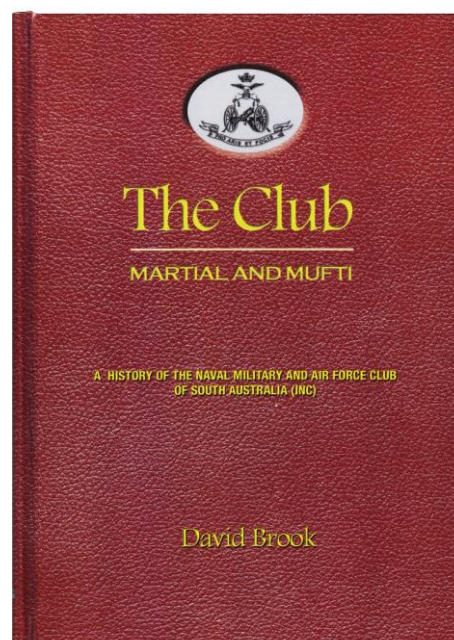
David is a retired Regular Army artillery officer. He was born in Adelaide and was educated at Prince Alfred College, and was called up under the National Service Training Scheme in January 1957. He was commissioned in 1965 and transferred to the Australian Regular Army, allotted to the Royal Australian Artillery. He saw active service with the 12th Field Regiment, RAA in South Vietnam from 4 March 1968 to 11 March 1969.

David was Battery Captain of 102 Field Battery during the Tet Offensive attacks on Fire Support Base 'Coral', commanding the gun position. On his return to Australia, he commanded the 121st Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RAA in Darwin.

After attending training courses in England, he commanded the Proof & Experimental Establishment at Port Wakefield. He held staff appointments in Melbourne, and returned to Adelaide in 1982 commanding the 4th Army Quality Assurance Unit. He retired from the army with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, taking up the position of Registrar of the Surveyors Board of South Australia until retiring from the workforce in 2001.

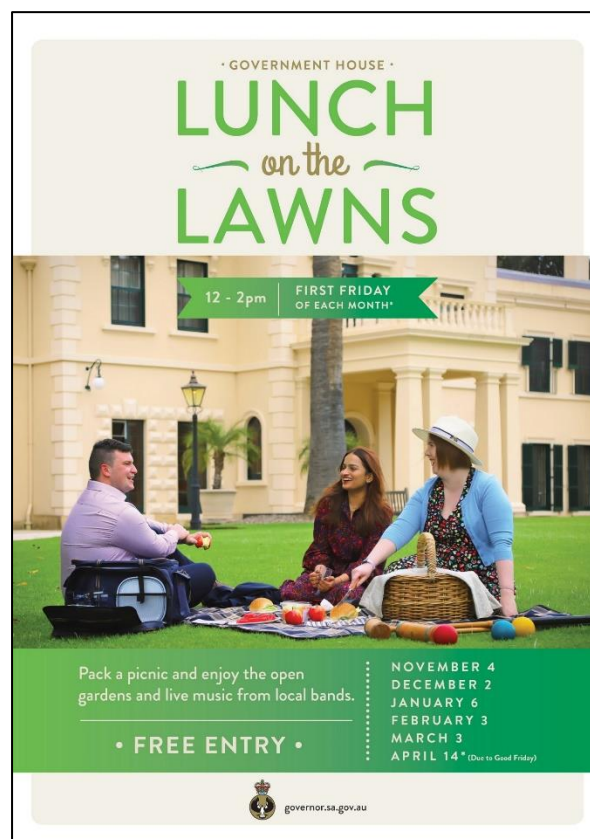
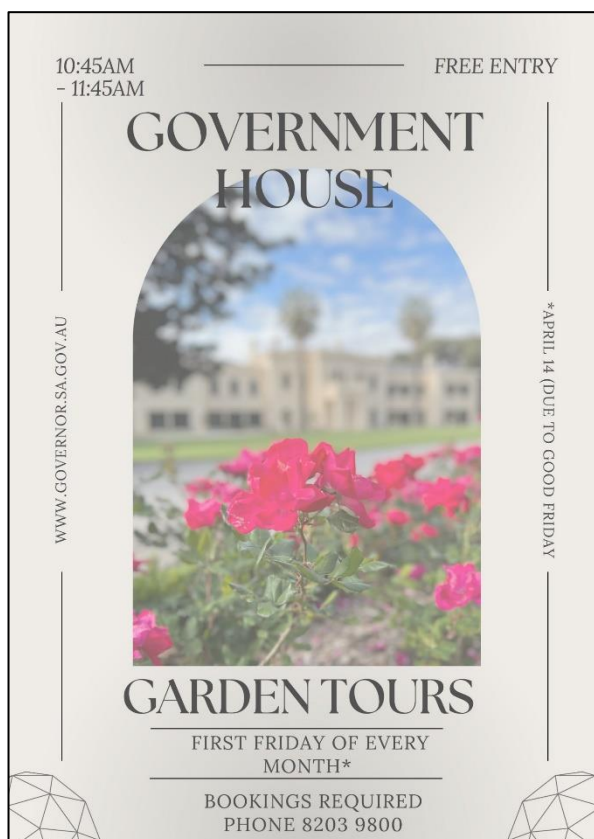
David has been a member of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club since 1966. From 1989 to 1996 he was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Australian Artillery in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brook is a member of the Royal Australian Artillery Regimental Committee's History Sub-committee, and has written and lectured on military history topics. He compiled the biographical entry on Brigadier Sir Thomas Eastick for the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, and completed four books on the technical history of the Amiens Gun at the Australian War Memorial. He also produced a Jubilee 150 history of artillery in South Australia, a cruising guide for the lower Murray, the Lakes and the Coorong, and the history of the Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia.



*'The Club: Martial and Mufti' –
the history of the Naval, Military
and Air Force Club of SA (Inc)
compiled by Lieutenant-Colonel
David Brook.*

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Garden tours. Morning tours of the garden of Government House are being conducted by guides from the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide. Upcoming tours will be on Friday 3 March and Friday 14 April (to allow for Easter Weekend), from 10.45 to 11.45 am. Entry is free. Bookings are required though – telephone 08 8203 9800.

Lunch on the Lawns. On these same days, members of the public may enjoy their lunch ‘picnic-style’ on the lawns of Government House. There is free live music from a variety of local musicians.

The gates, on the corner of North Terrace and King William Street, are open from 12 noon to 2 pm. Entry is free, no bookings required. Visitors must bring their own food, beverages, chairs and picnic rugs.

ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 21 October 2023

The SA Branch is arranging a visit to the Adelaide Sailing Club at West Beach with a guided tour and historical presentation: 9.45 for 10 am start. Guided History Talk from 10am; followed by brunch at 10.30 am at own expense. \$10 per person, with a free drink on arrival. Further details and reply form to follow.

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 1 December 2023

The SA Branch will hold our annual Christmas Morning Tea at the Goodwood Community Centre, 9.30 am arrival for a 10 am start; concludes at 12 noon. There is no cost for members and guests.

There will be entertainment, and our Guest Speaker will be Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP, speaking on the topic, “Making our courts and prisons kinder”. Anne was appointed Special Advisor to the Adelaide Women’s Prison in 2013, but had previously served as a volunteer mentor since 1987.

Further details and reply form to follow.

Coronation Medals

A Brief History, Part 8

Last year we marked the 70th anniversary of the day in 1952 when Princess Elizabeth, as heir presumptive, acceded to the throne as Queen Elizabeth II, the fourth monarch of the House of Windsor.

Queen Elizabeth became Head of the Commonwealth and Queen Regnant of seven independent Commonwealth countries (the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan and Ceylon).

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

This tradition dates from the coronation of King Edward VI in 1547, when the first official medals to commemorate the coronation of a British sovereign were distributed. King William IV released such medals for his coronation in 1831, as also did Queen Victoria in 1838.

These early medals (also referred to as medallions, medalllets or commemorative coins) were simple souvenirs, and were not intended for wear.

King George VI Coronation Medal (1937)

As a result of the constitutional crisis which led to the abdication of the uncrowned King Edward VIII on 11 December 1936, Prince Albert, Duke of York, the second son of King George V, acceded to the throne as King George VI.

George VI became King of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth, and Emperor of India – the third monarch of the House of Windsor.

An official Coronation Medal had been designed for Edward VIII but not struck. This same design, but with a new obverse, was struck at the Royal Mint in silver to mark the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at Westminster Abbey on 12 May 1937.

A total of 90,279 Coronation Medals were awarded to those attending the celebrations in London and staff of the Royal Household, and also to deserving members of the community throughout the Commonwealth, including living holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross. There were 7,047 medals awarded to Australians.

No separate police and auxiliaries medal was created.



This is the King George VI Coronation Medal awarded to Mrs Minnie Scherrenberg (née Odgers) from Croydon, NSW to acknowledge her contributions to the community as a fund-raiser, as President of the Croydon Ladies' Social Club from its inception in 1928, and President of the club's Debutante Ball Committee.

Minnie was born in Goodwood, SA on 15 October 1883, the first child of William John Greet Odgers (1856-1934) and Elizabeth Jane Odgers (1864-1944), first cousins who had been born in Tywardreath, Cornwall.

Minnie's maternal grandparents, Francis and Jane Odgers from Cornwall, emigrated from Plymouth to Port Adelaide on the 'Arundel Castle' in 1876; they lived in Adelaide for 12 years and later at the Wallaroo Mines. Francis Odgers (1841-1905) and Jane Odgers (1843-1937) are buried in Kadina Cemetery.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mr Kenneth Ross Smith AM (1942-2022)

Former SA Branch member Mr Ken Smith AM passed away late last year after a series of health issues, aged 80. Ken and his wife Helen were regular attendees at our Fellowship luncheons. Helen is still a valued friend who continues to attend our lunches and other events.

Ken was born on 27 June 1942, and passed away in Adelaide on 15 August 2022. He was privately cremated.

Ken was well known as a prolific horse owner and breeder, and also contributed significantly off the track as a long-time Member of the South Australian Jockey Club, and former Vice-Chairman of the Board. His passion for thoroughbred racing also saw Ken spend time on the board of Thoroughbred Racing SA ('Racing SA').

Ken and Helen were widely known for their 'Exalted' horses who carried the white silks with a pink slash and blue sleeves, and won more than 220 races over four generations. The Smiths produced 58 individual winners, the majority bred from their Narrung Stud property. They enjoyed their greatest racing moment in 2006 when they won the Group 1 Adelaide Cup with 'Exalted Time'.

The 'Exalted' name began with the stallion 'Exalt', who featured in the breeding of 1990 Group 3 Auraria Stakes winner 'Alleged Lady', who became their foundation mare.

Ken and Helen had a substantial influence on the South Australian racing industry, being integral to maintaining a strong local breeding industry.

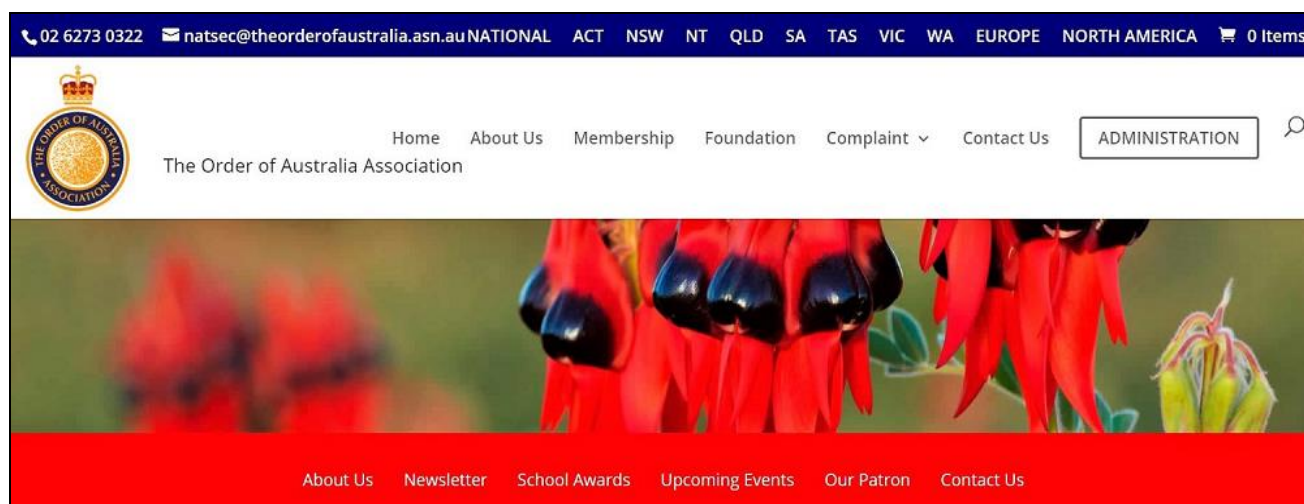
Ken and Helen were inducted into the South Australian Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame at Morphettville racecourse on Saturday 12 November last year.

The South Australian Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame is noted by Racing SA as, *"the highest of accolades awarded to both human and horse"*. It was established in 2001 to celebrate the achievements of the horses, jockeys, trainers and administrators who, through their dedication and contribution to thoroughbred racing, have become heroes of the turf.





Guests at the Fellowship Luncheon Meeting held on Thursday 24 February 2022 – Ken Smith AM (seated, first on the left) with his wife Helen (standing behind his right shoulder).

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<div></div> <p>IN MEMORIAM</p> <p>The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following South Australia Branch members (as at the time of the February Branch Committee meeting):</p> <p>Richard Frederick Haselgrove AM</p> <p>Kevin Albert Pfeiffer OAM</p> <p>Please make any notifications to the SA Branch Member Secretary Mr Greg Gordon OAM JP:</p> <p>oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au</p>		<p>REGIONAL GROUP CONTACTS</p> <p>Regional Groups Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP</p> <p>Fleurieu Regional Group Meets on the first Friday in May and November. Regional Contact: John Hutchinson OAM 0427 525 670 johnhutc@bigpond.com</p> <p>South East Regional Group Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and Naracoorte and Millicent respectively in the alternate years. Regional Contact: Mr Eric Roughana AM 0408 817 260 roseric1@bigpond.com</p> <p>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group Meets twice a year, generally in March/April and September/October. Regional Contact: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP 0408 368 400 tgrieger@riverland.net.au</p> <p>Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Regional Contact, Kadina: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM 0417 806 839 elaine@yp-connect.net Regional Contact, Minlaton: Maree Anderson OAM 0407 975 174 mareeanderson@internode.on.net</p>



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

- The Order of Australia is the most important and meaningful awards system in Australia.
- Each year, the Governor-General approves and announces awards to people for their outstanding service and achievement.
- People from all sorts of backgrounds, of all ages and who have done just about everything you can think of have been recognised through the Order of Australia.
- The system relies on nominations. People don't put their hand up to be recognised and they're not selected. They are nominated by peers and considered and recommended to the Governor-General by an independent Council.
- Anyone can nominate someone for an award, and anyone – if they've worked hard and made a significant contribution to their community – can be recognised.
- Awards are announced on Australia Day and in June (the King's Birthday long weekend).

Who receives the awards?

- While some recipients are well known, others are not. In fact, most awards go to members of the community who volunteer or work to help others.
- Recipients are recognised for their impact – whether at the local level, nationally or internationally. The types of service vary greatly and could include volunteer work in a community, acts of charity and compassion and/or professional achievement.
- The Governor-General wants to increase awareness and understanding of the Order of Australia – particularly amongst groups that have historically been under-represented.
- Australians born overseas represent, on average, only 18% of awardees. To increase this percentage, and ensure outstanding Australians are celebrated through the Order of Australia regardless of their background, we need to increase awareness of the Order and encourage more nominations.

How the system works

- Nominations can be made at any time. A nomination needs to include:
 - Examples of the individual's service or achievements
 - Names and contact details of referees who can validate the individual's service.
- Upon receipt, additional research is undertaken on each nomination. This includes verifying facts and claims and checking with independent referees.
- Nominations are then assessed by the independent Council for the Order of Australia – which includes members from each state and territory and community representatives.
- This assessment includes what level of award an individual should receive. There are four levels: Companion of the Order (AC), Officer of the Order (AO), Member of the Order (AM) and the Medal of the Order (OAM).
- The Governor-General acts on the Council's recommendations and approves awards.

Find out more

- More information is available at www.gg.gov.au.

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