

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

#### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, June 2023

We have recently held our second fellowship luncheon for the year, and the first New Recipients' Reception for the year.

Our Riverland and Mallee Regional Group met in Berri, the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group met in Ardrossan, and the Fleurieu Regional Group held their half-yearly luncheon in Mount Compass.

Several of us attended the National Conference, AGM and Members' Forum. During the conference dinner, the Association Foundation announced four scholarships – three of which were awarded to young South Australians!

Also announced during the conference was the 2024 Battlefield Tour. We will include a promotional flyer in our next newsletter, but in the meantime you may email the Editor if you'd like to receive one sooner.

We enjoyed the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Saturday 6 May, and we start this month with a significant event – the first ever King's Birthday Luncheon to be hosted by the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association.

Also coming up are fellowship luncheons in June and August, with very interesting speakers.

I would like to acknowledge the generous donation made by one of our newest members, Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, which has been used to produce medallions to be awarded to each Student Citizenship Award recipient on a trial basis this year.

Sponsorship in such a manner, regardless of the size of the contribution, is a great way for members to engage with and contribute to the activities of the Branch.

Tony Metcalf OAM SA Branch Chair

# INVITATION



ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB

#### ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB TOUR Saturday 21 October 2023

We have arranged a guided tour and historical presentation, including a talk on the history of the Adelaide Sailing Club, Glenelg Sailing Club and Holdfast Bay Yacht Club.

Pre-payment is required: the cost is \$15 per person, which includes a welcome drink and nibbles.

The tour will be followed by lunch in the restaurant 'Oceanique' (at your own expense) with great ocean views.

A Reply Form is attached; please RSVP not later than Saturday 21 October 2023.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Thursday 29 June:** Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting, with speaker Don Clark OAM.

**Tuesday 8 August:** Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel review meeting.

**Thursday 31 August:** Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting, with speaker Dr Vic Squires AM.

**Saturday 21 October:** Guided talk & history presentation, Adelaide Sailing Club, West Beach.

**Sunday 22 October:** Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting in Ardrossan.

**Friday 3 November:** Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting.

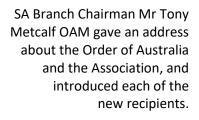
#### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 1 May 2023

In our first New Recipients' Reception for the year, we acknowledged 24 new recipients announced in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List. Our reception was held at Payneham Library, and we thank the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters for their generous support and assistance.



SA Branch Deputy Chairman Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM was MC for the night, proposed the Loyal Toast to King Charles III and led the singing of the National Anthem.







OFFICER of the Order of Australia

Emeritus Professor Jack McLean AO

"For distinguished service to road safety research, particularly to the causes and prevention of motor vehicle accidents"



MEMBER of the Order of Australia Dr Elizabeth Coates AM "For significant service to special needs dentistry, and to oral health care"



MEMBER of the Order of Australia Dr Jennifer Delima AM "For significant service to rural and remote medicine"



MEMBER of the Order of Australia John Jarrett AM "For significant service to community health, and to veterans and their families"



MEMBER of the Order of Australia Professor Barbara Spears AM "For significant service to tertiary education, to research, and to youth"



MEMBER of the Order of Australia Dr Roger Sexton AM "For significant service to medical practitioners through health initiatives, and to professional associations"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Geoffrey Ambler OAM "For service to the community of Salisbury"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Brian Doherty OAM "For service to the community through a range of organisations"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Russell Duncan OAM "For service to the community through not-for-profit organisations"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Eileen Ferguson OAM "For service to croquet"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Keith Fowler OAM "For service to veterans and their families"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Barry Hill OAM "For service to the performing arts"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Dennis Jarman OAM "For service to the communities of Elizabeth and Playford"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Bruce Lang OAM "For service to archery"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Jennifer McDonald OAM "For service to conservation and the environment"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Robyn Pearson-Robertson OAM "For service to business"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Graeme Pitt OAM "For service to the church, and to music"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Alethia Quick OAM "For service to floral art organisations, and to the community"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia Bevan Treloar OAM "For service to the community through a range of roles"

#### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 1 May 2023

We thank Vili's Family Bakery for subsidising the cost of the refreshments: <u>https://www.vilis.com/</u> For photographs and additional information on the Order of Australia and the Association, click here: <u>NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION, May 2023</u>



**MEDAL of the Order of Australia** Alexandra Vakitsidis OAM *"For service to the Greek community of Adelaide"* 

South Australian Branch



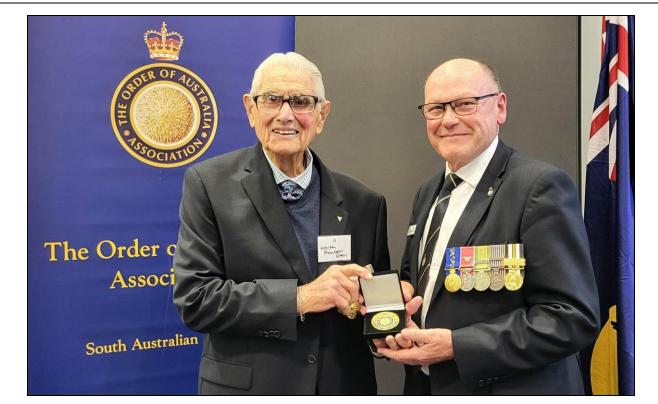


MEDAL of the Order of Australia Dr Evelyn Yap OAM "For service to medicine, and to multiculturalism"





New recipients Barry Hill OAM and Graeme Pitt OAM with friends and family.



Noel Hender OAM BEM presents Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM with a Student Citizenship Awards medallion.

#### **STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS: 2023 Medallion Initiative**

This Branch presents Student Citizenship Awards annually to year 11 and/or 12 student who have been nominated by their schools to acknowledge the outstanding voluntary service and contributions given by the student for their school and/or local communities. Nominations are steadily coming in, and our Assessment and Selection Panel will soon be holding a review meeting to look at these.

Following the close of nominations on 31 July, the successful nominees will each receive a framed personalised certificate signed by the Governor of South Australia and Branch Patron, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC.

In addition, as a new initiative being trialled in 2023, each student will receive a special Student Citizenship Award medallion. Students selected in the Top 10 ('With Distinction') will receive their medallion mounted on an engraved wooden plaque which will be presented by the Governor during a reception at Government House later this year. The other successful nominees will each receive their certificate and cased medallion from a Branch member at a presentation, usually in front of parents and peers at their respective school or college.

This initiative of including a special medallion for 2023 has been made possible by a very generous donation from Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, one of our newest members.

Keith Fowler OAM, aged 102, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day Honours List. 'Chook' Fowler is a veteran of the Second Australian Imperial Force – he served with the 2/3rd Machine-Gun Battalion AIF (7th Australian Division) in North Africa, and then on Java with 'Blackforce' under Brigadier Arthur Blackburn VC from South Australia. From March 1942, Keith was a Prisoner-of-War, working on the notorious Burma-Thailand railway.

Keith's donation has been used to cover the costs of Student Citizenship Award medallions in 2023. In anticipation of the success of this 'medallion initiative', the SA Branch is actively seeking support and/or sponsorship from our general membership to enable us to extend the initiative beyond 2023. If you are able to help, or require further information, please contact the Convenor Noel Hender OAM BEM: <a href="mailto:sca.sabranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au">sca.sabranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au</a>

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



At the Riverland and Mallee Regional Group meeting in Berri on Sunday 16 April, left to right: Val Fewster OAM, Dean Kerley OAM, Max Wurfel OAM and SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM.



Captain Tony Smith OAM has had the chance in retirement to become more involved in his passion of drawing. One of his drawings, of the Church buildings, is proudly displayed in the Meeting Centre at Our Lady of the River Parish.

# Regional Group News

The **Riverland and Mallee Regional Group** met at the Meeting Centre of Our Lady of the River Parish in Berri on Sunday 16 April.

Fourteen members and guests gathered – Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reports that it was a very pleasant and relaxed afternoon.

The Chairman of the SA Branch Tony Metcalf OAM and his wife Cheryl, and Ken and his wife Di attended.

During the afternoon member Val Fewster OAM provided a very enjoyable afternoon tea.

Guests met new Australia Day recipient, Dean Kerley OAM JP of Loxton, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, *"For service to the community of Loxton Waikerie"* and his previous life in the Mallee.

They also met Max Wurfel OAM, awarded the Medal "For service to the community, particularly towards the preservation of the history and heritage of the Pinnaroo region" (2009 Queen's Birthday Honours List).

Both Dean and Max were interviewed and spoke briefly of their life history. Ken reports that members of the various Regional Groups have thoroughly enjoyed participation in and hearing other's stories where this has been included in the format of gatherings. Members are occasionally heard to say, "I have known you for years, but was not aware of your involvement / contribution to that!"

The **Yorke Peninsula Regional Group** held their half-yearly luncheon meeting at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel in Ardrossan on Sunday 30 April, one of the largest for some time. Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reports that 31 members and guests gathered, including Ken and his wife Di, and the SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM. There were five who attended for the first time.

Maree Anderson OAM (*"For service to the community of Minlaton"*, Australia Day 2015) and Fred Manno OAM (*"For service to veterans"*, Queens Birthday 2022) were both interviewed.

Members again recognised that the citation is simply a brief synopsis of the prime factor(s) that awardees are involved in, but there is so much more to the background of honours recipients that stretches out into many fields.

The **Fleurieu Regional Group** held their half-yearly luncheon at the Mount Compass Hotel on Friday 5 May. The Reverend Tony Gates, world-travelled author and speaker, was the guest speaker, on the topic "The City in the Sea – Venice".



Members and guests who attended the Riverland and Mallee meeting in Berri on Sunday 16 April: Standing (left to right): Group Contact Tim Grieger OAM; Peter Magarey OAM; Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP; Brian Caddy OAM; Betty Thompson; Max Wurfel OAM; SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM; Dean Kerley OAM and David Ward ESM OAM JP.

Seated: Captain Tony Smith OAM; Val Fewster OAM; Cheryl Metcalf; Carla Magarey OAM. Riverland and Mallee Regional Group photographs by Di Coventry.



Members and guests from the Copper Coast & Yorke Peninsula regions who attended the luncheon in Ardrossan on Sunday 30 April – including Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Regional Contact (Kadina) Elaine Bussenschutt OAM (middle row second from left) and Regional Contact (Minlaton) Maree Anderson OAM (middle row fourth from left). Pictured with Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP (far left) and SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM (far right). All photographs by Di Coventry.



Tony Metcalf OAM at the luncheon in Ardrossan with Yorke Peninsula Regional Contact (Minlaton) Maree Anderson OAM and Fred Manno OAM.



Some of the guests who attended the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon in Ardrossan (left to right): Mitzi Parkins, Jim Parkins OAM, Ray Greig OAM SJ JP, Joyce Wearn OAM and Graham Wearn OAM.

#### **UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS**

The **Riverland and Mallee Regional Group** will next meet in Spring (September/October) 2023. The River Murray traverses the area that is defined for our Riverland and Mallee (and adjoining Murraylands) Regional Group. Now that this significant event – the massive River Murray flood – has all but passed, discussions have suggested that there are probably a significant number of photos, videos and experiences that members could share – from the Riverland to the Lakes. Further thought and investigations about this will be considered at the next gathering.

The next meeting of the **Yorke Peninsula Regional Group** is scheduled for 22 October 2023, at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel (the 'Top Pub') at 36 First Street in Ardrossan.

The Fleurieu Regional Group will hold its next self-funded luncheon meeting on Friday 3 November.

The **South East Regional Group** meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years. The next gathering is planned for Friday 23 February 2024.



**IN MEMORIAM** 

The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following South Australian Branch member: Clemens Obst OAM of Bordertown, passed away on his 100th birthday, 9 March 2023

Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2004 Queen's Birthday Honours List:

"For service to primary production in South Australia, particularly through the development and promotion of clay spreading techniques to increase water efficiency and retention in sandy soils".

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE 18-21 May 2023

Our Chairman, Deputy Chairman and several Branch members attended the Order of Australia Association National Conference, AGM and Members' Forum in Gelong last month. A highlight of the event was the conference dinner at Mt Duneed Estate on Saturday 20 May, during which the Order of Australia Association Foundation announced four scholarships. These scholarships are valued at \$40,000 each spread over two years.

The awards were presented by His Excellency the Governor-General, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (ret'd). Of note, three of the four recipients were young South Australians!



SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM (left) with Skyla Schmid, University of South Australia

Prisca Issa, University of South Australia, with Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM (right)



Amy Martin, University of Adelaide, with SA Branch member Professor Tony Thomas AC

**Prisca Issa**, aged 21, is enrolled in a joint Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Psychology at the University of South Australia. She earlier gained an Undergraduate Certificate in Aged Care. Prisca is active in advocating for others in her community, with staff at the University of South Australia describing her advocacy as inspirational.

**Amy Martin**, aged 25, is undertaking a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree at the University of Adelaide, having already completed a Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences. Amy aspires to become a paediatric surgeon. Prior to commencing her MBBS, she was also involved with the University of Adelaide's writing centre, providing support to students with their writing skills.

**Skyla Schmid**, aged 22, is studying for a Bachelor of Business (Tourism and Event Management) at the University of South Australia, and will soon be undertaking a Master of Management (Marketing), also at the University of South Australia. She was awarded the SA Tourism Student of the Year Award at Unity College, Murray Bridge.

The fourth recipient is **Rani Alexandra (Alex) Nair** from Victoria, aged 22, who is undertaking a Bachelor of Applied Science in Medical Radiations, specifically Medical Imaging, at RMIT's Bundoora Campus. The staff at RMIT have spoken of Alex's connection to her community, her powerful advocacy, and the leadership role she has taken at RMIT.

The SA Branch heartily congratulates all recipients of these prestigious awards!

The biographical profiles were kindly provided by Dr Helen Nugent AC, Chair of The Order of Australia Association Foundation. Additional information will be included in the July newsletter.



#### The Order of Australia Association Foundation

The Order of Australia Association Foundation is supporting the next generation of leaders by helping promising young Australians to achieve their potential for the benefit of future generations of Australians.

The Foundation was formed on 29 April 1999 pursuant to a Deed of Trust settled by five Founders, being former Presidents of the Association, namely – the Right Honourable Sir Zelman Cowen PC AK GCMG GCVO KStJ, the Honourable Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE, Sir Eric Neal AC CVO, Sir James Gobbo AC CVO; and General Sir Phillip Bennett AC KBE DSO KStJ.

The Foundation provides a national focus for the purpose of The Order of Australia Association to celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship, by annually sponsoring scholarships to Australian students in their early years of tertiary study. Donations made to the Foundation attract DGR tax deductibility.

More information on the Foundation Scholarships may be found here:

https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/foundation/



#### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING Thursday 27 April 2023

Standing, left to right: June Montgomery ('Monty') Smith OAM, Mrs Wendy Chapman AM, Susan Philips, Professor Tony Phillips AM, Glenys Jones OAM JP (Hospitality), Dr Robert Black AM RFD (MC), Flavia De Pasquale (Coordinator), Jan Brook, Dr Victor Squires AM, Tom Chapman AM, Sally Grundy, Dr Alistair Begg.

Seated: Guest speaker Lieutenant-Colonel David Brook AM (ret'd).

**Reminder:** the next honours recipients fellowship luncheon will be held on Thursday 29 June, with Don Clark OAM as guest speaker, on the topic: "My involvement with livestock in the Middle East".



# HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of his other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the Order of Australia





Banners and placards erected in Murray Street as the Town of Gawler prepared to celebrate the Coronation.

The official coronation of Charles III took place on 6 May at Westminster Abbey in London in keeping with a tradition dating back some 1,000 years. Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron, represented South Australia at the historic event.

The coronation was held eight months after the King's accession – upon the death of Queen Elizabeth II at Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire on 8 September 2022. This followed the tradition that a festival such as a coronation was inappropriate during the period of mourning that followed the death of the preceding sovereign.

During their term as sovereign, Edward VII, George V and George VI had used the Tudor Crown – which came to be known as the "King's Crown". Elizabeth II chose to use the St Edward's Crown, which accordingly became known as the "Queen's Crown". King Charles III has chosen to again use the Tudor Crown to represent his reign.



The Royal Cipher and Tudor Crown of King Charles III, as used on the Coronation Order of Service.



King Charles III is the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor.



The Royal Cipher and Tudor Crown on the reverse of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

# Coronation Aledals A Brief History, Part 11

In May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III – the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor, King of Australia, and Sovereign of the Order of Australia.

On 8 September 2022, Prince Charles acceded to the throne with the title, "by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of his other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith".

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, medallets or commemorative coins) were simple souvenirs, and were not intended for wear.

#### King Charles III Coronation Medal (2023)

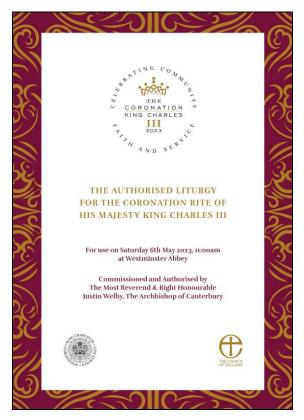
This medal was instituted for award in May 2023 as a personal souvenir to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor.

The coronation was held eight months after the King's accession. This followed the tradition that a festival such as a coronation was inappropriate during the period of mourning that followed the death of the preceding sovereign.

The Coronation ceremony took place in the Abbey Church of St Peter in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May 2023, conducted by the Most Reverend & Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

More than 400,000 people are expected to receive a Coronation Medal in recognition of their contribution to the King's Coronation. Recipients will include police, ambulance workers, choristers and military personnel working at the Coronation, as well as emergency service workers, prison staff and members of the armed forces with more than five years of full service.

The medal will also be awarded to members of the Royal Family, staff of the Royal Household, and living holders of the Victoria Cross and George Cross.



*This is the cover of the authorised liturgy for the Coronation Rite of His Majesty the King.* 



The King Charles III Coronation Medal is struck in nickel silver, 32 mm in diameter and with a ring suspension. The medal is issued unnamed, and has been despatched to recipients in a red cardboard box.



For more information visit our website: <u>https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/</u>

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#### The Order

Contributions may be submitted by any financial member of the Association. Items may be sent to the Editor by post (as per details given in *The Order*), or by email: nateditor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

#### Newsletter contributions

Contributions for this newsletter may be submitted to the SA Branch Editor:

Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd) PO Box 5, SMITHFIELD SA 5114 **or** <u>chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au</u>



#### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch welcome the following new members of the Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch announced in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List:

> Venerable Canon Professor Peter Sandeman AM

Jennifer McDonald OAM

And we also welcome the following new member:

Dr Graham Fleming AM 2014 Australia Day Honours List

#### **REGIONAL GROUP CONTACTS**

**Regional Groups** Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP

Fleurieu Regional Group

Meets on the first Friday in May and November. Regional Contact: John Hutchinson OAM 0427 525 670 || johnhutc@bigpond.com

#### South East Regional Group

Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years. Regional Contact: Mr Eric Roughana AM 0408 817 260 || roseric1@bigpond.com

**Riverland and Mallee Regional Group** Meets twice a year, generally in March/April and September/October. Regional Contact: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP 0409 099 122 || tgrieger@riverland.net.au

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Regional Contact, Kadina: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM 0417 806 839 || <u>elaine@yp-connect.net</u>

Regional Contact, Minlaton: Maree Anderson OAM 0407 975 174 || <u>mareeanderson@internode.on.net</u>



### ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB TOUR

**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB GUIDED TOUR AND HISTORICAL PRESENTATION, Saturday 21 October 2023** – at the Adelaide Sailing Club at 9 Barcoo Road, West Beach, 10.15 for a 10.30 am start. \$15 per person.

We have arranged a guided tour and historical presentation starting with a welcome drink and nibbles at 10.15 am, followed by a talk at 10.30 am on the history of the Adelaide Sailing Club, Glenelg Sailing Club and Holdfast Bay Yacht Club, and then from 11.30 a guided tour and historical presentation. Followed by lunch in the restaurant 'Oceanique' at your own expense.



#### Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than Saturday 21 October 2023

Register online using Humanitix – just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/adelaide-sailing-club-tour">https://events.humanitix.com/adelaide-sailing-club-tour</a>

Online payment is preferred via EFT, using the code "ASC + your surname" Account Name – 'Order of Australia Association' // BSB 105-900 // Account no 147028640 (Bank SA) Please scan and send this form to the Treasurer Mr Joe Ienco OAM: <u>joeienco1@gmail.com</u>

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# We hope you can join us for this significant event!

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