



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, July 2023

We began last month with our inaugural King's Birthday Luncheon, which was exceptionally well attended and enjoyed by all present.

In addition, we have held our third fellowship luncheon for the year, at which the guest speaker was Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM.

This newsletter includes images from these events, and additional photos from our New Recipients' Reception in May.

We previously advised that during the National Conference dinner in May, the Order of Australia Association Foundation announced the names of four scholarship recipients – of whom three are young South Australians! On behalf of the Branch, I offer Prisca, Amy and Skyla our congratulations. A more detailed profile of each of them is included in this newsletter.

I would like to acknowledge another generous donation made by Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM. Chook has already made one donation, which we have used to produce medallions to be awarded to each Student Citizenship Award recipient in 2023. His new donation will be dedicated to producing medallions for the 2024 Student Citizenship Award recipients.

Many thanks Chook, your generosity will be greatly appreciated across the State.

I remind you of the 'Winter Conversations' series, open to the public, on the fourth Friday of July and August. Her Excellency will engage notable South Australians in conversation on topics pertinent to the success of South Australia and the well-being of all South Australians.

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

### ANNOUNCEMENT



### WINTER CONVERSATIONS Friday 28 July 2023

The second in the 'Winter Conversations' series will focus on 'Mental health and body image'. The speakers are 2023 Australian of the Year Taryn Brumfitt and Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation Chief Executive John Mannion.

For more information visit:

<https://www.governor.sa.gov.au/>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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.

**Thursday 26 October:** Honours recipients fellowship luncheon, with guest speaker Mr David Linn OAM.

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*Our New Recipients' Reception in May was attended by 21 new recipients.*

### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

**Monday 1 May 2023**

In our first New Recipients' Reception for the year, held at Payneham Library, we congratulated new recipients announced in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List. We thank the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters for their generous support and assistance, and Vili's Family Bakery for again subsidising the cost of the refreshments:  
<https://www.vilis.com/>



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Norwood  
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& St Peters

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*Family Bakery*



Branch Secretary  
John Philips OAM,  
with 2023 Australia Day  
Honours recipients:

Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM  
(left)

and

John Jarrett AM  
(right)



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Dr Elizabeth Coates AM,  
with Dr Kim Petersen  
*“For significant service to special needs  
dentistry, and to oral health care”*



Dr Jennifer Delima AM,  
with Mr Peter Schaefer  
*“For significant service to  
rural and remote medicine”*



John Jarrett AM, with Mrs Shirley Jarrett  
and daughter Helen Briggs (centre)  
*“For significant service to community health,  
and to veterans and their families”*



Dr Roger Sexton AM,  
with Mrs Linda Sexton  
*“For significant service to medical practitioners through  
health initiatives, and to professional associations”*



Geoffrey Ambler OAM, with Mrs Jacque Ambler  
and granddaughter Rebekah Jones  
*“For service to the  
community of Salisbury”*



Brian Doherty OAM, with Councillor Carol  
Martin OAM, City of Port Adelaide Enfield  
*“For service to the community  
through a range of organisations”*



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Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM,  
with his son Professor Rob Fowler  
*"For service to veterans and their families"*



Dennis Jarman OAM,  
with Mrs Joy Jarman  
*"For service to the communities  
of Elizabeth and Playford"*



Jennifer McDonald OAM,  
with Mr Don McDonald,  
and Megan and Peter  
McDonald  
*"For service to conservation and  
the environment"*



Robyn Pearson-Robertson OAM,  
with Mr Peter Robertson  
*"For service to business"*



Alethia Quick OAM,  
with Mr Trevor Quick  
*"For service to floral art organisations,  
and to the community"*



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Barry Hill OAM

*"For service to the performing arts"*

and

Graeme Pitt OAM

*"For service to the church, and to music"*



Bevan Treloar OAM

*"For service to the community through a range of roles"*

and

Professor Barbara Spears AM

*"For significant service to tertiary education, to research, and to youth"*



Branch Editor Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP, with 2023 Australia Day Honours recipients:

Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM (left)

and

John Jarrett AM (right)

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### 2022 Awardees, Order of Australia Association Foundation

Saturday 20 May 2023

Noel Hender OAM BEM reported on the Order of Australia Association National Conference Dinner, during which the Order of Australia Association Foundation announced its four scholarship recipients.

*"Whilst assembled in the imposing dining area of the Mt Duneed Estate on the outskirts of Geelong, Victoria, the audience of over 200 members and guests applauded as the Patron, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (ret'd) presented the four 2022 Foundation Scholarship Awards".*

*"We were delighted that three of the four scholarships went to South Australian tertiary students. The SA Branch heartily congratulates Prisca Issa, Amy Martin and Skyla Schmid, along with Rani Alexandra (Alex) Nair of RMIT on their Foundation Scholarship Awards, and we thank the Foundation sponsors for their generous support".*

The biographical profiles which follow were kindly provided by Dr Helen Nugent AC, Chair of The Order of Australia Association Foundation.



### The Order of Australia Association Foundation

The 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 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. These scholarships are valued at \$40,000 each spread over two years.

Donations made to the Foundation attract DGR tax deductibility. More information on the Foundation Scholarships may be found here:

<https://oaafoundation.org.au/>



**Prisca Issa**, aged 21 (pictured with Noel Hender OAM BEM), is enrolled in a joint Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Psychology at the University of South Australia. Prisca says she is endlessly grateful for the opportunities Australia has given her.

The donor of this award is Mr Paul Wheelton AM KSJ.

Prisca is receiving mentorship from Ms Sarah Matheson AM, who served for twenty years as an intellectual property lawyer before pursuing a career as a non-executive director.

After her parents fled the Congo during the 1998 Civil War, Prisca grew up in a refugee camp in Zambia. She migrated with her parents in 2011 at the age of 9, arriving in Australia unable to read, write or speak English.

In 2021, Prisca gained an Undergraduate Certificate in Aged Care, and she uses those skills working as a support worker at HenderCare. She supports people with daily tasks such as personal care, cleaning, meal preparation, transport and social support. However, she says that what gives her the greatest satisfaction is the emotional support she can provide and the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

In addition, since her parents returned to Zambia, she has looked after her younger sister, supporting her financially. At the same time, she has acquitted herself with distinction in pursuing her Law and Psychology degrees.

Prisca is active in advocating for others in her community, with staff at the University of South Australia describing her advocacy as inspirational.



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**Amy Martin**, aged 25 (pictured with SA Branch member Professor Tony Thomas AC), 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, combining her interest in anatomy and surgery.

The donor of this award is The Riddiford Trust.

As an integral part of her scholarship, Amy is receiving strong mentorship from eminent Adelaide Newborn Intensive Care Physician, Associate Professor Dr Ross Haslam AO.

Amy began her studies with a Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences in 2019 and 2020. She received straight High Distinctions in those semesters, while at that stage having a child under two years of age.

Since transferring in 2021 to an MBBS degree, Amy has separated from her partner and is now a single mother with two children under four years of age.

Both children are in day care while she studies and works to support her children, notwithstanding a level of government financial support.

Being a recipient of The Order of Australia Foundation Scholarship will go quite some way to alleviating the financial stress arising from Amy's being a single parent at the same time as pursuing her degree.

Notwithstanding the immediacy of her studies and caring for two small children, Amy has also been the Gender Representative for the Adelaide Medical Students Society.

Prior to commencing her MBBS degree course, she was also involved with the University of Adelaide's writing centre, providing support to students with their writing skills.



**Skyla Schmid**, aged 22 (pictured with Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM), 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.

The donor of this award is Mr Paul Wheelton AM KSJ.

The acumen and commitment Skyla has displayed in tourism and event management will be enhanced through the mentorship provided by Mr Martin Radcliffe, the General Manager of the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Skyla is strongly committed to helping the tourism industry to thrive in Australia, specifically in South Australia.

She recognises the spin-off benefits from tourism to the wine, agriculture, and transport sectors.

She was awarded the SA Tourism Student of the Year Award while at Unity College, Murray Bridge (and was also House Captain and Senior School Student Leader).

Skyla has also acquitted herself academically with distinction, recognised by two Chancellor's Letters of Commendation.

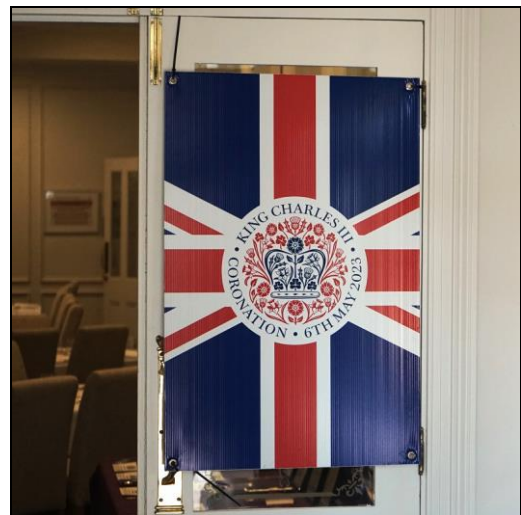
Skyla has a demonstrated track record of volunteering and paid employment in multiple tourism events, and served as Executive Member of the Tourism and Event Management Club at the University of South Australia. She completed a placement with the South Australian Tourism Commission, where she was the Event Office Assistant for the Santos Tour Down Under.

Skyla lives at Rockleigh, over an hour away from the University's City West Campus where she studies. The nearest bus stop to travel to the campus is 39 km from her home. This has a significant impact on her time and financial situation.

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*Our inaugural King's Birthday Luncheon also acknowledged the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla on 6 May 2023.*



*The large King Charles III Coronation placard was kindly donated by the Town of Gawler:*  
<https://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/>

### KING'S BIRTHDAY AND CORONATION LUNCHEON Saturday 3 June 2023

We held a very successful luncheon in the Victorian Room of the Edinburgh Hotel in Mitcham to mark the King's Birthday and Coronation, hosted by Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM. We were very honoured to be joined by our Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Bunten. We were fully booked out, with a total of 83 attending the function.

Tony gave the Acknowledgment of Country, introduced the National Anthem, and proposed the Loyal Toast to King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign Head of the Order of Australia.

Her Excellency was our Guest Speaker, and shared some experiences of her trip to London and the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. She took questions from the floor, and in response to one question gave a description of the symbology used in the official emblem for the coronation of King Charles III – primarily the flora from the four countries that make up the United Kingdom: the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales and the shamrock of Northern Ireland.

We thank Her Excellency the Governor and Mr Bunten for attending, and in particular we thank Her Excellency for a very interesting and informative address.



*SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM was our host and proposed the Loyal Toast.*



*Our Branch Patron Her Excellency the Governor was our Guest Speaker.*



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*Kath House AM had a wide selection of Association merchandise available to purchase.*



*We were very pleased to welcome our Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Bunten as our official guests.*

*Another special guest was Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, one of our newest members (front, left), who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day Honours List. Chook's very generous donations have supported our initiative of including a special medallion for the 2023 and 2024 Student Citizenship Award recipients. The successful nominees will each receive a framed personalised certificate signed by the Governor and 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.*



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For photographs, and additional information on the Order of Australia and the Association, click here:

[KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, 3 June 2023](#)



Read about the history of Mitcham Village  
and the Edinburgh Hotel & Cellar:

<https://www.edinburgh.com.au/history/>



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2023



#### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday 29 June 2023

The guest speaker for our third honours recipients fellowship luncheon for 2023 was Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM, who spoke on the topic: "My involvement with livestock in the Middle East".

Don was awarded the OAM in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to the livestock industry"*.

Pictured above (left to right) Peter Routley AM, Flavia De Pasquale OAM, Don Clark OAM, Gillian Rogers OAM, Dr Carolyn Palmer AM and Susan Chase AM.

Besides his extensive career in the livestock industry, which formed the basis of Don's talk, he also saw military service at the age of 18.

In 1957, Don was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Intake of the National Service Scheme. He served with No 8 Platoon in 'B' Company of the 16<sup>th</sup> National Service Training Battalion at Woodside Army Barracks in the Adelaide Hills.

Don was required to serve 98 days' continuous basic training, to be followed by 78 days' training in the Citizen Military Force (CMF) over three years.

After his three months at Woodside, Don began part-time service at Warradale Barracks while also working five days a week with Southern Farmers in Franklin Street, Adelaide.

For his service as a National Serviceman, Don subsequently received the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal which was created in 2001. He also received the Australian Defence Medal (centre) after it was introduced in 2006.



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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 31 August** at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street in Adelaide.

The speaker will be internationally-recognised dryland management expert Dr Vic Squires AM, on the topic: "Why me? An explanation".

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:

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

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*Dr Vic Squires AM*

#### Dr Victor Squires AM

Dr Vic Squires is well-known as a desert ecology explorer, educator and researcher. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List, *"For significant service to the environment, notably to the ecology of rangelands"*.

He holds a PhD in Natural Resources Management, a Master's Degree in Ecology and Botany, and a Bachelor's degree in Botany and Geography.

In 1976-80, he was Principal/Senior Research Scientist, Land Resource Management with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

He first travelled to China under the auspices of the Australian Academy of Science and the Academia Sinica in 1985, and he lived in western China for six years. He has undertaken more than 10 major projects in the north-west provinces of China, especially in Xinjiang, the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and Gansu, and in neighbouring Tajikistan and Kazakhstan.

Dr Squires is a former Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources at Adelaide University, and was the Foundation Director of the National Key Centre for Dryland Agriculture and Land Use Systems.

He was an Adjunct Professor (Environmental Research Laboratory) in the University of Arizona (1995-05), and has been a Distinguished Guest Professor in the Institute of Desertification Studies (Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing) since 2016.

Dr Squires is a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Australia. He received an Unsung Rangelands Champion Alumni Achievement Award (University of New England) in 2019, and an Outstanding Achievement Award (Society for Range Management, USA) in 2015. From the Chinese Government he has received the Gold Medal for International Science and Co-operation (2008), the Gold Medal for Friendship Award (2011) and the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award (Chinese Academy of Forestry, 2018).





Richard House AM



Peggy and Richard House at The Anchorage for the Victor Harbor Coastcare reception in Richard's honour [Fleurieu Sun].



### RICHARD HOUSE OAM

#### 20 years as Chairman of Victor Harbor Coastcare

Richard's retirement as Chairman of Victor Harbor Coastcare after 20 years was recently recognised with a full page spread in the *Fleurieu Sun* of a 'thank you' function held by the group at The Anchorage Hotel in Victor Harbor.

Mayor Dr Moira Jenkins of the City of Victor Harbor and several people who are top helpers from the Council and Landscape Board were in attendance.

Richard said that the words in his first annual report twenty years ago started with *"When I was elected Chairman last year, I had no idea that I was letting myself in for so much work!"*. He says now, he was right!

*"How could I have imagined what the next twenty years would hold for me. At least I survived, and I really have enjoyed everything"* he said.

*"Not being an environmentalist was the first challenge, but I certainly have learned a lot. Also, it has been such a pleasure to work with so many dedicated and friendly members of Victor Harbor Coastcare"*.

*"A lot of our early days' work was along the coastline of Hayborough and around the River Hindmarsh estuary. It was at this time that I began to learn the complexities, but subsequent benefits, of applying for grants"*.

*"The coastal tea tree was the main targeted weed and there were plenty of them. Our success can be measured by the fact that there are very few around there now"*.

*"The creation of the Bridge Point dune plants garden was part of a pleasant and educational replacement"*.

*"I was also involved in the introduction and construction of paths and fences around the Hindmarsh estuary lagoon. This has now become a much-frequented area where walkers can enjoy nature, and escape the frustrations of the busier parts of Victor Harbor. More recently, VHC is now busy with weed control and revegetation on the Bluff"*.

*"Many new members have joined over the years and it has been a pleasure to get to know them, and introduce them to the challenges of what is either a weed or a good plant in the dunes. Plant identification led me to writing a small educational booklet 'Richard's Dune Plants Guide', and I have given a talk 'Your Dunes my Dunes' to over ten community groups"*.

*"Particularly recently, I have encouraged the social aspects of what we do in Victor Harbor Coastcare"*.

*"Socialising together helps so much with the bonding of the group and making it a fun occupation".*

In 2005, Richard was awarded the *Coast Care Award* by the SA Coast Protection Board.

Then in the 2013 Australia Day Honours List he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), *"For Service to conservation and the environment, and to the community"*.

But Richard says that one of the greatest awards of them all was in 2022, when Victor Harbor Coastcare was awarded the *State Award for Coastal Work* in the SA Landcare Awards.

The leadership of the Victor Harbor Coastcare has been passed to Loreto Cameron. Richard contemplated: *"I have now handed the role to a younger person. So what will I do now?"*.

*"It is time for younger people to run Victor Harbor Coastcare but I will still work with the group, and I wish all its members well for the future"*.

*"Remember, as I always say, If you don't start somewhere, you will never get anywhere!"*.

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### Full 'House' says goodbye to Richard

MICHAEL SIMMONS

A thank you event was held at The Anchorage last month for Richard House, who after 20 years as chair of Victor Harbor Coastcare, has passed on his leadership to Loreto Cameron.

At the function were members of Victor Harbor Coastcare, council representatives, friends and of course wife Peggy.

It was a very special and great occasion for Richard.

"It was such a pleasure to see so many people whom I haven't seen for so long. I particularly appreciated that," Richard said.

"Thank you for the lovely plant book and for the photo album which is so full of memories and photos. It is really a lovely souvenir which brought back many memories of working bees."

"Don't forget that, if you don't start somewhere, you will never get anywhere!"



Richard and Rosette Edwards at the function honouring Richard House. PHOTOS: MICHAEL SIMMONS.

Bev and Harry Rake.

Corey Jackson, Moira Jenkins and Andrew Comas. INSET: Christina Mitchell, Jeff Cope and Loreto Cameron.

Murray and Janet Pettman, Andrew and Anita Leak and Eric Everitt were present at Richard House's goodbye event at The Anchorage.

Peggy and Richard House are with Charli Leek and Jen Priddle. Fleurieu Sun, Thursday, May 4, 2023

Brian Doman and Lee Jeffery.

Sue Robertson and Bronson Symmonds.

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## Regional Group News

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".

The next **Riverland and Mallee Regional Group** meeting is likely to be held in October; date and location to be determined.

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, 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.



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### ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE South Australian Parliament

Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC, Senator for South Australia and Deputy President of the Australian Senate, has advised that a bronze Active Military Service honour board was recently unveiled in Old Parliament House.

This honour board acknowledges our Members of Parliament who have seen active military service overseas.

One of the notable names, listed under both World War 1 and World War 2, is Arthur Seaforth Blackburn VC CMG CBE ED MP. For the dedication of the honour board Senator McLachlan advised, *"We were joined by members of the Blackburn family, as well as Keith 'Chook' Fowler who served with Arthur Blackburn as a member of the 2/3rd Machine Gun Battalion in WWII"*.

Among the World War 2 veterans listed there are several who were awarded the Order of Australia – the Honourable Renfrey Curgenvin De Garis AM MLC, the Honourable (Charles) Murray Hill AM MLC, the Honourable Mr Justice (Leonard James) Len King AC MP, Mr Donald Hope Laidlaw AO MLC, Mr John Mathwin OAM MP, Mr (Edwin) Keith Russack OAM MLC MP, the Honourable Donald Simmons AM DFC MP, Mr Ivon Wardle OAM MP, and the Honourable Arthur Mornington Whyte AM MLC.

From the post-war era, one parliamentarian is listed who served in both the Korean War (1950-54) and the Malayan Emergency (1948-62) – the Honourable James Desmond Corcoran AO MP (1928-2004), a former member of the House of Assembly and Premier of South Australia.

Born in Millicent on 8 November 1928, Des Corcoran served in the Royal Australian Infantry Corps immediately after World War 2, with the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR).

He served overseas in Japan with the Australian military component of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF).

He then served with the rank of Sergeant with 1RAR during the Korean War from 1 April 1952 to 28 February 1953, and was Mentioned-in-Dispatches for his "courage and skill".

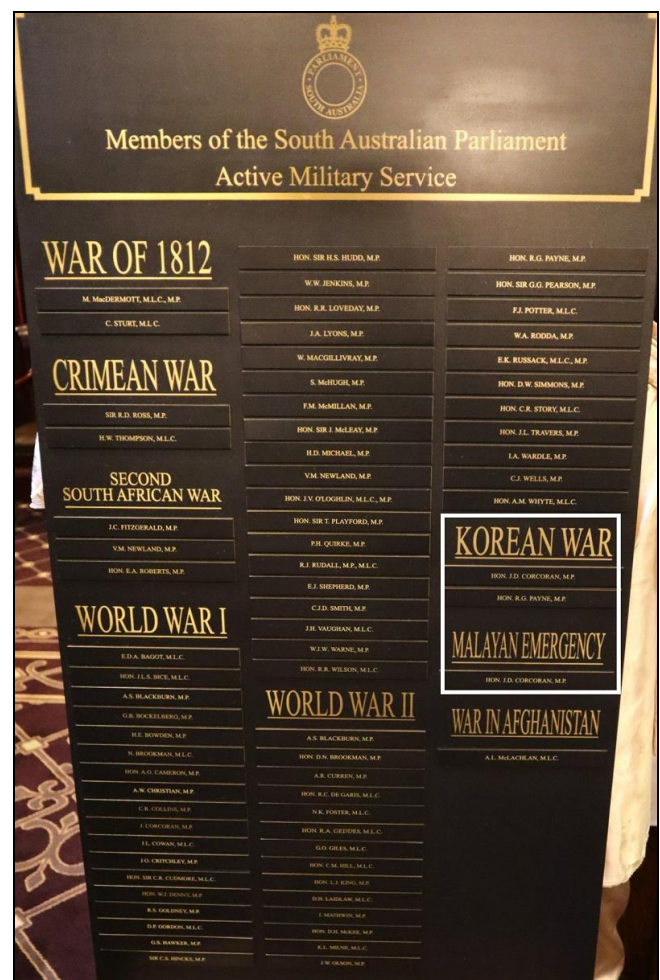
In Malaya as a Warrant Officer Class 2, Corcoran was assigned as the company sergeant-major of the 28th Commonwealth Independent Infantry Brigade Group from 11 October 1957 to 27 March 1960.

He was Mentioned-in-Dispatches for a second time, for "outstanding service".

He was commissioned in 1961, and finished his military service in 1962 with the rank of Captain.

The Honourable Des Corcoran MP served as the 37th Premier of South Australia, from 15 February to 18 September 1979. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the 1982 Australia Day Honours List, *"In recognition of service to politics and government"*. He was also awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001.

Des Corcoran was a member of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association.



*Des Corcoran's listing on the South Australian Parliament Active Military Service honour board; image provided by Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC.*

## Coronation Medals

### A Brief History, Part 12

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

### King Charles III Accession Medallion (2022)

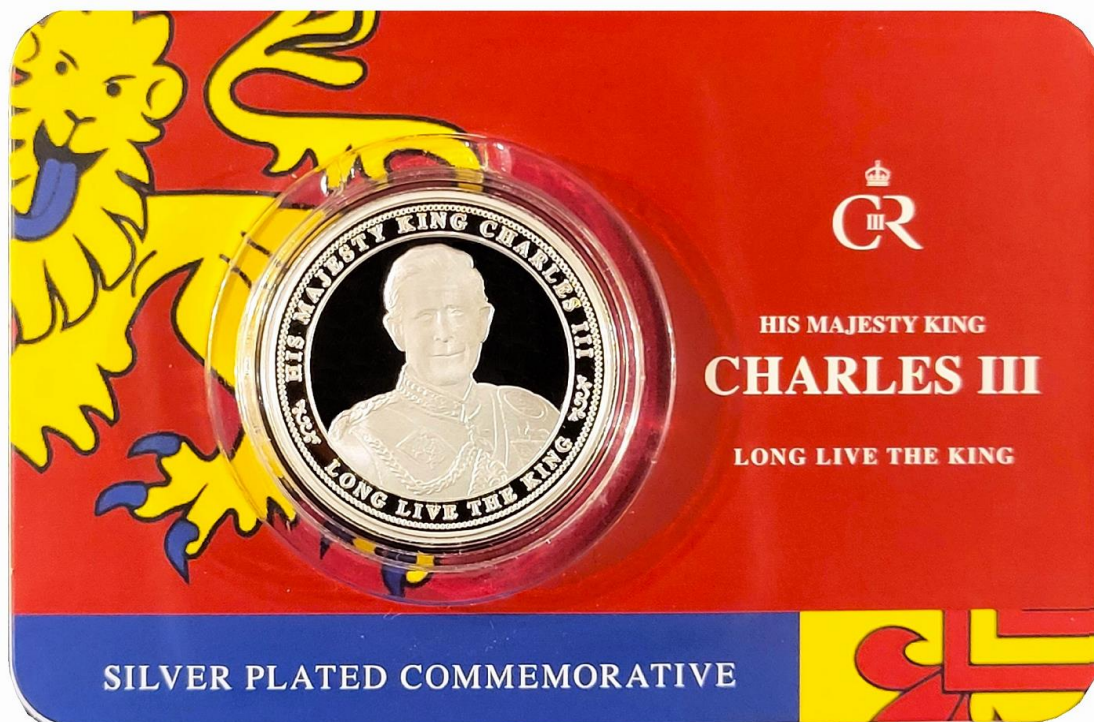
Prince Charles, Prince of Wales (born as ‘Charles Philip Arthur George’) acceded to the throne of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms on 8 September 2022 upon the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II.

As King Charles III, he became the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor.

Pre-determined phrases or codenames have long been used for plans relating to key events involving a Royal Family member. Initially, these codenames were used by key officials in an effort to prevent Buckingham Palace switchboard operators from learning of a death prior to a public announcement.

The plans relating to the death and funeral of Queen Elizabeth II were designed to occur concurrently with other related plans, including the plans for the accession of King Charles III to the throne – Operation ‘Spring Tide’, and his coronation plan, Operation ‘Golden Orb’.

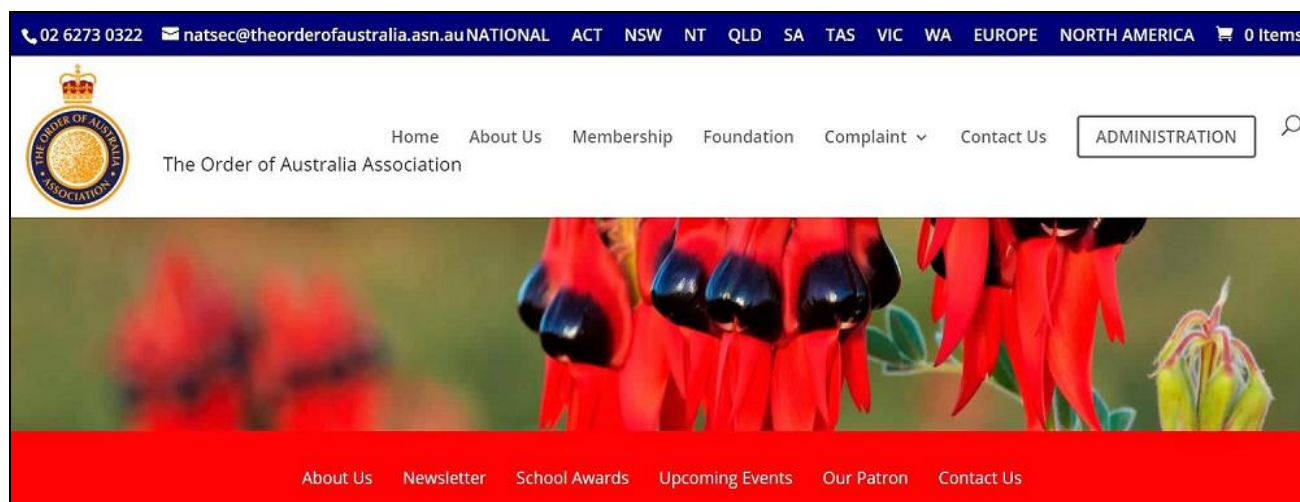
Charles III was formally proclaimed monarch at an Accession Council convened at St James’s Palace in London on Saturday 10 September 2022.



*This silver-plated commemorative medallion was created as a souvenir to celebrate the accession to the throne of the Prince of Wales as King Charles III on 8 September 2022.*



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### NEW MEMBERS

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

Robyn Joy Pearson-Robertson OAM

Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List:

*"For service to business"*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tgrieger@riverland.net.au)

#### Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

Regional Contact, Kadina: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM  
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Regional Contact, Minlaton: Maree Anderson OAM  
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## 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; 10.30 am start. \$15 per person.

We have arranged a guided tour and historical presentation starting with a welcome drink and nibbles at 10.30 am followed by a talk 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. You may wish to adopt a theme of red, white and blue for the event. Followed by lunch at 12.30 pm in the restaurant 'Oceanique' at your own expense, with wonderful sea views. For catering purposes, please note if you will be staying for lunch.



**Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than Wednesday 18 October 2023**



Register online using Humanitix – just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser:

<https://events.humanitix.com/adelaide-sailing-club-tour>



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: [joeienco1@gmail.com](mailto:joeienco1@gmail.com)



If necessary, forward this reply form and payment to:

SA Branch Treasurer Mr Joe Ienco OAM, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085

Make your cheque or money order payable to "SA Branch, Order of Australia Association"

Name: [please print] ..... [post-nominals] .....

Preferred name: ..... Phone Contact: .....

Email or Address: .....

Dietary requirements [if any] .....

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

Guest 1: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Guest 2: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Guest 3: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Payment enclosed: ..... for ..... people ( \$15 per person )

Staying for lunch? – No / Yes, number of people: .....

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

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