

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, August 2023

In this newsletter we include some more images from our King's Birthday Luncheon. Coming up this month we will hold our fourth fellowship luncheon for the year with speaker Mark Bourchier OAM.

I remind you of the Government House 'Winter Conversations' sessions. Her Excellency has been engaging notable South Australians in conversation on topics pertinent to the success of South Australia and the well-being of all South Australians.

The next session will run from 12:30 to 1:30 pm on Friday 25 August, with former Prime Minister of Australia the Honourable Julia Gillard AC discussing 'Women's advancement'. Bookings are now open:

> https://www.governor.sa.gov.au/viceregal/winter-conversation-series

Our Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel will meet this month, following the close of nominations on Monday 31 July. On behalf of all our members I would like to express my gratitude for those who have volunteered their time to join this panel and review the many nominations.

Your unseen efforts are greatly appreciated.

I would like to remind anyone still receiving this newsletter by post that all Branch and Association transactions are now being conducted almost solely via email and our website.

Reply Forms for our activities may be found on the SA Branch page of the national website.

If you are receiving this newsletter by post, could you consider providing the SA Branch Member Secretary with an email address that we can use (Greg's contact details are given at the end of this newsletter). Thank you.

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 expense) with great views.

A Reply Form is attached, and is available online.

You may wish to adopt a theme of red, white and blue for the event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday 31 August: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon, with speaker Mark Bourchier OAM.

Saturday 30 September: Coromandel Valley Visit, Watchman House and Winns Bakehouse Museum.

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' luncheon, with speaker Mr David Linn OAM.



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

KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, 3 June 2023

The Coronation Medal of King William IV of the House of Hanover and Queen Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen, after whom the City of Adelaide was named, 8 September 1831.

KING'S BIRTHDAY AND CORONATION LUNCHEON Saturday 3 June 2023

Our luncheon at the Edinburgh Hotel in Mitcham was supported by a display of British coronation medals and a scrolling slide-show, and we had a wide selection of Association merchandise available for members. The success of this event is reflected in some of the feedback we have received:

"It was a great choice of venue and menu and there was a great buzz in the room".

"I met a number of members and guests that either have not usually been to our activities or are recent recipients. They were very complimentary of the event".

One guest told one of our committee members that, "she had been very apprehensive about coming as she was new, and was so pleased to find everyone so welcoming and inclusive".

Chook Fowler OAM said he, "had a great time and enjoyed his best day for a long time".



A brass medallet struck to mark the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Victoria on 28 June 1838.



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



Her Excellency took questions from the floor, giving some special insights.



South Australia Branch Committee members (left to right): Pamela Rajkowski OAM, John Ziesing OAM, Ken Coventry OAM JP (co-opted Regional Groups Coordinator), Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (Editor), Noel Hender OAM BEM (Deputy Chairman and Student Citizenship Awards Convenor), Ted Iuliano OAM (Events Sub-committee Chairman), Cheryl Metcalf and Tony Metcalf OAM (Chairman), Kathryn House AM (Merchandise Officer), Flavia de Pasquale OAM, John Phillips OAM (Secretary), Greg Gordon OAM JP (Member Secretary SA). Photograph by Di Coventry.



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

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



Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP provided a display of British coronation medals from his personal collection.

KING'S BIRTHDAY AND CORONATION LUNCHEON

We had an impressive display of coronation medals and ephemera to acknowledge the extensive history sitting behind the recent coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on 6 May.

The sequence of medals began with a large silver Coronation Medal of King William IV of the House of Hanover (8 September 1831) – who is of note to us through the naming of King William Street, and because on 11 July 1818 he had married Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen (Adelaide Amelia Louise Theresa Caroline), after whom the City of Adelaide was named.

There were small brass medallets struck to mark the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Victoria on 28 June 1838, and other medals and ephemera relating to the coronations of Edward VII (1902), George V (1911), George VI (1937) and Elizabeth II (1953).

The display also included rare souvenir medallets produced in 1936 for the proposed coronation of King Edward VIII, the former Prince Edward of York, Prince of Wales, on 12 May 1937 – which did not eventuate due to his abdication on 11 December 1936.





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



The small King Charles III Coronation placard was produced by Showtime Signs near Gawler: <u>https://www.facebook.com/showtimesigns/</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 (as at the time of the August Branch Committee meeting):

Associate Professor Robert Ali AO

Professor Jennifer Margaret McKay AM

Merilyn (Merry) Susanne Wickes AM

John Christopher Clarke OAM

Geoffrey Norman Coombe OAM

Lynton George Donisthorpe OAM

Eileen Joyce Ferguson OAM

Mr Ian Robert Grant OAM

Wayne John Henson OAM

Paul Robert Little OAM

(Brian) John Minney OAM

Laurence Leonard Wallace OAM

Kenneth Leslie Wells OAM

And we also welcome the following new member who has renewed his membership:

Hedley Raymond Bachmann AM 2006 Australia Day Honours List

with Mrs Elizabeth Anne Bachmann OAM JP 2006 Australia Day Honours List

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

The **Riverland and Mallee Regional Group** will hold their Spring meeting in October.

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 Sunday 22 October 2023, at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel (the 'Top Pub') at 36 First Street in Ardrossan.

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.

ADELAIDE EISTEDDFOD Wednesday 14 June 2023

Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and his wife Cheryl recently attended the Choral Competition of the Adelaide Eisteddfod Society.

The SA Branch sponsors Section C003, which is school years 8 to 12 Small Choirs of 10 to 25 voices, and a member would typically attend to present the First, Second and Third prizes.

The competition was held at Elder Hall at the University of Adelaide on North Terrace.

The teams must deliver two contrasting works, in any style. One work must be A Cappella, and one work must be by an Australian Composer or Arranger. Mixed voices are permitted.

On this occasion the adjudicators could not separate the top three, so Tony was called to the stage to present three first prizes. The winning choirs were: Brighton Bel Canto, Scotch Leomhann Voices and Marryatville High School Swing Tones.

DATO LIM KIAN HOCK OAM Thursday 22 June 2023

In a very special and personal investiture ceremony at the Australian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur the Australian Chargé d'affaires Ms Clare Gatehouse, on behalf of the High Commissioner His Excellency Dr Justin Lee, presented the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) to Dato Lim Kian Hock.

Dato Lim received the Medal of the Order of Australia (Honorary):

"For service to Australia-Malaysia relations, particularly to commemorating the role played by Australians in Sarawak, Malaysia, during World War II".

Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd) attended the ceremony in his capacity as President of the South Australia & Northern Territory Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc.

Paul gave an address on the key role Dato Lim has played in acknowledging the service of Australians and New Zealanders during the period of Indonesia's Confrontation with Malaysia (1962-1966).

AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL (OAM)

IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Dato Lim Kian HOCK, Malaysia

For service to Australia-Malaysia relations, particularly to commemorating the role played by Australians in Sarawak, Malaysia, during World War II.

Dato Lim Kian Hock's passion and advocacy for bilateral relations between Malaysia and Australia has contributed to the relationship between the two countries, particularly in the sphere of military service.

For decades, Dato Lim has dedicated himself to commemorating the Australian Armed Forces, and those who served alongside them, between 1942 and 1945 in World War II. His work in collaborating, directing and developing the Sarawak Tourism Federation, History and Heritage Development Committee, is a reflection of his larger vision of documenting this history and paying homage to all the Allied Prisoners of War and the Australian Army Liberators who entered Sarawak during the occupation to finally bring freedom to local people. Moreover, in 2013 he campaigned and advocated for the permanent recognition of the Australian Z-Units for their gallantry, with the support of the Bario Rurum Kelabit Committee and Communities, the Malaysian Armed Forces, the Sarawak Tourism Federation (STF) Heritage Development Committee, the late Jack Tredrea, the commando's families and friends, and all well-wishers.

Dato Lim is held in high esteem by Australian World War II veterans and their families who acknowledge his efforts in "keeping the spirit of the ANZAC alive in Sarawak." Without Dato Lim's dedication and commitment, and the strong support of the Committee, the STF Heritage Development Committee, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Sarawak Museum, Kuching City Councils of Kuching South and Kuching North, the Royal Malaysian Police, the Malaysian Armed Forces and their veterans, Government Departments, and Agencies, the Borneo Exhibitions Group Inc.(BEG) W.A, authors of wartime history and all well-wishers, much of Sarawak wartime history, including the Australian war component, would have been forgotten and lost.

On the basis of his longstanding service to Australian-Malaysian relations, Dato Lim Kian Hock has been formally recognised with an honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).



On Thursday 22 June 2023, the Chargé d'affaires Ms Clare Gatehouse presented Dato Lim with his OAM.



Dato Lim said, "This presentation today reaffirms our shared heritage of the Commonwealth and Anzac spirit".

Paul Rosenzweig presented Dato Lim with a Certificate of Appreciation and some gifts from the SA&NT Branch of the Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association.

Dato Lim was accompanied by his elder son Wilfred Lim (right) and daughter-inlaw Stephanie Goh (left) with their children (left to right) Natania, Timothy and Natasha, and Dato Lim's younger son Eric Lim.



BATU LINTANG

One of Dato Lim Kian Hock's major achievements was the creation of the Batu Lintang Memorial Square in Kuching, Sarawak as a moving and respectful monument to those who died in Batu Lintang POW Camp during World War 2.

Under the Japanese occupation of Sarawak, the former Lintang Barracks near Kuching became a Japanese internment camp. 'Batu Lintang Camp' had a maximum population of some 3,000 Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees.



Dato Lim with South Australian NMBVAA members at the Batu Lintang memorial in August 2016.



The renovated Batu Lintang memorial honours all who died in Batu Lintang POW Camp during World War 2: pictured in September 2022.

These included 178 Australian officers and men, British and Indian officers and soldiers, Dutch KNIL officers and men, Indonesian soldiers, Roman Catholic priests and various other religious men.

Life in the camp was harsh, with forced labour and brutal treatment: hundreds of POWs and internees died there through starvation and disease.

Amongst official Japanese papers found at the camp following its liberation were two 'death orders' describing the proposed execution of every POW and internee in the camp.

Batu Lintang POW Camp was liberated on 11 September 1945 by the 9th Australian Division under Brigadier Tom Eastick DSO, Commander Kuching Force, from South Australia.

The timely liberation of the camp prevented the murder of over 2,000 men, women and children.



Dato Lim Kian Hock OAM at the Australian High Commission with Chargé d'affaires Ms Clare Gatehouse and SA/NT Branch President Paul Rosenzweig OAM.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2023

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING Thursday 29 June 2023

Peter Routley AM provided this report on our third honours recipients fellowship luncheon for the year:

Our quest-speaker on this occasion was Donald Clark OAM. His award was made for "Service to the livestock industry" (2019 Australia Day Honours List), and this was the subject of his talk.

Don had military service dating from National Service in 1957, but his career was in senior management positions in the exportation of livestock to various parts of the world. This was a very complex and demanding role.

Much of the trade was with Middle-eastern countries, the demands of which had to be handled with tact, knowledge and respect. He met Princes and spoke in Parliaments to ensure that clients were satisfied. Don travelled widely, visiting at least thirty-four countries in the course of his career.

Was the meat to be frozen, fresh or sent live? Lambs or mature animals or cattle? From where in Australia were the cattle or sheep to be sourced and loaded?

Shipping was not a simple task, either. Animals had to be loaded on to ships and fed – with what, how often and by whom?

Mistakes meant disease and ship-board mortality, and even refusal to accept the cargo at the port of arrival. Haj lambs sent to Mecca had to be 'clean' and have no more than two teeth to be acceptable for sacrifice.

Don was careful to refrain from discussing the political vicissitudes of his subject, but they were doubtless an everpresent background to his work as Chair of the Industry Council in South Australia, then in Victoria for three years, and finally as Federal Chair for eight years.

A long and very demanding career and an absorbing talk for those at our luncheon.



Dr Victor Squires AM

Dr Vic Squires, a very well-known desert ecology explorer, educator and researcher, was due to be the fellowship luncheon guest speaker for August but unfortunately has had to give his apologies.

Dr Squires 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".

We hope that he will be able to join us on another occasion to tell us more about the two awards he has received from the Chinese Government: the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award of the People's Republic of China, 2008 (upper image, left) and the Friendship Award of the People's Republic of China, 2011.

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.

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.

Due to a change in circumstances, the speaker for this event will now be Mr Mark Bourchier OAM, a former State President of Legacy. His topic will be: *"The Centenary of Legacy ANZAC Commemorative Tour, April 2023"*.

Guests should arrive at 12 noon. 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.

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UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

We look forward to receiving members, partners and guests at our upcoming events. If you have joined the Order of Australia Association and wish to purchase a name badge, you can find an Order Form on our website:

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

COROMANDEL VALLEY VISIT Saturday 30 September 2023

We will hold a social outing to visit famous Watchman House and Winns Bakehouse Museum in Coromandel Valley. Our host is Mr Trevor Conlon OAM (right). Trevor was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2017 Australia Day Honours List, "For service to heritage preservation, and to the community of the Coromandel Valley".

Winns Bakehouse was built in 1878, with two ovens and the capacity to bake 220 loaves in each oven. The Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch of the National Trust SA was formed in 1970, and its members undertook to restore the then dilapidated Bakehouse which had closed 30 years previously. The museum was opened in 1971.

Watchman House, located at the same site, was built in about 1890 and is today part of the Winns Road Historic Precinct. It is named for the Watchman family who owned the house from 1943 until 2002. Restored in 2016-17 by the City of Onkaparinga, Watchman House is now leased to Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch, National Trust SA for use as a History Research and Community Facility.



CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA SAVE THE DATE: Friday 1 December 2023

We will hold our annual Branch 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.

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.

MRS ELIZABETH ANNE BACHMANN OAM JP

Anne Bachmann OAM JP has kindly agreed to be guest speaker at our Christmas Morning Tea on Friday 1 December on the topic, "Making our courts and prisons kinder".

Anne has served as a volunteer at the Adelaide Women's Prison since 1987. She became a member of the Correctional Services Advisory Council, and in 2013 was appointed Special Advisor to the Adelaide Women's Prison, subsequently being presented the Department for Correctional Services Meritorious Service Medal on 14 February 2014.

Her volunteer service also included extensive support to the community as a Justice of the Peace from 1979, Justice of the Quorum from 1983, and state councillor of the Royal Association of Justices of South Australia (RAJSA) from 1993 including two terms as President.

Anne received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2006 Australia Day Honours List:

"For service to the community through support for the role and education of Justices of the Peace".

Anne is the great-granddaughter of the Honourable Sir John Bice KCMG MLC JP (1853-1923) and Elizabeth, née Trewenack (1853-1922).



John Bice came to South Australia from Cornwall in 1864, and rose from blacksmith to be Mayor of Port Augusta (1888-89). He was a Member of the South Australian Legislative Council (1894-23), and was made a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) in the King's Birthday Honours of June 1923.

Establishing something of a family tradition, he was a Justice of the Peace from 1887 until his death in 1923.

Sir John's only son, Anne's grandfather, was John Leonard Sandoe Bice - the Honourable John Bice MLC JP (1884-1967).



The Bice Building in the former Royal Adelaide Hospital precinct on North Terrace was named in honour of the Honourable John Bice KCMG MLC JP.

John Bice was a farmer who served in the Australian Imperial Force during the Great War, gassed and wounded in France in 1917. He too served as a Member of the SA Legislative Council (1941-59) and as a Justice of the Peace from 1941.

During the war, John had married Miss Hilda Lilian Coombs (1888-1970) on 20 November 1916, the fourth child of Robert John Coombs JP (1853-1913).

Robert Coombs had arrived in Adelaide from Dorset with his parents on 15 June 1852 aboard the *Standard*. He became a wool-broker and auctioneer, had was appointed a Justice of the Peace on 2 November 1887. He sat on the Bench at St Peters for many years, and was an influential JP and a prominent member of the Justices' Association. He served as Mayor of St Peters in 1896-98.

Anne's mother, Betty Constance Bice, was educated at Port Noarlunga Primary School and then Adelaide High. She helped her father on their farm at Echunga where she would help him with the rounding up of the sheep and preparing all the feed and chaff cutting. She rode with the Adelaide Hunt Club, and throughout her life had a keen interest in dogs and her garden, and studied nursing at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.



Anne's grandfather in World War 1: 2766 Corporal John Bice (1884-1967) with his wife Hilda, 1916.

On 28 April 1941 Betty Bice married a serviceman, Sydney Lawrence Arthur Badenoch (1917-1995) from Murray Bridge. Syd had served with the Australian Imperial Force with the 2/3rd Australian Corps Field Park Company.

Sapper Sydney Badenoch was an artificer, responsible for the repair and recovery of all mechanical and electrical equipment, in support of the 7th Australian Division AIF in the Middle East (Palestine, Lebanon and Syria).

After their marriage, Betty and Sydney lived in Melbourne, where she worked in the Air Department on St Kilda Road with Wirraway aircraft.

Anne Badenoch was the elder of Betty and Sydney's two children. A graduate of Seymour College, on 23 January 1965 Anne married Hedley Raymond Bachmann in St Theodore's Anglican Church in Rose Park.

Anne's early community service included Secretary, Sporting Car Club of SA (Classic Section and Vintage Section), and as a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

Appointed Justice of the Peace in 1979, Anne was appointed a Justice of the Quorum in 1983. She sat for 18 years in total on the bench of the Holden Hill Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and in the Youth Court and Adoption Court She sat in the District Court on Tribunal Proceedings for 18 years, and more recently with the SA Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

She served for 12 years as a state councillor of the Royal Association of Justices of SA (1993-05), with a keen interest in the education of Justices. She was Vice President (1995-99) and President (1999-01, 2001-03).

Anne was first a minister-appointed Prison Inspector at the Northfield Prison Complex (1983-97), and from 1987 was a volunteer at the Adelaide Women's Prison in a mentoring role with referred offenders.



Anne's father in World War 2: SX9948 Sapper Sydney Badenoch (1917-1995).

In 1996, Anne was appointed a Member of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal, and was a minister-appointed Community Representative on the Prisoner Assessment Committee, Department for Correctional Services (1996–10).

She was a Member of the Alliance for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (1999–08) and a Member of the Correctional Services Advisory Council (2005–13). In 2000, the Ombudsman appointed Anne as a 'Person of Referral' to assist the public. In 2009, she was selected for inclusion in the South Australian Women's Honour Roll.

In the same honours list that Anne received the OAM, Hedley was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "For service to public sector management, particularly in the areas of superannuation and remuneration policy, and to people with disabilities through the Spastic Centre of South Australia".

She continued her volunteer work with the Department for Correctional Services as a Board Member of the Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services of SA Inc (2006-08) and as a volunteer at the Adelaide Women's Prison, helping the prisoners create scarves, blankets, toys and clothing for various charities.

In 2013, the Department for Correctional Services said of her in their newsletter: "From Visiting Inspector to the Prisoner Assessment Committee to Correctional Services Advisory Council member and now Special Advisor to the Adelaide Women's Prison, Anne Bachmann has spent over 25 years with DCS in both a professional and volunteer capacity".

Her ongoing commitment to the Department for Correctional Services led to the award of the Meritorious Service Medal in 2014: *"For outstanding contribution and dedication to the Department for Correctional Services and the special needs of women in custody"*. Anne finished up serving an impressive 32 years with DCS.

Coronation Aledals A Brief History, Part 13

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

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

Following the now-traditional practice, an official Coronation Medal was instituted for award in May 2023 to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla in the Abbey Church of St Peter in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May 2023.

In addition to the official Coronation Medal, various other commemorative medallions were released to mark this historic event.



This cased commemorative medallion was created as a souvenir to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May 2023. It bears the Royal Cipher of Charles III, featuring the letter 'C' intertwined with the letter 'R' for Rex (Latin for 'King') with the numeral 'III' within, surmounted by the Tudor Crown (or "King's Crown").



SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

The Order of Australia was established by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on the advice of the Australian Prime Minister, by Letters Patent dated 14 April 1975.

The Order was to be, "an Australian society of honour for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service".

The Order of Australia is awarded for achievement and merit in service to Australia or humanity, and for outstanding contributions that benefit the community and ultimately, our country.

The second purpose of the Order of Australia is that it serves to define, encourage and reinforce community standards, national aspirations and ideals by acknowledging actions and achievement, and thereby identifying role models in the community.

The Order of Australia Association has the following purpose statement, as per the national Constitution approved on 17 December 2020:

"To celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship"

The South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association was formed in 1980. Today, the SA Branch Objects and Purposes are as follows:

1. To provide opportunities to continue to contribute to the Australian community.

2. To foster love of, and pride in, Australian citizenship by example and encouragement.

3. To promote the Australian Honours System through awards to worthy recipients.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH HONOUR ROLL OF OFFICE-BEARERS

In this Coronation year of King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign of the Order of Australia, the SA Branch continues to pay tribute to its early office-bearers, listed below from 1995 to 2005, who laid the foundation for the modern operations of the SA Branch.

Year	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	Treasurer
1995-96	Doug Omond OAM	Elaine Bussenschutt OAM	Joe Abraham AM
1996-97	Doug Omond OAM	Elaine Bussenschutt OAM	Joe Abraham AM
1997-98	Doug Omond OAM	Elaine Bussenschutt OAM	Joe Abraham AM
1998-99	Lyall Fricker AM	Elaine Bussenschutt OAM	Walter Stamm AM
1999-00	Lyall Fricker AM	Elaine Bussenschutt OAM	Walter Stamm AM
2000-01	Lyall Fricker AM	Bryce Saint OAM	Walter Stamm AM
2001-02	Barbara Grealy OAM	Bryce Saint OAM	Walter Stamm AM
2002-03	Barbara Grealy OAM	Bryce Saint OAM	Robert Angove AM
2003-04	Bryce Saint OAM	Mandy Macky AO	Robert Angove AM
2004-05	Bryce Saint OAM	Mandy Macky AO	Robert Angove AM



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The Order

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IN MEMORIAM

The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following South Australia Branch member (as at the time of the August Branch Committee meeting):

John McGrath AM

Barry Presgrave AM

Elizabeth Cliff OAM

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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 || <u>tgrieger@riverland.net.au</u>

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COROMANDEL VALLEY VISIT

REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH COROMANDEL VALLEY VISIT, Saturday 30 September 2023 – a social outing to visit famous Watchman House and Winns Bakehouse Museum at 360 Main Road (corner Winns Road), adjacent to the River Sturt in Coromandel Valley. Arrive by 10 am for morning tea, with an introductory talk and story-telling, after which you will have time to explore Watchman House and Winns Bakehouse Museum; concludes at 12.30 pm.

The cost of this visit is \$15 for Order of Australia Association members and their partners, or \$20 for non-members and guests, which includes morning tea.

Car parking is available at the venue. There will be available for sale local produce including honey and marmalade, as well as fresh apples and pears from local orchards.

Our host is Mr Trevor Conlon OAM, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2017 Australia Day Honours List, "For service to heritage preservation, and to the community of the Coromandel Valley".

Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than Monday 25 September 2023

/	Register online using Humanitix - just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser	:
	https://events.humanitix.com/coromandel-valley-visit	

- Online payment is preferred via EFT, using the code "CVV + your surname" Account Name – 'Order of Australia Association' // BSB 105-900 // Account no 147028640 (Bank SA) Scan and send this form to the Assistant Treasurer Mr John Ziesing OAM: <u>yjziesing@internode.on.net</u>
- If necessary, forward this Reply Form to: SA Branch Events Sub-committee, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085 Make your cheque or money order payable to "SA Branch, Order of Australia Association"

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We hope you can join us for this interesting visit!

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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, 10.15 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.



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