



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, February 2024

On behalf of all SA Branch members, I would like to congratulate everyone who has received an award in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List.

This newsletter contains more stories and images from our Student Citizenship Awards presentation ceremony and reception, and also from various ceremonies where members have volunteered their time to present awards to students.

You will also find images from our Christmas Morning Tea and our 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon on Saturday 20 January.

Our Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel has had its first meeting for the year, and planning for 2024 is well underway.

I would like to give a special "thank-you" to Professor John McKellar AM ED who reluctantly has retired from the Panel after many years of leading and contributing to the Awards, and a warm welcome to Adjunct Professor Barbara Spears AM who has joined the Panel. We will say more about John and Barbara in the next newsletter.

This month, you are very welcome to join our first fellowship luncheon for the year.

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

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If you are still receiving this newsletter by post, there is an option to instead receive it by email. If you have an email address that we can use to send you this newsletter, could you please advise our Member Secretary:

Mr Greg Gordon OAM JP
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IMPORTANT REMINDER



2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

16-19 May 2024

The 2024 National Conference is being hosted by the Western Australian Branch, with the theme being: "Giving Service Beyond Self".

The Conference, AGM, Members Forum and Dinner and Scholarship presentations will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Perth. There will be a formal Reception on Thursday 16 May, and the Farewell Lunch will be held at Frasers Restaurant in King's Park preceded by a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the War Memorial opposite.

Please refer here for further information:
<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/wa/about-us/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 23 February: South East Regional Group meeting at Beachport

Thursday 29 February: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker Associate Professor Elaine Murphy AM

Saturday 2 March: SA Branch Annual General Meeting, Arkaba Hotel (Fullarton Room)

Friday 22 March: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting

Thursday 25 April: Fellowship luncheon meeting

Sunday 28 April: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting in Ardrossan

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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2023

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Monday 27 November 2023

On behalf of the Branch Committee and all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his congratulations to all nominees who have been recognised in the Student Citizenship Awards for 2023.

We also thank Her Excellency the Governor, our Branch Patron, and Mr Rod Bunten for kindly hosting a presentation ceremony and reception at Government House on Monday 27 November at which the Top 10 nominees ('With Distinction'), pictured below, were announced and presented with their awards.

The Student Citizenship Awards program is conducted annually as the flagship program of the SA Branch. For more information on the awards program, refer to the Order of Australia Association website:

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



Left to right: *Efthemia Kipirtoglou, Immanuel College; Nikki Pfitzner, Berri Regional Secondary College; Rogayah Hani Abul Khair, IQRA Islamic College; Jesse Isaac, Endeavour College; Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia; Mr Rod Bunten; Thomas Oxford, Parafield Gardens High School (2023 Student Citizen of the Year); Jack Haddad, Rostrevor College; Zoe Lin, Temple Christian College; Aden Croser, Cardijn College; Alexandra Meneses, Cardijn College; Jessica Grasser, University Senior College.*



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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2023

From a total of 39 nominations, apart from those selected to be in the Top 10 there were a further 29 awards, with 20 students rated as 'Highly Commended'. A number of Branch members kindly volunteered to attend end of year ceremonies to present the certificates and medallions to recipients in front of their peers and families.

A new initiative this year has been the inclusion of a cased medallion with certificates at all levels (previously only available to the Top 10 nominees, mounted on a plaque). The inclusion of these medallions was made possible through the generous donation of Branch member, the late Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM (1920-2023).

Keith joined the SA Branch soon after he was awarded the OAM on Australia Day 2023 – at the age of 102!



Chook passed away last December, just a few days after celebrating his 103rd birthday. These Student Citizenship Award medallions are a great legacy to Chook, a veteran of the 2/3rd Machine-Gun Battalion AIF in North Africa and Java, and a POW on the infamous Burma-Thailand railway.

Lest we Forget

Left: Student Citizenship Awards Convenor Noel Hender OAM BEM presents a 'Highly Commended' certificate and cased medallion to Abbas Hosseini of Blackfriars Priory School on Friday 27 October 2023.

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MILLICENT HIGH SCHOOL

On 16 December 2023, Michael Bleby OAM represented the SA Branch and presented Student Citizenship Award certificates and medallions to Charlotte Fewster and Brady Sharp of Millicent High School.



BRADY SHARP

Brady is a highly respected student whose natural leadership style is reflected through his positions as school sports captain, local football club captain, coach of junior players and as a recipient of 'best team member' awards. His volunteer work for AusKick and Little Athletics and assistance with many fundraisers to keep these programs viable, has greatly assisted not only in developing skills for the young people but also in building a positive culture in the community.

CHARLOTTE FEWSTER

Demonstrating a leadership style that embraces strong values and citizenship, Charlotte has led by example. Through her outstanding academic achievements and by representing her cohort in whole school events, by actively assisting students with disability through dance, by assisting with fundraising events and by actively engaging in local environmental sustainability programs, Charlotte has been an excellent role model for her fellow students.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For the two recipients at Thebarton Senior College, Branch member Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP sponsored these awards in memory of his father who had attended Thebarton Boys Technical School, as it was previously known.

Do you have a special connection with a particular school or college – as an Old Scholar or former teacher, member of their council or governing body, or through the attendance of your children or grandchildren? Or maybe it's just the local secondary institution in your regional area?

Perhaps you might like to sponsor and present the awards at that school. Please email Noel Hender OAM BEM if you would like to be considered for an opportunity in 2024 to make a presentation on behalf of the SA Branch:

sca.sabranh@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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NAZISH ZAHRA ABBAS Playford College

On Wednesday 13 December 2023, year 12 student and College Captain Nazish Zahra Abbas from Playford College in Elizabeth received her Student Citizenship Awards 'Highly Commended' certificate and medallion from Branch Committee member Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP.

Her citation reads as follows:

Competently fulfilling many key leadership roles since 2021, Nazish has made an outstanding contribution to the College and community.

Nazish is a very caring and inspirational person who has initiated, supported and implemented many actions to assist the underprivileged in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.



In the Playford College Awards Ceremony, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP also presented the Principal Mr Chris Riemann with a Certificate of Appreciation from the SA Branch to acknowledge the school's participation in the Student Citizenship Awards program for the first time.

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CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Friday 1 December 2023

We were pleased to host some 70 members and guests at our annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea: Branch Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM welcomed guests and led the singing of the National Anthem; we had an entertainment interlude by Dr Rob Wight OAM and our Guest Speaker was Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP.



VILI'S
Family Bakery

We thank Rosemary Milisits OAM and Vili's Family Bakery for very generously donating the refreshments, allowing us to provide a Christmas Morning Tea at no cost to our members:

<https://www.vilis.com/>

Dr Rob Wight OAM played a selection of Christmas and personal favourites, and we thank him for personally arranging and funding the installation of the piano for the event.



Our Guest Speaker was Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP on the topic, "Making our courts and prisons kinder".

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We were pleased to host some 70 members and guests at our annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea. We thank Joe Ienco OAM who kindly donated a dozen bottles of wine for the raffle. For photographs click [here](#) (Ctrl + Click to follow the link):

[CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA 2023](#)



Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP with our guest speaker Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP



Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM and Mrs Rosalie Clark



Jane Arthur AM and John McKellar AM ED



Maxine Spencer and John Spencer OAM RFD JP



Lesley Davies OAM and David Radford



Christine Pobke and Adrian Pobke OAM

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*Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP
with (left to right):*

*Keith Williamson, Kay Pope,
Glenda Bailey OAM and
Clare Williamson.*



Left to right:

*Dr Aileen Connon AM,
Richard House OAM, Glenys
Jones OAM JP, Tom Barnes
and Peggy House*



Left to right:

*Graeme Gibney OAM (Military
Division), Brenton Mauriello
AM and Nattapat Mauriello*

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‘CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY’ LUNCHEON Saturday 20 January 2024

We held our annual ‘Celebration of Australia Day’ Luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel. The Guest Speaker, Dr Tony Cocchiario AM MBBS FRACGP, gave a balanced historical perspective and thought-provoking address on the topic, “Australia Day, should we change the date?”.

This is a subject that Tony is well-qualified to address. He was a member of the SA Australia Day Council for ten years, five of them as Chairperson, and on the National Australia Day Council for five years.

Tony gained his medical degree from Adelaide University in 1974. Since that time, he has been a general family medical practitioner, and senior partner in a large group practice. In 2007 he was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. He is currently Chairperson of the Italian Benevolent Foundation (Bene Aged Care).

Dr Cocchiario was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, “*For service to the development of multiculturalism in South Australia through community organisations, and to support for the social and cultural interests of the Italian community*” (AD04).

His various community contributions have also been recognised with the award of the *Ordine della Stella di Solidarietà Italiana* (Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity) in 2007.



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**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH**

To celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship

The Order of Australia Association is an incorporated body of recipients of the Order of Australia – our national honour.

The Association supports the Order of Australia and recognises the contribution of its members to the Australian and international communities.

It promotes activities and attitudes which foster harmony, unity and shared futures in which all people are treated with respect and dignity.

The Association achieves its purpose through targeted programs of support, particularly at Branch and Regional Group levels.

Membership of the Association allows you to give further service to the community through our various activities and projects.

The SA Branch supports the national vision of fostering community awareness of the Order and in promoting good citizenship. We support The Order of Australia Association Foundation in providing scholarships to worthy young Australians undertaking tertiary studies.

The Branch is pleased to have as our Patron
Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC,
Governor of South Australia.

SA BRANCH BROCHURE 2024

The SA Branch has produced a professional brochure to promote the Order of Australia Association, and particularly the aims and objectives of the SA Branch.

The Brochure serves to advise recipients of the Order of Australia on the benefits of Association membership and how to manage their membership.

Our Branch Patron Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, has given permission for this brochure to be included with the information pack provided to recipients after their investiture ceremony.

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



The SA Branch Brochure is available online:

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



**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH**

Membership of the Association allows you to be a part of a national group, numbering more than 8,200, of interesting, motivated and high-achieving community members.

Among the many benefits of membership:

- ★ You will have the opportunity to participate in and give further service to the community through Branch projects
- ★ You can be involved in raising public awareness about the Order of Australia, and promoting high quality honours nominations of Australians who have gone above and beyond in their contributions, that reflect the diversity of the Australian community
- ★ You may support young Australians as they prepare for their careers, and encourage them in service to the nation
- ★ You will receive 'The Order', our quarterly national magazine in hard copy or e-version, to keep up-to-date with news from each of the Australian State and Territory Branches
- ★ You will also have the opportunity to attend our annual National Conference, and various local Branch activities and events
- ★ You have exclusive access to quality Order of Australia Association merchandise

WHAT DOES THE SA BRANCH DO?

The SA Branch actively engages with our members and supports community projects, as part of the Governor-General's aim of increasing the Association's exposure Australia-wide.

Student Citizenship Awards
This is our flagship endeavour, where year 11 and 12 students may be recognised for contributing through voluntary service to the school and/or the community, exemplifying the Association's objective, "To celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship".

We greatly appreciate the support of the Governor, our Branch Patron, who hosts a 'Top 10' award ceremony at Government House each year, at which the Student Citizen of the Year is announced.

We hold functions with high calibre guest speakers, including the annual Celebration of Australia Luncheon and King's Birthday Luncheon.

We host two New Recipients' Receptions each year to welcome new Order of Australia recipients, to celebrate their achievements in a relaxed setting. Our Christmas Morning Tea is offered at no cost to members and their guests, with music, entertainment and a guest speaker.

Honours Fellowship
Honours recipients, partners and friends are invited to share in the fostering of fellowship at luncheons held each second month, with an interesting guest speaker.

Regional Groups
Our regional groups throughout the State hold meetings and social functions for our members in regional communities.

Adelaide Extended
The SA Branch funds the prizes in section CD35 annually in the Schools' Choir section.

Communication
Through a monthly newsletter, we keep members updated on Branch activities and achievements of our members.

Volunteering
Our affairs are managed by a Branch Committee made up of elected members, and supported by co-opted members with specialist skills. We are represented on the national board by a Branch Nominated Director.

Support
There are various ways a member might play a more active and tangible role in supporting the activities of the SA Branch, helping with a particular expense or in support of a Branch project.

Further Information
Please refer to the national website for further information regarding the Order of Australia Association:
www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au
Find out about the SA Branch, and access important documents such as a name badge order form:
www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/
Our Branch newsletter keeps you updated on Branch activities and achievements of our members:
theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/newsletter/

Contact Us
For general inquiries or to access information on our regional groups, please contact the SA Branch Chairman:
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The emblem of the Order of Australia is a gold convex disc representing a single flower of mimosa (Golden Wattle). When in flower, the Golden Wattle displays the Australian national colours of green and gold.

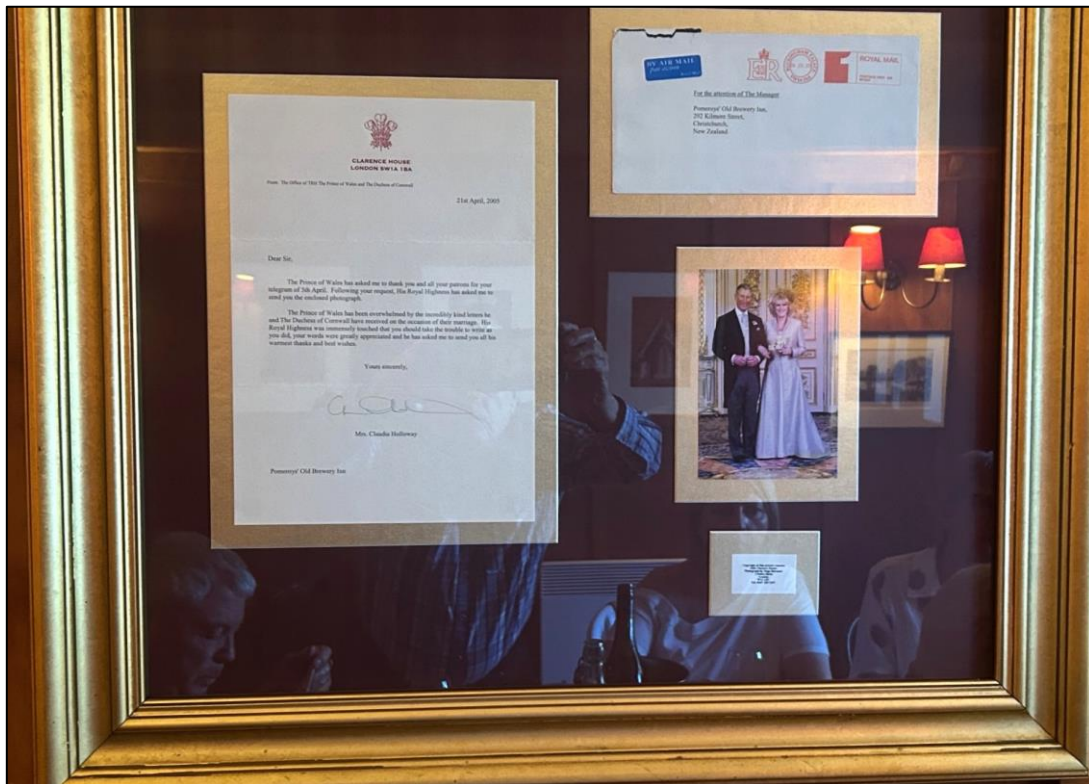
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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Late last year some of our SA Branch Committee members had various 'royal' engagements. The December newsletter related how Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP had the privilege of attending a dinner in the presence of HRH Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh and Patron of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Then Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Cheryl Metcalf, and Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM and Jill Hender, represented the SA Branch at a Vice-Regal Patronage Garden Reception hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Mr Bunten for community groups of which they are Patron. Kathryn House AM and Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP were also in attendance, representing other associations with which they are affiliated.

And while he was on holiday in New Zealand, our Branch Secretary John Phillips OAM attended a dinner in Christchurch 'in the presence of' HRH Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales (now King Charles III) and The Duchess of Cornwall. Pomeroy's Old Brewery Inn is obviously quite proud of this acknowledgment letter and photograph they received from Clarence House after they sent a congratulatory telegram on the occasion of the marriage of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles in 2005.



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024

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

The speaker will be Associate Professor Elaine Murphy AM, a former Director of the Order of Australia Foundation, on the topic: "Right Place, Right Time".

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. To RSVP please contact:

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024

Associate Professor Elaine Murphy AM

Our guest speaker for the February Fellowship Luncheon Meeting will be Dr Elaine M Murphy AM PhD, a Life Member of the Order of Australia Association, who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 1996 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to Health, Physical Education and Recreation"*.

After joining the Order of Australia Association, Elaine was appointed a Director of the Order of Australia Foundation as Co-ordinator of Awardees and Mentors, a role she held for 16 years.

Elaine Murphy graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1957 (Physical Education) and from Melbourne Teachers' College in 1958 (Trained Primary Teachers' Certificate). She started her career as a high school teacher, and was a Lecturer at the University of Melbourne from 1964, promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1973.

Meanwhile she graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1966 (Economics and Commerce), and then from the University of Loughborough in the UK in 1972 with a Master of Science in Recreation Management.

In 1974 she accepted a position at Victoria University in the newly-founded Department of Physical Education and Recreation, and retired in 1997 as Associate Professor. She began a part-time PhD in Career Theory in 1981 while on Sabbatical at the University of Illinois, USA and completed this in 1987 at the University of Melbourne.

In 1948, Elaine joined the Junior Australian Red Cross Society and the Girls Friendly Society, and was the second Girl Guide initiated in the Northern Territory. In 2001 she was a recipient of the Service to Guiding Sheila Cameron Campsite award.

Elaine was the National President of the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and became International Vice-President–Oceania of the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance (the only Australian to ever hold both positions concurrently). At State level (Victoria) she was Chair of the Bushwalking and Mountaincraft Leadership Training Advisory Board; Board member of the State Sports Council; and Board member of the State Recreation Council.

Elaine has been a competitor and manager in Intervarsity Women's Cricket and Intervarsity Fencing, and was a Scorer in Fencing at the Melbourne Olympic Games (1956).

She was made a Life Member of Sunshine Women's Hockey Club (1976), and became a selector and manager for the Victorian State Junior Women's Hockey Team.

She was named an Inaugural Women in Sport Active Achiever, VicHealth Foundation (1991).

In 1994 she received the Eunice Gill Award from the Confederation of Australian Sport to recognise her special honorary contribution to Australian Sport.

At Regional level Elaine was a Councillor for the Shire of Metcalfe; Life Trustee of Barfold Union Church and Custodian of Barfold Hall. She was Chair of the Upper Campaspe Combined Landcare Groups; Chair of Goat Meat Victoria; Chair of the Kyneton Prime Livestock Producers Group; and a finalist in the 'Weekly Times' Farmer of the Year Awards.

Elaine served as a member of the Redesdale Bushfire Recovery Committee from 2009; and as a volunteer member of the Langley/Barfold Country Fire Authority she received the 40-year Service Medal.



Associate Professor Elaine Murphy AM

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Lunch on the Lawns || Guided Tours

Her Excellency and Mr Rod Buntten are inviting the public to come to Government House to experience the gardens.

You can bring a picnic lunch, spread out a rug or unfold a camping chair, and enjoy the surroundings while listening to a community orchestra.

These free events will be held on the first Friday of the month from 12 noon to 2 pm:

2 February

1 March

5 April

On these same dates, free guided tours will be hosted by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens – running from 10.45 to 11.45 am: *registrations are required* for these guided tours, by phoning 8203 9800.

Open Days

In addition, we anticipate the opportunity to support two Government House Open Days during 2024. During these Open Days, Branch Committee members will stand beside the Order of Australia medal display with our new Branch brochure and insert.

The *brochure* is specifically directed at recipients of the Order of Australia, to give a brief overview of the Order of Australia Association, an overview of the SA Branch and our objectives, the benefits of membership of the Association, and information on how to join the Association and how to manage your membership.

The *insert* contains text drawn from information released by the Office of the Governor-General, and provides general information for all about the Order of Australia and a guide to the nomination process.

These initiatives are part of Her Excellency and Mr Buntten's aim to make Government House a place where all South Australians feel welcome and are able to visit.

In particular, we thank Her Excellency, our Branch Patron, for this new initiative to support the Open Days.

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INVITATION



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 2 March 2024

Please join us for our 38th Annual General Meeting, commencing with Morning Tea at 10 am and Guest Speaker at 10.30 am.

The Guest Speaker will be Thomas Oxford, a graduate of Parafield Gardens High School, who was recently announced by Her Excellency the Governor as our 2023 Student Citizen of the Year.

The AGM will start at 11 am, and conclude by 12 noon. Lunch will follow at 12.30 pm for those who wish to join, at your own expense.

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

Please register via Humanitix if possible, otherwise RSVP with the attached Reply Form by Tuesday Monday 12 February 2024.

Please notify apologies to the Secretary:

john@thinkenvironment.com.au



Our guest speaker at the AGM will be Thomas Oxford, the 2023 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year

SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Branch Committee and all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his thanks and appreciation to the following who have provided service as a member of the Branch Committee up to the date of the 2023 AGM.

Kathryn House AM: elected to fill a vacancy on the Branch Committee in February 2021, and standing down on completion of a 3-year term. Kathryn has served as our Merchandise Officer.

Greg Gordon OAM JP: Has completed a 3-year term, serving as Member Secretary SA. Greg will be standing for re-election.

Joe Ienco OAM: became a co-opted member of the Branch Committee in September 2021 to fill a casual vacancy, and was elected Treasurer in February 2022. Joe also served as our Branch Nominated Director.

Ted Iuliano OAM: filled a casual vacancy in March 2022 and was subsequently elected to the Branch Committee, and has served as a member of the Events Sub-committee.

We also thank the following members for holding co-opted or interim roles leading up to the AGM:

Noel Hender OAM BEM: has filled the casual vacancy of Branch Nominated Director since the resignation of Joe Ienco OAM on 14 November 2023. Noel will be standing for election as Branch Nominated Director.

Ken Coventry OAM JP: has continued to fulfil the co-opted role of Regional Groups Coordinator.



Thanks to Kathryn House AM for ably fulfilling the role of Merchandise Officer

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

2024 Foundation Scholarship winners

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 Governor-General recently announced six new Foundation Scholars, who are each in their second year of university studies:

- **Chelsea Allen**, Swinburne University of Technology: *undertaking a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Health Science.*
- **Luke Barron**, Deakin University: *undertaking a Bachelor of Marine Science.*
- **Lotte George**, University of Western Australia: *undertaking a Bachelor of Biomedical Science.*
- **Brianna Harris**, Charles Darwin University: *undertaking a Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science.*
- **Hukam Kohli**, University of Western Australia: *undertaking a Bachelor of Law/Commerce.*
- **Roisin Wallace-Nash**, Edith Cowan University: *undertaking a Bachelor of Performing Arts at the Western Australia Academy of Performing Arts.*

The Order of Australia Association Foundation was formed on 29 April 1999 pursuant to a Deed of Trust settled by five Founders.

These were five 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 Order of Australia Association 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.

More information may be found here:

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

This cohort brings to 55 the number of scholarships that the Order of Australia Association Foundation has awarded.

The Governor-General will present the scholars to members at the Annual Dinner of the Order of Australia Association in Perth in May 2024.

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

VALE: Mrs Joyce Ross AM (1928-2023)

With sadness we note the passing of Mrs Joyce Ross AM on 18 November last year. Joyce had been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, “*For service to the visual and performing arts in South Australia*” (AD99). She served on the Order of Australia Association SA Branch Committee as Branch Secretary from 2005 to 2008.

Joyce was the wife of the late Des Ross AM, a successful farmer in the lower mid-north. Des served at all levels of local government from 1966 to 1987, as a member and sometime chairman of the Owen and Wakefield Plains District Councils, and was appointed a Member of the Order, “*For service to local government*” (AD86).



*Mrs Joyce Ross AM
(seated, left) at the
Fellowship Luncheon
Meeting on Thursday
28 April 2022.*

Regional Group News

South East Regional Group: the next gathering will be this month at Beachport, on Friday 23 February.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group: the next group meeting will be held on Sunday 28 April at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel.

SA Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM, an attending member, will be the 'guest speaker'.

Anyone who might be interested in being interviewed at a future meeting should contact Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Contact (Kadina) Elaine Bussenschutt OAM has passed on the news that Graham Wearn OAM passed away on 20 November 2023.

Graham had received his award on Australia Day 2001, *"For service to local government, and to the community of the Northern Yorke Peninsula"*.

He also received the Centenary Medal, *"For service to the community, particularly as Chair, Anti-Cancer Found 'Relay for Life', Kadina"*.

Graham and his wife, Joyce Wearn OAM, had only just attended their first Regional Group Lunch in Ardrossan on Sunday 30 April last year.



The late Graham Wearn OAM (first on the right) at the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon in Ardrossan with Joyce Wearn OAM beside him.

Eyre Peninsula: Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP has reported that he and his wife Di attended a successful luncheon gathering at the Grand Tasman Hotel in Port Lincoln on Friday 17 November 2023.

There were 11 honours recipients, partners and guests present, to discuss the potential formation of a new Regional Group. There were a further eight apologies from people who were in Adelaide, interstate or had other caring commitments at home, who expressed an interest in being kept informed of any decisions made.

The formation of such a Regional Group will be subject to further consideration at a future meeting, to be held in Tumby Bay in September or more likely October.

For the time being, Nancy Stewart OAM (with the support of her husband Geoff) has kindly offered to provide administration back-up and contact with regional participants for the forthcoming year.

Ken was very complimentary of the interest and keenness of the local members in forming a regional group on Eyre Peninsula. He said it is a great encouragement to work with members, recipients and partners in the regions who wish to be more engaged with and as part of the Association.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group: the next half-yearly meeting will be on Friday 22 March (details to follow).

Fleurieu Regional Group: the next half-yearly meeting is scheduled for Friday 3 May.

VALE: Barry Hugh Wakelin OAM (1946-2023)

We note the passing of Barry Wakelin OAM on 19 December last year, aged 77, after battling cancer for most of the year.

Barry Wakelin was born in Kimba on 7 May 1946, and was initially a shearer, farmer and small businessman.

He was a Liberal member of the Australian House of Representatives from March 1993 until November 2007, representing the South Australian Division of Grey.

This electorate covers most of rural South Australia apart from south-east corner; it includes the centres of Burra, Ceduna, Coober Pedy, Eudunda, Kadina, Maitland, Orroroo, Peterborough, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Roxby Downs and Whyalla. It is geographically one of the biggest seats in the country.

He was re-elected in 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2004, and retired prior to the 2007 general elections.

Barry was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, *"For service to the Parliament of Australia, and to rural and regional areas"* (AD11).

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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 members:

Joyce Ross AM

James Douglas Huckstepp OAM

Robert J King OAM

Maxwell Simpson Prior OAM

Graham Wearn OAM

REGIONAL GROUP CONTACTS

Regional Groups

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Fleurieu Regional Group

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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (38th AGM) AND LUNCHEON, Saturday 2 March 2024 – at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton. All financial members of the Association and their partners and guests are welcome. There is no cost for members and guests.


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


Commencing with Morning Tea at 10 am, and Guest Speaker at 10.30 am – the 2023 Student Citizen of the Year Thomas Oxford (Parafield Gardens High School).


The AGM will start at 11 am, and conclude by 12 noon. Lunch will follow at 12.30 pm for those who wish to join, at your own expense.

Please notify apologies to the Secretary: john@thinkenvironment.com.au

Please register or forward this reply form by Monday 12 February 2024:

 Register online using Humanitix – just click on the link below or copy it into your browser:
<https://events.humanitix.com/order-of-australia-sa-branch-annual-general-meeting>

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 If necessary, forward this reply form and payment to:
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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]

We will remain for lunch: YES ☐ NO ☐ Total for lunch:

We hope you can join us for this significant event!

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