



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, January 2024

Welcome to the New Year!

We are most grateful to our Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Bunten for hosting our annual Student Citizenship Awards presentation ceremony and reception.

At that ceremony, we presented the Principal of IQRA Islamic College with a Certificate of Appreciation to acknowledge their participation in the Awards for the first time. Such certificates are also being presented to Parafield Gardens High School, Playford College and Pembroke College.

This newsletter contains more stories and images from that ceremony, and also from various school presentations where members have volunteered their time to present awards to students.

Thank you to all those Branch members who have been able to give time to assist with these Year 11 and Year 12 presentations.

On behalf of all Branch members, I have extended our sincere sympathy on the recent passing of Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM. Chook displayed a positive outlook in the face of his fight with cancer that we all knew would not end well. Our thoughts are with Chook's family at this sad time.

His generous donations towards the improvement of the Student Citizenship Awards were very much appreciated.

We are now looking forward to our honours recipients' fellowship luncheons and Regional Group gatherings. I hope you can attend one of these events where there is no cost other than your personal expense for your meal and drinks.

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

### INVITATION



#### 'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' Saturday 20 January 2024

Join us for our annual luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel.

The cost is \$75 for Order of Australia Association members and their partner, \$80 for non-members, partners and guests, for a 3-course meal; cash bar.

The Guest Speaker will be Dr Tony Cocchiario AM: "Australia Day, should we change the date?"

Full-size medals should be worn. Association merchandise will be available to purchase. Please refer to the Reply Form attached and online: preferably register via the Humanitix link.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday 16 January:** Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel review meeting

**Saturday 20 January:** 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon, Arkaba Hotel (Fullarton Room)

**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)

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

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### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2023

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Monday 27 November 2023

We thank Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and SA Branch Patron, and Mr Rod Bunten, for kindly hosting a presentation ceremony and reception at Government House for the Top 10 nominees in the Order of Australia Association SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards.

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. For images and more information refer here (CTL + Click to follow the link):

[Student Citizenship Awards 2023](#)



#### 'WITH DISTINCTION' – THE 2023 TOP 10 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Government House Adelaide, Monday 27 November 2023

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 Grassier, University Senior College.



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Her Excellency presented 'With Distinction' plaques to the Top 10 nominees, and then announced Thomas Oxford from Parafield Gardens High School as the 2023 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year. In addition to the 'With Distinction' plaque and certificate, Thomas received a specially engraved glass trophy.



Thomas Oxford with the SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Student Citizenship Awards Convenor Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM.

### STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Thomas Oxford

*Showing exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment in driving significant initiatives across the school, Thomas has been instrumental in implementing several projects that have brought great benefits to the school and wider community.*

*His consistent dedication and proactive approach to the development and sustainability of the environment engages and inspires others to become agents of change and to deliver successful programs such as the school's recycling bin program, the Clean-up Australia Day activities and many other environmentally friendly activities.*



We acknowledge the generous support of AH Trophies in Cumberland Park – “The Trophy Shop”  
<https://ahtrophies.com.au/>

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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/>



*Top 10 Awardee Jesse Isaac from Endeavour College, with his grandparents Alan and Val Orrock. Alan Orrock was awarded the OAM, "For service to the community through a range of organisations" (AD17).*



*Top 10 Awardee Rogayah Hani Abul Khair, with the Principal of IQRA Islamic College Dr Hani Abul Khair and Student Citizenship Awards Convenor Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM.*

#### Vacancy – SCA Assessment and Selection Panel

Are you interested in the SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards and feel like making a contribution?

Perhaps you might consider joining the Assessment and Selection Panel? There is a currently a vacancy for a new member to join the panel in 2024. Experience in the education sector is helpful but not a mandatory requirement. You must however have access to email. Please contact Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM for more information:

[sca.sabranh@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:sca.sabranh@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)



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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'. Branch members have kindly volunteered to attend end of year ceremonies to present the certificates and medallions to recipients in front of their peers and families.

#### ABBAS HOSSEINI

##### Blackfriars Priory School

Abbas Hosseini received his Student Citizenship Awards 'Highly Commended' certificate and medallion on Friday 27 October 2023 from the Student Citizenship Awards Convenor Noel Hender OAM BEM.

His citation reads as follows:

*In his role as Prefect, Abbas has demonstrated significant leadership, advocacy, compassion and commitment particularly for those younger students who may be challenged in their day-to-day school life by cultural and linguistic diversity and by any learning disabilities.*

*Abbas' concern for their general well-being is reflected in his service and advocacy for these young people to ensure that their needs are met and relationship and sense of belonging to the school, are strengthened.*



#### BLAKE ANSELL

##### Craigmore High School

On Wednesday 6 December, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP represented the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association at Craigmore High School's Presentation Night, with a 'Highly Commended' certificate and medallion for Blake Ansell. Blake's citation reads as follows:



*An enthusiastic contributor to several school initiatives, Blake is a key member of the Student Leaders Group and plays a significant role in organising events and fostering unity and pride amongst the students.*

*He is a member of the Youth Parliament and participated in various UN Youth events to earn a Global Citizenship Award. With a Bronze Award for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and as a member of the South Australia Student Representative Council, Blake is an excellent role model, exemplifying the school's values of Respect and Success.*

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### BELLA SCHUBERT Unity College

Ken Coventry OAM JP attended the Unity College Valedictory Service in Murray Bridge on Monday 30 November to present Bella Schubert with a 'Highly Commended' certificate and medallion in recognition of her leadership. Bella's citation reads as follows:

*Bella was the driving force for the introduction of a Year 6-12 swimming carnival at Unity College, spending 12 months researching, planning and presenting the proposal for approval.*

*Through her commitment, she was instrumental in making the inaugural event come to fruition with great success and enjoyment for the school and its community.*

*Bella has also volunteered in her local sporting community through roles including coach, team manager and umpire.*



The College's Year 6-12 Swimming Carnival celebrated community, healthy sporting rivalry and the opportunity for students and staff to exercise, demonstrate their talents, and have fun. Bella has also utilised her sporting ability to represent the College in various sports including netball, athletics and football, while also holding different volunteer roles in her local sporting community of Mypolonga. Through these roles she has exemplified leadership, excellent sportsmanship, support for her peers, and being an excellent role model.

### ISABELLA AGNOS St Michael's College

On Friday 20 October 2023, year 12 student and College Captain Isabella Agnos of St Michael's College at Henley Beach received her Award certificate and Student Citizenship Awards medallion from Branch Committee member Pamela Rajkowski OAM. Isabella's citation reads as follows:

*As 2023 College Captain and Lasallian Youth Leader in 2021 and 2022, Isabella has made an outstanding contribution to the school community.*

*In addition to her excellent academic performance, Isabella has spent many voluntary hours in supporting school based and community activities such as College tours, Mission Action Day video, year level breakfast, Winter Dignity Drive and the Blue Tree Foundation.*





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### VALE

#### Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM (1920-2023)

It is with profound sadness that we advise of the passing of one of our members, 'Chook' Fowler, at the age of 103.

Chook enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force in Mitcham on 6 July 1940, and served in North Africa with the 2/3rd Machine-Gun Battalion AIF, of the Australian 7th Division AIF – SX8150 Private Keith John Fowler.

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

Keith was sent by the Japanese to work under horrendous conditions on the infamous Burma-Thailand railway.

On Monday 15 August 2022, Keith had the privilege of cutting the ribbon to formally dedicate the new 'Thailand' pavers on the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk on Kintore Avenue. The two pavers recognise the service and sacrifice of the POWs who worked on the Burma-Thailand Railway.



Keith, at the age of 102, was awarded the OAM, *"For service to veterans and their families"* (AD23).

Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf said: *"In the short time that we got to know Chook, we enjoyed a number of Branch events with him, and were impressed with his friendliness and willingness to join in our activities. His donations towards the improvement of our Student Citizenship Awards were very much appreciated"*. Through Chook's very generous donations, we have been able to enact a new initiative of including a special Student Citizenship Awards medallion for each recipient, not just the Top 10.



*Katherine House AM with Chook after his investiture at Government House.*



*Student Citizenship Awards Convenor Noel Hender OAM BEM presents Chook with a personal medallion.*

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*Branch Secretary John Philips OAM at the May 2023 New Recipients' Reception, with 2023 Australia Day Honours recipients:*

*Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM*

*and*

*John Jarrett AM (right)*



*Three veterans of overseas military service, ranging from North Africa, Java and Thailand, to South Korea, the Philippines and East Timor:*

*Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP and John Jarrett AM.*



*Chook was a very special guest at our King's Birthday and Coronation Luncheon on Saturday 3 June 2023. Afterwards Chook said he, "had a great time and enjoyed his best day for a long time".*



## Regional Group News

**Eyre Regional Group.** Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reports that the formation of a new Regional Group, initially focussed around Port Lincoln, was discussed at a luncheon held on 17 November at the Grand Tasman Hotel in Port Lincoln.

There were 11 honours recipients, partners and guests present, including Ken and his wife Di. Several others sent apologies as they had commitments that meant they were not able to attend on the day, but they said they supported the initiative and appreciated receiving the Branch monthly newsletter to keep them updated on Branch activities.

There was in-principle support for the formation of a Regional Group, and the matter will be subject to further consideration at a future meeting, some 12 months from now (likely to be in September or October 2024). Further consideration will include a specific name (presently 'Eyre Regional Group' is preferred), boundaries and other operational aspects.

The next gathering is to be held in Tumby Bay, followed by Cummins in 2025.

Ken was very complimentary of the interest and keenness of the local members in forming a regional group on Eyre Peninsula. 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.

**South East Regional Group:** the next gathering will be 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. Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM, an attending member, will be the 'guest speaker'.

It is proposed that short interviews will be conducted following the established format. Attendees have said how much they enjoy learning about their colleagues, often having known each other for several years but with limited appreciation of the contributions that they have made in their lives.

Anyone interested in being interviewed should contact Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP.

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



*Guests at the luncheon held at the Grand Tasman Hotel on Friday 17 November (image by Di Coventry).*

*Standing: Geoff Stewart, Gladys Fleming, Wendy Holman OAM, Brian Treloar OAM, Nancy Stewart OAM, Peter Blacker OAM and Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP.*

*Seated: Dr Graham Fleming AM, Anne Hall AM, Ian Hall.*

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Friday 1 December 2023

We held our annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea at the Goodwood Community Centre in Goodwood, with an entertainment interlude by Dr Rob Wight OAM and with Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP as Guest Speaker, on the topic, "Making our courts and prisons kinder".



**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/>

SA Branch Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM welcomed guests and then led the singing of the National Anthem.



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.



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We were pleased to host some 70 members and guests at our annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea. We thank Pasquale (Pat) Scalzi OAM who kindly donated several presentation packs of strawberries for the raffle.

For photographs click here (Ctrl + Click to follow the link):

### [CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA 2023](#)



**Mrs Elizabeth Anne  
Bachmann OAM JP**

We were very privileged to have Anne Bachmann OAM JP as guest speaker at our Christmas Morning Tea 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).

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".*

After being appointed JP 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, and served as 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.

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, her husband 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"*.

Anne 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 noted that Anne Bachmann had spent over 25 years with DCS in both a professional and volunteer capacity. Her ongoing commitment led to the award of the DCS 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.

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*Katherine House AM with our guest speaker Mrs Anne Bachmann OAM JP*



*Raffle First Prize Winner: Marija Perejma OAM*



*Raffle Second Prize Winner: Gillian Rogers OAM*



*Raffle Third Prize Winner: Cheryl Metcalf*



*Raffle Fourth Prize Winner: Dr Neville Highett OAM*



*Raffle Fifth Prize Winner: Jan Forrest OAM*



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

*Dawn Thorp AO*

*Officer of the Order of Australia  
2019 Australia Day Honours List*

*"For distinguished service  
to nursing, and to medicine,  
in the field of haematology,  
as an expert clinician and  
mentor".*



*We had a special presentation  
to Cheryl and Jill for their hard  
work at our events. Our thanks  
go again to Pat Scalzi OAM for  
making these boxes of super-  
fresh cherries available at a  
reduced price.*

*Left to right:*

*Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf  
OAM, Flavia De Pasquale OAM,  
Cheryl Metcalf, Jill Hender  
and Greg Gordon OAM JP.*

*Associate Professor Elaine  
Murphy AM will be guest  
speaker at the first honours  
recipients fellowship luncheon  
for the year, to be held at  
the Naval, Military and Air  
Force Club on Thursday  
29 February 2024.*





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### GOVERNMENT HOUSE

#### Lunch on the Lawns || Guided Tours

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

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:

5 January

2 February

1 March

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 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, and the benefits of membership of the Association, and information on how to join the Association and how to manage membership.

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

These initiatives are part of Her Excellency and Mr Buntin'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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### Dr Victor Squires AM

Dr Vic Squires has provided us with this brief report on 'Wonderful Guangxi':

*Still quite warm here and humid but the climate and geology conspire to make the most fantastic scenery. Farmland on small patches of flat land, housing in cities wedged between towering peaks, rivers busy with tourists eager to take in the sites, waterfalls on the border with Vietnam that are out of this world!*

Dr Vic Squires is well-known as a desert ecology explorer, educator and researcher. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "For significant service to the environment, notably to the ecology of rangelands" (QB21).

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 CSIRO.

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 is a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Australia.

He has been a Distinguished Guest Professor in the Institute of Desertification Studies (Chinese Academy of Forestry, Beijing) since 2016. 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 ten major projects in the north-west provinces of China, especially in Xinjiang, the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and Gansu, and in neighbouring Tajikistan and Kazakhstan.



*Guangxi, more formally known as the 'Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region', is located in mountainous terrain in the far south of China, bordering Vietnam and the Gulf of Tonkin.*



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### 双奖 TWO MAJOR AWARDS



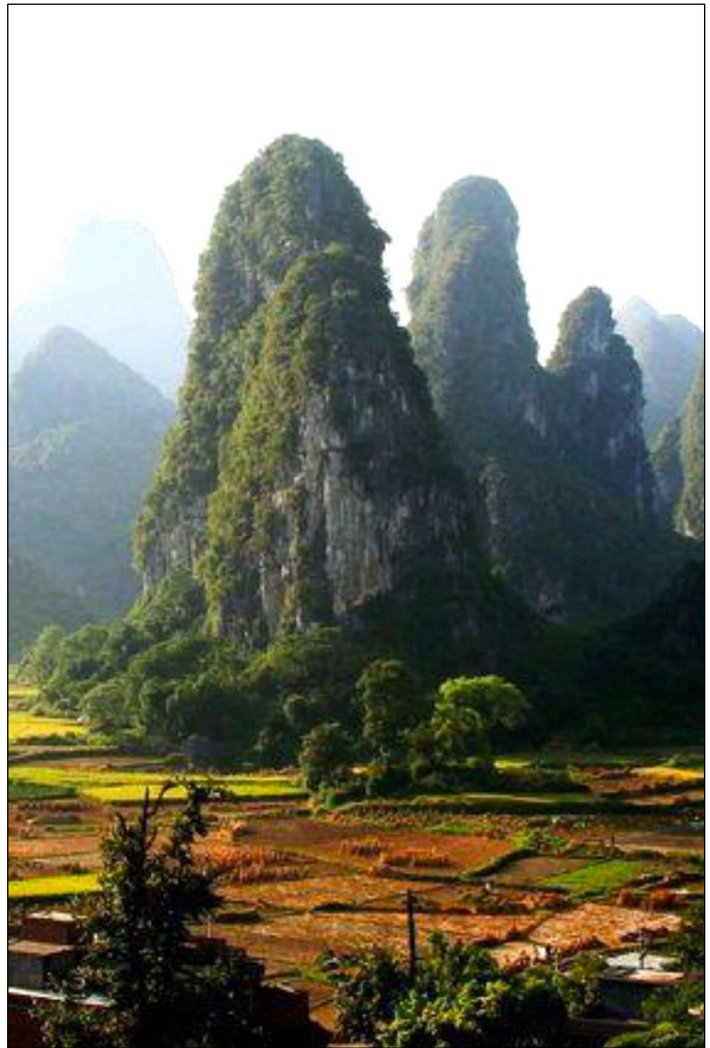
中华人民共和国国际科学技术合作奖奖章与证书 (2008 年)  
Medals and certificates of International Science and Technology Cooperation Award of the People's Republic of China (2008)

澳大利亚阿德莱德大学 Victor Squires 教授自 1997 年与中国林科院荒漠化研究团队合作, 先后通过筹划国际研讨会、举办学术讲座、担任客座教职等形式, 为中国干旱区研究的学科发展与技术进步做出了重要贡献。2008 年, 通过中国林科院推荐申报, 荣获当年国家国际科学技术合作奖。这是该奖项设立 15 年来, 林业行业推荐专家第一次获此殊荣。2011 年经由我院推荐, 再获中国政府“友谊奖”, 成为林业行业获得我国政府国际“双奖”第一人。



中华人民共和国友谊奖 (2011 年)  
Friendship Award of the People's Republic of China (2011)

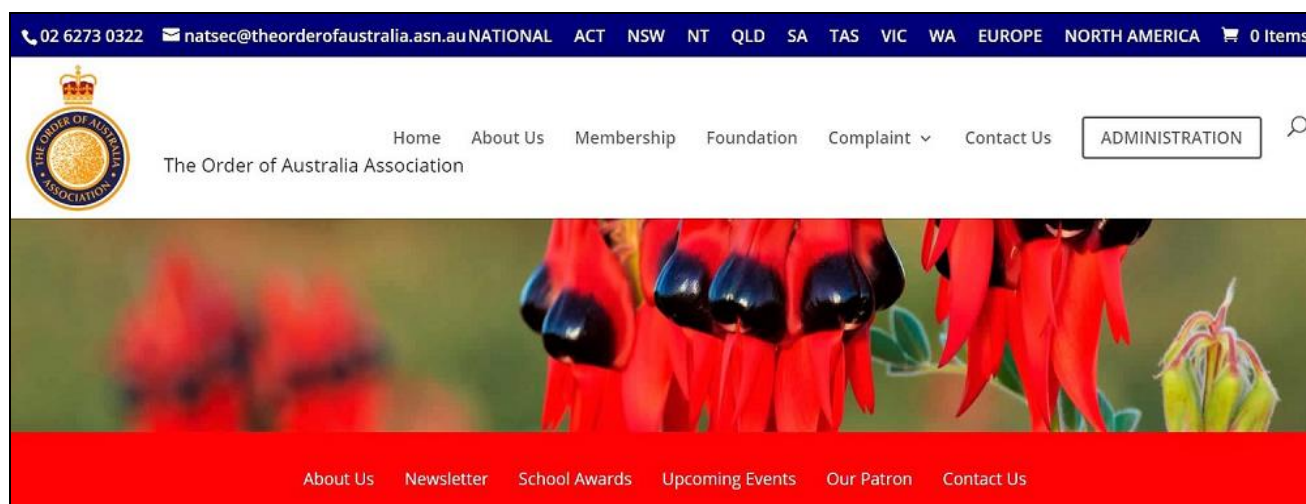
*Dr Squires received from the government of the People's Republic of China the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award in 2008 (upper image), and the Gold Medal for Friendship in 2011.*




*Limestone karst landforms, characterised by steep mountains and large caverns, are common in Guangxi, accounting for almost 40% of its total land area.*



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

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| <div></div> <p><b>IN MEMORIAM</b></p> <p>The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following South Australia Branch member:</p> <p>Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM<br/>aged 103</p> <p><i>A generous benefactor of the<br/>Student Citizenship Awards program<br/>of the South Australia Branch,<br/>Order of Australia Association</i></p> <p>Maureen Jill Smart OAM</p> |  | <p><b>REGIONAL GROUP CONTACTS</b></p> <p><b>Regional Groups</b><br/>Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP</p> <p><b>Fleurieu Regional Group</b><br/>Meets on the first Friday in May and November.<br/>Regional Contact: John Hutchinson OAM<br/>0427 525 670    <a href="mailto:johnhutc@bigpond.com">johnhutc@bigpond.com</a></p> <p><b>South East Regional Group</b><br/>Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years.<br/>Regional Contact: Mr Eric Roughana AM<br/>0408 817 260    <a href="mailto:roseric1@bigpond.com">roseric1@bigpond.com</a></p> <p><b>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group</b><br/>Meets twice a year, generally in March/April and September/October.<br/>Regional Contact: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP<br/>0409 099 122    <a href="mailto:tgrieger@riverland.net.au">tgrieger@riverland.net.au</a></p> <p><b>Yorke Peninsula Regional Group</b><br/>Regional Contact, Kadina: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM<br/>0417 806 839    <a href="mailto:elaine@yp-connect.net">elaine@yp-connect.net</a></p> <p>Regional Contact, Minlaton: Maree Anderson OAM<br/>0407 975 174    <a href="mailto:mareeanderson@internode.on.net">mareeanderson@internode.on.net</a></p> |



## 'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' LUNCHEON

**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH 'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' LUNCHEON, Saturday 20 January 2024** – Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, 12 for 12.30pm. The cost is \$75 for Order of Australia Association members and their partner, and \$80 for non-members, partners and guests, for a 3-course meal; cash bar.



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

Our Guest Speaker will be Dr Tony Cocchiaro AM MBBS FRACGP on the topic, "Australia Day, should we change the date?"

**Please register to attend and make payment not later than Friday 12 January 2024**



Register online using Humanitix (preferred) using the link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/order-of-australia-association-celebration-of-australia-day>



Alternately, pay online via EFT, using the code "ADL + your surname"

Account Name – 'Order of Australia Association' // BSB 105-900 // Account no 147028640 (Bank SA)

Scan and send this form to: [oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au](mailto:oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au)



If necessary, forward this reply form and payment 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"

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

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

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