



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, April 2024

I would like to thank everyone that attended our recent AGM, and I congratulate Noel Hender OAM BEM, John Ziesing OAM and Greg Gordon OAM JP on their election. Further details are contained in this newsletter.

In particular I wish to express my thanks on behalf of all members to Thomas Oxford, our 2023 Student Citizen of the Year, for giving us a very frank and interesting summary of his life to date.

The Branch Committee has held its first meeting since the AGM, to ratify all portfolio appointments and co-opted positions for the period 2024-25.

I would like to welcome three members who have volunteered to assist the Branch Committee by filling three casual vacancies: Cathy Chong AM JP, Toni (Antonietta) Cocchiario OAM and Deborah De Williams AM. You will be able to learn a bit more about them in the May newsletter.

Our Fellowship luncheon meetings are continuing – with this month's speaker being Branch Member Jenny Macintosh OAM.

Next month we will hold our New Recipients' Reception to welcome recipients from the 2024 Australia Day Honours List. The new recipients are guests of the SA Branch.

I encourage you to attend if you are able our King's Birthday Luncheon on Saturday 1 June. We will be celebrating the official observance of the birthday of King Charles III, who is not only King of Australia but is also Sovereign of the Order of Australia.

The venue is the Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect. Further details can be found in the attached Reply Form and online.

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

INVITATION



NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 6 May 2024

Please join us for the SA Branch New Recipients' Reception at Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow, at 5.30 for 6 pm, finishing before 8 pm.

Refer to the Reply Form attached, which may also be found on the SA Branch website under 'Events'.

We will acknowledge our most recent recipients of the Order of Australia, and you will hear from an engaging guest speaker – details to follow.

Please RSVP by Friday 26 April 2024.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 25 April: Fellowship luncheon meeting

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

Friday 3 May: Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting

Monday 6 May: New Recipients' Reception at Payneham Library

Sunday 12 May: Government House Open Day

16-19 May: 2024 National Conference and AGM

Saturday 1 June: King's Birthday Luncheon

Thursday 27 June: Fellowship luncheon meeting

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GOVERNOR'S CIVICS AWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

Tuesday 20 February 2024

As Convenor of the SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards and Reference Committee Member for the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools, Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM recently attended a presentation ceremony at Government House for the student recipients of the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools.

The Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC proudly supports outstanding achievements from young people within the South Australian community through the presentation of annual awards, and one of these is the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools.

These awards provide the opportunity for young South Australians to develop their understanding of the role citizenship plays in a multicultural and democratic society. The awards aim to highlight the importance of civics education in the South Australian historical context, and be a conduit for quality student engagement and learning in these areas. Students from Year 5 to 12 may enter the awards, in the Individual, Group or School categories.

The Governor's Civics and Citizenship Awards are open for all South Australian schools and are delivered through a partnership with the Department for Education and the Office of the Governor, and judged by an independent reference group.

The annual Student Citizenship Awards program of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association is separate from, but proudly presented in collaboration with, the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools program.



The recipients who were presented with certificates by Her Excellency (images courtesy of Noel Hender).



A recipient in the senior category: Aston Joley, Aberfoyle Park High School (Year 11).

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Lunch on the Lawns || Guided Tours

Don't forget, Her Excellency and Mr Bunten have also invited everyone 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: upcoming events are on **5 April** and **3 May**.

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.

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

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Open Day, Sunday 12 May 2024

Open Days are held twice a year at Government House. These provide an ideal opportunity for members of the public to explore the residence of the Governor of South Australia, tour through the gardens and meet the Governor.

Entry is free and registrations are not required. The first is coming up at the beginning of May.

The SA Branch will support this Open Day with a Branch Committee member standing beside the Order of Australia medal display in the Library, with copies of our new Branch brochure and insert.

Our *brochure* is specifically directed at recipients of the Order of Australia, to give an overview of the Order of Australia Association and 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* is directed more broadly at members of the public. It 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.



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
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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024



Attendees on Thursday 29 February (standing, left to right): John Minney OAM, Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM, Dr Richard Willing OAM, Roger Capps AM, Peter Routley AM (MC), Flavia De Pasquale OAM (Coordinator), Susan Chase AM, Gillian Rogers OAM (Hospitality), Deborah De Williams AM (Guest Speaker), Susan Flashman, Richard Flashman AM. Seated: Jenny Macintosh OAM, Don Clark OAM, Bryce Saint OAM (Host), Dr Aileen Connon AM.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING Thursday 29 February 2024

Peter Routley AM reports on the February luncheon meeting: *“With fifteen members enjoying an excellent meal at the Naval and Military Club was our guest-speaker, Deborah De Williams AM. She has led a remarkable life”*. In particular, she made history as the first woman to walk around Australia in 2003, and as the first woman to run around Australia in 2010. Deborah was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2015 Australia Day Honours List, *“For significant service to the community through contributions to a range of cancer support organisations, and to ultra marathon running”*.

Her topic was: *“Lessons from the Road, Life Lessons from Running and Walking Around Australia”*.



Deborah’s highlights are as follows:

- > Tasmanian Australian of the Year (2011)
- > Australian of the Year Finalist (2011)
- > Former Sorell Councillor (2014-2022)
- > Australian and World Record Ultra Marathon Athlete
- > First Female to Run around Australia (2010)
- > First Female to Walk Around Australia (2003)
- > Founding Director of Running Pink
- > Passionate Breast Cancer Campaigner

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024

Deborah De Williams AM

Deborah De Williams AM is described as a trailblazer, whose story of triumph and hope, including her run around Australia, is documented in the book *Running Pink – Deborah De Williams’ Inspiring Story* by Megan Norris (2012, ISBN 9781743006894).

The promotion for the book says: *“Nothing was going to stop Deborah de Williams from running 18,026 kilometres around Australia to raise funds for breast cancer research”*.

Beyond her awards and official recognition, Deborah is a Breast Cancer Survivor and dedicated campaigner. The challenges she has faced have including battles with breast cancer, family violence, infertility, miscarriages, and the loss of her husband.

Deborah is described as ‘a captivating keynote speaker’. In her talks, she shares her journey with honesty and passion, leaving audiences inspired and moved.

Deborah says she is on a mission, despite these past obstacles, to inspire and empower others to embrace their scars and live life to the fullest.

“I’m not without these scars, and neither are you. Scars don’t make us broken; they make us stronger and more beautiful” says Deborah, reflecting on her own experiences.

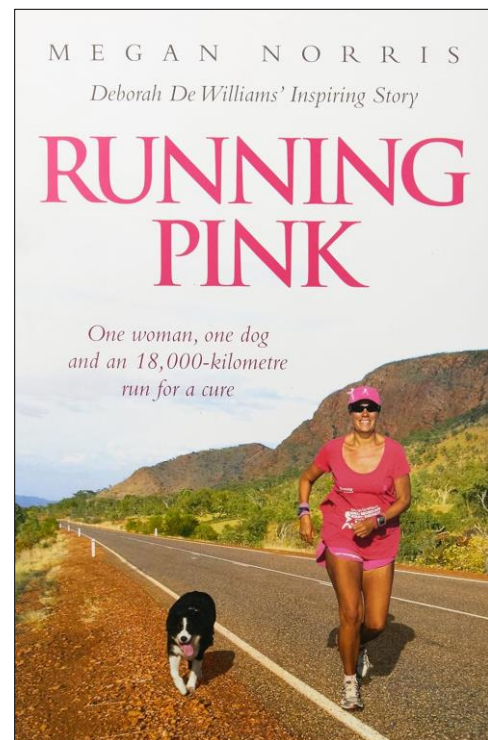
In her presentation ‘Lessons from the Road’, Deborah takes her audience on a profound journey through the experiences of running and walking across Australia.

She shares the challenges, triumphs and personal growth encountered along the way.

Drawing parallels between the physical journey and life’s journey, Deborah illuminates the invaluable lessons learned through perseverance, resilience and embracing the present moment.

From overcoming fatigue and loneliness to navigating uncertainty, each step on the road becomes a metaphor for life’s challenges and opportunities.

Through Deborah’s inspiring narrative, the audience gains insight into the transformative power of endurance, determination, and embracing life’s journey with courage and grace.



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, during our regular luncheon meetings.

The next honours recipients fellowship luncheon will be held on **Thursday 25 April** at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street in Adelaide.

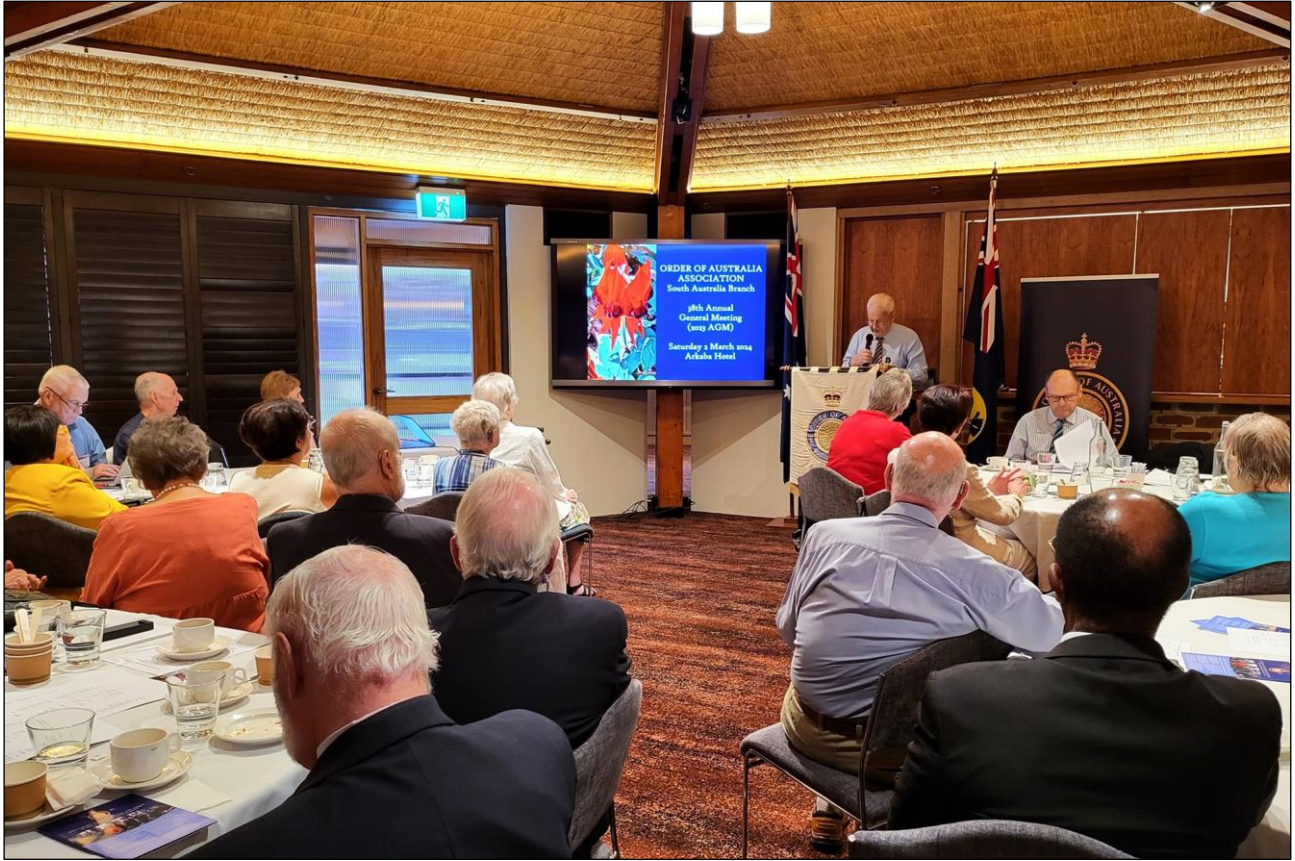
The speaker will be **Mrs Jenny Macintosh OAM** on the topic: “My time in the Outback”.

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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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 2 March 2024

The SA Branch held its 38th Annual General Meeting at the Arkaba Hotel with a pleasing number of members and guests in attendance, including several who made the journey in from regional areas.

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Thomas Oxford, formerly of Parafield Gardens High School, who at the end of last year was announced by Her Excellency the Governor as our 2023 Student Citizen of the Year.

We were also pleased that Thomas, his parents Matthew and Marg Oxford, and his siblings Hannah and Daniel, could stay for lunch as our guests. Our members certainly appreciated the opportunity to interact with one of our future community leaders.

For the election of office-bearers, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM referred to the report submitted by the Returning Officer, Mr Ken Coventry OAM JP.

After the close of nominations on 10 February 2024, only one valid nomination had been received for each of the statutory positions of Treasurer and Branch Nominated Director. Therefore, no election would be required. On 13 February, the Branch Committee determined that each candidate was suitable for appointment.

We congratulate John Ziesing OAM on his election to the position of Treasurer, and Noel Hender OAM BEM on his nomination to be Branch Nominated Director.

The Returning Officer also advised that one valid nomination for the Branch Committee was received by the designated closing date, from a current incumbent who was nominating upon the expiration of his current 3-year term. On 13 February, the Branch Committee determined the candidate to be suitable for appointment. Accordingly, Greg Gordon OAM JP was announced as re-elected to the Branch Committee.

We congratulate Noel, John and Greg on their appointments.

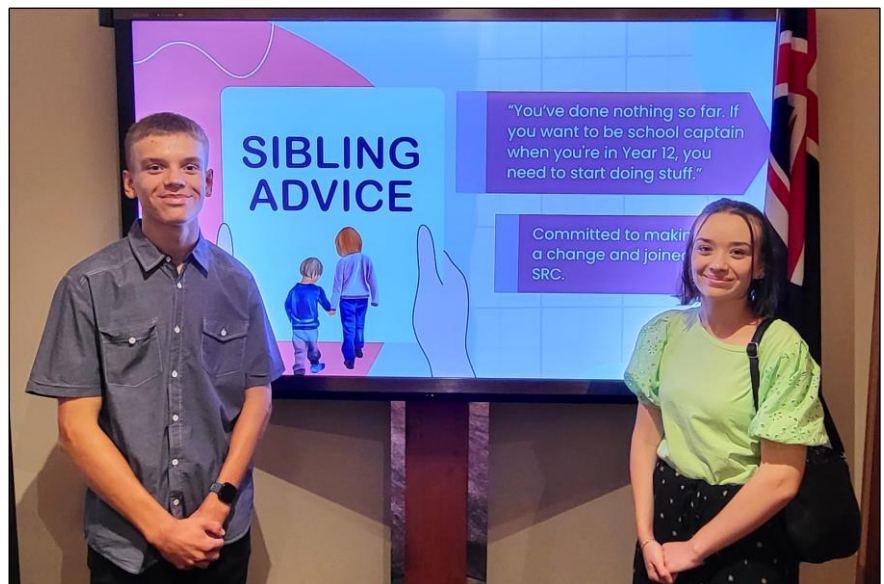
For the various specific portfolio appointments on the Branch Committee, at the next Branch Committee meeting incumbents will be invited to continue, or otherwise the Branch will call for expressions of interest.

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We were delighted to have as our guest speaker Thomas Oxford, a graduate of Parafield Gardens High School and our 2023 Student Citizen of the Year.

In his address, Thomas acknowledged the support he had received from his elder sister Hannah, who herself had earlier been School Captain.



Convenor of the SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards program Noel Hender OAM BEM said in his introduction, "Thomas is a very worthy recipient of the 2023 Student Citizenship Awards".

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Guest Speaker Thomas Oxford

Our guest speaker at the AGM was Thomas Oxford, the 2023 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year. His citation reads as follows:

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.

Thomas took us through his journey and the circumstances that led to his various achievements:

Hi my name is Thomas, and it was a true honour to be selected by the panel as a member of the top 10 students 'With High Distinction' in South Australia. On top of that, to then be awarded the '2023 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year' was a moment I will never forget.

A bit about myself – I am a diligent individual who is extremely passionate about the environment and supporting it in becoming sustainable.

When I have my mind set on something, I pursue it with perseverance and ensure I complete the task effectively so it can have a long-lasting impact on my peers. I am sporty who loves AFL and Cricket, and have been a Goal Umpire with the SANFL for 5 years.



Chairman Anthony (Tony) Metcalf OAM

Tony joined the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association in 2012 as Treasurer, taking on the role of National Treasurer in 2017, and then as SA Branch Deputy Chair in 2018. In February 2020, he was elected Branch Chair on the expiration of the term of office of the then Chairman Ken Coventry OAM JP.

Tony was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2012 Australia Day Honours List. This recognised his service to youth (1st College Park Scout Group, Branch Treasurer; Life Member, Scout Association SA Branch), service to aged welfare (foundation Vice-Chair, Klemzig Branch; SA Zone Chair, National Seniors Australia) and service to motor enthusiast organisations (Treasurer, Rover Car Club of SA, foundation Treasurer and all committee positions, Range Rover/Discovery Club of SA, and State Chair, 4WD SA).

In 2011 Tony was awarded a Pride of Australia Award for Outstanding Bravery in rescuing his wife, Cheryl, from an upturned fishing boat off-shore at Port Hughes, SA.

Academically, Tony holds a Bachelor of Economics degree from Adelaide University, is a Fellow Certified Practising Accountant, a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators (UK).

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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On behalf of the Branch Committee and all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extended 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: Kathryn was elected to fill a vacancy on the Branch Committee in February 2021, has served as our Merchandise Officer. Kathryn stood down at the AGM upon the completion of her 3-year term.

Joe Ienco OAM: Joe initially joined the Branch Committee as a co-opted member in September 2021 to fill a casual vacancy, and was elected Treasurer in February 2022. Joe also served as our Branch Nominated Director in 2022-23.

Ted Iuliano OAM: Ted filled a casual vacancy on the Branch Committee in March 2022, and in February 2023 was elected to the Committee. Ted has also served as a member of the Events Sub-committee.

SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

We congratulate the following new members continuing with or joining the Branch Committee:

Greg Gordon OAM JP: Greg has been re-elected upon the completion of a 3-year term. He is continuing as Member Secretary SA, and is also supporting the Events Sub-committee.

Noel Hender OAM BEM: Noel has been elected as our Branch Nominated Director-designate. He is continuing as Deputy Chairman, and as Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards.

John Ziesing OAM: John has been elected to the statutory appointment of Branch Treasurer.



ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
ASSOCIATION
South Australia Branch

38th Annual
General Meeting
(2023 AGM)

Saturday 2 March 2024
Arkaba Hotel

SA Branch Committee

2024-2025

The new national Constitution and By-laws introduced 3-year terms for Branch Committee members, with the ability to serve up to three consecutive terms.

Several incumbent Branch Committee members still had a further part of their 3-year term to serve, and were not required to stand for re-election. And following the AGM, three nominees have been appointed to fill casual vacancies for 12 months.

The following members now make up our Branch Committee for 2024-25:

Statutory appointments:

Chairman: Tony Metcalf OAM (continuing)

Secretary: John Phillips OAM (continuing)

Treasurer: John Ziesing OAM (elected)

Other committee members:

Cathy Chong AM JP (appointed)

Deborah De Williams AM (appointed)

Don Clark OAM (continuing)

Toni Cocchiari OAM (appointed)

Greg Gordon OAM JP (re-elected)

Noel Hender OAM BEM (continuing)

Flavia de Pasquale OAM (continuing)

Pamela Rajkowski OAM (continuing)

Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (continuing)

Branch Nominated Director:

Noel Hender OAM BEM (elected)

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Branch Treasurer
John Ziesing OAM

We congratulate John Ziesing on his appointment as Treasurer of the SA Branch Committee.

The Returning Officer advised that after the close of nominations, only one valid nomination had been received for the position of Treasurer, so no election would be required. On 13 February, the Branch Committee determined the candidate to be suitable for appointment. At the AGM, John Ziesing OAM was deemed elected to the position of Treasurer.

John was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2022 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to hockey, and to the community"*.

John has had significant service as committee member, president, coach and umpire of the Adelaide Hills Hockey Club, and was made a Life Member in 2001.

He has also had a significant involvement in various roles as a committee member, player, playing coach and team selector with Hockey SA, and was made a Life Member in 2023.

He has been a member of the South Australia Country Fire Service since 1984. Fire Fighter John Ziesing was awarded the National Medal on 9 March 2001 for 15 years' service.

John was elected to the Branch Committee in February 2023, and has already been filling in as Treasurer for several months in 2023-24.



Branch Nominated Director
Noel Hender OAM BEM

We congratulate Noel Hender on his selection to be the Branch Nominated Director for South Australia.

The Returning Officer advised that after the close of nominations, only one valid nomination had been received for the position of Branch Nominated Director, so no election would be required.

On 13 February, the Branch Committee determined the candidate to be suitable for endorsement for the role.

At the AGM, Noel Hender OAM BEM was announced as the SA Branch nominee to the position of Branch Nominated Director. This endorsement will now be passed to the national board for approval.

He received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List, *"For service to the community of South Australia"*.

He was elected to the Branch Committee in February 2020, and was re-elected in February 2023. He has served as Deputy Chairman since March 2021.

Noel has served as Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards since March 2021.

On 13 May 1969, Noel received the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division).

He is also a recipient of the Ultra-Long Service Medal of the Order of St John with two bars, recognising 60 years of voluntary service with St John Ambulance.

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We were pleased to host Thomas and his parents Matthew and Marg Oxford, and siblings Hannah and Daniel.

SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Member Secretary Greg Gordon OAM JP presented Di Coventry with a special gift in appreciation of her support of the SA Branch.



In attendance at the AGM were four recipients of the Service Medal of the Order of St John (left to right): Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP, Noel Hender OAM BEM CStJ, Professor Gregory Crawford AM, and David Ward ESM OAM MStJ JP.

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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 March Branch Committee meeting):

John Russell Baker AM ESM

Ashleigh Gore AM

Robert Ashley Hoff AM

Richard (Rick) Perse AM

Arch Boonen OAM

Peter Christopher OAM

Cyril Cockshell OAM

Dr Barry Elsey OAM

Dr Margaret Anne Folkard OAM

Robert Hugh Grant OAM

Nicola Minicozzi OAM

Francis Joseph O'Neill OAM

Reverend Barbara Ann Paull-Hunt OAM

Diane Annemarie Ranck OAM

Craig Ernest Scott OAM

Yvonne Jean Tyler OAM

John Ward OAM

New members of the Association who wish to purchase a name badge can find an Order Form on our website:

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

Regional Group News

South East Regional Group: The group had a successful gathering at Beachport on Friday 23 February.

The guest speaker was Commander Brian Nitschinsk OAM RAN (ret'd), who served for 39 years in the Royal Australian Navy. He spoke about his service in the RAN and the various places where he served.

Brian was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Military Division in the 2013 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "For meritorious service in the field of engineering in the Royal Australian Navy".



Commander Brian Nitschinsk OAM RAN (ret'd).



David Snook OAM thanks Commander Nitschinsk for his interesting presentation to the South East Regional Group.

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SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM (left) with South East Regional Group Convenor Eric Roughana AM (centre) and the guest speaker CMDR Brian Nitschinsk OAM RAN (ret'd).

Regional Group News

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group: The half-yearly meeting planned for Friday 22 March was cancelled due to the recent passing of member Brian Caddy OAM and the fact that his funeral took place that day in Barmera.

The next gathering will be on Friday 27 September.

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 will be the guest speaker.

The following gathering will be on Sunday 27 October.

Fleurieu Regional Group: The next half-yearly meeting is scheduled for Friday 3 May with Bob Bruce OAM as the guest speaker. The following meeting in the second half of this year is scheduled for Friday 1 November.

Eyre Peninsula: The next gathering will be in Tumby Bay later this year, most likely at the Tumby Bay RSL. The 2025 gathering will most likely be in Cummins.

SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and his wife Cheryl, and Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and his wife Di, attended the South East Regional Group gathering. Many thanks to Di Coventry for again providing some great imagery.



Members of the South East Regional Group at Beachport on Friday 23 February.

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VALE

Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib (1936-2024) **Officer of the Order of Australia**

The late Governor of Sarawak Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak Abdul Taib bin Mahmud passed away on 21 February 2024, aged 87.

There are some particular connections between the late Governor and South Australia.

Taib was the fourth Chief Minister of Sarawak (1981-2014). On 21 December 2001, he was appointed an Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia, "*For service to Australian-Malaysian bilateral relations*". He was then the seventh Governor of Sarawak (2014-2024).

Taib had studied law at the University of Adelaide under a Colombo Plan scholarship (1956-61), and there he met fellow student Leijla Chalecki.

They married in 1959, and their first child was born in Adelaide.

After his graduation, Taib worked in Adelaide as an associate to Justice Sir Herbert Mayo (Knight Bachelor) of the Supreme Court of South Australia. He returned to Sarawak as Crown Counsel in 1962.



The late Governor of Sarawak Abdul Taib, wearing the neck insignia of Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) and the collar insignia of Grand Commander of the Order of the Defender of the Realm (SMN).

VALE

Allan Roy Dowdell OAM

Branch Member and Secretary of the Lions Club of Mount Gambier Ross Parkinson OAM has advised of the passing of Allan Dowdell OAM on 21 February 2024.

Allan was awarded the OAM, "*For service to the community of Mount Gambier*" (QB17).

This included active contributions as a member of the Lions Club of Mount Gambier.

The award also recognised his contributions to cycling, which had been a life-long passion. He was President of the Mount Gambier Cycling Club for a record 26 years. He was awarded life membership of the Mount Gambier Cycling Club and the League of South Australian Wheelmen.

Late last year, he was honoured by Members of the Limestone Coast Cycling Academy for more than 70 years of dedication to cycling through the naming of the 'Allan Dowdell Velodrome'.

VALE

Brian Paul Caddy OAM

Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP has advised of the passing of Brian Caddy OAM, a member of the Riverland & Mallee Regional Group.

Brian was awarded the OAM, "*In recognition of service to local government and to the community of the Riverland area of South Australia*" (AD97).

Brian served as a Councillor with the District Council of Barmera for 17 years (1978-1995), representing Nookamka Ward. He was also Deputy Chairman for three years, and Mayor for six years.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group Convenor Tim Grieger said, "*Many of us have come to know and love Brian over many decades*",

His funeral was scheduled for the morning of Friday 22 March at Barmera Cemetery, the day of the group luncheon meeting. Tim and other members of the group attended the funeral. Out of respect for Brian, the planned Group lunch was cancelled.

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INVITATION



KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON Saturday 1 June 2024

On 14 March 1981 then Prince Charles, Prince of Wales was appointed a Knight of the Order of Australia (AK). Since 8 September 2022, His Majesty the King has been Sovereign Head of the Order of Australia.

Please join us at a luncheon celebrating the King's Birthday at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect – arrival from 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start, ending by 3 pm.

We will have an engaging guest speaker – details to follow. Please refer to the Reply Form attached, which may also be found on the SA Branch website under 'Events'.

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



The official portrait of His Majesty King Charles III, taken at Buckingham Palace following the Coronation Service.



The effigy of the King wearing the Tudor Crown will appear on a number of medals of Britain, the Commonwealth and Overseas Territories, including:

- Bravery awards such as the George Medal and King's Gallantry Medal
- Accumulated Campaign Service Medal, General Service Medal 2008
- Non-operational service medals such as the Nuclear Test Medal
- Long Service Medals (Ambulance, Cadet Forces, Civil Defence, Fire and Rescue Service, National Crime Agency, Police, Prison Service)
- Medals for Champion Shots





The uncrowned effigy of the King will appear on a number of medals of Britain, the Commonwealth and Overseas Territories, including:

- Bravery awards such as the Sea Gallantry Medal
- Medals for Meritorious Service such as the Associate Royal Red Cross, King's Merchant Navy, Meritorious Service Medal, Royal Red Cross, Royal Victorian Medal
- Long Service Medals (Coastguard, Jersey Honorary Police, Special Constabulary, Royal Household Long & Faithful Service Medal)
- Non-operational service medals such as the Polar Medal

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORIAM</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 members (as at the time of the March Branch Committee meeting):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cecilie Bearup OAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brian Paul Caddy OAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lance Martin Otto OAM (aged 93)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">REGIONAL GROUP CONTACTS</p> <p>Regional Groups Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP kencoam08@gmail.com</p> <p>Fleurieu Regional Group Meets on the first Friday in May and November Regional Convenor: John Hutchinson OAM 0427 525 670 johnhutc@bigpond.com</p> <p>South East Regional Group Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years Regional Convenor: Mr Eric Roughana AM 0408 817 260 roseric1@bigpond.com</p> <p>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group Holds luncheon meetings twice a year, typically on the last Friday in March and September Regional Convenor: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP 0409 099 122 tgrieger@riverland.net.au</p> <p>Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Holds luncheon meetings twice a year Regional Convenor, Kadina: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM 0417 806 839 elaine@yp-connect.net Regional Convenor, Minlaton: Maree Anderson OAM 0407 975 174 mareeanderson@internode.on.net</p>



NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION, Monday 6 May 2024 – at Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow (off OG Road), at 5.30 for 6 pm, finishing before 8 pm, to acknowledge recipients from the 2024 Australia Day Honours List. The cost is \$35 per head for Order of Australia Association members and their partner/guest, \$15 for children under 18. No cost for new recipients who are guests of the SA Branch.

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

Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than **Friday 26 April 2024**



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

<https://events.humanitix.com/oaasa-new-recipients-reception-ad24>



Alternately, pay online via EFT, using the code "NRR + 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



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]

New Recipients (guests of the SA Branch): people (no cost)

Payment enclosed (members, partners, guests): for people (\$35 per person)

Payment enclosed (children): for people (\$15 per child)

Refund policy – No refund is possible after 24 hours before the start time of the event

We hope you can join us for this important event!

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2024 KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH 2024 KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, Saturday 1 June 2024 – to celebrate the official observance of the birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign of the Order of Australia. Full-size medals should be worn.

The venue is Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club, 86 Churchill Road, Prospect; 12 noon arrival for 12.30 start, ending by 3 pm. Association merchandise will be available to purchase.

The cost is \$75 for Order of Australia Association members and their spouse/partner, and \$85 for non-members and friends, for a 3-course meal (main course alternate drop); cash bar.

Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than **Friday 24 May 2024**



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

<https://events.humanitix.com/king-s-birthday-luncheon-2024>



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

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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]

Payment enclosed (OAA member & spouse/partner): for people (\$75 per person)

Payment enclosed (non-members and friends): for people (\$85 per person)

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