

The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, May 2024

The Branch Committee is well underway with planning for the year's activities.

The April Fellowship luncheon meeting was a success, and the next is scheduled for Thursday 27 June.

Our next major event is the King's Birthday Luncheon on Saturday 1 June. We will be holding this at a new venue, which allows us to accommodate a larger group – the Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect. Further details can be found in the attached Reply Form and online.

At the beginning of April, I and several Branch Committee members represented the Association at a series of investiture ceremonies hosted by Her Excellency the Governor for recipients from the 2024 Australia Day Honours List.

Many of these recipients will be welcomed at our New Recipients' Reception this month. The new recipients are guests of the SA Branch, and we look forward to celebrating your achievement with you.

It is pleasing to see that a large number of these new recipients have chosen to join the Order of Australia Association.

One of the aims of our Association is to spread information about the purposes of the Order. A prime purpose is of course recognition of a person's achievements. But as leaders and role models in our community, there is also a part for us all to play in encouraging further nominations.

In future issues of this newsletter we will bring you some more background on the Order and information on what part you can play in prompting nominations of worthy citizens.

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

REMINDER



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 as soon as possible if you can attend.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 3 May: Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting, Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club

Monday 6 May: New Recipients' Reception

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

Monday 29 July: Closing date for nominations for the 2024 Student Citizenship Awards

Thursday 29 August 2024: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting

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AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY Thursday 28 March 2024

A number of Branch members attended a commemorative service at RAAF Edinburgh at the end of March to celebrate the 103rd Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Air Force, and also the 70th Anniversary of the opening of RAAF Edinburgh – on 22 March 1954 by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The service was conducted in the presence of Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia. It was jointly hosted by Air Commodore Adrian Maso AM, the Senior Air Force Representative South Australia, and Mr Lawrence Ng, President of the Air Force Association (South Australia). Air Commodore Maso was a Group-Captain when he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the Military Division in the 2022 Australia Day Honours List, *“For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in air combat capability development”*.

Among the Branch members in attendance were RAAF veteran Bill Chappell OAM, Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM JP, Mrs Jenny Macintosh OAM, and Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd) who as State President of the SA/NT Branch placed a tribute on behalf of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc.

Jenny Macintosh OAM honoured the service of her late husband, Wing Commander Bob MacIntosh AFC OAM MID, an aviator, Korean War veteran and chaplain. Bob was awarded the OAM in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List, *“For service to the community, particularly through church and veterans' organisations”*.

Jenny had received the OAM in the Australia Day Honours List four years earlier: *“For service to the community, particularly through the Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia, and to the Guiding movement”*. Jenny was guest speaker at our April fellowship luncheon meeting, talking on the topic: *“My time in the Outback”*.



The Air Force Memorial at RAAF Edinburgh was dedicated on Anzac Day 2015 – the structure comprises a tiled concrete base with four columns supporting a curved roof, representative of an aircraft hangar, with a propeller and a wooden cross of sacrifice, surrounded by a hedge of rosemary, a symbol of fidelity and remembrance.

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*We will remember them
Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou*

ANZAC DAY – COMMEMORATION **Thursday 25 April 2024**

On Anzac Day 2024 we marked the 109th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, and also honoured all who lost their lives in wars, operational campaigns, peace-keeping missions and humanitarian relief operations.

Adelaide has the distinction of having erected the first monument in Australia to recognise service during World War 1. The 'Wattle Grove WWI War Memorial' was dedicated by the Governor-General on 7 September 1915. Uniquely, it was dedicated to 'Australasians', including New Zealanders, whereas most memorials which were erected during or after the war were dedicated to Australians or local men who served and/or died.

This Dardanelles Memorial, which commemorates the landing of Australasian (Australian and New Zealand) soldiers on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25 April 1915, was relocated to Lundie Gardens in October 1940, and then to the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk on Kintore Avenue where it was re-dedicated on 11 November 2018.

The South Australian National War Memorial, honouring the fallen of World War 1, comprises a frame for two emotive scenes, showing the prelude and the epilogue to war; bronze tablets lining the walls of an inner crypt bear the names of South Australians who died during the Great War.

Behind the memorial is the World War 2 Wall of Remembrance, honouring those who enlisted in South Australia to serve their King and Country and who 'paid the supreme sacrifice'.

Also located behind the National War Memorial is a Post-WW2 Operations Memorial, commemorating Service personnel from or associated with South Australia who died in service or were killed while serving in conflicts since the end of World War Two.

Approaching these memorials along Kintore Avenue from the Dardanelles Memorial is the Anzac Commemorative Memorial Walk and Wall, commemorating the Service personnel of South Australia who have served in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved since Federation.



The rough stone base of the Dardanelles Memorial represents 'the rugged hills up which the Australian soldiers had to climb' at Gallipoli.



The South Australian National War Memorial on North Terrace was the first Australian state war memorial to be confirmed after the war.

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ANZAC EVE **Wednesday 24 April 2024**

The Anzac period of commemoration typically begins with a Youth Vigil where young Australians representing a variety of service and community groups conduct a formal 'Holding Ground' ceremony – a night-long guard of honour around a cenotaph or war memorial from sunset until Anzac morning.

This stems from the old military tradition of 'Holding Ground', where a reconnaissance patrol would identify and occupy a strategic position, and hold that position in preparation for the arrival of the main force.

One of the great traditions of the period of Anzac commemoration is the 'reunion', and it's not always with past military comrades.

In 2019 at the Thebarton Senior College Awards and Graduation Ceremony held on 6 December, Paul Rosenzweig OAM had the privilege of presenting an SA Branch Student Citizenship Award "Highly Commended" certificate to Zahra Bayani (right).

Then on Anzac Eve, at the City of Playford Overnight Youth Vigil at the Smithfield Cross of Remembrance, he had the privilege to meet up again with Zahra – now a Councillor for Ward 4, City of Playford (pictured above). We are so proud of our recipients' progress.



ANZAC DAY **Thursday 25 April 2024**

Just before dawn on Anzac Day, the youth guard yields to a formal uniformed Catafalque Party and the Dawn Service follows. The Dawn Service is based upon the wartime front-line practice of the dawn 'stand-to', as well as being linked symbolically to the dawn landing at Gallipoli.

The Dawn Service represents the funeral of a soldier, and the service at the Cross of Sacrifice after the March represents the gathering at the graveside.

The prime event in South Australia is the Adelaide Anzac Day Commemorative March. This is a solemn commemoration of the sacrifice of the nearly 103,000 Australian Service personnel who have lost their lives in the service of the nation.

The March is akin to a procession of soldiers to the graveside following a funeral service. The March is not a 'parade' and it does not prioritise recognition of the living.

For the 2024 Adelaide Anzac Day Commemorative March the Reviewing Officer at the Vice-Regal Saluting Base was His Excellency Dr Richard Harris SC OAM, the Governor's Deputy.



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This year's Anzac Day commemoration marked the 25th anniversary of the first Australian Defence Force deployments with the International Force East Timor.

INTERFET was a multinational peacemaking task force, organised and led by Australia in accordance with United Nations resolutions to address the humanitarian and security crisis that took place in East Timor from 16 September 1999 until 28 February 2000, known as Operation 'Stabilise'.

On 25 October 1999, the administration of East Timor was taken over by the UN through the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), and the handover of command of military operations to the UNTAET Peace-Keeping Force was completed on 28 February 2000

The initial Australian deployments to the UNTAET PKF were known as Operation 'Tanager' (20 February 2000 to 19 May 2002).

There were Australian deployments under Operation 'Astute' (12 May 2006 to 19 April 2008). Further Australian deployments in support of the follow-on missions from 12 May 2002 to 26 June 2008 were Operations 'Citadel', 'Spire' and 'Chiron'.

There were further commitments in independent Timor Leste under Operation 'Tower' (25 August 2006 to 12 December 2012).

Several of our members served in East Timor, including Air-Commodore Roger Capps AM RFD (ret'd), Brigadier Robert Atkinson AM RFD (ret'd), Group-Captain Robert Black AM RFD (ret'd) and Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd).

Roger Capps was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "*For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force as a Consultant in Anaesthetics and Resuscitation, and as the Principal Reserve Medical Officer (SA and NT)*" (QB00).



*Group-Captain Robert Black AM RFD (ret'd)
(pictured on Anzac Day 2023)*

Brigadier Rob Atkinson deployed to East Timor as a medical specialist (orthopaedic surgeon) in late 1999 in support of the first INTERFET deployments, and then three further times.

Associate Professor Atkinson was appointed a Member of the Order, "*For service to medicine as an orthopaedic surgeon and through contributions to professional associations*" (QB08).

Dr Robert Black joined the University Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force in 1957. He later served at RAAF Butterworth in Malaysia as a surgeon, and from 1981 was a member of the RAAF Specialist Reserve. He retired as Principal Reserve Medical Officer SA, with the rank of Group Captain.

Dr Black was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "*In recognition of service to the RAAF Specialist Reserve*" (QB96).

Robert served in East Timor on three occasions. The first was in 2001, as a civilian surgeon.

He was re-enlisted into the RAAF Specialist Reserve in 2003 and deployed to East Timor in uniform. For this service he received the Australian Active Service Medal, an award introduced in 1988 to recognise service in prescribed warlike operations since 14 February 1975, with the clasp "East Timor".

His third stint in Timor was again as a civilian surgeon with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in support of the Dili National Hospital in 2003, while civil unrest persisted.

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As a Regular Army Major, Paul Rosenzweig made several short duty deployments in support of INTERFET in December 1999 and early 2000.

In 2001 he commanded a specialist team that operated throughout all of East Timor, and he commanded another team in 2002 assigned to UNTAET under Operation 'Tanager', in support of the 2RAR Battalion Group. For these deployments he received the Australian Active Service Medal with clasp "East Timor".

Paul returned to independent Timor Leste from January 2010 to January 2011 as Officer Commanding 1st Battalion Advisory Detachment, and Command Advisor to the 1st Light Infantry Battalion, East Timorese Defence Force. He received the Australian Service Medal, to recognise service in prescribed non-warlike operations, with the clasp "Timor Leste".



Paul Rosenzweig's team in East Timor conducted an Anzac Dawn Service at Port Hera in 2002.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

Sunday 12 May 2024



Discover the treasures of history at Government House Adelaide's Open Day.

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Bunten are pleased to welcome members of the public to explore Government House and its grounds.

Government House will be holding its first Open Day for the year on Sunday 12 May, between 10 am and 4 pm. Entry is free and registrations are not required.

Held in conjunction with South Australia's History Festival, Government House guests will have the opportunity to view the public rooms of the oldest continuously occupied Government House in the country.

Members of the public can learn about the architectural features, historical artefacts and daily operations of Government House, as well as explore a range of exhibits.

There will be a range of activities, including garden tours, live music, children's quizzes, SAPOL Police Grey display and interaction, and food and drink vendors.

The SA Branch will support the 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.

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.

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

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024



Jenny Macintosh OAM

On Thursday 25 April, Jenny Macintosh OAM addressed the Fellowship luncheon gathering on the interesting topic: "My time in the Outback".

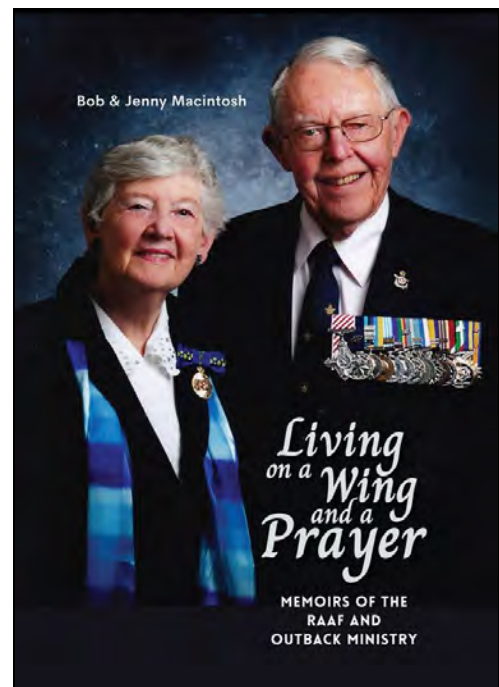
Jenny was awarded the OAM in the Australia Day Honours List of 2011, "For service to the community, particularly through the Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia, and to the Guiding movement".

You can read more about the exploits of Jenny and her late husband Bob in the 'double autobiography' published by Jenny in June 2022: *Living on a Wing and a Prayer; Memoirs of the RAAF and Outback Ministry*.

The book is described as, "an unforgettable portrait of Australian Life in the 1950s to 1990s. Set against the backdrop of the ever-changing locations, Bob and Jenny's adventures will leave you marvelling at the indomitable spirit of two people determined to improve the lives of everyone they encountered".



File image: Jenny Macintosh OAM (second from right) with SA Branch members at our 2023 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon.



The late Wing Commander Bob Macintosh AFC OAM MID was an aviator and Korean War veteran, who retired from the RAAF in 1978 and served as a Uniting Church of Australia Minister from 1981. He was awarded the OAM in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "For service to the community, particularly through church and veterans' organisations".

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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, during our regular luncheon meetings.

The next honours recipients fellowship luncheon will be held on **Thursday 27 June** at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street in Adelaide.

The speaker will be the former Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide **Wendy Chapman AM**.

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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Wendy Chapman AM

Wendy Chapman was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 1986 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "In recognition of service to the community and local government".



Wendy Chapman AM (2020) by Tsering Hannaford
90 cm x 70 cm, oil on Belgian linen
(used with permission of the artist)

Wendy trained as a nurse, and worked in public hospitals in her early career. She served the City of Adelaide as a Councillor from 1977, and as an Alderman for the City of Adelaide in 1981-83.

Wendy was elected as the 68th Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide in 1983-85, making history as the first woman to hold that position in any Australian capital city.

She represented the City of Adelaide on the Adelaide Convention Bureau Board of Directors and the Local Government Association of South Australia, and served on the Jubilee 150 Board.

She is noted as having prioritised city development and renewal, and entered a career in property development after politics.

In 2020 Wendy was honoured by the City of Adelaide with a portrait by the noted South Australian artist Tsering Hannaford.

Tsering calls herself 'a contemporary realist oil painter working from life'. You can see some of her works here:

T. HANNAFORD

<https://www.tseringhannaford.com.au/>

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SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his welcome to the following members who have volunteered to fill casual vacancies on the Branch Committee for 2024-25:

Cathy Chong AM JP: Cathy was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2022 Australia Day Honours List, *"For significant service to multiculturalism in South Australia, and to the community"*.

Toni Cocchiaro OAM: Toni (Antonietta) was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to education"*.

Deborah De Williams AM: 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"*.



Deborah De Williams AM



Toni Cocchiaro OAM



Cathy Chong AM JP

Pictured with Mr Richard Chong at the New Recipients' Reception on Monday 9 May 2022.

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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 April Branch Committee meeting):

Raymond James Norton OAM

Maria (Mary) Rosaria Tarzia 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

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group: The group held its meeting on Sunday 28 April at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel. SA Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM was the guest speaker.

The next gathering will be on Sunday 27 October.

Fleurieu Regional Group: The next half-yearly meeting is scheduled for Friday 3 May at the Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club on Hindmarsh Esplanade, Hayborough.

The guest speaker is one of the members of the Group, Bob Bruce OAM, who received his OAM "*In recognition of service to surf lifesaving*" (AD89). He will speak about his history in lifesaving.

The following meeting in the second half of this year is scheduled for Friday 1 November.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group: The next gathering will be at the Barmera Sports Club, Dean Drive in Barmera on Friday 27 September at 12 noon, for a luncheon in the side room.

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.

VALE

Monsignor Raymond Ignatius Pope OAM (1925-2024)

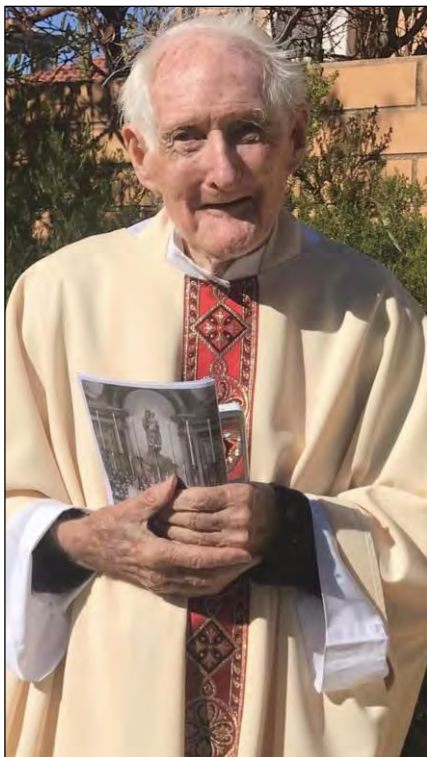
Our Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Regional Contact (Kadina) Elaine Bussenschutt OAM has advised of the passing of Monsignor Raymond Ignatius Pope OAM on 20 February 2024, at the Star of the Sea Aged Care Home in Wallaroo surrounded by friends.

Monsignor Pope was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2998 Australia Day Honours List, "*For Service to the Community of Kadina-Wallaroo, particularly through the Catholic Church Meals on Wheels and the Star of the Sea Hostel and Nursing Home*".

Elaine reports that he was ordained as a Priest in Adelaide on 28 July 1948, and became widely known as 'Father Ray'.

He was a beloved priest who dedicated his life to serving the people. Throughout his ministry he served in various locations including Port Pirie, Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Georgetown, Kadina, Snowtown and Wallaroo.

As a Priest to the people, Father Ray Pope left a lasting impact on the communities where he served with compassion and humility. Elaine said, "*He lived a remarkable life reaching the age of 98. He will be remembered with affection by many*".



Monsignor Raymond Ignatius Pope OAM (1925-2024)
(image from the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie)

In Pace Christi

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Gawler gets on the MAP

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She said Gawler MAP was a "resounding success" and thanked all those who contributed to it, particularly MAP convener Martin Johnson, for their "vision and dedication".

"The welcome Rod and I received at the Gawler Original Music, Art and Poetry event was truly heartwarming and speaks to the sense of community and appreciation for the arts in the town," she said.

"We were delighted to see performances by talented poets Beth Bullie, Cathy Young and Martin Johnson OAM, and loved the music played by G Force's Gary Briggs, Georgia Press, Giles Heelis and Gina Press."

The main standout from the day, though, came in the form of Hamley Bridge Primary School Year 6 student Piper,

who surprised Ms Adamson with a gift at the end of the MAP event. "I extend a heartfelt thank you to Hamley Bridge Primary School

from the wider community. "I think that [Sunday's] event just shows how enthusiastic and supportive people from Gawler are," he said.



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VICE-REGAL VISIT TO GAWLER

Sunday 3 March 2024

SA Branch member Martin Johnson OAM has shared his experience of a recent visit to Gawler by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, who is also our Branch Patron. The report was published in the Gawler newspaper, 'The Bunyip'.

Together with the Mayor of Gawler Karen Redman, Her Excellency and Mr Bunten were welcomed to the Civic Centre by MAP Convenor Martin Johnson.

Martin received his OAM in the 2022 Australia Day Honours List, "*For service to the community of Gawler*". Notable among his achievements was the creation in 2020 of Gawler's MAP – an event providing opportunities for local Original Musicians, Artists and Poets.

Between 1997 and 2003, he researched and wrote more than 300 human interests stories concerning Gawler residents in the weekly column 'Around the Block with Martin Johnson', and he created a monthly Arts Page to provide a voice for local poets and Visual Artists in 'The Bunyip' newspaper (1997-03).

He has written a number of poetry books including, "When the Times were A-Changin; a look at life in Gawler during the 1970s and the changes we see today" (2009). Other books include, "Twenty Houses, An Anecdotal History of The Building of The South Para Reservoir" (1992).

Martin established Gawler Poetry Readings (1995-09), established the Gawler Literary fund, was creator and convenor of Gawler's CHANGE Original Music Festival (2014-20), and was Convenor of the South Para Reservoir 60th Anniversary Reunion (2017-18).

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King Charles the Third, by the
Grace of God King of Australia
and his other Realms and
Territories, Head of the
Commonwealth

Sovereign Head
of the Order of Australia

REMINDER

KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday 1 June 2024

Please join us at a luncheon celebrating the official Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor. The venue is Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect – arrival from 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start.

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 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 WIDER SERVICE MEDAL

United Kingdom

The crowned effigy of King Charles III wearing the Tudor Crown will appear on a new service medal to be introduced by the United Kingdom.

The Wider Service Medal will be awarded to personnel who have served to deliver crucial operational impact where the physical risk to life is lower than traditionally required for an operational campaign medal.

A Tudor crown has been included in the medal's design to symbolise the monarch's central role and inspiration for government, armed forces and the Civil Service said the Ministry of Defence.

The new medal will recognise service by Royal Air Force pilots, supporting ground crew and Army personnel aiding the UK's NATO air-policing deployments in Estonia and Romania.

Royal Navy personnel deployed on the UK's continuous at-sea nuclear deterrent will also be eligible for the award.

The medal will be given to those who have accrued 180 days of aggregated service on eligible operations.

In announcing the new medal, the Ministry of Defence said the medal is set to recognise personnel who fulfil crucial operational roles, but are not necessarily exposed to physical threats.



The reverse design of the Wider Service Medal features a Tudor Crown, symbolising the Sovereign, directional arrows depicting reach across the world, and a laurel wreath that symbolises service and achievement. The image is circled by text that reads "For Wider Service".

The ribbon colours reflect the joint cross-Government nature of operations (purple), on land (green), at sea (dark blue) and in the air (light blue).

On the obverse, the crowned effigy of the sovereign faces right, as it does for other British service medals such as the Accumulated Campaign Service Medal, General Service Medal 2008 and non-operational service medals such as the Nuclear Test Medal.

The Wider Service Medal recognises the wide range of roles personnel play in ensuring success on operations, whereby personnel are increasingly deployed or used to deliver operational impact but not necessarily in roles that expose them to physical risk.

It also recognises the ever-changing nature of warfare, underlining the importance of operations which deter adversaries in a pre-war world.

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Did you know:–

On Friday 14 February next year we will mark the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Order of Australia.

The Order of Australia was created by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia, by Letters Patent given under the Great Seal of Australia at St James's Court on 14 February 1975.

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

It was created with a Civil Division and a Military Division, but the Civil Division was retitled ‘General Division’ in 1976.

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SPECIAL

AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH R

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be established an Australian society of honour for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service:

KNOW YOU that We, by these Presents, do establish a society of honour to be known as the ‘Order of Australia’:

AND WE DO ordain that the Order shall consist of the Sovereign, Our Governor-General of Australia and such members and honorary members as Our Governor-General, with Our approval and in accordance with the Constitution of the Order, shall appoint:

AND WE DO further ordain that the Constitution of the Order shall be the Constitution set out in the Schedule:

AND WE DO hereby command that a seal be immediately engraved, that that seal shall be the Seal of the Order, that the Ordinances of the Order shall be signed by Our Governor-General of Australia and sealed with the Seal of the Order, and that the Ordinances so signed and sealed shall have the same force and effect as if they had been recited in these Our Letters Patent and given under the Great Seal of Australia:

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

(L.S.) Given under the Great Seal of Australia at Our Court at St. James's on 14 February 1975.

By Her Majesty's Command,

E. G. WHITLAM
Prime Minister.

(4) Every Australian citizen appointed to the Order shall be a member of the Order, and every other person appointed to the Order shall be an honorary member of the Order.

Officers and Council of the Order of Australia

2. The Governor-General of Australia shall be the Chancellor of the Order and the Principal Companion in the Civil Division.

3. The Chancellor is charged with the administration of the Order.

4. (1) There shall be a Council for the Order, hereinafter called ‘the Council’, which shall consist of—

(a) the Chief Justice of Australia;

(b) the Vice-President of the Executive Council;

(c) the Secretary, Department of the Special Minister of State, or, if another office is prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph, the person occupying the office so prescribed;

(d) the officer of the Defence Force occupying the office of Chief of the Defence Force Staff or, if another office is prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph, the officer of the Defence Force occupying the office so prescribed;

(e) not more than nine persons appointed by the Governor-General of whom not more than six shall be persons nominated by the States of Australia.

(2) A member of the Council referred to in paragraph (1) (e) shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of his appointment and is eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The Governor-General shall appoint one of the members of the Council to be Chairman of the Council and another member of the Council to act as Chairman in the event of the Chairman being unavailable to act in the office.

5. The Council shall—

(a) consider nominations of Australian citizens for appointment to the Order;

(b) make recommendations to the Governor-General in relation to those nominations; and

FOR SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY

The Life Saving Awards of
the Order of St John



Edited by
Roger Willoughby & John Wilson

THE LIFE SAVING MEDAL of the Order of St John

For those with an interest in medals, the Order of St John and acts of bravery, this new book will be of interest.

The Life Saving Medal was instituted in 1874 to enable the Order of St John to honour those who saved, or attempted to save the life of another, and who placed themselves at imminent personal risk in doing so. The medal is awarded in either Bronze, Silver and Gold depending on the degree of risk.

This book has just been released. The book documents the previously untold story of these highly prestigious but little-known awards. It reveals the circumstances behind the awards to the 1,394 people who gained them for their brave and humanitarian actions in 44 countries across the world – including 26 Australians.

The book is published by the Worcestershire Medal Service in association with the Order of St John; they can be contacted online:



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

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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 April Branch Committee meeting):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James (Jim) Doric Rump AM (aged 98)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monsignor Raymond Ignatius Pope OAM (aged 98)</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 **Sunday 5 May 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:

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Guest 1: [post-nominals]

Guest 2: [post-nominals]

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

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