



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Special Edition



NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Monday 6 May 2024

Standing (left to right):

Frank O'Neill OAM, John Ward OAM, Jeffrey Dry OAM, Dr Barry Elsey OAM, Arch Boonen OAM, Clinical Associate Professor Robert Ali AO, Ashleigh Gore AM, Peter Christopher OAM, Noel O'Brien OAM, William Maxwell (Max) Lyle OAM, Reverend Barbara Paull-Hunt OAM.

Seated:

Dr Margaret Folkard OAM, Yvonne Tyler OAM, Ray Norton OAM, Carlsa Carter OAM.

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We acknowledged 14 new recipients announced in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List and one from 2023, on the first anniversary of the coronation of King Charles III (Saturday 6 May 2023). Charles III is not only King of Australia, but also Sovereign Head of the Order of Australia.



SA Branch Deputy Chairman Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM was MC for the night: he proposed the Loyal Toast to King Charles III and led the singing of the National Anthem.

SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM hosted the event and introduced each of the new recipients.

Mayor Robert Bria of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters gave the welcome address.

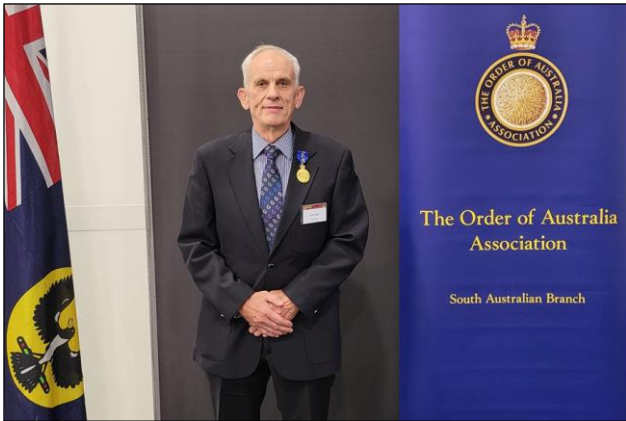


OFFICER of the Order of Australia

Clinical Associate Professor
Robert Ali AO

“For distinguished service to medical and health research, particularly drug and alcohol dependence, and to education and training” (KB23)

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MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Ashleigh Gore AM

"For significant service to the community through a range of roles"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Arch Boonen OAM

"For service to the community through a range of roles"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Carlsa Carter OAM

"For service to conservation and the environment"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Peter Christopher OAM

"For service to community history"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Jeffrey Dry OAM

"For service to community sport, and to the church"



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Dr Barry Elsey OAM

"For service to tertiary education"

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MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Dr Margaret Folkard OAM

*“For service to gnomonics,
and to the community”*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Max Lyle OAM

*“For service to the creative arts
as a sculptor”*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Ray Norton OAM

*“For service to the
community of Adelaide”*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Noel O'Brien OAM

*“For service to the community
through a range of roles”*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Frank O'Neill OAM

*“For service to the community
through a range of organisations”*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Reverend Barbara Paull-Hunt OAM

*“For service to the
Anglican Church of Australia”*

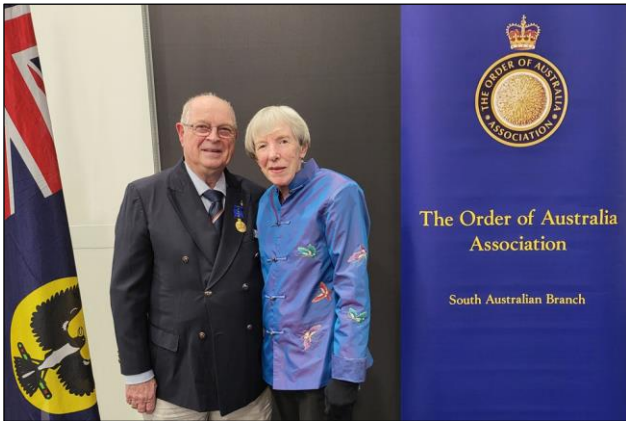
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MEDAL of the Order of Australia
Yvonne Tyler OAM
“For service to community music”



MEDAL of the Order of Australia
John Ward OAM
“For service to gnomonics”



Guest Speaker
“Identity”
John Minney OAM
and Mrs Margaret Minney



Gnomonics
The study of the design, construction and use of sundials
Dr Margaret Folkard OAM
and John Ward OAM



SA Branch Committee
Deputy Chair Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM
and Mrs Jill Hender



SA Branch Committee
Cathy Chong OAM JP
Merchandise Officer

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Our reception was held at Payneham Library, and we thank the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters for their generous support and assistance. We also thank Vili's Family Bakery for subsidising the cost of the refreshments: <https://www.vilis.com/>

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

[NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION, May 2024](#)



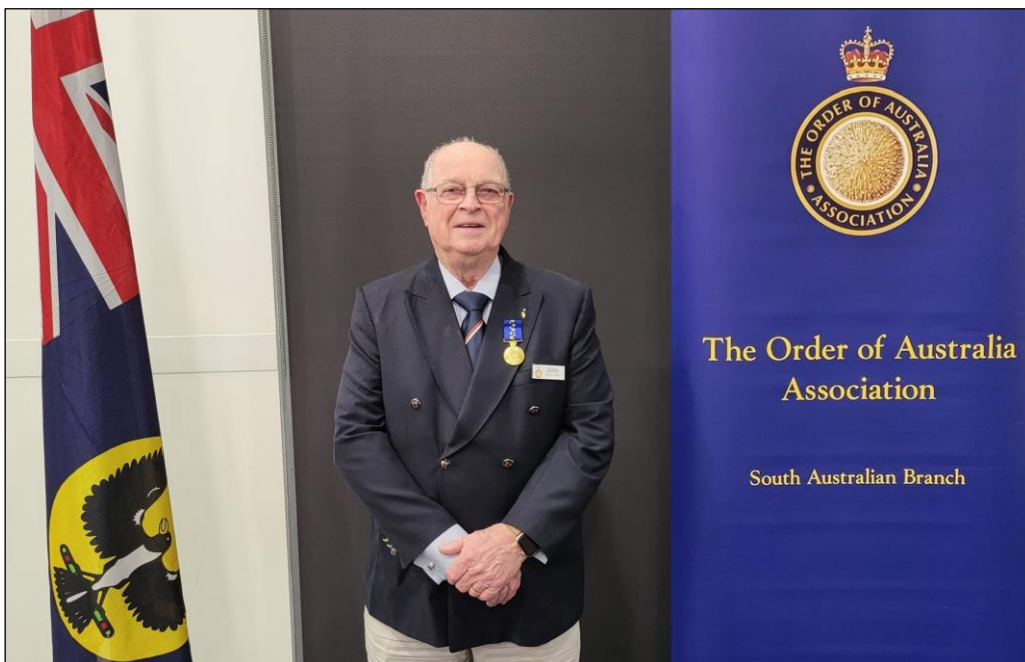
John Minney OAM

We thank John Minney OAM, one of our newest members, for being our guest speaker at our New Recipients' Reception on Monday 6 May.

John is a 1968 graduate of the University of Adelaide (Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering). He was a long-serving Councillor with the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Council (1997-00 and 2003-22). He had earlier served as a Councillor (1971-97), and was Mayor of the City of Payneham from 1987 to 1991. He was a committee member of the Payneham Youth Club from 1978 to 1992, and was appointed a Life Member.

John has had strong connections with the Local Government Association of South Australia. Community roles have included Chair of the Freemasons Foundation, Chair of the Glenelg International Tattoo (1995-96), and Vice-President of the South Australian Conservation Council (1996-00).

John was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2023 King's Birthday Honours List, "*For service to local government, and to the community*".



Guest Speaker John Minney OAM

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

The Order of Australia is the most important and meaningful awards system in Australia. Each year, the Governor-General approves and announces awards to people for their outstanding service and achievement.

People from all sorts of backgrounds, of all ages, and who have done just about everything you can think of can be recognised through the Order of Australia.

The system relies on people like you to raise a nomination.

You need to include some examples of the individual's achievements and service, and details of relevant referees who can validate the individual's service.

You do not need to choose which level a person might be recognised at – this will be determined by the independent Council for the Order of Australia during their assessment phase.

Don't worry if you can't make the nomination too comprehensive – additional research and checking with independent referees is undertaken by the Council for each nomination.



Australian Honours and Awards Portal



Welcome to the Australian Honours and Awards Nomination Portal

The Australian Honours and Awards Portal lets you nominate a worthy Australian for an award, complete a referee request, or accept a proposed award. Sign in or Register by selecting 'My Portal' below

My Portal

Go to my portal.

Nominations are made via the online Nominations Portal (see next page)

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Find out more

- Information about the Order is available from the Governor-General's website:
www.gg.gov.au

The Australian Honours System relies on nominations. People don't put their hand up to be recognised, and they are not selected. They are nominated by peers and considered and recommended to the Governor-General by an independent Council.

A nomination can be made at any time.

- Information about the nomination process can be found here:
<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award>
- Nominations need to be made via the online portal:
<https://oosgg-ca-prod.powerappsportals.com/>

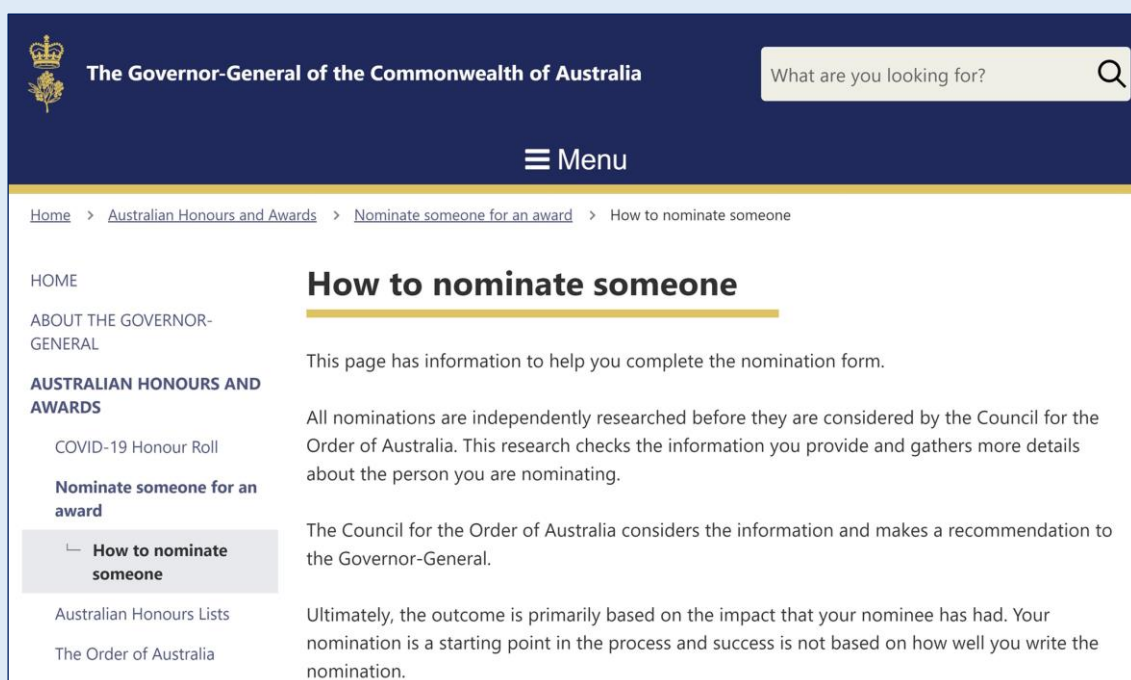
On this portal, users can register and log in, complete and submit nominations, and monitor the status of a nomination from submission to completion.

Nominations are then assessed by the independent Council for the Order of Australia – which includes members from each state and territory and community representatives.

Members of the SA Branch Committee of the Order of Australia Association are available to offer help and guidance with your nomination.

It is important to note however, that Branch Committee members cannot raise a nomination on your behalf, they play no part in the consideration process, and they cannot advise on the progress of a nomination.

Who do you think is worthy of an award?



The screenshot shows the website of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The header includes the coat of arms and the text 'The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia'. A search bar contains the text 'What are you looking for?'. Below the header is a 'Menu' button. The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Australian Honours and Awards > Nominate someone for an award > How to nominate someone'. The page title is 'How to nominate someone'. The main text reads: 'This page has information to help you complete the nomination form. All nominations are independently researched before they are considered by the Council for the Order of Australia. This research checks the information you provide and gathers more details about the person you are nominating. The Council for the Order of Australia considers the information and makes a recommendation to the Governor-General. Ultimately, the outcome is primarily based on the impact that your nominee has had. Your nomination is a starting point in the process and success is not based on how well you write the nomination.' The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items: 'HOME', 'ABOUT THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL', 'AUSTRALIAN HONOURS AND AWARDS', 'COVID-19 Honour Roll', 'Nominate someone for an award', 'How to nominate someone' (highlighted), 'Australian Honours Lists', and 'The Order of Australia'.

Guidance is available on the Governor-General's website

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, June 2024

In this newsletter we pay tribute to many of the new recipients announced in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List.

I am pleased to note that a significant number of them have chosen to join the Order of Australia Association.

I would like to give my personal thanks to Mayor Robert Bria of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters for supporting our welcome reception for these new recipients.

I would also like to thank Rosemary Milisits OAM. Rosemary and her late husband Vilmos both received the OAM in the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "*For service to the food industry, and to the community through support for a range of charitable organisations*". We greatly appreciate the support of Vili's Family Bakery in subsidising the cost of the refreshments at these receptions.

Honours Lists are released twice a year and, after the investiture ceremonies have been held at Government House, we hold a reception to celebrate these worthy recipients of the Order.

I know that we are all humbled to receive this recognition, but not many of us actually know much about the broader purposes of the Order.

We hope to bring you, through this newsletter, some more background information on the Order and what it means in our community.

In particular, having been identified as leaders and role models in our community, I believe it is incumbent upon us all to be on the lookout for the 'next generation' of recipients.

I think many people believe that 'senior government officials' mysteriously become aware of great contributions to society and raise the nominations.

One of the things that makes the Order of Australia special is that people can't just put their hand up to be recognised, and they are not selected.

People who have made contributions to society or the community are nominated by their peers. The bottom line is – the Australian Honours System relies on people like you and me to submit a nomination. Who do you know who is worthy?

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair



Dr RICHARD HARRIS SC OAM
Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia

Members may have the opportunity to meet Dr Harris when he is attending an event on behalf of the Governor, or if he is attending an event in his own right as Lieutenant-Governor. In either case, the correct form of address is "Dr Harris" or "Sir".

On occasion, Dr Harris will be acting as Deputy to the Governor. On such occasions, the correct protocol is to address him as follows:

On first meeting: "Your Excellency"

Thereafter: "Dr Harris" or "Sir"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 1 June: King's Birthday Luncheon

Thursday 27 June: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting

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

Tuesday 13 August: Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel review meeting

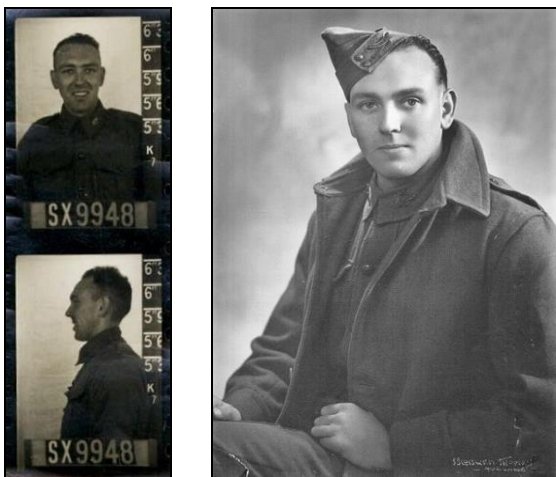
Thursday 29 August 2024: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting

Friday 27 September: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting, Barmera

October (or September tbc): Eyre Regional Group meeting in Tumby Bay

Sunday 27 October: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting

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Sydney Lawrence Arthur Badenoch enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force in Adelaide on 2 August 1940, and was discharged at Wayville Showgrounds on 30 May 1945, aged 28.

AN ANZAC TRIBUTE

We were very privileged late last year to have Anne Bachmann OAM JP as guest speaker at our Christmas Morning Tea. On Anzac Day this year, Anne reflected on the military service record of her father, Sapper Sydney Lawrence Arthur Badenoch (1917-1995).

Syd Badenoch was born in Hyde Park, and attended Adelaide Boys High School and St Peter's College.

During World War 2, he served as an Engine Artificer with the 2/3rd Field Park Company, Royal Australian Engineers. After Middle East service, he undertook jungle warfare training on the Atherton Tablelands in Queensland before then deploying to Lae in New Guinea with the 2/23rd Field Park Company, RAE.

His right foot was injured by machinery in New Guinea, and he also suffered tropical ulcers, malaria and dengue. He was a member of the Kensington RSL, and was President for many years.

In memory of Syd, Anne recited the following verse she had previously written in his honour:

I shall walk tall
Medals proudly displayed
In memory of you –
Then together
We shall stand beneath
Our favourite tree
Your hand in mine
Memories of times shared



The 2024 Anzac Day commemorations also marked the 25th anniversary of the first Australian deployments to East Timor.

AN INTERFET REFLECTION, Part 1 Brigadier Rob Atkinson AM RFD (ret'd)

Among our members who saw military service in East Timor under INTERFET is Brigadier Robert Atkinson AM RFD (ret'd). He deployed as an 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 of Australia, "*For service to medicine as an orthopaedic surgeon and through contributions to professional associations*" (QB08).

Rob has compiled some recollections of his service in East Timor under warlike conditions.

As a retired Brigadier and Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon with 47 years in the Australian Defence Force (both full- and part-time), it gives me great pleasure to reminisce.

I'm a 'Conscript gone wrong' it has been said.

To go back to the early days prior to the mission in East Timor, the Commander Major-General Peter Cosgrove was told by the UN in no uncertain terms that there was no place for another Australian Brigadier.

The reply, as you would expect from the Commander, was that Atkinson is not a Brigadier, but an Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon.

That said it all, as surgeons do not grow on trees, and competing civilian interests at home means it is difficult to recruit such specialists as Reserve Officers. The privilege to serve is more than worth it, but sometimes it is a hard sell.

I got to deploy and other one-stars (Brigadier equivalent) medical specialists followed.

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The Operating Theatre in Dili.

AN INTERFET REFLECTION *continued*

I served four times, mostly on six-week rotations, with one of them being a bit shorter covering the Presidential inauguration as required by the UN. I did not see much on that trip as we were locked in!

On this first deployment, our hospital was set up in the grounds of the former Dili Museum.

My commitment came well into the Mission, and conditions were not busy trauma-wise but there were plenty of tropical diseases, particularly dengue.

Living was austere, very hot and humid with a shortage of water, but the patients had priority. Our small residence was called 'Changi'.

There were many mossies, and one of my patients with a fractured ankle caught dengue in hospital!

One of my colleagues was so concerned that he continually, obsessively and totally covered himself in insect repellent. I liked hanging out with him – my own personal insect repeller fog.

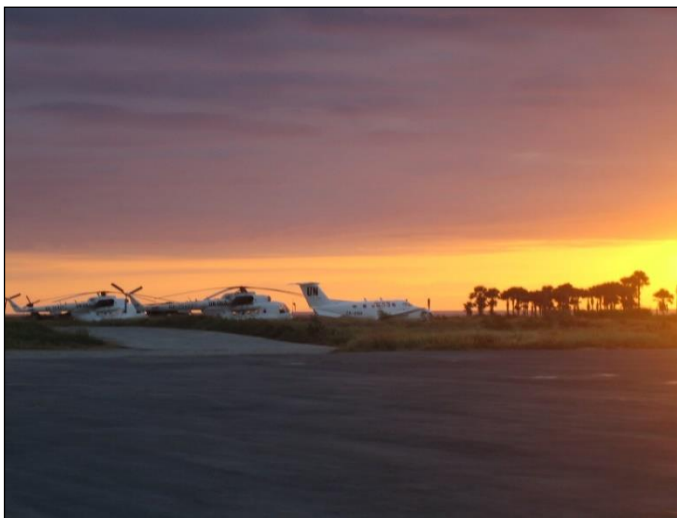
There was not a lot happening at the hospital surgically, so I was asked go on a forensic mission to look for mass graves as part of the UN accumulating evidence for potential crimes. I am not a Pathologist, but had experience with bones, so was the best there was available at the time.

Our digging party dug, and I examined the bones. Apparently, Timorese are often buried with their dogs. So somewhere is UN film footage with me indicating that this skull belongs to a member of the canine family.

We popularised the 'bone phone', digital photos, X-rays, wounds etc as Telstra ran the local communications. Common now, not so then. This enhanced our ability to triage at a distance – or 'force multiply' in military jargon.

I had to go across country at one stage, as we had a medical unit run by New Zealanders. The trouble was that it was the Wet Season, and there is mountain range running along the middle of the country.

The UN helicopter was a giant, and Russian. Off we went, up valleys with the rotors very close to the cliffs. Then the clouds closed in, and back out the valley we came and waited, landed, and then tried again.



Russian UN helicopters on standby for tasking.

We finally popped through to the other side and reached our destination.

I observed the pilots, in fact three, with one sitting on a bench between the front seats. They were my age. There are old helicopter pilots, there are bold helicopter pilots. There no old bold helicopter pilots.

They were good, and I felt certain they flew during the Soviet war in Afghanistan.

Finally, my 6 weeks were up and the six were important, and doable, as my civilian commitments, Public Teaching hospital, colleagues covering, etc were on hold back home.

I would be replaced by another Reservist for a short duration deployment. A Reservist could repeat the mission as I did after a timely interval at home, and this made the process sustainable.

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024



Members and guests who attended the April Fellowship Luncheon on Anzac Day at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Adelaide, with Jenny Macintosh OAM (centre front) as the guest speaker.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON **Thursday 25 April 2024**

The April Fellowship Luncheon, held on Anzac Day, was attended by 36 members, partners, family and friends. Jenny Macintosh OAM addressed gathering on the topic: "My time in the Outback".

Jenny recalls that she married aviator and Korean War veteran Bob Macintosh in April 1954, when she was 19, and she then spent until 1978 as an Air Force wife. She notes fondly that they moved house 19 times, and had four children.

After Bob retired from the RAAF and was ordained, Jenny then lived as a Minister's wife and pilot, flying around an area about half the size of South Australia.

Jenny was subsequently awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, "For service to the community, particularly through the Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia, and to the Guiding movement" (AD11).

The material for Jenny's address can be found in the 'double autobiography' published in June 2022.

Uniquely, the book was written by both herself and her late husband, Group Captain Bob MacIntosh AFC OAM MID, Royal Australian Air Force – *Living on a Wing and a Prayer; Memoirs of the RAAF and Outback Ministry*.



Group Captain Robert Black AM RFD (ret'd) was MC



Jenny Macintosh OAM: "My time in the Outback"

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The hardcover book was published by DoctorZed Publishing and is available through most bookstores; it is also available online via Kindle. Group Captain Robert Black AM RFD (ret'd) was the MC for the event, and provided this overview of Jenny's life and her book.

Jenny and Bob Macintosh have combined beautifully to write this double autobiography.

They begin with their childhood in separate States, he in NSW, she in Victoria, and continue with alternate chapters. Jenny has done well to complete the task of publishing after Bob's death in July 2019.

They describe how they almost accidentally met and how a persistent Bob rediscovered his future wife, five years his junior, having moved to Point Cook in 1951 for pilot training in the RAAF. Bob writes the chapter on their courtship; Jenny writes the next; the opposite viewpoint. Bob qualified for his 'wings' at the end of 1952 as a Sergeant pilot. They were engaged in 1953, and married the following year in Victoria.

War service in Korea interrupted this partnership, but their marriage followed on Bob's return. Nor did war in Malaya/ Borneo or Vietnam break their bonds. In Vietnam Bob had converted from fast jets (Meteors) in Korea, test flying Sabres and with the 'Aces' aerobatics team, to rotary-winged aircraft.

His career trajectory saw steady promotion and awards for conspicuous service. He was Mentioned in Dispatches for piloting a helicopter in the dark to evacuate wounded from the Battle of Long Tan.

Editor's note: quite appropriately, this Anzac luncheon event was held in the Long Tan Room of the Naval, Military and Airforce Club

Meanwhile the marriage was blessed with a son and three daughters.

Both Jenny and Bob engaged with the community, in Scouts or Girl Guides for example, wherever the RAAF took them.

Finally South Australia gained this partnership when Bob was posted to Edinburgh in 1974. He had been posted previously from Pearce to Mallala, but the destination was changed before they moved.

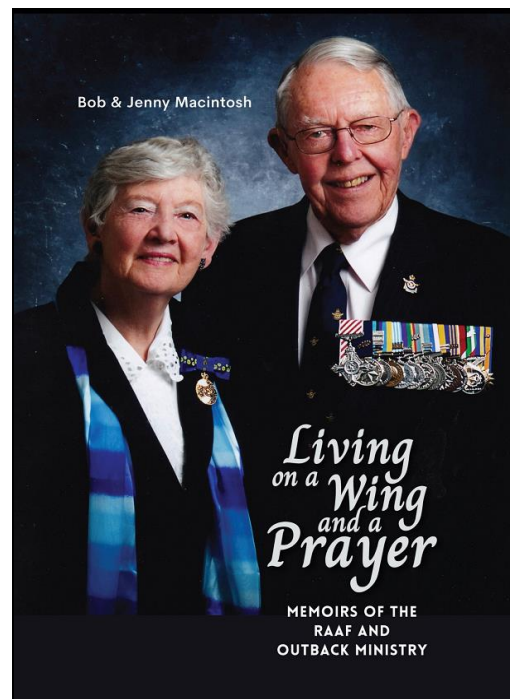
As Base Squadron Commander, his final RAAF appointment, he was an acting Group Captain. In his typical modesty, he never described that as his rank on retirement.

Choosing to retire from the RAAF at the end of 1978, Bob transitioned to his second career as a Minister of religion.

He had grown up as a Presbyterian, won a scholarship to the King's School Parramatta (Anglican) and married in Jenny's Anglican Church. They compromised.

He was ordained in The Uniting Church of Australia in 1961, became a country Minister in Bordertown, and was later appointed to Frontier Services, Murchison Patrol in WA – a successor to Flynn's "Inland Mission".

It must have seemed a daunting prospect for them, based in Meekatharra for a 'parish' the size of Belgium.



The late Group Captain 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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They realised that the 'flying padre' might appreciate help from a second pilot. So Jenny's ambitions were fulfilled; she trained as a pilot and was accredited with the Cessna 182. Meanwhile Bob was converting to fixed wing from 25 years of flying rotary winged aircraft.

More than half of the book concerns their life and work together in WA, coping with weather, travelling by aircraft or motor vehicle, encountering problems with insects and other animals including kangaroos.

They formed an 'Action Group', helped build community halls, set up Art shows, and welfare programs, got to outback races and cricket matches, and cooperated with the Ministers of other religions. Bob's delivery of the Church's sacramental services, marriage, baptism and funerals, are described with their unique difficulties and outback settings, occasionally amusing, even hilarious.

Reading of their prodigious and selfless service to so many groups it is not surprising that both Bob and Jenny were each awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

As it happens, Jenny received hers first, in 2011. She received hers for leadership in the Embroiderer's Guild as well as for work with Guides, Brownies and the Country Women's Association.

Bob was awarded his OAM in 2015, by which time he had commenced his major contribution to the Air Force Association. His community work with Scouts, CWA etc was also acknowledged.

All will enjoy reading this book about two special people who have served humanity and their nation so fully in War and in peace time. Those who have known the authors will have greater enjoyment.

In places one can envisage Jenny's raised eyebrows and smile; in others one can almost hear Bob's low chuckle.

Vietnam War, 1962-1973

† Group Captain Robert Andrew MACINTOSH AFC OAM (1929-2019)



Bob Macintosh was born in Nowra on 12 March 1929. As a Sergeant in the RAAF (number 'A36576'), he served in the Korean War as a Meteor fighter pilot with No 77 (Fighter) Squadron from 20 May to 26 November 1953.

He was commissioned (number 'O37576'), and on 1 January 1964 was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air for flood relief operations. In 1965-66 during Confrontation, he completed an operational tour in Malaysia as an Iroquois helicopter pilot.

As a Flight Lieutenant, he was a helicopter pilot with No 9 Squadron, RAAF in the Vietnam War from 14 June 1966 to 19 March 1967, and was Mentioned in Dispatches for distinguished service evacuating wounded from the Battle of Long Tan. On 14 June 1969, Squadron Leader Macintosh was awarded the Air Force Cross.

Bob retired from the RAAF in 1978, and was ordained in the Uniting Church of Australia in 1981. Bob was a President and Life Member of the Mitcham Branch of the Air Force Association (SA Division).

He passed away in Adelaide on 3 September 2019, aged 90.

THANKS DIGGER

Virtual Museum and Commemoration Centre

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As a helicopter pilot with No 9 Squadron, RAAF in the Vietnam War, Bob was decorated for his distinguished service in evacuating wounded under fire during the Battle of Long Tan.

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024

A reminder that our next Fellowship speaker will be former Lord Mayor **Wendy Chapman AM**.

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.

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:

Flavia de Pasquale OAM
0438 873 025 || deflavia750@gmail.com

Pamela Rajkowski OAM
0400 810 196 || pamraj@bigpond.com

Wendy Chapman AM

The title of Wendy's presentation is, "I'm just a simple country girl". Having been born at Bordertown in the South East of South Australia, her life has been one of great upbringing, fortunate education and the choice of a life-serving career. Wendy says that perhaps the greatest asset in her adulthood was opportunity and the spirit and courage to open doors. From that beginning, Wendy will cover the many opportunities and the fun she had on the way through.

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 served the City of Adelaide as a Councillor (1977-81), Alderman (1981-83) and as the 68th Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide (1983-85). In 2020 Wendy was honoured by the City of Adelaide with a portrait by the noted South Australian artist Tsering Hannaford.



Detail from the portrait of Wendy Chapman AM by Tsering Hannaford (90 cm x 70 cm, oil on Belgian linen, 2020) showing the insignia of a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division (used with permission of the artist).

Save the dates

Our upcoming Fellowship luncheon meetings at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club are planned for Thursday 29 August and Thursday 31 October 2024.

For 2025, pencil in the following Thursdays: 27 February, 17 April, 26 June, 28 August and 30 October 2025.

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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

KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday 1 June 2024

As we celebrate the official Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, we can reflect on the fact that as sovereign, King Charles III is the Head (Commander-in-Chief) of the Armed Forces.

In the UK, the Army and Air Force Acts require newly appointed or enlisted officers and personnel of the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Marines to swear (or affirm) allegiance to King Charles III, and his heirs and successors according to law. Interestingly, members of the Royal Navy have never been required to swear an oath – the service was formed hundreds of years ago and its existence stems from the Sovereign's prerogative (this does not apply in the RAN).

By constitutional convention however, and by the exercise of royal prerogative, *de facto* executive authority is vested in the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Defence (acting with the Cabinet).

The Royal Family website refers to the relationship between the Sovereign and the Royal Family with the Armed Forces: <https://www.royal.uk/the-royal-family-and-the-armed-forces>

The Sovereign and the Royal Family have a long-standing association with the Armed Forces. From the days when the Monarch rallied the troops on the battlefield, to the military careers of today's Royal Family and their support for personnel through their many honorary roles and patronages, the Armed Forces are a key focus in the working lives of the Royal Family.



Just as new designs featuring depictions of The King have begun to appear on British, Commonwealth and Overseas Territories medals, so too new designs are now appearing on British officers' ceremonial swords. Some of the designs, bearing the Tudor Crown and Royal Cypher of King Charles III, are shown below.



On the ceremonial sword carried by officers of the Royal Navy, the guard is embossed with a fouled anchor surmounted by the Tudor Crown of King Charles III.



The 1897-pattern Infantry and Royal Marines ceremonial officer sword bears the Royal Cypher of King Charles III on the guard, which is a nickel-plated three-quarter basket hilt.

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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 May Branch Committee meeting):

Bruce James Carter AO

George Albert Adler OAM

George Belperio OAM

William Maxwell (Max) Lyle OAM

Raymond James Norton 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/>

CENTENARIAN

Sir Eric James Neal AC CVO KStJ

I would like to take this opportunity to pay a very special tribute to one of our Branch members who will mark his 100th birthday on 3 June.

The Honourable Sir Eric Neal was born 3 June 1924 in London UK.

He was appointed a Knight Bachelor in 1982. Among his many positions of distinction, Sir Eric served as the 32nd Governor of South Australia – from 22 July 1996 to 3 November 2001.

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

Regional Group News

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.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group: The group held its meeting on Sunday 28 April, with 25 members and guests present. SA Branch Committee member Don Clark, who received his OAM for service to the livestock industry, spoke about his portfolio and experiences during his career.

The group will hold its next meeting on Sunday 27 October. Noel Hender OAM BEM, as Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards, has been invited to attend as guest speaker to discuss the program.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION SA BRANCH

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS 2024
Nominations are now invited for the 2024 Student Citizenship Awards.

Each school or college is entitled to nominate one or two students from Years 11 and/or 12 who satisfy the criteria listed in the following pages for these prestigious awards.

All nominations are considered by an adjudication panel and all students who are judged to meet the selection criteria will receive a medallion and certificate signed by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the SA Branch of the Association.

The awards are intended to recognise those senior students who actively engage with and contribute to school and/or local communities. The Awards exemplify the Association's objective:

to celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship

The top ten awards each year are classed 'With Distinction' and recipients will be invited to receive their medallion mounted on a special plaque with personalised engraving at a reception to be hosted by Her Excellency at Government House.

For more information refer to our website:

[Student Citizenship Awards](#)

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.

Fleurieu Regional Group: The next half-yearly meeting is scheduled for Friday 1 November.

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VALE

James William Hignett OAM (1949-2024)

We advise of the passing of past member Bill Hignett OAM on 5 May 2024, aged 75.

Bill was awarded the OAM, *"For service to Indigenous communities of South Australia"* (QB14). This primarily recognised his service to Reconciliation SA and the establishment of the Kurna Plains School in Adelaide.

Born in Morwell, Victoria on 12 March 1949, Bill was conscripted for National Service in 1970. He saw active service during the Vietnam War with 86 Transport Platoon, Royal Australian Army Service Corps, from 8 October 1970 to 19 January 1972. Bill's name is listed on the honour board in the foyer of the Millicent War Memorial Civic and Arts Centre.

Bill was a lifelong advocate for his community, whether it was as a teacher and educator, including his passion and commitment to Indigenous education and reconciliation, his work as a union organiser with the Australian Education Union, or his work as a veterans' advocate.

His work in the veteran community was exemplified by the enduring legacy he helped establish through the Plympton Veterans' Centre and the Veterans Wellbeing Centre at the Repat, and the new veterans' hubs being established at the RSLs at Mount Gambier, Millicent and Coonawarra/Penola.

On behalf of the Consortium of Ex-Service Organisations in SA, Ian Smith said:

What a legacy of service, in education (especially Aboriginal education), to reconciliation, and to the veteran community. A fierce advocate and compassionate mate with a sharp, inquiring mind. A huge loss and gone way too soon. He was a great bloke who made a real difference in people's lives, and he will be greatly missed.

Rest in Peace || Lest we Forget

IN MEMORIAM

Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM (1920-2023)

Chook Fowler served with the Second Australian Imperial Force from 6 July 1940 – in North Africa with the 2/3rd Machine-Gun Battalion AIF, and then on Java with 'Blackforce' under Brigadier Arthur Blackburn VC.

In March 1942, he was taken Prisoner-of-War and was sent by the Japanese to work under horrendous conditions on the infamous Burma-Thailand railway.

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

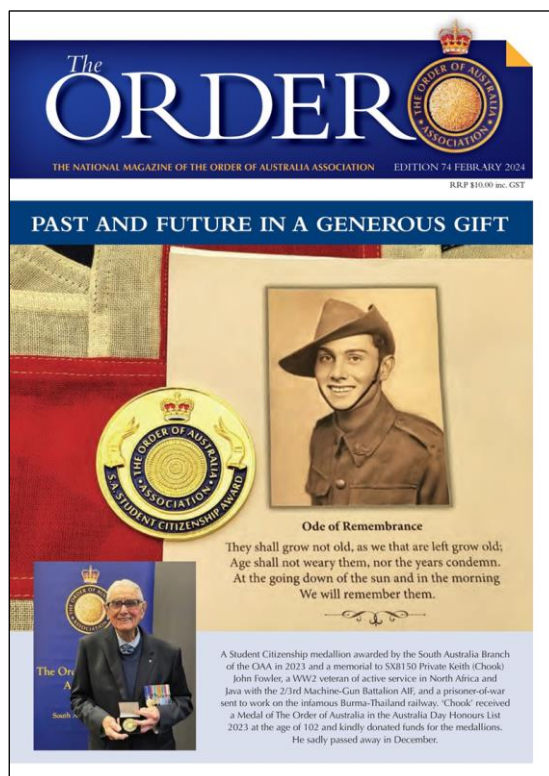
Chook passed away last December, just a few days after celebrating his 103rd birthday.

Keith joined the SA Branch soon after he was awarded the OAM. 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 now present a special Student Citizenship Award medallion for each recipient at all levels (previously this was only available to the Top 10 nominees, mounted on a plaque).

Lest we Forget



A tribute to Chook Fowler was included in the February 2024 edition of 'The Order', the quarterly magazine of the Order of Australia Association – with a very special collage included as the cover image.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

Sunday 12 May 2024

Guests at the Government House Open Day had the opportunity to view the public rooms of the oldest continuously occupied Government House in the country.

This initiative is 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.

The SA Branch supported the Open Day with members discussing the Order of Australia and giving out copies of our new Branch brochure and insert.

Kath House AM reported: *"It was a great day. There was a lot of interest in the Medal Board and we chatted to lots of people, encouraging them to nominate people they know. Many people were under the impression that you have to be a recipient before you can nominate someone"*.

We thank Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron, and Mr Rod Bunten for this opportunity to allow the Branch to support the Open Day.




SA Branch members Kath House AM (left) and Cathy Chong AM with Mr Rod Bunten at the Government House Open Day.



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<div style="text-align: 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 and past members (as at the time of the May Branch Committee meeting):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">James William (Bill) Hignett OAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oscar Edwin Joppich OAM</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>	