



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, September 2024

We start this month looking forward to the visit of King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Australia in October 2024. Of course, the significance to us is that His Majesty King Charles III is Sovereign of the Order of Australia.

Due to the King's illness, it will be a short visit and unfortunately will not include South Australia. I understand there will be a formal dinner in Canberra, and in Sydney Their Majesties will attend the celebration of the Bicentennial of the NSW Parliament, the first parliament in Australia.

Some of our members have recently attended commemorative events, including a service on 27 July to mark the end of fighting in the Korean War, a Vietnam Veterans' Service on 18 August, and the Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service on Friday 30 August.

This month we will hold our usual New Recipients' Reception to celebrate those who received an award of the Order of Australia in the 2024 King's Birthday Honours List.

We have also arranged an interesting tour of the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute. There is no cost involved, but there are limited spaces available.

Coming up, would you please save the date for our Christmas Morning Tea on Friday 6 December?

Please note that photographs will be taken at our events, and may be used in various publications including this newsletter and the national magazine, The Order. If you do not wish your photograph to be taken, at any of our events, please notify the organisers that you wish to opt out.

Noel Hender OAM BEM  
SA Branch Deputy Chair

### REMINDER



#### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 16 September 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 – Mr David Seaton OAM.

Please RSVP by Monday 9 September 2024.

Full-size medals should be worn.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Thursday 19 September:** SAHMRI visit

**Friday 27 September:** Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting

**Sunday 27 October:** Yorke Peninsula Regional Group meeting

**Thursday 31 October:** Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting

**Friday 1 November:** Fleurieu Regional Group half-yearly luncheon meeting

**Monday 25 November:** 2024 Student Citizenship Awards and Student Citizen of the Year ceremony

**Friday 6 December:** Christmas Morning Tea

### ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION, South Australia Branch

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### THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

There are specific requirements which apply to the presentation of insignia of the Order of Australia.

These requirements are detailed in the 'Investiture Ordinance' issued by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, under section 30 of the Constitution of the Order of Australia.

When a person is appointed to the Order, or is awarded the Medal of the Order, it is necessary and appropriate that they are formally invested with the insignia of the Order.

This investiture, first and foremost, may be conducted by the sovereign, acknowledging the role of the Crown as the traditional font of honour.

His Majesty King Charles III may conduct investitures as Sovereign of the Order of Australia – recognising his position as King of Australia.



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| Mr. Tony Widdrington          | For services to the National Assembly for Wales.                |
| Mr. John Wilkinson            | For services to the Community in Salford, Greater Manchester.   |
| Mr. Dennis Williams           | For services to the Ministry of Defence.                        |
| Mr. Peter Wilson              | For services to Museums and Art.                                |
| Professor Thomas Wilson       | For services to Further Education in Scotland.                  |
| Mr. William Wright            | For services to Industry and the Community in Northern Ireland. |
| Mr. Keith Yates               | For services to Local Government in Scotland.                   |
| Mr. Michael Young             | For services to International Human Rights.                     |
| Chief Fire Officer Paul Young | Devon Fire and Rescue Service.                                  |
| Dr. Peter Young               | For services to the Home Office.                                |

#### THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

To be a Member:-

General Division:-

Miss Penelope Thwaites For services to Music.

#### THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER

To be a Member:-

Mr. Jack Sinclair For services to the Royal Household in Scotland.

#### Buckingham Palace, 12 December 2001

*This is a program for an Investiture held at Buckingham Palace on 12 December 2001 in which the insignia of the Order of Australia was presented by Her Majesty The Queen to Miss Penelope Thwaites AM, a concert pianist and composer, recording artist and editor, born in the United Kingdom of Australian parents.*

*Miss Thwaites was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "for service to music through the performance and promotion of Australian compositions in the United Kingdom and internationally".*

*At that time, the Queen was hosting 22 investitures per year – one at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, one at Cardiff Castle and the remainder at Buckingham Palace. Up to 150 recipients in total attended each investiture.*

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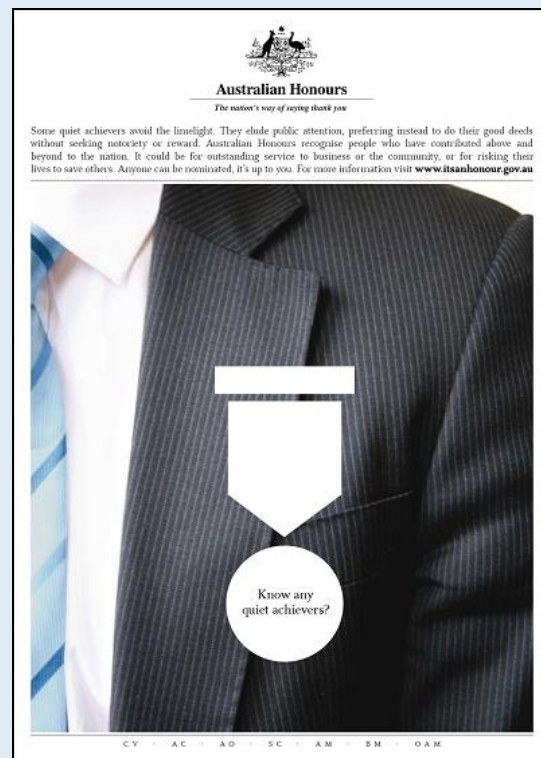
### THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Investitures

In a practical sense though, it is not feasible for the Sovereign to conduct all investitures, so the ceremony may be conducted by the Chancellor of the Order, which for the Order of Australia is the Governor-General.

An investiture may also be conducted by any such other person as the Sovereign or the Chancellor may authorise. This authorisation is specifically given by a Warrant under the Seal of the Order.

A Warrant to Conduct is an authorisation issued by the Governor-General (Chancellor of the Order) for a person other than the Sovereign or the Chancellor to conduct an investiture. This would typically be a State Governor or Administrator of a Territory. For a person residing overseas, the investiture may be conducted by an Australian Ambassador or High Commissioner.

This Investiture Ordinance applies to appointments and awards within the General and Military divisions, and Honorary awards and appointments.



### The Australian Honours System

We all know that most 'quiet achievers' do their good deeds on a voluntary basis, without seeking notoriety or reward. The work of those who elude public attention and avoid the limelight is often most noticed by members of the community. For that reason, anyone can make a nomination for an award in the Australian Honours System.

Resources such as charts and posters may be found here:

<https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/its-honour>

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### KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Saturday 27 July 2024

Korean War veteran John Jarrett AM was a very special guest at a service of commemoration held at the Post-WW2 Operations Memorial on North Terrace, which commemorates Service personnel with an affiliation to South Australia who died in service or were killed-in-action in conflicts since the end of World War 2.

This service acknowledged the 71st anniversary of the signing of the 'Korean Armistice Agreement' on 27 July 1953, which brought fighting to an end in the Korean War. The aim of this agreement was to, "ensure a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement is achieved".

John was appointed a Member of the Order, "For significant service to community health, and to veterans and their families" (AD23).

John was assigned to the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps (RAAOC), and served in Korea from 30 May 1953 until the Armistice on 27 July 1953, and continued serving through to 29 August 1953.

He served with the Australian Ancillary Unit Korea from 30 November 1953 to 26 June 1954, and again from 4 July to 14 August 1954, seeing a total of 343 days' overseas service.

John was Treasurer of the SA Branch of the Korea & South East Asian Forces Association (1994-07) and then served as President from 2013 to 2021.

He was Deputy National President in 2008-12, and then in 2013 he joined a DVA Commemorative Mission to Korea.



*John Jarrett AM with Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd).*



*Jenny Macintosh OAM, pictured with (left to right) Don Cameron, Vice-President of the SA/NT Branch, National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc; Mrs Jan Milham, President of Australian War Widows (SA) Inc; and Helen Meyer, past Executive Producer of 'Service Voices' on Radio Adelaide.*

Mrs Jenny Macintosh OAM honoured the service of her late husband Group Captain Bob MacIntosh AFC OAM, who served in the Korea War as a Meteor jet fighter pilot with No 77 (Fighter) Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force, from 20 May to 26 November 1953.

Bob was awarded the OAM in 2015, "For service to the community, particularly through church and veterans' organisations".

Jenny had earlier received the OAM in 2011: "For service to the community, particularly through the Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia, and to the Guiding movement".

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### VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Sunday 18 August 2024

Among some 200 military veterans, friends and members of the Vietnamese community, there were a number of Order of Australia recipients in attendance at the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service held at the Vietnam War Memorial at Torrens Parade Ground on Sunday 18 August 2024.

This commemoration honoured the service of all Australian, New Zealand and Republic of Vietnam Service personnel who fought in the Vietnam War, and particularly the 523 Australians, 37 New Zealanders and as many as 300,000 Service personnel from the Republic of Vietnam who lost their lives during the Vietnam War.



*Among the attendees was Mr Michael Nguyen from The Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Association of SA, who received the OAM, "For service to the Vietnamese community in South Australia" (QB16).*



*Jenny Macintosh OAM honoured the service of her late husband Group Captain Bob MacIntosh AFC OAM, who was Mentioned-in-Despatches for bravery as a helicopter pilot in South Vietnam in 1966-67.*



The first floral tribute was placed by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Bunten.

The Commemorative Address was delivered by the Honourable Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC AO(Mil) CSC RANR, who had served during the Vietnam War on the troop transport HMAS Sydney.

*Image left courtesy of Luke Scott Photography, Adelaide Military Commemoration Photos.*

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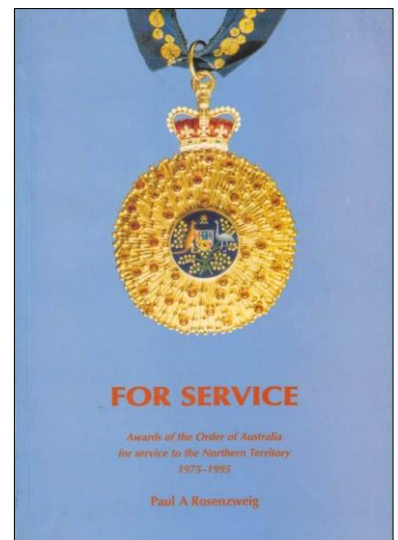
The Vietnamese-Australian author and academic Dr My Van Tran AM assisted members of The Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Association of SA in lighting the incense during the ceremony. Dr Tran was first a recipient of the OAM in 1986, "For Service to Asian-Australian Relations" in the Northern Territory (AD86).



*Dr My Van Tran AM with Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd), State President of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia.*

In 2002, Dr Tran was promoted in the Order to Member, "For service to the Vietnamese community, and to the promotion of multiculturalism and Asian studies" (QB02), again for her work in the Northern Territory.

The 2024 Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service in Adelaide provided a special opportunity for a reunion. Dr Tran had provided Paul Rosenzweig with her biography to include in his 1996 book, *For Service. Awards of the Order of Australia for service to the Northern Territory 1975-1995*, which was published by the Historical Society of the Northern Territory.



### **MALAYA AND BORNEO VETERANS DAY Friday 30 August 2024**

Among the military veterans and friends, there were a number of Order of Australia recipients in attendance at the Malaya and Borneo Veterans Day Service of Commemoration held in the West Torrens War Memorial Gardens. Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Bunten were the guests of honour and placed the first tribute.

The focus was kept on a select group of family members honouring specific named personnel who served or lost their lives in the Malayan wars.

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### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Mr David Seaton OAM

The guest speaker for our New Recipients' Reception at Payneham Library on Monday 16 September is Mr David Seaton OAM, on the topic: "63 years a Chartered Accountant and other things". David was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, "For service to the community through roles with medical education, health administration and charitable organisations, and as Honorary Consul for Sweden in South Australia" (AD09).



David has been a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (Australia and New Zealand) for over 60 years. Besides his professional career as a chartered accountant, he has held board positions with Hilcrest Hospital, St Andrew's Hospital and All Souls' Anglican Church Endowment Trust (36 years), and has been Chairman and committee member for many professional bodies.

His other interests are reflected in his appointments as Secretary of the Australian Piper Aircraft Society (as an owner/pilot of a Piper Arrow) and Rear Commodore and Treasurer of the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron (and skipper of 'Niambri' in the 1994/95 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race).

He is an officer with the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, and for ten years was a Foundation Board Member.

David has served as the Honorary Consul for Sweden in South Australia from 1986 until 2009, for which he was appointed Commander First Class in the *Kungliga Nordstjärneorden* – the Royal Order of the Polar Star (KNO). This is a Swedish order of chivalry created by King Frederick I on 23 February 1748, to reward Swedish and foreign merit and devotion to duty. Between 1975 and 2023, the Order was only awarded to members of the royal family and foreigners, notably foreign office holders. The Order is also known as sometimes translated as the 'Royal Order of the North Star'. Its motto is *Nescit Occasum*, a Latin phrase meaning 'It knows no decline'. This identifies that Sweden is as constant as a never-setting star.

## MERCHANDISE

A new merchandise shop stock item is now available to members of the Order of Australia Association.

**Umbrella** – a compact 53 cm, three-stage folding umbrella in navy, which has automatic opening and closing. The OAA logo is on one panel. The price for members is \$30 each.

At present this item is available through the OAA merchandise webpage (postage & handling extra):

[www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart)

Our Merchandise Officer, Cathy Chong AM JP, has a selection of OAA merchandise available at our events.



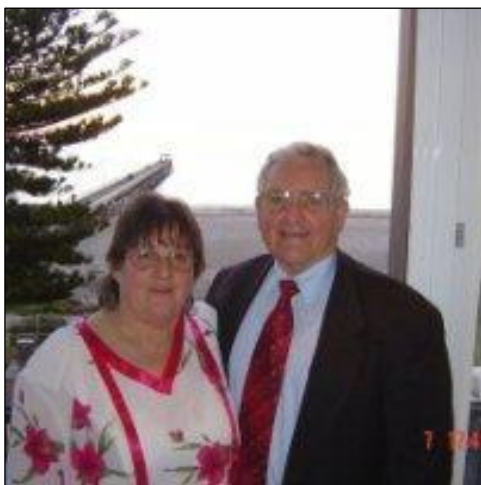
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### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024

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

Our next Fellowship guest speaker will be **Peter Dunn OAM** (pictured below) – *“A Life That Just Happened”*.



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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### 2025 FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Please pencil in the following events:

Thursday 27 February

Thursday 17 April

Thursday 26 June

Thursday 28 August

Thursday 30 October



### INVITATION

**SAHMRI TOUR & LUNCH**  
**Thursday 19 September 2024**

Please join us for an informative one-hour tour of the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute on North Terrace in Adelaide.

We will assemble in the SAHMRI foyer at 10.45 am, for a guided tour from 11 to 12 noon. The tour will be followed by lunch at your own expense at the Strathmore Hotel, 129 North Terrace.

There is no cost. Public transport is the best way to get there. There are limited spaces available (maximum participants 22). See the Reply Form attached, or RSVP via Humanitix not later than Monday 9 September.

### SAVE THE DATE



**CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA**  
**Friday 6 December 2024**

This year's annual Christmas Morning Tea will be held at the Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road at 9.30 am for a 10 am start, finishing by 12 noon.

Our Guest Speaker will be Associate Professor Dr Carolyn Palmer AM on the topic *“Working with vision impaired children and some interesting highlights”*.



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### 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.

**Yorke Peninsula Regional Group:** The next gathering will be held in Ardrossan on Sunday 27 October.

Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reports that a small working party was formed after the April meeting, to review a possible project for the Group involving engagement with the local secondary schools to provide a focus on the SA Branch and its flagship program, the Student Citizenship Awards.

Noel Hender OAM BEM, Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards, will attend the meeting on 27 October to talk about and clarify aspects of the Awards program.

Members will then be better placed to decide whether they wish to endorse it as a Yorke Peninsula Group project.

**Flourieu Regional Group:** The next half-yearly meeting is scheduled for Friday 1 November, at the Aqua Blue Restaurant, 100 Jetty Road, Normanville.



#### 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:

Alan Kimber Field 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/>

#### VALE

##### Norman Donald Paterson OAM (1933-2024)

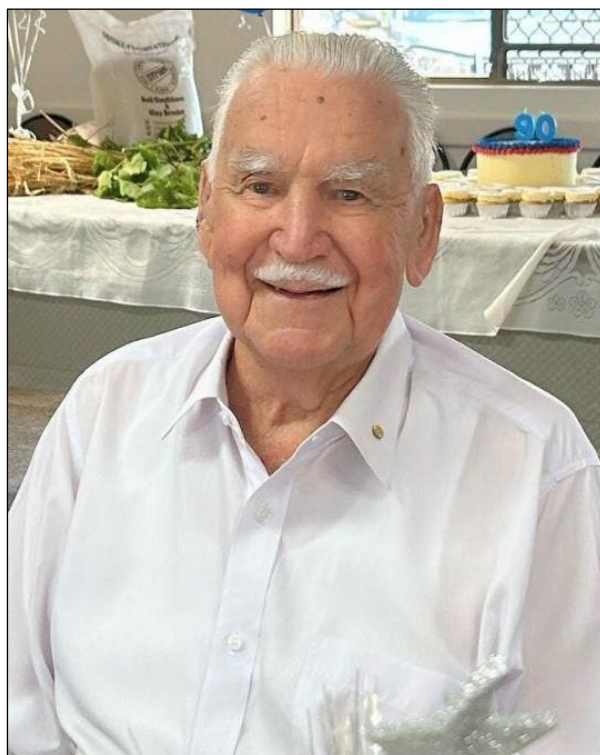
Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP has advised of the passing of Norman Donald Paterson OAM on 6 July, at the age of 91.

The patriarch of Paterson Bulk Transport, Norm has been described as a stalwart of the trucking industry and the Country Fire Service in the Murraylands, and was dubbed 'The Mayor of Cooke Plains'.

Fire-Fighter Norman Donald Paterson received the National Medal and the first clasp on 7 August 1995, recognising a total of 25 years' service, and this year he received a special medal for 60 years' CFS service.

Norm received the OAM in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "*For service to the community, and to the road transport and fertiliser industries*".

Ken says that he and Norm spent 15 or so years on the Murraylands Regional Development Board and the senior executive before that structure was changed to another entity by the Government. Ken and Di attended the Memorial Service at the Murray Bridge Racing Club on 19 July.



*Norm Paterson OAM celebrated his 90th birthday on 22 January 2023 (Murray Bridge News / Adrian Pederick MP/Facebook).*

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2024

Nominations for this year's Student Citizenship Awards closed on Monday 29 July.

Members of the Assessment and Selection Panel have been busily reading through and sorting the submissions accompanying the 49 nominations.

This is a greater response than in previous years. Once again, the calibre and achievements of the young people nominated by their schools have been outstanding and most impressive.

Nominations were received from 35 senior schools and colleges across the State, and included 11 Catholic colleges, 12 state secondary schools/colleges, one Islamic college, 3 Lutheran and 8 Independent schools/colleges.

There were 8 schools from country areas, and overall 14 schools nominated two students, which is the maximum number of nominations permitted from an individual school.

Of the total nominations, there were 15 boys and 34 girls, with 8 nominations of Year 11 students and 41 nominations of Year 12 students.

Marking of the submissions is now complete and the Panel has been busy preparing and writing a short, personalised testament for inclusion on the certificate for each student.


Before framing, each certificate is read and signed by the Governor of South Australia, our Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, and the Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM.

The Top 10 recipients will receive a special plaque in front of parents, school principals and guests at a reception to be held at Government House on Monday 25 November, when one of these students will be announced by Her Excellency as the 2024 Student Citizen of the Year.

Along with a special cased medallion donated by our late member Keith (Chook) Fowler OAM, the balance of the certificates will be presented by members of the Association to the successful students at school assemblies in Term 4.

If you would like to be involved and represent the Association at one of these assemblies to present one of the certificates and cased medallions, please send an email with your availability and contact details to Noel Hender OAM BEM:

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**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.

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

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 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.

#### *The 2024 Student Citizenship Awards brochure*

The Student Citizenship Awards program is conducted annually as the flagship program of the SA Branch.

The awards are intended to recognise those senior secondary students who actively engage with and contribute to school and/or local communities rather than for specific academic or sporting achievements.

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Traditionally, the Student Citizen of the Year is our guest speaker at the following Annual General Meeting of the SA Branch. Our 2023 awardee was Thomas Oxford from Parafield Gardens High School, who was then a guest at our AGM in March this year.

For information on the program, and to download a copy of the 2024 promotional Brochure, refer to the Order of Australia Association website:

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

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## GOVERNMENT HOUSE

**Open Day, Sunday 13 October 2024**

Open Days are held twice a year at Government House.

These events 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 second one for the year is coming up at the beginning of October.

The SA Branch will support this Open Day with Branch Committee members standing beside the Order of Australia medal display in the Library, with copies of our 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.

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

## Early Bird Registrations Now Open!

The Convenor of the 2025 National Conference has announced that Early Bird registrations are now officially open for the conference in Sydney, 1-4 May 2025.

*The Organising Committee and the National Executive have strived to keep the registration cost as low as possible to make the conference accessible to as many members as possible.*

*We have also included the Welcome Reception at Government House Sydney and the Wreath Laying Ceremony / Farewell Lunch aboard HMAS Canberra in the Conference registration cost. Both these events have strictly limited capacities so the sooner you register the higher your chance of securing a ticket.*

*Arrangements are well underway for SYD25 and we are now working on the program and a selecting our guest speakers. We will inform you of updates as soon as they are available.*

*The link to the SYD25 Conference Website will now allow you to register. Please note that you will require a different email for each person registering. If you haven't got a separate email for your spouse or partner, please contact Matt Eagers and he will assist you to register.*

*We are working on special rates for accommodation to cater for all budgets which will be available shortly and can be booked later.*

*SYD25 will be a milestone event as it marks the 50th Anniversary of The Order of Australia Awards and 45 years of The Order of Australia Association. We will have high calibre speakers during the conference at the iconic Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel within our theme of –*

**CELEBRATE | MOTIVATE | NOMINATE**



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**CLICK TO REGISTER NOW!**

Matt Eagers from MERS Events will email you with a confirmation of registration after you register.

I look forward to welcoming you all at SYD25.

Kind regards

**John**  
Dr John Gullotta AM  
Convenor OAA 2025 Sydney Conference  
NSW Chairman  
The Order of Australia Association NSW

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NSW Chairman  
The Order of Australia Association NSW*

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<https://mers.cventevents.com/event/OAACConfSYD25/register>

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### MEDAL NEWS

Just like having the full-size medals mounted, there are some general guidelines for having miniature medals mounted for wear.

Miniature medals may be worn swing-mounted, individually suspended from a brooch bar. They may also be court-mounted, where the medals are secured to a backing board of matching ribbons.

Their size permits miniature medals to be typically mounted side-by-side. In large groups however, the medals and ribbons may be partially overlapped to reduce the overall size of the brooch. In all cases, the ribbon of the most senior medal is seen in full, and each award successively overlaps the next.

A major difference with miniature groups is that the insignia of neck decorations are included – including Officer and above in the Order of Australia, Commander and above in the Order of St John, the insignia of a Knight Bachelor, the higher grades of imperial honours, and certain decorations.

*An example of a group of swing-mounted miniatures, including the Victoria Cross (VC) and Military Medal (MM) for bravery during World War 1, and the Jubilee Medal of King George V (1935) and the Coronation Medal of King George VI (1937).*



*A set of swing-mounted miniatures with the ribbons and medals partially overlapped, including a Distinguished Service Order (DSO) and Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE, post-1937 pattern); the last medal is a Military Order of Aviz (Republic of Portugal, post-1917).*




*An example of a group of court-mounted miniature medals; the second last medal is the Outstanding Achievement Medal of the Republic of the Philippines – the full-size medal is worn as a neck decoration, but the miniature is worn mounted on the brooch of miniature medals.*



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| <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>IN MEMORIAM</b></p> <p>The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following South Australia Branch members and past members (as at the time of the August Branch Committee meeting):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Norman Donald Paterson OAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lennox Pawson OAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Max Waterman OAM</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGIONAL GROUP CONTACTS</b></p> <p><b>Regional Groups</b><br/>         Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP<br/> <a href="mailto:kencoam08@gmail.com">kencoam08@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Fleurieu Regional Group</b><br/>         Meets on the first Friday in May and November<br/>         Regional Convenor: John Hutchinson OAM<br/>         0427 525 670    <a href="mailto:johnhutc@bigpond.com">johnhutc@bigpond.com</a></p> <p><b>South East Regional Group</b><br/>         Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years<br/>         Regional Convenor: Mr Eric Roughana AM<br/>         0408 817 260    <a href="mailto:roseric1@bigpond.com">roseric1@bigpond.com</a></p> <p><b>Riverland and Mallee Regional Group</b><br/>         Holds luncheon meetings twice a year, typically on the last Friday in March and September<br/>         Regional Convenor: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP<br/>         0409 099 122    <a href="mailto:tgrieger@riverland.net.au">tgrieger@riverland.net.au</a></p> <p><b>Yorke Peninsula Regional Group</b><br/>         Holds luncheon meetings twice a year<br/>         Regional Convenor: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM<br/>         0417 806 839    <a href="mailto:elaine@yp-connect.net">elaine@yp-connect.net</a></p> |   |



## NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION


**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION, Monday 16 September 2024**  
– at Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow (off OG Road), at 5.30 for 6 pm, finishing before 8 pm, for recipients from the 2024 King's Birthday Honours List.





The cost is \$35 for Order of Australia Association members and partner, \$15 for children under 18. There is no cost for new recipients who are guests of the SA Branch; \$35 for your partner and guests.

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

Please register to attend and make payment not later than **Monday 9 September 2024**

 **Preferred:** register online using Humanitix – just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/oaasa-new-recipients-reception-kb24>

 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](mailto:oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au)

 If necessary, forward this Reply Form to:  
SA Branch Events Sub-committee, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085  
Please note that cheques are no longer accepted

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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

**Photography** – Please note that photographs will be taken and may be used in various publications including this newsletter and the national magazine, The Order. If you do not wish your photograph to be taken, please notify the organisers that you wish to opt out.

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

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## SAHMRI TOUR & LUNCH

**REPLY FORM – SAHMRI TOUR AND LUNCH, Thursday 19 September 2024** – please join us for an informative one-hour tour of the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute on North Terrace in Adelaide.

There is no cost involved.


There are limited spaces available.


Public transport is the best way to get there. We will assemble in the SAHMRI foyer at 10.45 am, for a guided tour from 11 to 12 noon.


The tour will be followed by lunch at your own expense at the Strathmore Hotel, 129 North Terrace.



**Please RSVP** not later than **Monday 9 September 2024**

 Preferred: *register online with Humanitix, using this link:*  
<https://events.humanitix.com/sahmmri-tour-and-lunch>

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*We hope you can join us for this interesting visit!*

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