

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

SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, November 2024

Coming up this month, Her Excellency the Governor will host a Student Citizenship Awards presentation ceremony and reception at Government House. We look forward to Her Excellency announcing our 2024 Student Citizen of the Year.

The Student Citizenship Awards program is conducted annually as the flagship program of the SA Branch. For more information refer to:

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

Our honours recipients fellowship luncheon program now goes into recess, until the first meeting for 2025 on Thursday 27 February.

I encourage you join us on Friday 6 December for our annual Christmas Morning Tea.

Looking further ahead, on Saturday 18 January 2025 we will hold our Celebration of Australia Day luncheon at Jarmer's Kitchen in Bowden. The 3-course meal will be distinctively Australia-themed.

Reply forms for these events are attached to this newsletter, and may also be found online. Also on our website you may find additional information on the Branch, the Student Citizenship Awards and past copies of our newsletters. Visit our website:

https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/

We have increasingly become "web-based' as an association, and our preferred method of registration and payment for events is online using Humanitix, or notification via email.

We prefer to no longer accept cheques and money orders. Let me know if this is a difficulty for you.

Tony Metcalf OAM SA Branch Chair

INVITATION



SA BRANCH 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".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 25 November: 2024 Student Citizenship Awards and Student Citizen of the Year award ceremony at Government House (by invitation)

Friday 6 December: Christmas Morning Tea with guest speaker, Fullarton Park Community Centre

Tuesday 14 January: Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel review meeting

Saturday 18 January: Celebration of Australia Day luncheon

Thursday 27 February: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

The Military Division

The Order of Australia was established by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia, by Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975. Notification was published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No S28 dated 17 February 1975.

When the Order of Australia was originally established in 1975, it was created with a Civil Division and a Military Division. By Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976, the former was retitled 'General Division'.

At the same time, the grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD), and also the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), were created. The level of Knight/Dame could be awarded only in the General Division.

Various aspects of the Order are defined by the Constitution of the Order of Australia and the Insignia Ordnance.

The riband of the Order is defined as moire Royal blue silk, 38 mm in width, with a central band 12 mm wide of scattered golden mimosa blossoms of various sizes – each of these discs represents a single flower of mimosa ('Golden Wattle'), which is the emblem of the Order.

The Medal of the Order is worn suspended from a similar ribbon, 32 mm in width, with the same pattern of scattered golden mimosa blossoms in proportion. Miniature medals are all worn suspended from a similar ribbon, 16 mm in width.

The ribbon of the Military Division is identical to that of the General Division with the addition of gold edge stripes, 1.5 mm in width.

Further information on wearing the insignia may be found in the booklet Order of Australia published by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, Canberra.

A copy of the most recent booklet is included with the presentation folder and Warrant at the time of the investiture.



Insignia of the Order of Australia bearing the suspension ribbon of the Military Division (left to right): Companion (AC), Officer (AO) and Member (AM) with ribbons 38 mm in width, and the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) with a ribbon 32 mm in width. Note: the grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD) could be awarded only in the General Division.

Not only does the Military Division of the Order of Australia have a distinctive ribbon, but members of the Australian Defence Force have a unique method for wearing the ribbon.

Due to the irregularity of the scattered mimosa blossoms, Defence dress regulations mandate that a particular portion of the ribbon is to be used when mounting it on a ribbon bar for wear in uniform.

In the early years of the Order's existence, military service ribbons were constructed using any portion of ribbon, in either manner of vertical orientation.

Once dress regulations came to specify a particular pattern to be displayed, cutting that specific pattern from a length of ribbon left considerable wastage.

To avoid such wastage, special ribbon was produced with the required pattern repeating with gaps and marker thread.

This ensured that exactly the correct pattern was used to prepare the service ribbon bar.

Displaying the specified pattern ensures uniformity in the appearance of military ribbon bars.



These lengths of ribbon of the Military Division of the Order of Australia are designed for making military service ribbon bars, to ensure that the correct pattern is used, in the correct vertical orientation.

The ribbon on the left is 38 mm in width, to denote an appointment to the Order in the grade of Companion (AC), Officer (AO) or Member (AM).

The ribbon on the right is 32 mm in width, to denote the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).



The Order of Australia in the Military Division

This is a set of ribbons worn by a senior Royal Australian Navy officer in the mid-1980s, demonstrating the approved Defence format for wearing the 38 mm wide ribbon of the Order of Australia in the Military Division.

The recipient served aboard HMAS Melbourne in the waters off the Malay Peninsula in 1964-65 during the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia, and then in three deployments to South Vietnam in 1965-66. He then served aboard the destroyer HMAS Vendetta in support of the US 7th Fleet in the waters of in South Vietnam in 1969-70.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Military Division in 1970, "in recognition of distinguished services in Viet-Nam".

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Military Division in the 1975 Queen's Birthday Honours, "For outstanding leadership, exemplary conduct and steadfast performance of his duties".



HIS MAJESTY CHARLES THE THIRD

by the Grace of God, King of Australia and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

Sovereign of the Order of Australia

Following the first visit to Australia by King Charles as Sovereign, we can reflect on His Majesty's special connections to Australia, which include the following:

- > The naming of the 'Prince Charles Mountains' in the Australian Antarctic Territory (1956).
- > Prince Charles attended the Timbertop campus of Geelong Grammar School (1966).
- > He founded The Prince's Charities Australia (now The King's Trust Australia).
- > He was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps (1977).

Through an amendment to the Constitution of the Order of Australia, on 14 March 1981 the then Prince of Wales was appointed a Knight of the Order of Australia.

As heir apparent, the Prince of Wales (Charles Philip Arthur George) acceded to the throne of the United Kingdom and fourteen other Commonwealth realms on 8 September 2022.

At this time King Charles III, King of Australia, became Sovereign of the Order of Australia.

The insignia of The Sovereign of the Order of Australia is defined as a Badge of the same material, fashion and size as the Breast Badge of a Knight or Dame of the Order but with such alterations as distinguish the Royal dignity.

A new Royal Portrait was released ahead of the Royal Visit by King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Australia, in which the King is wearing the insignia of Sovereign of the Order of Australia.



A portrait of Prince Charles circa 1981, wearing the ribbon of the Order of Australia (image provided by Chris Howard).



His Majesty King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign of the Order of Australia.





NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 16 September 2024

In our second New Recipients' Reception for the year, held at Payneham Library, we acknowledged new recipients announced in the King's Birthday Honours List, and also two announced in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List.

We thank Mayor Robert Bria of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters for his ongoing support, and Vili's Family Bakery for again 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, September 2024



One of the new recipients we acknowledged was Mrs Laurel Danzo OAM who received the OAM, "For service to the community through St John Ambulance". The award recognised her incredible service with St John Ambulance Prospect Division over many years.

Her grandson Rob Mitchell (pictured left) noted that Laurel received the insignia of her OAM from Her Excellency the Governor at Government House on 22 August 2024, on her 97th Birthday.

At our New Recipients' Reception Laurel met up with fellow St John Ambulance South Australia members Noel Hender OAM BEM (pictured right) and Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (photographer).

SAHMRI TOUR & LUNCH Thursday 19 September 2024

Noel Hender OAM BEM reports on the recent Branch visit to the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute on North Terrace in Adelaide.

Known as the centre for world class health and medical research in South Australia, 'The Cheesegrater' (SAHMRI) was the focus for a visit from a small group of our members last month.

A key part of the Adelaide Bio Med City precinct currently covering the Royal Adelaide Hospital, the University of Adelaide's Health and Medical Sciences building, Uni SA's Cancer Research Institute and the Australian Bragg Centre, SAHMRI provides the opportunity for hundreds of researchers from leading research organisations to collaborate and share their collective expertise to work towards solutions and better treatments for a broad range of diseases and medical conditions.

One of many highlights was the visit to the Cryogenic Storage facility where huge liquid Nitrogen tanks store medical specimens and research samples at extremely cold temperatures. Natasha Pyne, coordinator for the facility, explained that specimens can be retained and stored in the tanks for decades at controlled temperatures as low as -190C.

Thanks to Alexandra Bassett, SAHMRI Philanthropy Manager, for organising and supporting our visit.



Biomedical research scientist Natasha Pyne (left) explains the cryogenic freezing process to Elaine Attwood.









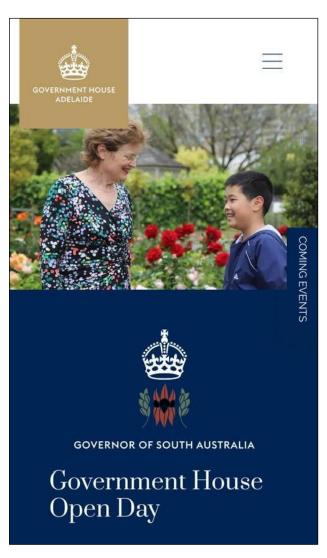
Left to right: Cathy Chong OAM JP, Robin Gibbs, Neville Gibbs OAM, Brian Attwood, Elaine Attwood AM, John Ziesing OAM, Noel Hender OAM BEM, Jill Hender, Ian Grant OAM, Pauline Turnbull, Dr John Turnbull AM, Richard House OAM.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY Sunday 13 October 2024

Government House Adelaide again held an Open Day as 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.

Branch Committee members Cathy Chong AM JP and Toni Cocchiaro OAM supported the event on duty at the Order of Australia and Australian Honours System medal displays, with Branch information brochures and Order of Australia nomination guides.









STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2024

We are grateful to our Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Governor, who has kindly agreed to host a presentation ceremony and reception at Government House on Monday 25 November.

The Top 10 awardees ('With Distinction') will be announced, and Her Excellency will announce the Student Citizen of the Year.

In addition, to the 'Top Ten' awardees, a further 39 students will receive a certificate and medallion – 19 of which were rated as 'Highly Commended'.

Perhaps there is a school with which you have a particular affinity and may wish to present a certificate and medallion at a school assembly or end of year ceremony.

Please email the Student Citizenship Awards Convenor, Noel Hender OAM BEM, if you would like to be involved:

sca.sabranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au





GOVERNMENT HOUSE Lunch on the Lawns | | Guided Tours

Her Excellency and Mr Bunten are again inviting the public to visit Government House. Bring a picnic lunch, spread out a rug or unfold a camping chair, and enjoy the surroundings while listening to a community orchestra.

These free events will be held on the first Friday of the month from 12 noon to 2 pm:

Friday 1 November

Friday 6 December

Friday 3 January

Bookings are not required. On the same dates, free tours will be hosted by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens – running from 10.45 to 11.45 am: *registrations are required* for these guided tours. Bookings for the tours are made via the link:

https://ghadelaide.eventsair.com/garden-tours-2024-25/gh-garden-tours

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.

STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ROLL OF HONOUR



2019: William Gillett

These are the most recent South Australian Student Citizens of the Year:

2018

Austin Lovell Christian Brothers College

2019

William Gillett Loxton High School

2020

Charlotte Mauviel Temple Christian College (Mile End Campus)

2021

Georgia Kehagias Immanuel College

2022

Callum Barrott-Walsh Cardijn College

Jordan Norman Urrbrae Agricultural High School

2023

Thomas Oxford Parafield Gardens High School



2020: Charlotte Mauviel



2021: Georgia Kehagias



2022: Jordan Norman and Callum Barrott-Walsh



2023: Thomas Oxford

Regional Group News

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. A self-funded luncheon meeting was held at the Barmera Hotel on Friday 27 September. Nikki Pfitzner from Berri, a Top 10 Student Citizenship Award winner of 2023, joined the meeting and spoke to those present.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reports that the YP Regional Group held its luncheon gathering in Ardrossan on Sunday 27 October.

Student Citizenship Awards Convenor Noel Hender OAM BEM addressed the meeting on the Award program. The aim was to assist members in deciding whether they wish to endorse this as a Yorke Peninsula Group project — involving engagement with the local secondary schools on the Peninsula.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Group. A luncheon was held at the Cummins Hotel on Friday 11 October, at which the creation of a possible Eyre Peninsula Regional Group was discussed. A report will be made to the November meeting of the State Branch Committee.

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

South East Regional Group. The next luncheon will be held in Mt Gambier on Friday 28 February 2025.

Photography. Please note that photographs may 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.

SAVE THE DATES



2025 FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

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 at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street in Adelaide. For 2025, pencil in the following events:

Thursday 27 February

Thursday 17 April

Thursday 26 June

Thursday 28 August

Thursday 30 October





NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch welcome the following new member of the Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch:

Professor Erich Weigold AM Transfer from ACT

"For service to the physical sciences through research, education and leadership roles, as an academic and author and to the development of scientific policy in Australia"

2009 Australia Day Honours List

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

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

There is no cost for members and guests, however we would like you to register to attend online using the Humanitix link provided in the Reply Form.

Full-size medals may be worn.

Various raffle prizes will be on offer, and Order of Australia Association merchandise will be available for purchase.

Dr Carolyn Palmer AM, PhD

Adjunct Associate Professor in Education College of Education, Psychology & Social Work Flinders University

Dr Carolyn Palmer was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia "For significant service to the community, particularly to people who are blind or have low vision" (AD14).

She has extensive experience in working in leadership positions in schools, chairing Boards of Management, as the Dean of the School of Special Education and Disability Studies, and as the Director of Postgraduate programs in the old School of Education at Flinders.

Carolyn is an experienced leader and teacher across a range of levels of education.

Prior to joining the academic staff at Flinders University, she held the positions of acting Primary Principal; Policy Development Project Manager in the DECS Special Education Team; Deputy Principal of Townsend School; Deputy Master of Method at Lockleys Primary and Deputy Principal of Stradbroke Primary School.

During her twenty-six years working at Flinders University, Carolyn taught in the Master of Education (Leadership and Management) and the Master of Special Education (Vision Impairment).



Dr Carolyn Palmer AM PhD

She taught topics in the Master of Education (Leadership and Management) in China (Tianjin, Sian and Chongqing), and topics in the Master of Education (Special Education) in Singapore.

She has extensive experience in supervising Doctoral students and in conducting research in, and publishing on, aspects of school leadership, inclusive education and the education of students with sensory impairment.

Carolyn has also given conference papers in USA, England, Sweden, Scotland, Hong Kong and throughout Australia.

Carolyn has extensive experience in working with children with vision impairment as a class teacher and in an advisory role.

She can read and write braille, and has a broad understanding of the impact of severe vision impairment on children's learning.

She is a committee member of the Leaders in Vision Education Services (LIVES); and the SA Chapter of the Australian Association of Special Education (AASE).

She chaired the Board of Management of CanDo4Kids Townsend House, SA for 10 years, continued as a Director on the Board of the CanDo Group for approximately 30 years, and as Vice Chair chaired the CanDo Group Professional Services Committee.

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'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY'Saturday 18 January 2025

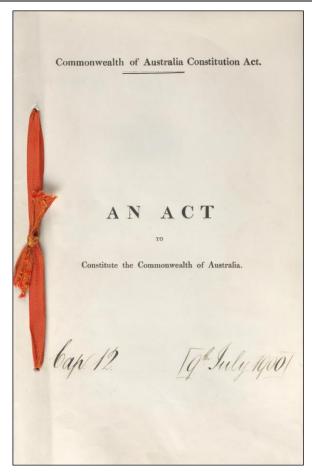
Join us for an Australian-themed 3-course meal at Jarmer's Kitchen in Bowden. Please refer to the Reply Form attached: register and pay via Humanitix if possible, by Friday 10 January 2025.

George Belperio OAM will speak on the topic: "Australia: My Lucky Country".

George was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, "For service to the Italian community of South Australia" (AD24).

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





Our Guest Speaker at our 2024 luncheon was Dr Tony Cocchiaro AM on the topic: "Australia Day, should we change the date?". If such a move was to be considered, one of the several potential options could be 1 January.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act was passed by the British Parliament and was approved by Queen Victoria on 9 July 1900 when she signed the Royal Commission of Assent. The Act commenced on 1 January 1901, establishing the Australian Government and giving the Australian Parliament the power to make laws on certain matters.

CONTRIBUTED IMAGE

Trevor Powell OAM (left of image) joined with fellow members of Clan MacLeod for a Pub Lunch at the Largs Pier Hotel on Sunday 22 September.



MEDAL NEWS

Coronation and Jubilee Medals have typically been despatched to a female recipient in a larger box with an additional suspension ribbon provided, fashioned in the form of a bow, with a brooch fitting at the back. For such awards, a female recipient could choose to wear the medal suspended from the bow.

Coronation Medal of Queen Elizabeth II (1953): The ribbon is in dark red with two narrow stripes of garter blue (drawn from the Order of the Garter) in the centre and narrow white stripes at each edge.

There were 11,561 Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medals awarded to Australians, with 750 medals awarded in South Australia.





The Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal was despatched to male recipients in a Royal Mint red cardboard box, bearing the Royal Cipher of Queen Elizabeth II surmounted by a St Edward's Crown.





The case of the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal for a female recipient included a suspension ribbon fashioned in the form of a bow which could be fitted to the medal.





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chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au





IN MEMORIAM

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 October Branch Committee meeting):

Thomas Robin Phillips AM

Notifications of deaths and changes in personal contact details may be notified to:

Mr Greg Gordon OAM JP Member Secretary SA oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

REGIONAL GROUP CONTACTS

Regional Groups

Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP kencoam08@gmail.com

Fleurieu Regional Group

Meets on the first Friday in May and November Regional Convenor: John Hutchinson OAM 0427 525 670 || johnhutc@bigpond.com

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

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

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

Holds luncheon meetings twice a year Regional Convenor: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM 0417 806 839 || elaine@yp-connect.net



CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA, Friday 6 December

2024 — at the Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road in Fullarton, arrival from 9.30 am for a 10 am start; concludes at 12 noon.

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Full-size medals may be worn. Various raffle prizes will be on offer, and Association merchandise will be available for purchase.

The Guest Speaker will be Associate Professor Dr Carolyn Palmer AM on the topic "Working with vision impaired children and some interesting highlights".



Please register to attend not later than Friday 15 November 2024

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Preferred: register online using Humanitix – just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser: https://events.humanitix.com/christmas-morning-tea-sdghk3f7

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If necessary, forward this Reply Form to: SA Branch Events Sub-committee, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085 Alternately, scan and send this form to: oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au

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Guest 2:			[post-nominals]			
Guest 3:			[post-nominals]			

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We hope you can join us for this important event!



CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY

REPLY FORM - SA BRANCH 'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' LUNCHEON,

Saturday 18 January 2025 — at Jarmer's Kitchen, 18 Park Terrace, Bowden; arrival from 12 noon for 12.30 pm start. Full-size medals may be worn. Association merchandise will be available for purchase.



The cost is \$80 for Order of Australia Association members and their partner, and \$85 for non-members, partners and guests, for a 3-course Australia-themed meal; cash bar.

"Australia: My Lucky Country": George Belperio OAM will reflect on his journey from arriving in Australia to his success in business (Fasta Pasta), which gave him the opportunity for his extensive charity work, especially with Variety.

Please register to attend and make payment not later than Friday 10 January 2025

Preferred: register and pay online using Humanitix – just click on the link below, or copy it into your brow	vser
https://events.humanitix.com/celebration-of-australia-day-luncheon-has7bmw6	

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

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 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"

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