

# The Newsletter of the Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

February 2025



## **'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' LUNCHEON Saturday 18 January 2025**

*George Belperio OAM was guest speaker for our annual 'Celebration of Australia Day' Luncheon on 18 January. His address, titled "Australia: My Lucky Country", gave insights into his journey through success in business to his extensive charity work.*

*George (third from the right) is pictured with members of the SA Branch Committee (left to right): Flavia de Pasquale OAM, Pamela Rajkowski OAM, Greg Gordon OAM JP, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP, Cathy Chong AM JP, Noel Hender OAM BEM, Tony Metcalf OAM, Toni Cocchiaro OAM, John Ziesing OAM.*

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## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, February 2025

On behalf of all Branch members, I would like to once again congratulate all Student Citizenship Award Recipients for 2024, particularly the Top Ten ('With Distinction') recipients who had their awards presented by Her Excellency the Governor, our Branch Patron.

We particularly congratulate Amy Wallace from Scotch College, our 2024 Student Citizen of the Year.

Amy has been invited to be the Guest Speaker at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 8 March. I hope to see you there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholars announced late last year: Jennifer Corderoy (University of New England), Jade Harrison (University of Technology Sydney), Paris Lay-Yee (University of Technology Sydney), Ayman Miaz (Monash University) and Matthew Selkirk (University of Sydney).

For further information you can refer to the Order of Australia Association Foundation Website:

<https://oafoundation.org.au/>

And finally, on behalf of all SA Branch members, I would like to congratulate everyone who has been announced in the 2025 Australia Day Honours List.

Shortly we will be holding our New Recipients' Reception to welcome these recipients and acknowledge their achievements. If you are a new recipient, you will be a guest of the SA Branch.

Please stay in contact with us through our Member Secretary SA, Mr Greg Gordon OAM JP.

Notifications of deaths, and changes in personal contact details, may be passed to Greg:

[oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

## IMPORTANT REMINDER



### 2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE 1 – 4 May 2025

The 2025 National Conference is being hosted by the NSW Branch, with the theme being:

*"Celebrate | Motivate | Nominate"*

The Conference, AGM, Members Forum and Dinner and Scholarship presentations will be held at the iconic Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel. There will be a Welcome Reception at Government House Sydney and a Wreath Laying Ceremony / Farewell Lunch aboard HMAS *Canberra*.

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

*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.*

Please refer here for further information:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national-conference-2025/>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Saturday 8 March:** Annual General Meeting of the Order of Australia Association (SA Branch)

**Friday 28 March:** Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting

**Thursday 17 April:** Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker

**1-4 May:** 2025 National Conference in Sydney

**Friday 2 May:** Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting

**Sunday 4 May:** Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting



## STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2024

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2024

A total of 49 nominations were received, from 35 schools. Apart from those selected as the 'Top Ten' awardees, a further 39 students will receive a certificate and medallion – 19 of whom were rated as 'Highly Commended'. Many of our Branch members kindly volunteered to attend end of year ceremonies to present the certificates and medallions to recipients in front of their peers and families.



*Cathy and Zoe are pictured here with Zoe's mother, a serving member of the Royal Australian Navy.*

### Presenter – Cathy Chong AM JP

Branch Committee member Cathy Chong presented a 2024 Student Citizenship Award to Zoe May Clarke (pictured left) at the Final Assembly of St Mary's College.

On another occasion, Cathy presented a Student Citizenship Award to Jai Gardner from Henley High School at an assembly of some 1,000 students and teachers. Jai received his award in front of his proud parents and both sets of grandparents. Jai's citation is as follows:

*As a student member of the Governing Council Sustainability Committee, an Executive Leader, and a Coding Club and Boater News leader, Jai demonstrates outstanding service and commitment to benefitting others in his school community. His leadership, engagement and mentoring beyond school, as a member of the Surf Life Saving Community, and the State Operations Centre, demonstrate strong values of citizenship and leadership.*

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

Cathy has worked as a Registered Nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, and is a former Director of Nursing at Flinders Medical Centre. She has had involvements with the Women's Advisory Committee, South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission; Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia; Chinese Welfare Services South Australia; Rotary Club of Adelaide Central; and BreastScreen SA, and has been a Justice of the Peace for South Australia since 2011.

She has previously received an Outstanding Individual Achievement Award in the Governor's Multicultural Awards (2019), and is a Paul Harris Fellow (Rotary Club of Adelaide).

Cathy has served at various times as a Board Member, Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation; Deputy Chair, Multicultural Festival of South Australia; and President, Chinatown Adelaide South Australia. She was a Founding Ambassador of the OZAsia Festival, and Founder and President of the Sukeenang South Australian Hainan Association.

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a special connection with a particular school or college – as an Old Scholar or former teacher, member of their council or governing body, or through the attendance of your children or grandchildren? Or maybe it's just the local secondary institution in your regional area? Perhaps you might like to sponsor and present the awards at that school. Please email Noel Hender OAM BEM if you would like to be considered for an opportunity in 2025 to make a presentation on behalf of the SA Branch:

[sca.sabbranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:sca.sabbranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

## STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2024

### Presenter – Pamela Rajkowski OAM

Branch Committee member Pamela Rajkowski represented the Order of Australia Association SA Branch at a Norwood International High School end of year awards ceremony held at Adelaide Town Hall on Friday 15 November last year.

Pamela presented a 2024 Student Citizenship Awards 'Highly Commended' certificate and cased medallion to Aima Kashif, who had served as a House Captain in 2023 and Prefect in 2024.

Aima's citation stated that she has exemplified both leadership and citizenship through extensive contributions to and numerous achievements in her school and community, notably in promoting, organising and managing events.

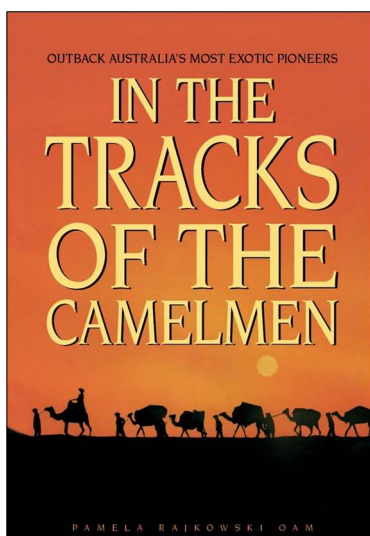


Pamela is a South Australian research author, specialising in the history, heritage and contribution of the Australian Afghan Cameleers between 1860 and 1930.

She has collaborated widely with Afghan Cameleer descendants – as Pamela says, *“Although my research is founded on a range of secondary sources (eg archives, newspapers), it is enriched by conversations with descendants across Australia”*. She has been a consultant to several state and national bodies, including the SA Museum, Adelaide City Council, Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, the Adelaide City Mosque and the National ABC Coasts series.

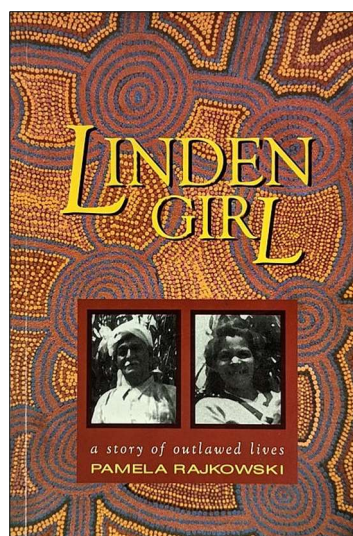
Pamela was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2008 Queen's Birthday Honours List, *“For service to the community through research into the history of the Afghan and Aboriginal cameleers in Australia”*.

Pamela is the published author of three books on the history of the Australian Afghan Cameleers:



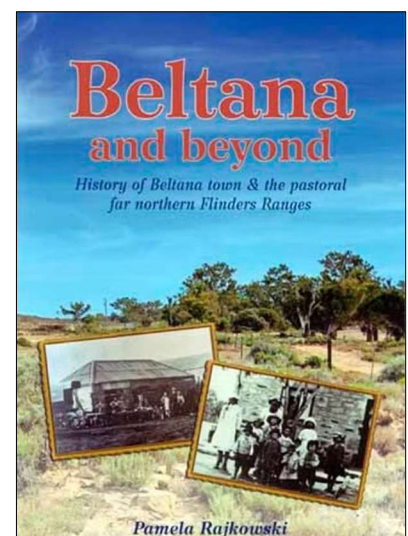
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## STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ROLL OF HONOUR



2024: Amy Wallace



2020: Charlotte Mauviel

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

### 2024

Amy Wallace  
Scotch College



2021: Georgia Kehagias



2022: Jordan Norman and Callum Barrott-Walsh



2023: Thomas Oxford

## STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

### 2025 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

For the 2024 Awards, a total of 49 nominations were received, from 35 schools. In addition, to the 'Top Ten' awardees ('With Distinction'), a further 39 students received a certificate and medallion – 19 of whom were rated as 'Highly Commended'.

Planning is now well underway for the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards program.

The SA Branch SCA Assessment and Selection Panel held a meeting on Tuesday 14 January to review the program, nomination and submission process, to confirm the nomination criteria, and to confirm the promotional brochure for 2025 (see below).

Our website is now live, calling for nominations – the closing date for nominations is Monday 28 July, at 5 pm (Week 2 of School Term 3).



The brochure features the Order of Australia Association logo at the top, followed by the title 'STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS' and 'THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LIMITED (SA BRANCH)'. Below this is a photograph of a group of students and adults holding awards. The text 'INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS 2025' is prominently displayed, followed by 'Nominations are now invited for the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards.' The brochure provides detailed information about the nomination process, including eligibility criteria and the significance of the awards. It also mentions that the top ten awards are classed 'With Distinction' and recipients will receive a medallion and a certificate signed by the Governor of South Australia.

**STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**  
THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LIMITED (SA BRANCH)

**INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS 2025**  
Nominations are now invited for the 2025 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 The Order of Australia Association Limited (SA Branch).

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 2025 Student Citizenship Awards brochure is available at each of our events, and can also be found on the SA Branch page of Order of Australia Association website:

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



The banner features the Order of Australia Association logo at the top, followed by the title 'STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS' and 'THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION SA BRANCH'. Below this is the text 'to celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship' and 'Recognising senior secondary students for outstanding achievement and service for their schools and communities'. A large image of the award medallion is shown, followed by the text 'Embodying the values of service, leadership, and community engagement.' A QR code is provided for more information, and the website 'www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/school-awards' is listed at the bottom.

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The SA Branch has acquired a new pull-up banner to promote the Student Citizenship Awards program – during award ceremonies and during school and regional group presentations. The QR-code directs you to the Order of Australia Association website.



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### CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Friday 6 December 2024

Here are some more photographs from our annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea at the Fullarton Park Community Centre. For more images and Branch information click here ([CTL + Click to follow the link](#)):

### [CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA 2024](#)



*Gillian Rogers OAM  
and Cate Davis*

*Branch Committee member  
Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP  
with Dr My Van Tran AM  
and Frederick Robins*



*Regional Convenor Elaine  
Bussenschutt OAM, Yorke  
Peninsula Regional Group  
and Garry Pamment*



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*David Radford*



*Leslie Davies OAM*



*Anne Bachmann OAM JP*



*Stanley Batten OAM and Toni Batten*



*Bill Paterson OAM JP*



*Noel Hender BEM OAM*



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### 'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' LUNCHEON

Saturday 18 January 2025

We held our annual 'Celebration of Australia Day' Luncheon at a new venue – Jarmer's Kitchen in Bowden. Our guest speaker was George Belperio OAM, accompanied by his wife Josie. George was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia last year, "*For service to the Italian community of South Australia*" (AD24).

In his address, "Australia: My Lucky Country", George reflected on his journey from arriving in Australia to his success in business (Fasta Pasta), which gave him the opportunity for his extensive charity work.

George is the Co-Founder and Director of Fasta Pasta (since 1984). He has been involved in Variety SA for 25 years, as Event Chair for three Bashes (2019-22) and as an Event Sponsor, and voluntarily catering for large events in rural Australia.

His community involvements have included Vice-President, Board Member and Honorary Life Member of Radio Italiana 531, and member of the SA Italian Association. He is a long-time member of, and has assisted, community clubs like the Campagnia Club and the San Giorgio La Molara Community Centre over the last five decades.

He also served for six years as Deputy Chair of the SA Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council.





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Here are some brief excerpts from George's address:

*I was born in post-war Italy in 1954.*

*As a child I had serious health problems, and the doctor in the small village where we lived told my mum there wasn't anything he could do about it.*

*So, we left to join my dad in Australia, who had come here 3 years earlier to find work, as there weren't any opportunities for him in the village.*

*Italy was my mother and Australia was my father.*

*My mother was level-headed. She often reminded me that in Italy after the war, you would work hard for long hours every day just to be able to eat.*

*Dad was a bit of an entrepreneur, and a bit of a dreamer. But he was always prepared to have a go. Nobody could tell him something was not doable.*

*I believe I got a little bit of the best of both of them passed down to me. Similar to the combination of the best bits of Australian and Italian culture. I decided that I would try to embrace the best of both cultures.*





## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### When was the first Australia Day?

Did you know – up until 1935, the date of 26 January was celebrated as 'Foundation Day', and only in New South Wales.

Other dates of significance are:

**9 July 1900:** After being passed by the British Parliament, the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act* was approved by Queen Victoria when she signed the Royal Commission of Assent.

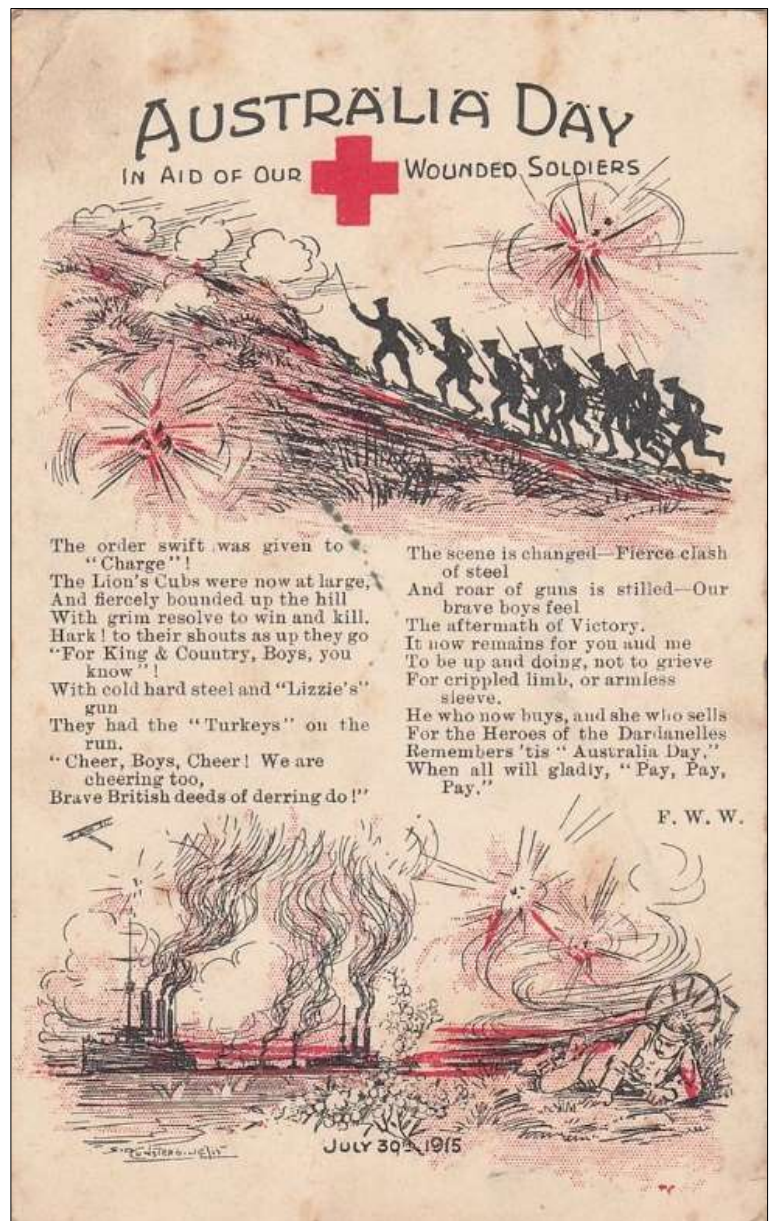
**1 January 1901:** The Commonwealth of Australia was created as a nation when the *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act* came into force, establishing the Australian Government and giving the Australian Parliament the power to make laws on certain matters.

**30 July 1915:** The first national 'Australia Day' was celebrated on 30 July 1915, to honour Service personnel who went to war and were wounded or killed, on behalf of a grateful nation. The day was established on the suggestion of Mrs Ellen Wharton-Kirke, a mother of four Servicemen who thought of the idea of a national day with the specific aim of raising funds for soldiers who had been wounded at Gallipoli – 'the Heroes of the Dardanelles'.

The Day became part of a fundraising campaign for Australian troops serving in the war, to help improve the general living conditions of the soldiers and to enable the Red Cross and other organisations such as the South Australians Soldiers' Fund to provide more comfort and care for injured and ill Australian soldiers.

The government set the date as 30 July, and the term 'Australia Day' was coined to stir up patriotic feelings.

On this day marches, fairs, auctions and performances were organised all over Australia to raise funds for the troops. Commemorative items such as ribbons, handkerchiefs and badges were made and sold in the streets. The messages written on these objects appealed to Australian patriotic sentiment and the development of a strong national identity.



*A patriotic postcard celebrating the first 'Australia Day', 30 July 1915.*

Australia Day 1915 was a success, and continued to support the troops fighting on the frontline and the wounded and ill who had returned home – repeated on 28 July 1916, 27 July 1917, and 26 July 1918.

It was not until 1935 that Australia Day became Australia's national holiday, celebrated on 26 January.

By 1935, all Australian states celebrated 26 January as Australia Day, except NSW who referred to it as 'Anniversary Day'. A public holiday was introduced at or around that date in all states in 1940.

It was not until 1994 that the date of 26 January for 'Australia Day' was fixed in all jurisdictions as a national public holiday.

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### 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 7 February

Friday 7 March

Friday 4 April

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: please note that *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.

## Regional Group News

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

**Riverland and Mallee Regional Group.** This year's luncheon meetings are scheduled for Friday 28 March and Friday 26 September, venues to be decided.

**Fleurieu Regional Group.** Luncheon meetings are scheduled for Friday 2 May and Friday 7 November.

**Yorke Peninsula Regional Group.** This year's luncheon meetings are scheduled for Sunday 4 May and Sunday 26 October, at the Ardrossan Hotel.

**Eyre Peninsula Regional Group.** The next gathering will be held at Tumby Bay on Friday 10 October 2025. Wendy Holman OAM and Ken Coventry OAM JP will provide details in due course.

**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.

### ASSOCIATION UPDATES

**Merchandise.** If you have already joined the Order of Australia Association and wish to purchase an Association name badge, you can find an Order Form on the 'About Us' page of our Branch website:

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

A wide range of high-quality Association merchandise is made available at our events for financial members to purchase.

**Contact details:** If you are receiving this newsletter by post and would prefer to receive it electronically, please pass your email details to the Member Secretary SA (see details at the end of this newsletter).

**New Recipients' Reception.** Following the investiture ceremonies at Government House, the SA Branch will formally welcome all Order of Australia recipients from the 2025 Australia Day Honours List in our traditional New Recipients' Reception.

Further details, and provisions to RSVP, will be provided by letter and in future newsletters.



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025

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.

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

The speaker will be **Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM JP** on the topic "The Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force, 1914".

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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Pamela Rajkowski OAM

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### Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM JP

Brenton Daulby is a Police, Air Force and St John Ambulance Chaplain, and a Justice of the Peace for SA.

He first served as a Police Officer, from 1971 to 1984. He later served as Chaplain to the Police Association of South Australia for approximately 10 years, Police Chaplain to Henley Beach Police (1996-00) and Police Chaplain to the South Australia Police Academy from 2000. He has received the South Australia Police Service Medal, recognising ten years' continuous, diligent and ethical service to SAPOL.

He served as a RAAF Chaplain from 1988 to 1996, which included non-warlike service at RAAF Butterworth in Malaysia, which was recognised by the Australian Service Medal with clasp "SE ASIA". He has for many years been the State Chaplain for the Air Force Association (South Australia Division).

Reverend Daulby was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division in the Australia Day Honours List of 26 January 2007, "*For service to the community through chaplaincy roles supporting serving and retired police and defence force personnel*".

Since enrolling in St John Ambulance in February 2014, Reverend Daulby has been the State Chaplain for St John. He was admitted to the Order of St John at the grade of Officer (OStJ) in 2016, and was recently awarded the Service Medal of the Order of St John recognising 10 years' service.



*The Reverend Brenton Daulby, officiating as the St John Ambulance SA Chaplain at an Order of St John investiture ceremony at Government House Adelaide, 15 June 2018.*

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### INVITATION



#### 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 8 March 2025

Please join us for our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in the Victoria Room of the Edinburgh Hotel, commencing with Morning Tea at 10.30 am and Guest Speaker at 11 am.

The Guest Speaker will be Amy Wallace from Scotch College, our 2024 Student Citizen of the Year.

The AGM will start at 11.30 am, and conclude by 12.30 pm. Lunch will follow for those who wish to join, at your own expense.

Full-size medals may be worn.

Association merchandise will be available to purchase.

Please register via Humanitix if possible, otherwise RSVP with the attached Reply Form by Tuesday Monday 17 February 2025.

Please notify apologies to the Secretary:

[john@thinkenvironment.com.au](mailto:john@thinkenvironment.com.au)



*Our guest speaker will be Amy Wallace, the  
2024 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year*

### SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Branch Committee and all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his thanks and appreciation to the following who have provided service as a member of the Branch Committee up to the date of the 2024 AGM.

**Don Clark OAM:** Elected in February 2022, and has now completed a 3-year term. Don will be standing for re-election as a Branch Committee member.

**Cathy Chong AM JP:** Filled a casual vacancy in March 2024, and has served as our Merchandise Officer. Cathy will be standing for election as a Branch Committee member to continue in this role.

**Antonieta (Toni) Cocchiaro OAM:** Filled a casual vacancy in March 2024. Toni will be standing for election as a Branch Committee member.

**Deborah DeWilliams AM:** Filled a casual vacancy in March 2024. Deborah will be standing for election as a Branch Committee member.

We also thank the following members for holding co-opted or other roles during 2024-25:

**Noel Hender OAM BEM:** Filled a casual vacancy as Branch Nominated Director from November 2023, and was elected to the position in February 2024; Noel has two years remaining to serve.

**Ken Coventry OAM JP:** Has continued to fulfil the co-opted role of Regional Groups Coordinator.

Other appointments are as listed in *The Order*.



*Thanks to Cathy Chong AM JP for ably  
fulfilling the role of Merchandise Officer*



## NOTICE TO MEMBERS



**‘KERNEWEK LOWENDER’  
Copper Coast Cornish Festival  
12-18 May 2025**

The Kernewek Lowender (‘Cornish Happiness’) event on the Copper Coast is the world’s largest Cornish Festival – outside of Cornwall.

The activities on offer in Moonta, Kadina and Wallaroo include parades, pasty bake-offs, maypole dancing, the Cornish Furry Dance, a Classic Cavalcade of Cars, art exhibitions, street parties, cemetery tours, history seminars and even Cornish language lessons. As well as the obligatory Cornish pasties!

In Moonta there is a Grand Procession of floats, marching bands, dancers and choirs moving from the main street to Queen Square. In Kadina there is the Village Green Fair held in the main street and town square, with a street party atmosphere. Check the localities for the activities that interest you.

You can make your own way up to the Copper Triangle, and stay a few days if you wish.

To join this festival, which only occurs every second year, there is an opportunity to join a bus tour to Moonta or Kadina.

Aust-Wide Tours are offering two same-day return options @ \$70 per person – travel to Moonta on Friday 16 May, or to Kadina on Saturday 17 May, in a 5-star luxury coach with toilet.

Eureka Tours are offering a same-day return package to Moonta @ \$115 per person, fully hosted on a deluxe coach, including biscuits and cake for morning tea.

Note that this material is provided for the information of members – if you wish to participate, *you need to book directly with the tour organiser of your choice* (see right). You can find more details here:

<https://www.kernewek.org/>



### EUREKA TOURS

Pick up at Stop 42 Beovich Road, Ingle Farm (7.15 am) or Convention Centre, North Terrace (8.00 am). Toilet stop at Two Wells. Arrive in Moonta in time for the Street Parade.

Depart Moonta (2.30 pm). Toilet stop at Port Wakefield; arrive at Convention Centre (4.45 pm) or Ingle Farm (5.30 pm).



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### AUST-WIDE TOURS

Friday 16 May, Adelaide-Moonta return: pick-up at 101 Muller Road, Hampstead Gardens (7.15 am; lock-up car parking available at own risk) or Intercontinental Hotel, North Terrace (8.00 am).

Saturday 17 May, Adelaide-Kadina return: pick-up at 101 Muller Road (7.45 am; lock-up car parking available at own risk) or Intercontinental Hotel (8.30 am).

Return at approx 5 pm.



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## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



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

### SAVE THE DATE

#### KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday 7 June 2025

Please join us at a luncheon celebrating the King's Birthday at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect – arrival from 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start, with an engaging guest speaker.

As King of Australia, King Charles recently granted the use of a new Great Seal of Australia.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has advised that on 21 October 2024, during the Royal Visit to Australia, His Majesty King Charles III was joined by the Governor-General of Australia and the Prime Minister to authorise the use of the new Great Seal of Australia.

King Charles III signed a Royal Warrant granting the new Great Seal as the Great Seal of Australia: this will primarily be used by the Governor-General to denote approval of important documents.

The King also signed a second Royal Warrant granting a Royal Great Seal, to be used for certain purposes where the Sovereign is required to sign documents personally.

The design of the new Great Seal depicts the Coat of Arms of Australia, centred on the seal, and encircled by a laurel of wattle. The Coat of Arms was issued under Royal Warrant by George V on 19 September 1912.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet records that this is the seventh Great Seal since the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia.

> The first seal was created after the office of the Governor General was established via Letters Patent signed by Queen Victoria in 1900. The first Great Seal was authorised for use by King Edward VII in 1903 – its design featured the British Coat of Arms surrounded by the Australian state shields.

> A new Great Seal of Australia was instituted by King George V in 1912.

> New Great Seals were instituted by King George VI in 1938 and 1948.

> New Great Seals were instituted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1954 and 1973. The 1973 pattern Great Seal of Australia was ceremonially decommissioned by the Governor General on 24 October 2024.



#### VALE

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:

Paul Allan Coppock OAM

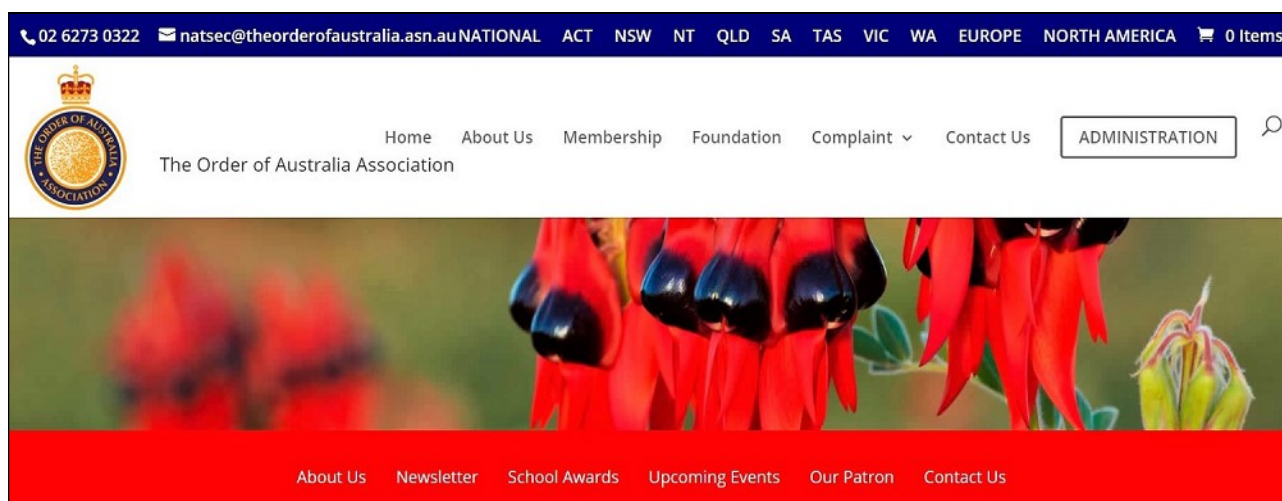


#### VALE

On behalf of all members of the SA Branch of the Association, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM sends condolences to our Branch Treasurer John Ziesing OAM on the passing of his wife Yvonne.



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## Regional Group Contacts

### Regional Groups

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### Eyre Peninsula Regional Group

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### Riverland and Mallee Regional Group

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## 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (39th AGM) AND LUNCHEON, Saturday 8 March 2025** – in the Victoria Room of the Edinburgh Hotel, 1-7 High Street, Mitcham. All financial members of the Association and their partners and guests are welcome. There is no cost for members and guests.

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

Commencing with Morning Tea at 10.30 am; Guest Speaker at 11 am.

We have invited the South Australian Student Citizen of the Year, Amy Wallace from Scotch College to be our Guest Speaker.

The AGM will start at 11.30 am, and conclude by 12.30 pm.

Lunch will follow for those who wish to join, at your own expense.

Please notify apologies to the Secretary: [john@thinkenvironment.com.au](mailto:john@thinkenvironment.com.au)

**Please register or forward this reply form by Monday 17 February 2025:**



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Alternately, forward this Reply Form to:

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Preferred name: ..... Phone Contact: .....

Email: .....

Dietary requirements [if any] .....

I will be accompanied by (please include post-nominals if applicable):

Guest 1: ..... [post-nominals] .....

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

We will remain for lunch: YES ☐ NO ☐ Total for lunch: .....

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