

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

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

January 2025



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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, January 2025

I would like to welcome all members to 2025 – which is a very important year for the Association.

It was on 14 February 50 years ago that the Order of Australia was instituted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia – by Letters Patent given under the Great Seal of Australia at St James's on 14 February 1975.

Notification was published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No S28 dated 17 February 1975.

It is interesting to reflect that the Order was initially created with a 'Civil Division' and a 'Military Division', and comprised just three grades – AC, AO and AM.

We will bring you more interesting insights into the Order of Australia in this and subsequent newsletters.

One of the key aims of our Association is to spread information about the purposes of the Order. As recipients, we receive a lot of information about the Order, and a very useful information booklet from the Office of the Governor-General. I strongly encourage you to look through this booklet and learn more about your award.

In particular, as an Association we often take the opportunity to remind people that, as identified leaders and role models in our community, we should all be on the lookout for the 'next generation' of recipients.

We all have a role to identify who might be worthy of receiving the Order, and we can either personally make a nomination or assist someone else to make the nomination.

If you feel daunted by this task, contact me and we will do our best to put an appropriate member of the Branch in contact with you to offer help and guidance navigating the nomination process.

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

INVITATION



'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY'

Saturday 18 January 2025

Join us for an Australian-themed 3-course meal at Jarmer's Kitchen in Bowden, 12 for 12.30 pm.

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

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

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

Please refer to the Reply Form attached and also available online: register and pay via Humanitix if possible, by Friday 10 January 2025.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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, including a Welcome Reception at Government House Sydney and Wreath Laying Ceremony / Farewell Lunch

Friday 2 May: Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting

Sunday 4 May: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975

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

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. Her Majesty became Sovereign of the Order.

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

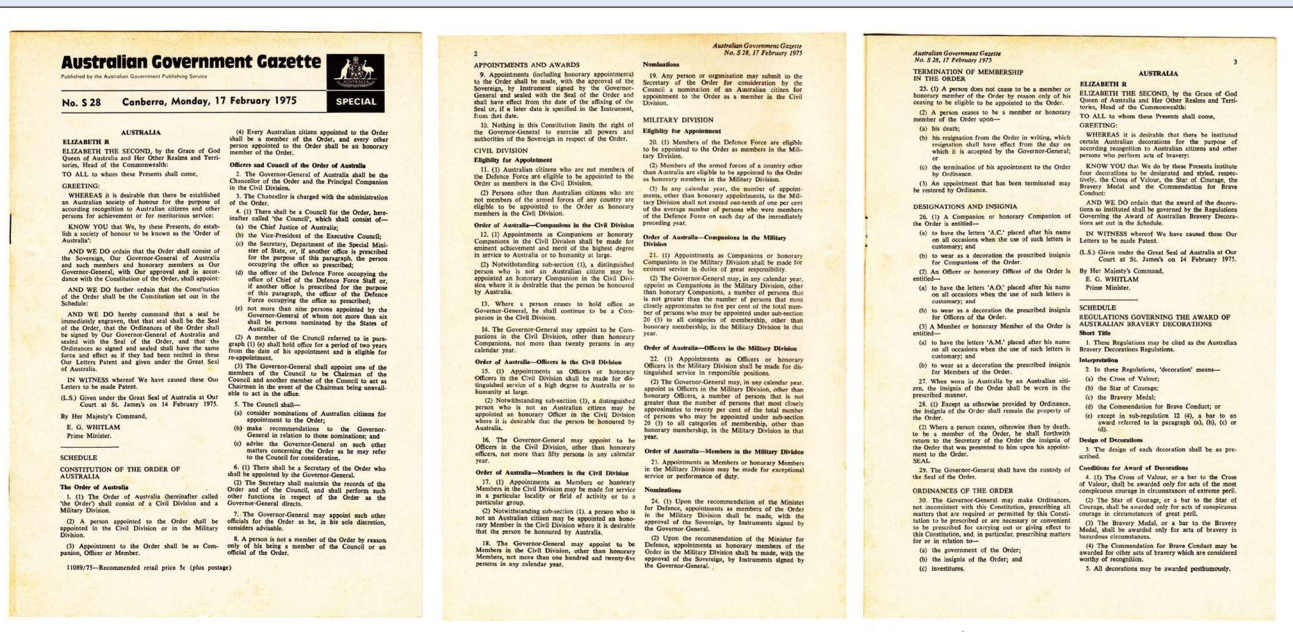
When the Order was created in 1975, it comprised a Civil Division and a Military Division – following the precedent of the Order of the British Empire. The former was retitled ‘General Division’ under Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976. The General Division is senior to the Military Division.

At the time of its creation, the Order of Australia comprised just three levels, or grades – Companion (AC), Officer (AO) and Member (AM).

The grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD), and also the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), were created by Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976 (the level of Knight/Dame was subsequently abolished on 3 March 1986, re-introduced on 19 March 2014 and again discontinued on 29 October 2015).

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

Since 1 February 1989, the Governor-General has been Chancellor of the Order, while the Official Secretary to the Governor-General is Secretary of the Order.



The creation of the Order of Australia was announced in the 'Australian Government Gazette' no S28 dated 17 February 1975, published together with the Constitution of the Order.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2024

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Monday 25 November 2024

We are extremely grateful to Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch, and Mr Rod Bunten for hosting a special reception at Government House for the presentation of the Top 10 ('With Distinction') Student Citizenship Awards.

In this ceremony, **Amy Wallace** from Scotch College was announced as the 2024 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year. We have invited Amy to be guest speaker at our AGM on Saturday 8 March.

For more information on the awards program, refer to the Order of Australia Association website:

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



'WITH DISTINCTION' – THE 2024 TOP 10 STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Government House Adelaide, Monday 25 November 2024

Rear, left to right: Mr Rod Bunten; Ori Packer and Baxter Cocks, St John's Grammar School; Archie Young, St Peter's College; Jamie Reichelt, Immanuel College.

Front: Muhammad Keswanee, IQRA College; Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia; Amy Wallace, Scotch College (2024 Student Citizen of the Year); Kayla Talbot and Jasmine Dillon, Cardijn College.

Not present: Alexandra Seal, Loreto College; Lily Williams, Henley High School

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2024

On behalf of the Branch Committee and all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his congratulations to each of the nominees announced as the Top 10 students in the Order of Australia Association SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards for 2024. Images from the ceremony may be found here (CTL + Click):

[Student Citizenship Awards 2024](#)



The Top 10 students judged most worthy received a 'With Distinction' certificate signed by the SA Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and the Chairman of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, Mr Tony Metcalf OAM.



2024 STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Amy Wallace

Scotch College

An extraordinarily gifted and inspirational young person, Amy has shown outstanding leadership and citizenship through a myriad of high-value service activities and initiatives spanning local, national and international levels. Driven by her passions, Amy has consistently contributed to the College and wider communities through volunteering, mentoring, fundraising and advocacy. Amy has held various leadership roles throughout her school journey, and with her strong commitment to inclusivity and positive change has been an excellent role model for her peers.

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2024 STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Amy Wallace from Scotch College, pictured with SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Peter Routley AM, a member of the Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel.



Monday, 25 November 2024

Reception for Order of Australia Association SA Student Citizenship Awards

Rod and I are very pleased to welcome you all to Government House to celebrate the 'top 10' recipients of the Order of Australia Association – South Australia Branch's 2024 Student Citizenship Awards.

And many of you have dedicated hours to volunteering with organisations such as aged care services, Fred's Van, Puddle Jumpers, and the Country Fire Service.

You have demonstrated that being an active citizen is not just about fulfilling your own responsibilities – it's about engaging with the world, confronting injustice, and working to make a difference in the lives of others.

Her Excellency complimented the awardees:

You have shown compassion. You have drawn on your own experience and the experience of others to determine what actions to take.

These and other qualities will serve you well throughout your lives as you continue to care for others and stand up for your values.

The Governor, as our Branch Patron, acknowledged the Order of Australia Association's commitment to recognising and fostering citizenship in young South Australians:

Through your work and that of your assessors, we can shine a light on the contributions of Year 11 and 12 students and encourage others to follow their lead.

Her Excellency especially acknowledged the late Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, whose generous donation has made it possible to include a medallion for each award recipient.

Her Excellency reminded the recipients that their journey does not end here:

The values that have guided you thus far – your compassion, sense of justice, and leadership – will continue to serve you throughout your lives. The future is in excellent hands with leaders like you.

In Her Excellency's address, she remarked:

Your achievements serve to remind everyone of the contributions that young people are making.

She said of the awardees:

You are not merely talking about change; you are actively shaping it, putting in the time, effort, and commitment to make our community a better place for all.

I am impressed that, while juggling the demands of your Year 11 and 12 studies, you have made time to serve in leadership roles, volunteer, and advocate for those in need.

Some of you have worked on social justice initiatives, standing up for equality and fairness.

Others have dedicated their time to supporting the homeless and advocating for those left behind in society.

We have students who have worked to foster reconciliation and understanding between cultures.

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WITH DISTINCTION

Jasmine Dillon
and Kayla Talbot,
Cardijn College



WITH DISTINCTION

Muhammad Keswanee,
IQRA College



WITH DISTINCTION

Baxter Cocks and Ori Packer,
St John's Grammar School

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WITH DISTINCTION

Top Ten awardee Alexandra Seal advised that she would be overseas at the time of the Government House awards ceremony, so Noel Hender OAM BEM presented Alexandra with her Award at Loreto College on 24 October last year. Alexandra's citation is as follows:

Alexandra is a dedicated and passionate advocate for social justice, community service and environmental sustainability.

Her leadership and contributions at the College and community through initiatives such as the Peace and Justice Group, the Environmental Committee, the UN conversation circle, along with her charitable business Six Spaces have advocated and fundraised for Project Compassion, Families for Families, Southern Cross Care and the Hutt Street Centre.

Image provided by Alexandra Seal; used with permission

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Aima Kashif,
Norwood International High School

Branch Committee member Pamela Rajkowski OAM attended a ceremony at the Adelaide Town Hall on Friday 15 November to present a certificate and medallion to Aima Kashif.

Aima's citation is as follows:

A House Captain in 2023 and Prefect in 2024, Aima has exemplified both leadership and citizenship through extensive contributions to and numerous achievements in her school and community.

She has shown considerable talent in debating and writing poetry, and in promoting, organising and managing events.

Her role in the school Ethics Olympiad Team and her role as a facilitator with UN Youth are to be commended.



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CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA Friday 6 December 2024

We held our annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea at the Fullarton Park Community Centre, with Associate Professor Dr Carolyn Palmer AM as Guest Speaker, on the topic, *“Working with vision impaired children and some interesting highlights”*.



VILI'S
Family Bakery

We thank Rosemary Milisits OAM and Vili's Family Bakery for very generously donating the refreshments, allowing us to provide a Christmas Morning Tea at no cost to our members:

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

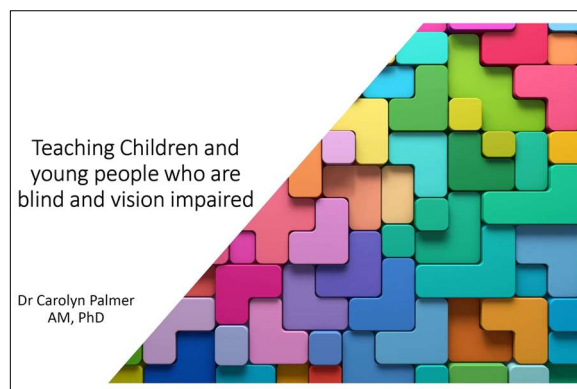
SA Branch Deputy Chairman
Mr Noel Heder BEM OAM
(above) welcomed guests

Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf
OAM (right) introduced the
guest speaker Associate
Professor Dr Carolyn
Palmer AM



Branch Committee member
Cathy Chong AM JP had a
wide selection of Order of
Australia Association
merchandise available

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**Associate Professor
Dr Carolyn Palmer AM**

We were very privileged to have Associate Professor Dr Carolyn Palmer AM as guest speaker, on the topic, *"Working with vision impaired children and some interesting highlights"*.

Dr Palmer is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the College of Education, Psychology & Social Work at Flinders University.

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 received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2014 Australia Day Honours List:

"For significant service to the community, particularly to people who are blind or have low vision".

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

Prior to joining the academic staff at Flinders University, Carolyn held the positions of acting Primary Principal and Policy Development Project Manager in the DECS Special Education Team.

She was then Deputy Principal of Townsend School, Deputy Master of Method at Lockleys Primary, and Deputy Principal of Stradbroke Primary School.

During her 26 years working at Flinders University, Carolyn taught in the Master of Education (Leadership and Management) and the Master of Special Education (Vision Impairment). She taught topics in the Master of Education (Leadership and Management) in China – in Tianjin, Sian and Chongqing.

She also taught topics in the Master of Education (Special Education) in Singapore.

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

Carolyn 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 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.

She 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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First Prize: Hedley Bachmann AM



Garry Pamment



Merry Wickes AM



Dr David Hilliard OAM



Bill Paterson OAM JP



Leon Gregory OAM

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CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Friday 6 December 2024

For photographs and Branch information click here (CTL + Click to follow the link):

[CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA 2024](#)

SA Branch Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM with our guest speaker Associate Professor Dr Carolyn Palmer AM



We had a special presentation to (left to right) Jill Hender, Gill Rogers and Cheryl Metcalf, and also Di Coventry, to acknowledge their hard work at our various events

Gillian Rogers OAM and Regional Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM, Yorke Peninsula Regional Group – awarded their OAMs in the Australia Day Honours List of 1994



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2024

HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday 31 October 2024

Peter and Shirley Dunn joined our October luncheon last year, and Peter addressed the group on, “A Life That Just Happened”. Peter was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, “For service to the road transport industry” (AD22). Here are some excerpts from Peter’s story:

I operated, with my wife Shirley, our school, charter & tour business in Kadina from 1976. We operated bus tours all over Australia, primarily concentrating on the outback areas of SA, NSW, Queensland and the NT.

I was also involved in operating the family hotel in Lyndhurst in the Flinders Ranges, operating a general freight service from Adelaide to Birdsville for 12 years, and operating our own Travel Agency. Shirley, a Registered Nurse, has worked in several hospitals in Adelaide and the Copper Triangle, was the District Nurse in the Copper Triangle for 8 years and then spent 26 years in Community Nursing and administration at the Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Service at Wallaroo. In all that time she has been a bus driver, and Cook and First Aid Officer on some of our Outback Camping Tours besides looking after a non-domesticated husband and three children.

I grew up in Kilburn and went to school at Christian Brothers College. Prior to leaving Adelaide for Kadina, I was awarded Life Membership of the Kilburn Football Club and Player Life Membership of the SA Amateur Football League. I played 50 Junior Games, 150 senior games, was a selector and was captain of a senior team for 2 years. When I returned to Adelaide to live, I was elected as President and served for 3 years.

I have been a member of the Bus & Coach Association of SA (BCA) for 37 years. I was President for 5 years (1989-94) and again for a short time after the President in 1996. I was elected President in 2002 and held that office for two years. I have served as Vice President at various times totalling 17 years in all.

In 2007 at the Bus Industry Confederation National Conference in Perth, I was a nominee for the BIC Outstanding Industry Contribution Award. In 2008 I was awarded the Industry Excellence award at our own State Conference – two awards of which I am extremely proud. Some years earlier I was awarded Life Membership of the BCA, something of which I am also extremely proud and humbled.

In 2000 I worked for Bus 2000, a company set up by the Bus & Coach Association (NSW), at both the Olympics and the Para-Olympics for a period of about 5 months. My role was managerial, in that I along with a team of at times up to 50 people commissioned and decommissioned buses and coaches for the 2000 Games passenger transport system. I was responsible for upwards of several thousand buses over several depots to make sure buses were available for the different facets of the transport system. It was an extremely onerous task. I was charged with liaising with the bus contracting manager and various other depot managers including the State Transit Authority (NSW) about their various vehicle requirements, on a daily basis.

In early 2015 my wife Shirley and I took the decision to sell our business. It was extremely hard, on 22 April 2015, to make that decision after operating for just on 39 years and 3 months. I thought at 68 it was time to take it a little easier.



One of Peter Dunn's coaches taking AFS international exchange students on a camping tour to Alice Springs and Ayers Rock, from Adelaide via Kadina, Port Augusta, Quorn, Hawker, Lyndhurst (Shirley's home town) and Maree.

Shirley and I have been heavily involved in the Student Exchange program, AFS, and we have hosted 10 foreign students for a year each, plus other students and teachers. Shirley and I have both been awarded Life Membership of AFS.

In August 2018 I was accepted for inclusion on the Wall of Fame at the National Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs. In March 2022 I was included on the Wall of Fame at the 'Stories from The Road Museum' in Port Pirie.

I have decided to remain involved in consultancy in the industry, and was asked to continue as Chairman of the Bus Industry Group Independent Bus & Coach Operators of SA (IBCO), which I am very proud to have accepted and which I have held for almost 8 years.

I am currently the Vice-President of the Military Vehicle Preservation Society of SA, and concurrently the National Military Vehicle Museum which is situated at Edinburgh, SA.

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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.

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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 (as at the time of the December Branch Committee meeting):

John Allan Uhrig AC

Mr Mostyn Keller AM

Mr John Lethbridge Potter AM

Mrs Janice Roslyn Kelly OAM

Norman Donald Paterson OAM

THE OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL (BERMUDA)

The Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) is the most recent medal authorised by the United Kingdom to bear the crowned effigy of King Charles III.

The OSM (Bermuda) will be awarded to personnel of the Royal Bermuda Regiment (RBR) who have served from 15 September 1965 and meet the qualifying criteria.

The Tudor Crown has been included in the design to symbolise the monarch's central role and inspiration for the armed forces.

The RBR is the home defence unit of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda. The RBR is a territorial infantry battalion, formed in 1965 through the amalgamation of two volunteer units – the Bermuda Militia Artillery and the Bermuda Rifles. On 1 September 2015, Queen Elizabeth II awarded the title 'Royal' to the regiment to mark the 50th anniversary of its formation.

As Bermuda is a British Overseas Territory, and defence is the responsibility of the United Kingdom, the RBR is under the control of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the island.



The reverse of the Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) features at the centre the crest and cap badge of the Royal Bermuda Regiment – the new pattern bearing the Tudor crown of King Charles III. The badge combines elements from the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the original Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps (later Bermuda Rifles).

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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 3 January

Friday 7 February

Friday 7 March

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

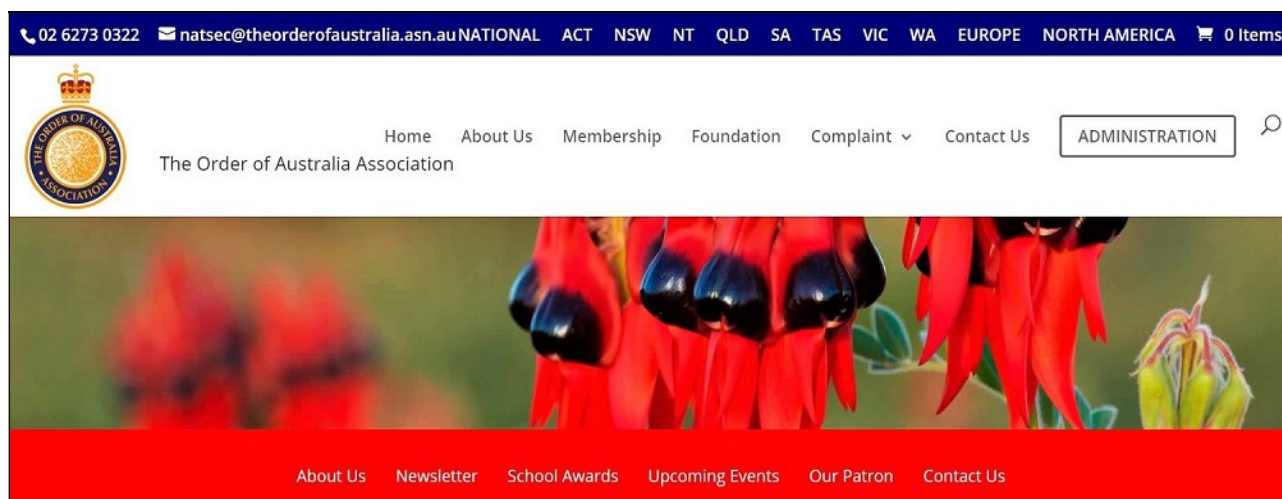
PATRONAGE GARDEN RECEPTION

Wednesday 6 November 2024

The SA Branch is proud to have Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, as our Branch Patron. Recently, Her Excellency and Mr Bunten hosted representatives of their patronage organisations at the annual Government House Patronage Garden Party, an event that celebrates the contributions of organisations and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of South Australians. The SA Branch was ably represented by Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Cheryl Metcalf, and Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM and Jill Hender. Other members of the SA Branch were also in attendance, representing other associations with which they are affiliated.



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Contributions for this newsletter or *The Order* may be submitted to the SA Branch Editor:

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Regional Group Contacts

Regional Groups

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Eyre Peninsula Regional Group

Meets annually on the second Friday in October, rotating through locations throughout the Region
Regional Convenor: Mrs Wendy Holman OAM
0439 870 066 || wendy.holman@bigpond.com

Fleurieu Regional Group

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

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

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

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



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 browser:
<https://events.humanitix.com/celebration-of-australia-day-luncheon-has7bmw6>



Alternately, pay online via EFT, using the code “ADL + your surname”
Account Name – ‘Order of Australia Association’ // BSB 105-900 // Account no 147028640 (Bank SA)
Scan and send this form to: oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au



If necessary, forward this reply form and payment to:
SA Branch Events Sub-committee, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085
Make your cheque or money order payable to “SA Branch, Order of Australia Association”

Name: [please print] [post-nominals]

Preferred name: Phone Contact:

Email:

Dietary requirements [if any]

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

Guest 1: [post-nominals]

Guest 2: [post-nominals]

Payment enclosed (members and partner): for people (\$80 per person)

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

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 significant event!



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 – Amy Wallace from Scotch College, the 2024 South Australian 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.

Please notify apologies to the Secretary: john@thinkenvironment.com.au

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



Preferred: register online using Humanitix – just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser:

<https://events.humanitix.com/2024-annual-general-meeting-and-luncheon>



Alternately, forward this Reply Form to:

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Name: [please print] [post-nominals]

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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