

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

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

April 2025



THE KEITH 'CHOOK' FOWLER OAM AWARD for the South Australian Student Citizen of the Year

We are pleased to announce that the primary trophy of the Student Citizenship Awards program, awarded annually to the Student Citizen of the Year, will from 2025 be funded through a generous donation from the family of the late Keith Fowler OAM (1920-2023) – to be titled “The Keith ‘Chook’ Fowler OAM Award”.

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, April 2025

I would like to thank everyone that attended our AGM. I congratulate Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM who has been re-elected for a second term, as well as Cathy Chong AM JP, Deborah DeWilliams AM and Toni Cocchiaro OAM who each filled casual vacancies throughout 2024-25 and have now been elected as Branch Committee members.

In particular I wish to express my thanks on behalf of all members to Amy Wallace, our 2024 Student Citizen of the Year, for giving us an insightful and interesting summary of her volunteering efforts and accomplishments. Our members present all agreed that with emerging leaders like Amy the country is in good hands.

The Branch Committee has held its first meeting since the AGM, and we have ratified the portfolio appointments and co-opted positions for 2025-26.

We have again included in this newsletter information on the Kernewek Lowender ('Cornish Happiness') event – to be held on the Copper Coast during the period 12-18 May 2025. If you wish to take a bus tour to Moonta or Kadina, please refer to the details provided. 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. We aim to have a member of the Branch committee travelling on the bus, but you are responsible for all arrangements.

I would like to remind anyone still receiving our newsletter by post that all Branch and Association transactions are now being conducted almost solely via email and our website. Reply Forms for our activities may be found on the SA Branch portion of the website.

If you are receiving our newsletter by post, could you please consider providing the SA Branch Member Secretary with an email address that we can use, which saves us money on printing and postage.

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

INVITATION



NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 12 May 2025

Please join us for the SA Branch New Recipients' Reception at Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow, at 5.30 for 6 pm, finishing before 8 pm.

Refer to the Reply Form attached, which may also be found on the SA Branch website under 'Events'.

We will acknowledge our most recent recipients of the Order of Australia, and you will hear from an engaging guest speaker – details to follow.

Please RSVP by Sunday 4 May 2025.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friday 2 May: Fleurieu Regional Group self-funded luncheon meeting

Sunday 4 May: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group self-funded luncheon meeting

Sunday 11 May: Government House Adelaide Open Day, 10 am until 2 pm

Monday 12 May: New Recipients' Reception, with guest speaker

Saturday 7 June: SA Branch King's Birthday Luncheon, with guest speaker

Thursday 26 June: Honours recipients fellowship self-funded luncheon meeting with guest speaker

Monday 28 July: Closing date for nominations for the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards

Thursday 28 August: Honours recipients fellowship self-funded luncheon meeting with guest speaker

Friday 26 September: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group self-funded luncheon meeting

Friday 10 October: Eyre Peninsula Regional Group self-funded luncheon meeting

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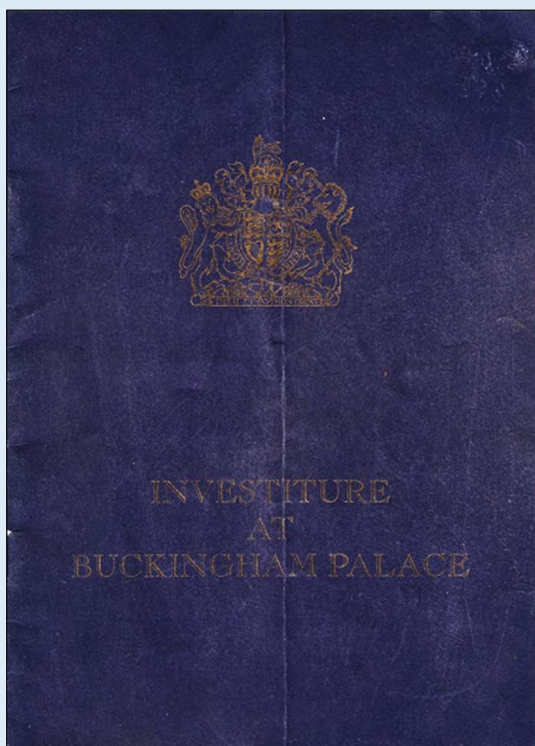
THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Investitures

There are specific requirements which apply to the presentation of insignia of the Order of Australia. These requirements are detailed in the 'Investiture Ordinance' issued by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, under section 30 of the Constitution of the Order of Australia.

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

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

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



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

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

To be a Member:-

General Division:-

Miss Penelope Thwaites	For services to Music.
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THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER

To be a Member:-

Mr. Jack Sinclair	For services to the Royal Household in Scotland.
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Buckingham Palace, 12 December 2001

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

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

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

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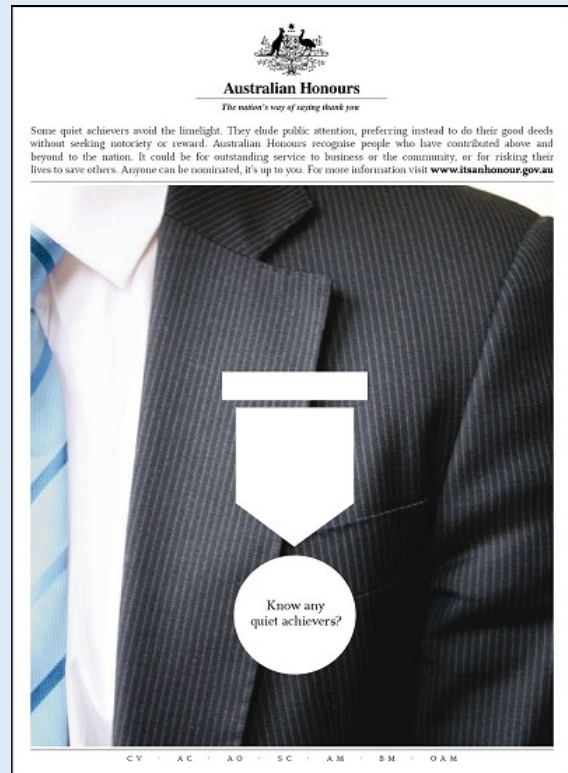
Investitures

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

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

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

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



The Australian Honours System

We all know that most 'quiet achievers' do their good deeds on a voluntary basis, without seeking notoriety or reward. The work of those who elude public attention and avoid the limelight is often most noticed by members of the community.

For that reason, anyone can make a nomination for an award in the Australian Honours System.

Resources such as charts and posters may be found here:
<https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/its-honour>

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025



Left to right: Noel Hender OAM BEM (MC), Aaron Tero, Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM JP (Guest Speaker), John Minney OAM, Jill Hender, John Ziesing OAM, Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester AM, Dr Aileen Connors AM, Max Slee OAM JP, Nanette Sharp OAM, Flavia de Pasquale OAM (coordinator), Jenny Macintosh OAM, Dr Ann Ferguson OAM, Gillian Rogers OAM (hospitality), Associate Professor John Svigos AM, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP, Ray Greig OAM SJ JP.

HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday 27 February 2025

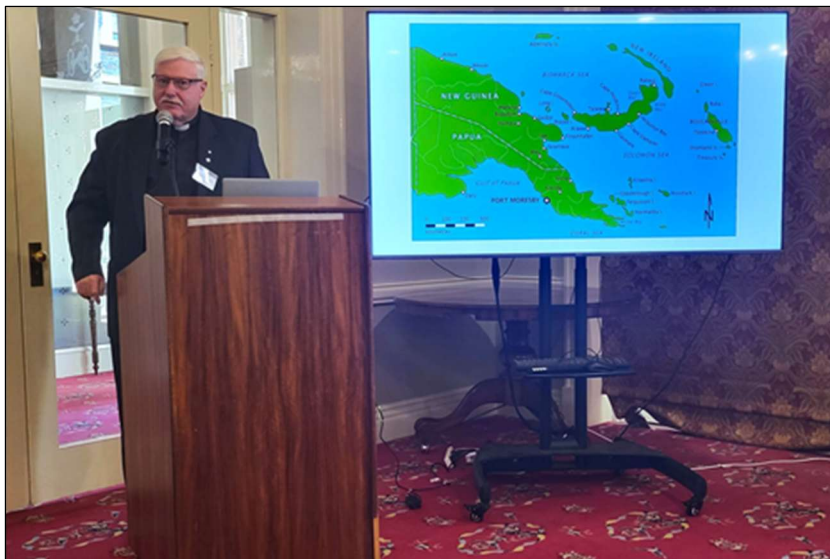
The guest speaker at our first luncheon for the year was Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM JP on the topic "The Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force, 1914". This unique, and largely overlooked, Australian force was raised for overseas service in 1914 – well before the famed Dardanelles deployment and much-lauded landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Brenton is a Police, Air Force and St John Ambulance Chaplain, and a Justice of the Peace for SA. He was awarded the OAM in the General Division, "For service to the community through chaplaincy roles supporting serving and retired police and defence force personnel" (AD07).

Brenton 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).

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.

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Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force

The outbreak of war with Germany saw the Australian Government threatened by the presence of nearby colonial outposts and German navy ships in the Pacific region.

The AN&MEF was raised in response to those perceived threats, to conduct operations to seize German possessions in the Pacific – primarily wireless communications facilities to disrupt the operation of the East Asiatic Squadron.

Although the AN&MEF was superior to the German troops and their Melanesian militia stationed in New Guinea, Brenton described how the Australians met unexpected resistance at Kabakaul, in the Battle of Bitapaka.

Able Seaman Bill Williams, aged 28, was wounded by German sniper fire at Bitapaka on 11 September.

He died on HMAS *Berrima* the same day – the first recorded Australian casualty of World War I.

Lieutenant Thomas Bond, aged 52, was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his bravery at Bitapaka – the first Australian gallantry decoration of the war.



The Order of Australia Association is an incorporated body of recipients of the Order of Australia – our national honour. The Association achieves its purpose through targeted programs of support, particularly at Branch and Regional Group levels.

The SA Branch supports the national vision of fostering community awareness of the Order and in promoting good citizenship. Read more here:

[SA Branch Brochure](#)

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

The speaker will be SA Branch Committee member **Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd)** on the topic "Anzackery – misinterpreting the Anzac legend".

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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Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP

Paul is a retired Army Major who served in the Army Reserve for 20 years, and then in the Australian Regular Army for a further 12 years. Notable postings included Reconnaissance Troop Commander and later Squadron Commander in the North West Mobile Force in Darwin. His awards include the Outstanding Achievement Medal (Republic of the Philippines) and the Timor Leste Solidarity Medal (Democratic Republic of Timor Leste).

Paul has been an instructor with the Army Cadets and Australian Air Force Cadets. He is an Award Leader with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, and has been awarded the Medal of Recognition for Long Service.

Paul is an author of military history and biography, with three books and numerous research papers published, including four entries in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.

He received the 2001 Centenary Medal for 'long and outstanding research into Australia's military history', in 2009 was made a Fellow of the Military Historical Society of Australia, and in 2017 was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, "For service to military history preservation" (QB17). Since being medically discharged from the Army in 2011, he has actively promoted research and commemoration through his Facebook site 'Thanks Digger': www.facebook.com/Thanks.Digger

'Thanks Digger' has become an effective portal for collaborative research with families, young Australians and organisations both nationally and internationally, and for promoting research outcomes.



As State President of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc, SA & NT Branch, Paul Rosenzweig has led two veteran reunion visits to Sarawak, Malaysia: pictured (centre rear) with the Australian contingent in the Sarawak Heroes Memorial Park in Kuching on 28 August 2023, with a British Forces Brunei detachment including four members from the 1st Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles.

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2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 8 March 2025

We held our 2024 Annual General Meeting (39th AGM) in the Victoria Room of the Edinburgh Hotel, with some 38 members of the Association and their partners and guests in attendance.

We particularly appreciate the attendance of those who made the long journey in from regional areas.



After Morning Tea, we heard from our Guest Speaker Amy Wallace, who completed Year 11 at Scotch College last year.

For the election of office-bearers, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM referred to the report submitted by the Returning Officer, Mr Gary Byron AM. He advised that no statutory positions fell vacant at this AGM.

Secondly, the Returning Officer advised that four valid nominations were received by the designated closing date for four positions on the Branch Committee which would become vacant at the AGM – one from a current incumbent who was nominating upon the expiration of his current 3-year term, and three from those who had filled casual vacancies in 2024-25 and sought election.

On 11 February, the Branch Committee had determined these four candidates to be suitable for appointment. Accordingly, Committee member Don Clark OAM was announced as re-elected, and Cathy Chong AM JP, Deborah DeWilliams AM and Antonieta (Toni) Cocchiaro OAM were announced as elected to the Branch Committee, each for a term of 3 years.

Portfolio appointments and co-opted positions for 2025-26 will be detailed in the next issue of *The Order*.

The AGM was followed by lunch for those who chose to remain.



Guest Speaker Amy Wallace

Our guest speaker was Amy Wallace from Scotch College. In the 2024 Student Citizenship Awards, Amy was selected among the Top Ten, and in an award ceremony at Government House at the end of last year was announced as the 2024 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year. Amy's citation reads as follows:

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.

In her address 'Active Citizenship', Amy described some of these service activities and initiatives that have led to her various accomplishments.

These have included volunteering with the Australian Red Cross, The Smith Family's Student 2 Student Reading program, the Starlight Children's Foundation, the Salvation Army (Unley Salvation Army Café, Blanket Appeal and Red Shield Appeal) and as a Cancer Council Ambassador 2018-25.

She has given numerous presentations, including to the National Australian Association of Special Education conference (2023), the Volunteerability Closing Celebration Event (2024), the Raise Our Voice in Parliament campaign, and Teen Parliament (2025).

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"Volunteering is about finding purpose, building connections, and making a real difference, one small act of kindness at a time. As active citizens, we have the power to shape our communities and create positive change right here, right now. That's why I love volunteering – it's where passion meets purpose".

Amy Wallace
Scotch College

Amy discussed how she applied for the Andy Thomas Space Foundation Schools Challenge, winning \$5,000 for Scotch College to implement her proposal. Amy designed an education project focusing on how space science can address the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and she implemented a Space Science unit on 'Space Exploration' and a cross-campus space careers expo.



SA Branch Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM presented Amy with a special gift in appreciation of joining us as Guest Speaker.

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Chairman's Report Tony Metcalf OAM

Here are some extracts from the Chairman's Report to the 2024 AGM.

2024 was a year of "getting back to normal" from COVID, planning for our Student Citizenship Awards, and continuing activities for our members.

This year SA hosted 82 new recipients for all categories of the Order of Australia, which was well down on our usual number of about 130. At a national level, awards were also well down and this has caused a review of the award process, particularly the time taken from nomination to actual award.

We are pleased to see an increasing number of women in our awards, which has been one of our aims over the last few years. However, we were also disappointed to see a decrease in the percentage of all awardees who joined the SA Branch.

We have organised, in consultation with the Governor, a membership promotional brochure, now included in the award pack that all recipients receive at their investiture. We hope that this will encourage new recipients to join the SA Branch of our Association.

We continue to hold our Celebration of Australia Day and King's Birthday lunches with interesting speakers, as well as our bi-monthly Fellowship Lunches at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Hutt Street. Details of each of these events are shown in our monthly newsletter.

As usual we held two new recipient functions following the investitures of each group of recipients. These were held with the kind support of the Norwood, Payneham, and St Peters Council and Villi's Family Bakery. Please remember that all branch members are invited to attend these functions to meet the new recipients.

As a result of the enthusiastic organisation of our regional co-ordinator, Ken Coventry, we now have regular gatherings of members in regional areas of the Riverland and Mallee, Yorke Peninsula, South-East and Fleurieu Peninsula.

Arising from Ken's enthusiastic promotions, we are pleased to have a new regional group on Eyre Peninsula. We still have plans to set up a regional gathering in the Mid-North.

We continue to support the Adelaide Eisteddfod Section C003 – Schools Years 8 to 12 Small Choirs, with a donation to cover the prize money of \$300.

Our Student Citizenship Award programme for 2024 was again very successful.

Following the death of our oldest member, Keith (chook) Fowler, in late 2023, we had discussions with his family about recognising Chook's contribution to future awards. This has resulted in a donation of \$5,000 to a Branch term deposit to provide ongoing income to cover the ongoing cost of the Student Citizen of the Year trophy.

On behalf of the Branch and personally, I thank all of our committee members and regional group convenors for the work that they have done for the association during the last year, and in particular Ken Coventry OAM JP, our co-opted Regional Group Co-ordinator, for the time he has put in assisting our regional groups.

I also record our thanks to other member volunteers and partners of our committee members who have assisted at our functions over the year.



Congratulations to Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM (left) who was re-elected for a second 3-year term, and Cathy Chong AM JP (right) who filled a casual vacancy throughout 2024-25 and has now been elected as a Branch Committee member.

Regional Group News

South East Regional Group. The Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reports that the South East Group held its annual luncheon at the Mount Gambier RSL on Friday 28 February 2025, with 51 members and guests in attendance.

A local resident, Alan Richardson, was the guest speaker. Alan spoke about the renewal of the rail line to Heywood in Victoria, which would see a very positive impact on the timber industry and potentially other business groups.

The presentation provided a detailed overview of the work done to date to identify the positive feasibility of renewal.

It was seen to be a very exciting initiative for the region.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. A luncheon meeting was held on Friday 28 March at the Renmark Club, with John Angove AM as the guest speaker.

John Angove was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2011 Australia Day Honours List, *"For service to the Australian wine industry, to the promotion of the wine export market, to professional development and research, and to a range of arts, conservation and charitable organisations"*.



Maureen Christie AM thanks Alan Richardson for his interesting address to the South East Regional Group.



Some of the members and guests of the South East Regional Group at the Mt Gambier RSL, 28 February 2025, including SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP (standing, far right).

Regional Group News

Fleurieu Regional Group. Regional Convenor John Hutchinson OAM advises that this year's self-funded luncheon meetings are scheduled for Friday 2 May and Friday 7 November.

The next luncheon will be held on Friday 2 May at the Goolwa Hotel. The guest speaker will be Vietnam Veteran Norm Goodall DFC.

Flight Lieutenant Norman Mellville Goodall flew the CA-27 Avon Sabre fighter aircraft and then the Mirage IIIO(F) interceptor and Mirage IIIO(A) ground attack aircraft. He then transferred to No 9 Squadron, RAAF to fly the Bell UH-1H Bushranger helicopter gunship.

He flew Bushrangers with 9 Squadron in South Vietnam from 19 November 1970 to 18 November 1971, operating from 'Kangaroo Pad' at Nui Dat. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, with effective date 13 July 1972 (*The London Gazette* no 45767 of 1 September 1972, page 10458).

After the completion of his tour of duty he returned to his old squadron, No 76 Squadron at RAAF Williamstown, as a fighter pilot flying Mirages.

He subsequently attained the rank of Squadron Leader and served overseas as the Assistant Defence Attaché in Bangkok, and was a Wing Commander when he retired in 1985.



Norm Goodall's Vietnam War Service Certificate, courtesy of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. Regional Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM advises that this year's luncheon meetings are scheduled for Sunday 4 May (deferred due to Easter and Anzac Day) 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 at SA Branch events and may be used in various publications including this newsletter and the national magazine, *The Order*. If you do not wish your photograph to be taken, please notify the organisers that you wish to opt out.



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 4 April || Friday 2 May

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.

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NEW MEMBERS

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

Professor Stephen Peter McDonald AM

Sarah Suzanne Bryja (Tinney) OAM

Robert Ian Chapman AM

Patricia Anne Marsh OAM

Peter George Squires OAM

An Association name badge can be ordered using the Order Form found on our website:

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

VALE

The Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of:

Joan Durdin AM FRCNA (1922-2025)

Dorothy Joan Durdin AM passed away in Adelaide on 12 February, aged 102. Her funeral was on 27 February.

Following the tradition of celebrating the lives of our centenarian members, Joan was a special guest at our 2024 King's Birthday Luncheon, held at the Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club on Saturday 1 June 2024.

Joan was appointed a Member of the Order, "*In recognition of service to nursing education*" (QB85).

Born in Adelaide on 16 May 1922, Joan gained a General Nursing Certificate from the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1945. She gained a Midwifery Certificate from the Queen Victoria Hospital in Melbourne in 1947, and completed studies in infant welfare at Torrens House in Adelaide in 1949.

She studied at the Royal College of Nursing in London under a Florence Nightingale Scholarship, and returned to the RAH where she was Senior Sister Tutor from 1955 to 1964.

Joan has been commemorated by the University of Adelaide through the Joan Durdin Oration, an annual event initiated and sponsored by the Department of Clinical Nursing.

Joan spent six years as a nurse educator in Papua New Guinea. From 1974 she was a Lecturer in the Nursing Department of Sturt College of Advanced Education, and was Head of the Department from 1979 to 1981. From 1981 until her retirement in 1983, Joan was Head of the School of Health Professions at the SACAE Sturt Campus.

Joan has been described as, 'an architect of the transformation of nursing training in South Australia from the hospital to the tertiary education sector'. For her work with the College of Nursing Australia (now the Royal College of Nursing Australia), she was granted an Honorary Fellowship in 1984 (FRCNA).

Following her retirement, Joan completed a Bachelor of Arts with Honours degree at the University of Adelaide, and became an active historian. She conducted extensive oral history interviews for the Royal Adelaide Hospital Heritage and History Committee (1991-98), and wrote two books:

♦ *They Became Nurses: A History of Nursing in South Australia, 1836-1980* (1991)

♦ *Eleven Thousand Nurses: A History of Nursing Education at the Royal Adelaide Hospital 1889-1993* (1999)

In 1994, Joan was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the Flinders University of South Australia.



Joan was our special guest at the 2024 King's Birthday Luncheon.

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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INVITATION



KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON Saturday 7 June 2025

On 14 March 1981 then Prince Charles, Prince of Wales was appointed a Knight of the Order of Australia (AK). Since 8 September 2022, His Majesty the King has been Sovereign Head of the Order of Australia.

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.

Please refer to the Reply Form attached, which may also be found on the SA Branch website under 'Events'.

Full-size medals may be worn if you wish. Association merchandise will be available to purchase.



The official portrait of His Majesty King Charles III, taken at Buckingham Palace following the Coronation Service.



The effigy of the King wearing the Tudor Crown has been introduced to a number of medals, including:

Bravery awards such as the
George Medal and King's Gallantry Medal

Accumulated Campaign Service Medal,
General Service Medal 2008

Non-operational service medals
such as the Nuclear Test Medal

Long Service Medals (Ambulance, Cadet
Forces, Civil Defence, Fire and Rescue
Service, National Crime Agency, Police,
Prison Service

Medals for Champion Shots



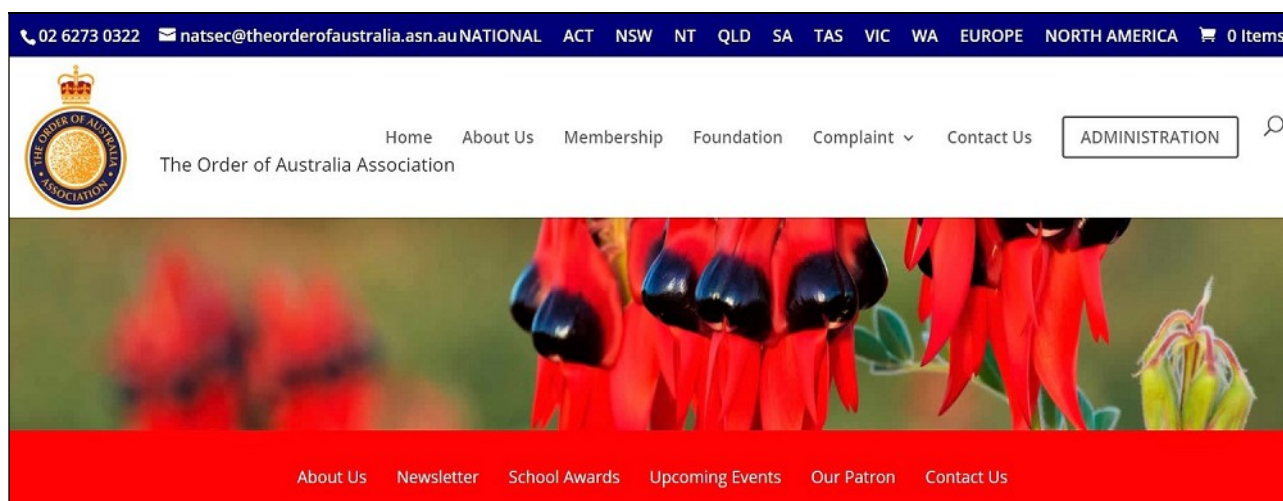
The crowned effigy of King Charles III has been used on The Wider Service Medal, a new service medal introduced by the United Kingdom.

This medal recognises the ever-changing nature of warfare, underlining the importance of operations which deter adversaries in a pre-war environment.

This medal recognises 180 days of aggregated service on eligible operations delivering operational impact where the physical risk to life is lower than traditionally required for an operational campaign medal.

It recognises service by pilots, ground crew and Army personnel aiding the UK's NATO air-policing deployments, and by Royal Navy personnel deployed on the UK's continuous at-sea nuclear deterrent.

The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



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Regional Group Contacts

Regional Groups

Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP
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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
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Fleurieu Regional Group

Meets on the first Friday in May and November
Regional Convenor: John Hutchinson OAM
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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
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Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

Holds luncheon meetings twice a year
Regional Convenor: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM
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NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION, Monday 12 May 2025 – at Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow (off OG Road), at 5.30 for 6 pm, finishing before 8 pm, to acknowledge recipients from the 2025 Australia Day Honours List. The cost is \$35 per head for Order of Australia Association members and their partner/guest, \$15 for children under 18. No cost for new recipients who are guests of the SA Branch.

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

Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than **Sunday 4 May 2025**



Register online using Humanitix (preferred) using the link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/sa-branch-ad25-new-recipients-reception>



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

Account Name – 'Order of Australia Association' // BSB 105-900 // Account no 147028640 (Bank SA)

Scan and send this form to: oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au



If necessary, forward this Reply Form to:

SA Branch Events Sub-committee, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085

Please note that we would prefer not to receive cheques and money orders

Name: [please print] [post-nominals]

Preferred name: Phone Contact:

Email or Address:

Dietary requirements [if any]

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

Guest 1: [post-nominals]

Guest 2: [post-nominals]

Guest 3: [post-nominals]

New Recipients (guests of the SA Branch): people (no cost)

Payment enclosed (members, partners, guests): for people (\$35 per person)

Payment enclosed (children): for people (\$15 per child)

Refund policy – No refund is possible after 24 hours before the start time of the event

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We hope you can join us for this significant event!



2025 KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH 2025 KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, Saturday 7 June 2025 – to celebrate the official observance of the birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign of the Order of Australia. Full-size medals should be worn.

The venue is Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club, 86 Churchill Road, Prospect; 12 noon arrival for 12.30 start, ending by 3 pm. Association merchandise will be available to purchase.

The cost is \$80 for Order of Australia Association members and their spouse/partner, and \$85 for all non-members and friends, for a 3-course meal (main course alternate drop); cash bar. \$35 per child (4-12 years).

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Guest 2: [post-nominals]

Guest 2: [post-nominals]

Payment enclosed (OAA member & spouse/partner): for people (\$80 per person)

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

Payment enclosed (child, aged 4-12 years): for people (\$35 per person)

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