

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

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

March 2025



AMY WALLACE

2024 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year

At an award ceremony at Government House on 25 November last year, Amy Wallace from Scotch College was announced as the 2024 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year. Amy (pictured above with Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and fellow Top Ten awardees) has kindly agreed to be the guest speaker at our 2024 Annual General Meeting this month.

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, March 2025

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.

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

The Order of Australia Association 2025 National Conference is being held in Sydney in May.

I would encourage you to attend if you are able. These events are a good opportunity for networking with fellow recipients of the Order and others from around Australia.

I also encourage you to attend our upcoming events – we have our Annual General Meeting this month, with 2024 Student Citizen of the Year Amy Wallace from Scotch College as guest speaker.

We have a fellowship luncheon meeting in April, and then our King's Birthday Luncheon in June. We will be celebrating the official observance of the birthday of King Charles III, who is not only King of Australia but is also Sovereign of the Order of Australia.

I am pleased to announce via this issue of our newsletter that the trophy awarded to the Student Citizen of the Year will now be funded through a generous donation from the family of the late Keith Fowler OAM (1920-2023), who went by the preferred name of 'Chook'.

And thanks to Rob Fowler for facilitating the creation of the Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award for the South Australian Student Citizen of the Year.

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 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 strived 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

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

Friday 28 March: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group self-funded 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 self-funded luncheon meeting

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

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

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The screenshot shows the official website of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The header includes the coat of arms and the title 'The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia'. The navigation bar has links for Home, About the Governor-General, Australian Honours and Awards, and The Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General. The main content area is titled 'Australia Day 2025 Honours List' and provides information about the 732 Australians recognized in the 2025 list. It also details the General Division of the Order of Australia, which includes 457 recipients, and lists the breakdown of awards: 6 appointments as Companions of the Order, 23 as Officers, 108 as Members, and 320 people awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

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The 2025 Australia Day Honours list recognises and celebrates 732 Australians, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for distinguished and conspicuous service.

The General Division of the Order of Australia

The 457 recipients of awards ([all recipients' names and citations](#)) in the General Division of the Order of Australia include:

- [6 appointment as Companions of the Order](#)
- [23 appointments as Officers of the Order](#)
- [108 appointments as Members of the Order](#)
- [320 people were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia](#)

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA 2025 Australia Day Honours List

The 2025 Australia Day Honours List, released on Sunday 26 January, recognises and celebrates 732 Australians – with awards in the General and Military Divisions of the Order of Australia, meritorious service awards and recognition for conspicuous service.

The 457 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia include:

- 🏅 6 appointments as a Companion of the Order
- 🏅 23 appointments as an Officer of the Order
- 🏅 108 appointments as a Member of the Order
- 🏅 320 people were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia

There were 25 recipients of awards in the Military Division of the Order of Australia:

- 🏅 1 appointment as an Officer of the Order
- 🏅 11 appointments as a Member of the Order
- 🏅 13 awards of the Medal of the Order of Australia

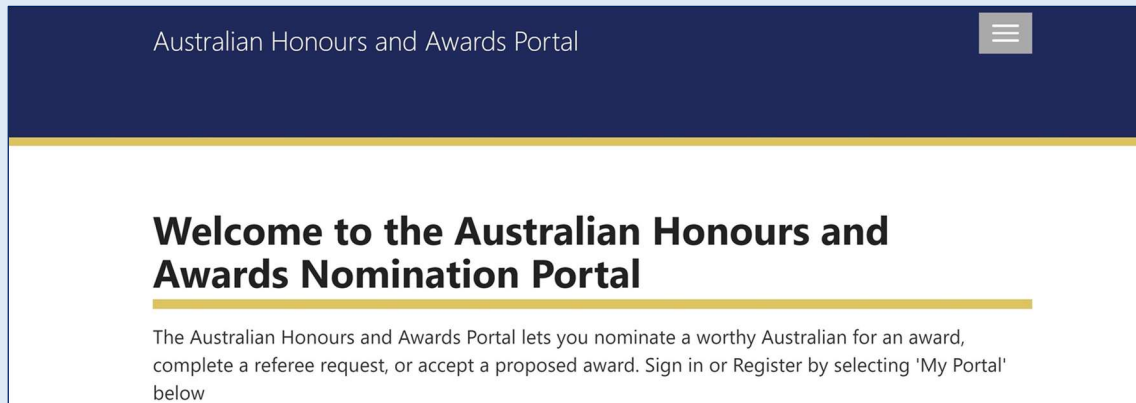
The 2025 King's Birthday Honours list includes 25 Australians recognised for their contribution in support of Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On behalf of all members of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM congratulates everyone who has received an award in the 2025 Australia Day Honours List. A representative of the SA Branch will attend each of the investiture ceremonies at Government House, and shortly after we will host a New Recipients' Reception.

Information about the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association is available on our website: <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/>

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Nominations

The Australian Honours System relies on nominations – people can't put their hand up to be recognised, and they are not selected. They are nominated by peers and considered and recommended to the Governor-General by an independent Council. A nomination can be made by anyone, at any time, via the online Nominations Portal:



<https://oosgg-ca-prod.powerappsportals.com/>



Former Lord Mayor Wendy Chapman AM was a guest speaker at our honours recipients fellowship luncheon held on Thursday 27 June 2024. Wendy was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 1986 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "In recognition of service to the community and local government". Wendy served the City of Adelaide as a Councillor (1977-81), Alderman (1981-83) and as the 68th Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide (1983-85).

In 2020, Wendy was honoured by the City of Adelaide with this portrait by the noted South Australian artist Tsering Hannaford (90 cm x 70 cm, oil on Belgian linen, 2020; used with permission).

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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"*. Congratulations to all raffle prize recipients!

Among our Branch members who attended was the Vietnamese-Australian author and academic Dr My Van Tran AM. Dr Tran was first a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1986 when she was living in Darwin, awarded *"For Service to Asian-Australian Relations"* in the Northern Territory (AD86).

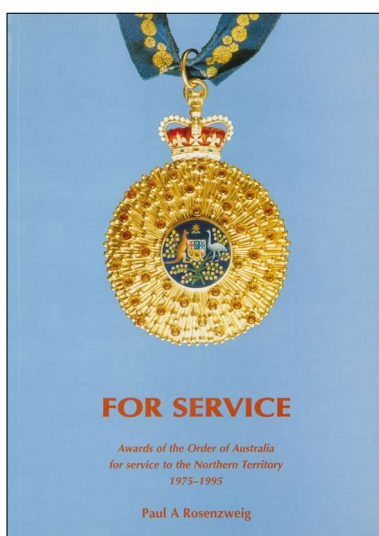


At that time, Dr Tran gave Paul Rosenzweig her biography to include in a manuscript he was preparing on NT Order of Australia recipients.

With the Territory's highly transient population, and large defence presence, this research could not focus solely on 'Territorian recipients', nor solely on NT residents holding the Order of Australia. The research was ultimately published by the Historical Society of the Northern Territory to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Order of Australia.

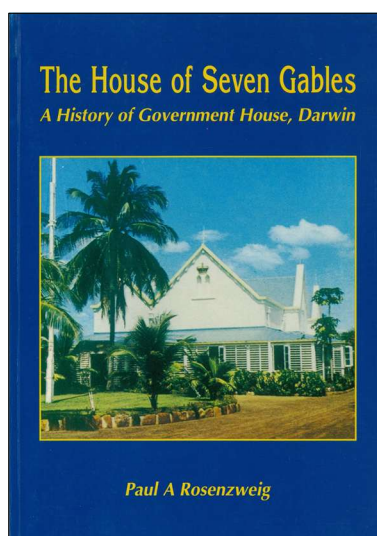
Some time later, Dr Tran was promoted in the Order to Member, *"For service to the Vietnamese community, and to the promotion of multiculturalism and Asian studies"* (QB02), again for her work in the Northern Territory.

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*.



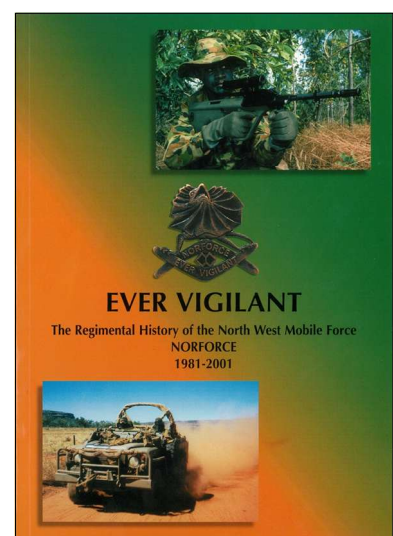
For Service. Awards of the Order of Australia for service to the Northern Territory 1975-1995
(1995)

ISBN 0949070548



The House of Seven Gables; A history of Government House, Darwin
(1996)

ISBN 1876248610



Ever Vigilant. The regimental history of the North West Mobile Force, 1981-2001
(2001)

ISBN 1876248610

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‘CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY’ LUNCHEON

Saturday 18 January 2025

We held our annual ‘Celebration of Australia Day’ Luncheon at Jarmer’s Kitchen, at 18 Park Terrace in Bowden.

Our guest speaker was George Belperio OAM who spoke on the topic, “Australia: My Lucky Country”, reflecting on his journey from arriving in Australia to his success in business (primarily Fasta Pasta). George was awarded the OAM last year, “For service to the Italian community of South Australia” (AD24).

Born in post-war Italy in 1954 and suffering serious health problems as a child, George and his mother left their small village to join his father, who had come to Australia three years earlier to find work as there weren’t any opportunities for him in the village. He reflected:

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

Of his entry into the hospitality industry he noted:

My Italian background and Mom’s cooking allowed me to understand what makes food taste great: tomatoes, garlic, olive oil and salt. You know exactly what I mean if you have ever tasted a really good Napoli tomato sauce.

In the early 1980s, after he and his wife Josie made a return trip to Italy, George says he realised that:

I wasn’t really either Italian nor Australian, but a hybrid. I decided then that I would try to embrace the best of both cultures. I had all the ingredients at my fingertips; I just had to learn how to put them together.

I was born on a farm in Italy and grew up on a market garden in Adelaide – the common denominators are good fresh produce and hard work – this provided the foundation for my working life.

I had a great mentor in Vittorio Ventura (this was another stroke of good luck). He was the best waiter I’d ever seen. Over a number of years I worked with him, and learnt a lot from him. He offered me a chance to go into business with him. The timing was perfect – he provided the polish and credibility to complement my energy and vision, at exactly the right time.

Vic looked after back of house, the insurance every young person entering the hospitality industry needs, and I was given the freedom to run front of house.

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We opened some successful restaurants – including La Mensa, Al Fresco, Marco Polo, Via Veneto and Settebello – before starting Fasta Pasta and franchising it, opening 39 Fasta Pasta restaurants over 30 years, at one stage having a presence in four Australian states as well as Kuala Lumpur.

It was his success in business which gave George the opportunity for his extensive charity work, especially being involved in Variety SA for 25 years and chairing three Bashes. In retirement, he found further time to give back to the SA community through a range of organisations and the Defence Reserve Support Council.



George provided the group with some key observations:

Over the course of my life here, I've found Australia is a country full of opportunity, and with a strong culture of sharing and giving back.

I've been very fortunate to have been able to give back to the community. We have here in Australia a culture of volunteering that is the envy of the world.

JARMER'S
— KITCHEN —



This First Day Cover was released on 11 February to mark the 50th anniversary of the Australian Honours System. Initially comprising the Order of Australia, the Australian Bravery Decorations, and the National Medal, the Australian Honours System was instituted on 14 February 1975, which is stated correctly on the reverse of the envelope.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

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

In the past, the Top Ten recipients of Student Citizenship Awards ('With Distinction') received a certificate signed by Her Excellency the Governor and the SA Branch Chairman, and a medallion mounted on a wooden trophy. Those 'Highly Commended' received a certificate and a cased medallion. Other recipients of the Award received just a signed certificate.

A new initiative in 2023 was the expansion of the program to see the inclusion of a cased medallion for all successful nominees in 2023 and 2024. This was made possible through two generous donations by Branch member Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM.

Chook passed away on 30 November 2023, at the age of 103.

We are pleased to announce that the primary trophy of the Award program, awarded to the Student Citizen of the Year, will now be funded through a generous donation from the family of the late Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM (1920-2023) – and will be renamed as "The Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award".

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 2025 Student Citizenship Awards brochure can be found on the SA Branch page of the Order of Australia Association website:

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

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

The Student Citizenship Awards program
of the Order of Australia Association,
South Australia Branch

This descriptive statement will be provided on a card to each new recipient of the Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award for the annual South Australian Student Citizen of the Year:

Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM (1920-2023) was respected and admired for his resilience throughout his life.

As a young man, he fought for Australia in World War 2, and spent three and a half years as a Japanese prisoner of war in Thailand and Burma. He lived to 103 years of age, and was one of the last surviving POWs in this country.

He remained an active and engaged citizen until late in his life, when he made a gift to the Order of Australia Association to support the award of medallions for the South Australian Student Citizenship Awards.

The annual South Australian Student Citizen of the Year Award is named in his honour.



In 2023 and 2024 the SA Branch was able to present a Student Citizenship Awards cased medallion to every award recipient thanks to generous donations made by the late Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM.

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IN MEMORIAM

Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM (1920-2023)

We recall the contributions of one of our past members, the late 'Chook' Fowler.

Chook enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force in Mitcham on 6 July 1940 and served in North Africa with the 2/3rd Machine-Gun Battalion AIF, of the Australian 7th Division AIF – SX8150 Private Keith John Fowler.

In March 1942, Keith was taken Prisoner-of-War while his battalion was fighting on Java with 'Blackforce' under Brigadier Arthur Blackburn VC, a distinguished Great War veteran from South Australia.

Keith was sent by the Japanese to work under horrendous conditions on the infamous Burma-Thailand railway.

On Monday 15 August 2022, Keith had the privilege of cutting the ribbon to formally dedicate the new 'Thailand' pavers on the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk on Kintore Avenue. The two pavers recognise the service and sacrifice of the POWs who worked on the Burma-Thailand Railway.

Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf said: *"In the short time that we got to know Chook, we enjoyed a number of Branch events with him, and were impressed with his friendliness and willingness to join in our activities. His donations towards the improvement of our Student Citizenship Awards were very much appreciated".*



*Branch Secretary John Philips
OAM at the May 2023 New
Recipients' Reception at
Payneham Library, with 2023
Australia Day Honours recipients:*

Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM

and

John Jarrett AM (right)



*Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM,
with his son Professor Rob Fowler*



*Chook passed away on 30 November 2023
at the age of 103*

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Regional Group News

South East Regional Group. The South East Regional Group held its annual self-funded luncheon at the Mt Gambier RSL on Friday 28 February 2025. A local resident, Alan Richardson, was the guest speaker, talking on the renewal of the rail-line to Heywood in Victoria and the impact on the timber industry.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. The next self-funded luncheon meeting will be on Friday 28 March at the Renmark Club, with John Angove AM as the guest speaker.

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 (deferred one week due to 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 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.



NEW MEMBERS

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

Mrs Lan Le OAM

Dr Samantha Pillay OAM

Trevor Robert Sharp OAM

Warrant Officer Class 1
Mark Everingham OAM
(Military Division)

Commander Jerry Lattin AM RAN (ret'd)
(QB78, Military Division)

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

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



NATIONAL TRUST
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
COROMANDEL VALLEY & DISTRICTS BRANCH

VALE

We note with sadness the passing of Trevor Conlon OAM on Tuesday 7 January 2025, at the age of 75.

Trevor was awarded the OAM "For service to heritage preservation, and to the community of the Coromandel Valley" (AD17). Among his many community involvements, Trevor was Chair of the Coromandel Valley & Districts Branch of the National Trust of South Australia.

In this capacity he hosted an SA Branch visit to Watchman House and Winns Bakehouse Museum in Coromandel Valley on 30 September 2023.

Trevor was also a valued Life Member of the Coromandel Valley CFS Brigade.



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INVITATION



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday 8 March 2025

Please join us for our 39th 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



*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*

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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, a reconnaissance and surveillance unit based in Darwin.

He had short deployments to East Timor in 1999 and 2000. He then raised and commanded two specialist teams for deployment to East Timor in 2001 and 2002, and he returned to Timor Leste in 2010 for a year as a Command Advisor to the East Timorese Defence Force, being awarded the Timor Leste Solidarity Medal.

He also had a three-year appointment as Assistant Defence Attaché to the Philippines, for which the Philippine Government awarded him their Outstanding Achievement Medal.

Paul has in the past been an instructor with the Army Cadets, and he continues to promote youth development today as an officer in the Australian Air Force Cadets and as an Award Leader with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. He is also a Friend of the Award, and has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Medal of Recognition for Long Service.

Paul is a published author: he received the 2001 Centenary Medal for "For long and outstanding research on Australia's military history", and in 2009 was made a Fellow of the Military Historical Society of Australia.



Major Paul Rosenzweig (ret'd), pictured on 25 April 2015, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia "For service to military history preservation" (QB17).

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“TIMEKEEPERS”

At our New Recipients’ Reception on Monday 6 May 2024, among the new recipients from the 2024 Australia Day Honours List that we acknowledged were two Gnomonists, Dr Margaret Folkard OAM and John Ward OAM.

A ‘gnomonist’ is a person skilled in ‘gnomonics’ or a person who makes sundials. The name is drawn from the ‘gnomon’ – the part of a sundial that casts a shadow.

At their earlier investiture in April, John had surprised Her Excellency the Governor by producing a replica of a most unusual pocket sundial (pictured below).

This miniature sundial was found in the soil of Cloister Garth at Canterbury Cathedral in England in 1939. It originates from the period of the Saxon Plantagenets, and in particular from the era of the Anglo-Saxon English King Edward the Confessor (reigned 1042-1066 CE).



It is made from silver, gold and rubies, about 6.6 cm long and weighs about 77 grams. It bears the inscription ‘GOD BLESS OUR MAKER’ and ‘GOD BLESS OUR OWNER’. It gives the time in Tide units.

The pocket sundial is held facing the sun in a vertical position. The time to pray is shown when the gold pin (the ‘gnomon’) is located in the appropriate hole. The lowest dot corresponds with the time 12 noon.

The connection between this pocket sundial and Her Excellency the Governor is the Armillary Sphere Sundial which stands in the grounds of Government House Adelaide.

This sundial was commissioned in August 1991 by Her Excellency Dame Roma Mitchell AC DBE.

The pedestal was made from Murray Bridge Rubble Limestone, a material very similar to that used to build the southern boundary wall of Government House, sculpted by Silvio Apponyi.

Armillary Sphere Sundials such as this often serve as focal points in grand and splendid gardens all around the world.



Dr Margaret Folkard OAM

“For service to gnomonics, and to the community”



John Ward OAM

“For service to gnomonics”

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The Government House Armillary Sphere

A correctly set up sundial will accurately display solar time within a minute of two. However, there is a difference between solar time and the time shown on a clock, and this difference varies throughout the year.

Firstly, the orbit of the Earth is elliptical and the Earth slows down when furthest from the Sun, and speeds up when nearest the Sun. Thus, 'The Equation of Time' correction must be made.

Secondly, a Time Zone correction must be made: there is a difference in time between the longitude of the sundial's location and the local Time Zone longitude.

These two Corrections can be combined, and are displayed graphically on a commemorative plaque on the base of the sundial.

The plaque bears a Latin inscription attributed to the Roman lawyer Marcus Tullius Cicero: 'TEMPUS EST QUADAM PARS AETERNITATIS' – "Time is a certain part of Eternity".

Images and information provided by Dr Margaret Folkard OAM and John Ward OAM



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 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.

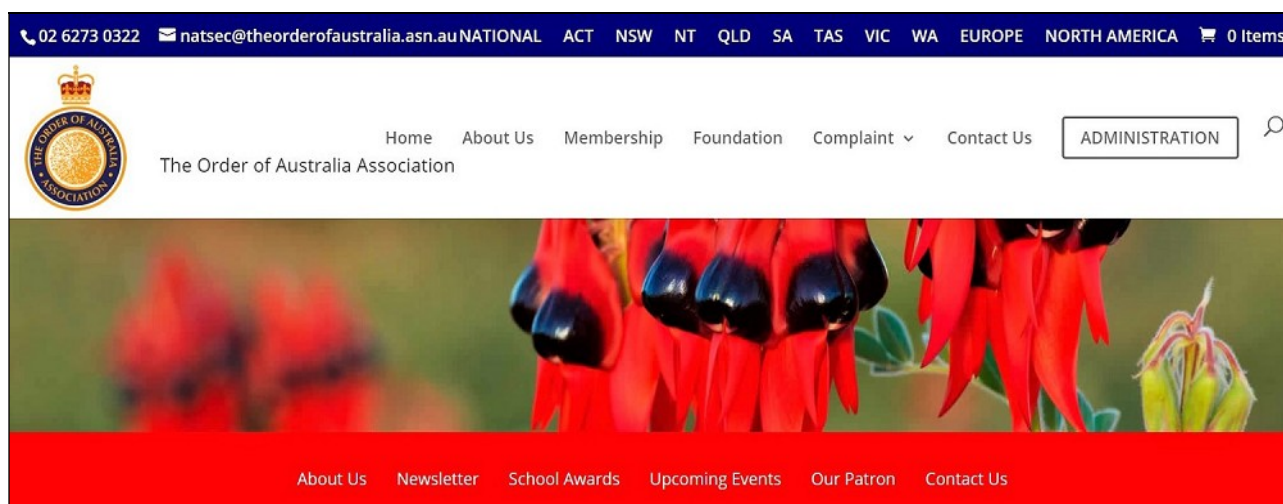
Registrations are required for these guided tours.

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

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Eyre Peninsula Regional Group

Meets annually on the second Friday in October, rotating through locations throughout the Region
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Fleurieu Regional Group

Meets on the first Friday in May and November
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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: Tim Grieger OAM JP
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South East Regional Group

Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years
Regional Convenor: Eric Roughana AM
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Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

Holds luncheon meetings twice a year
Regional Convenor: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM
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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.

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 Wednesday 5 March 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:

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



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:

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!