

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

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

June 2025



## NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 12 May 2025

*Congratulations to our new recipients announced in the 2025 Australia Day Honours List:*

*Standing: Clinical Associate Professor Robert Parkyn OAM; WO1 Mark Everingham OAM; Max Slee OAM JP (KB24); Brenton Perks OAM; Professor Stephen McDonald AM; Associate Professor Patrick O'Connor AM; Liz Habermann OAM; Sarah Bryja (Tinney) OAM*

*Seated, left to right: Lan Le OAM; Pamela Wall AO; Janine Molloy OAM; Professor Claire Smith AO*

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## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, June 2025

As I write this, I have just returned from a very enjoyable and rewarding National Conference, which was one of the best conferences I have been to.

In this newsletter we report on commemorative services and events which were attended by several of our members, and also our New Recipients' Reception, where we celebrated those who have received an award of the Order of Australia.

In particular we congratulate Mrs Pamela Wall who was promoted to the grade of Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), having already received the OAM on Australia Day 2007, *"For service to the community through a range of disability support, veterans' welfare and charitable organisations"*.

We also congratulated Mrs Lan Le OAM, and acknowledged the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC who had previously attended many of our events as Governor and Branch Patron.

I would like to thank the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters and Vili's Family Bakery for their ongoing generous support of our New Recipients' Receptions.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the Honourable Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, for the first tranche of support to ensure the continuation of the practice of presenting a medallion to all awardees. We have received a grant of \$1,500, the first of three donations covering the three-year period 2025 to 2027 inclusive.

If you haven't yet booked a seat at our King's Birthday Luncheon, I encourage you to contact us urgently.

We have the distinct privilege of Her Excellency the Governor, our Branch Patron, joining us in uniform prior to another official engagement, but with enough time to deliver an official King's Birthday address.

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

### SAVE THE DATE



### SA BRANCH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA Friday 12 December 2025

This year's annual Christmas Morning Tea will be held at the Goodwood Community Centre, 32/34 Rosa Street in Goodwood at 9.30 am for a 10 am start, finishing by 12 noon.

Our Guest Speaker will be Deborah De Williams AM on the topic "Faithful Success".

We will have the usual entertaining raffles, and Order of Australia Association merchandise will be available to purchase.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday 7 June:** SA Branch King's Birthday Luncheon, with Her Excellency the Governor

**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

**September:** New Recipients' Reception at Payneham Library (date tbc)

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

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

**Sunday 26 October:** Yorke Peninsula Regional Group self-funded luncheon meeting

**Thursday 30 October:** Honours recipients fellowship self-funded luncheon meeting with guest speaker

**Friday 7 November:** Fleurieu Regional Group self-funded luncheon meeting

## **THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM**

### **Founded 14 February 1975**

This year we are marking the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Order of Australia and the Australian Honours System.

When the Order was created, by Letters Patent dated 14 February 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).

By Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976, the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) was created as an additional grade. The grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD) existed only between 1976 and 1986, and again in 2014-15.

The Royal Australian Mint has acknowledged the more than 500,000 inspirational Australians who have been recognised within the Australian Honours System since 1975. The 2025 Year Set both celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Australian Honours System and allows us as a nation to honour the recipients, extraordinary Australians that have been celebrated in the first five decades of the Australian honours system.

The 2025 Six-Coin Coloured Uncirculated Year Set, ‘50th Anniversary of Australian Honours and Awards System’, features a set of coins in copper nickel / aluminium bronze bearing on the obverse the effigy of King Charles III by Dan Thorne.

The reverse of each coin is the familiar standard design by Stuart Devin and Horst Hahne, featuring a 50 cent coin with a coloured centre, superimposed on the badge of the Order of Australia – a disc representing a single flower of mimosa or Golden Wattle.

There is also a Six-Coin Coloured Proof Year Set available.





**HIS MAJESTY CHARLES THE THIRD**  
**by the Grace of God, King of Australia**  
**and His other Realms and Territories,**  
**Head of the Commonwealth**

**Sovereign of the Order of Australia**

King Charles has some special connections to Australia, which include the following:

- > The naming of the 'Prince Charles Mountains' in the Australian Antarctic Territory (1956).
- > Prince Charles attended the Timbertop campus of Geelong Grammar School (1966).
- > He founded The Prince's Charities Australia.
- > He was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps (1977).
- > The Royal Visit to Australia by King Charles III was the first time a reigning King of Australia had set foot on Australian soil.
- > His Majesty was appointed to the honorary rank of Marshal of the Royal Australian Air Force.



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

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

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

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

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

A new Royal Portrait was released ahead of the Royal Visit by King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Australia in October 2024, in which the King is wearing the insignia of Sovereign of the Order of Australia.



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

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



*We will remember them  
Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou*

### ANZAC DAY – COMMEMORATION Friday 25 April 2025

Quite a number of Branch members and Order of Australia recipients could be found around Adelaide on Anzac Day, as we marked the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

John Jarrett AM (pictured below left) joined the march with the Korea & South East Asia Forces Association contingent in Group 3. John's award was announced in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List (*"For significant service to community health, and to veterans and their families"*), and he was then a guest at our New Recipients' Reception held on Monday 1 May 2023.

Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd) carried the Sarawak Flag at the head of the Malaya & Borneo Veterans contingent in Group 3, in honour of the Australians and Iban Trackers who died on operational service in defence of Sarawak during Confrontation (below centre).

Former Warrant Officer Class One Johannes Leonardus 'Dutchy' Viergever OAM could be seen leading the Royal Australian Armoured Corps Vietnam contingent in Group 4 (pictured below right) – he was awarded the OAM, *"For Service to the Australian Army as the Regimental Sergeant Major, 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse"* (QB91, Military Division). Also marching was former Warrant Officer Class One Jeffrey Wayne Yates – awarded the OAM, *"For Service to the RAA as the Regimental Sergeant Major of 2nd Signal Regiment"* (QB90, Military Division). Lieutenant-Colonel John Spencer OAM RFD (ret'd) carried the UN flag for the Peacekeepers Association.

Two former Presidents of the Air Force Association (SA Division) Dave Helman OAM and Group Captain Robert Black AM RFD (ret'd) marched with the AFA contingent in Group 6.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Denny AM BM (ret'd), RSL South Australia Ambassador, once again delivered the commentary for the march. Meanwhile Noel Hender OAM BEM was on duty with St John Ambulance.



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### ANZAC DAY – COMMEMORATION Friday 25 April 2025

Among those representing the Health Services were Tich Tyson OAM (*"For service to veterans and their families"*, QB16, pictured centre) and Dr (Colonel) Vikija Andersons AM RFD (*"For significant service to medicine as an ophthalmologist and surgeon"*, AD14, pictured right). Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Williams AM RFD marched with the South Australian Mounted Rifles Association in Group 11.

All images taken on behalf of RSL SA/NT & Broken Hill by Gary Petts; used with permission.

A notable absence on this year's March was Colonel Peter Scott DSO OAM (1929-2025), a veteran of the Korea and Vietnam Wars who was awarded the OAM this year but passed away in Adelaide just ten days earlier.

### MEDAL of the Order of Australia

The late Colonel Francis Peter Scott DSO OAM

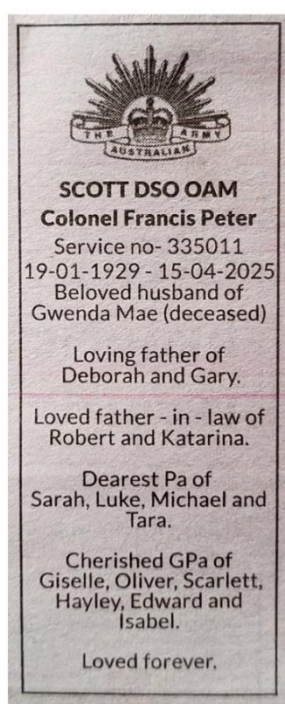
*"For service to veterans and their families"*

Colonel Peter Scott had advised of his intended attendance at our New Recipients' Reception in May, but passed away in Adelaide on 15 April 2025.

After his early Army Cadet service, Peter was a post-war graduate of the Royal Military College–Duntroon, as an officer of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

Peter served with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) in Japan. He then deployed to the Korean War in 1951-52 as a rifle platoon commander and later Intelligence Officer.

He was Mentioned-in-Dispatches for his 'courage of high order' at Hill 317 in the Battle of Maryang San (Operation 'Commando') in October 1951. For his command of 3RAR in South Vietnam during 1971 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.



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### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025



#### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Thursday 17 April 2025

The guest speaker at our April luncheon was Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd), on the topic "Anzackery – misinterpreting the Anzac Legend".

Paul was introduced by Reverend Brenton Daulby OAM JP.

Paul was born in Semaphore, and is a graduate of Marion High School, the University of Adelaide and the Northern Territory University. He is a retired Army Major who served in the Army Reserve for 20 years, and then in the Australian Regular Army for 12 years.

He held such appointments as reconnaissance troop commander and squadron commander in the North West Mobile Force in Darwin. From 1991 to 1997 he worked at Government House Darwin as Aide to the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

He 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 an Advisor to the East Timorese Defence Force.

He also had a 3-year appointment as Assistant Defence Attaché to the Philippines.

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', and in 2009 was made a Fellow of the Military Historical Society of Australia. In 2017 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, "For service to military history preservation" (QB17).



#### SUE CHASE AM Thursday 26 June 2025

Members of the Order of Australia and other honours recipients, partners and friends are invited to join the next honours recipients fellowship luncheon at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club on **Thursday 26 June**. The speaker will be **Sue Chase AM** on the topic, "Taking power beyond the Horizon".

Sue was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia "For significant service to business, development, and the community of South Australia" (AD19).

Sue was born and bred in the country, in the town of Cowell on Eyre Peninsula, the youngest of five children and the only girl. She worked for Cowell Electric Supply for over 20 years before buying the business with three other minor shareholders in 2001.

Cowell Electric's business was principally constructing power lines in regional and remote areas of Australia, and operating power stations in remote communities. Having her pilot licence enabled her to fly to many remote sites over her years at Cowell Electric.

In her talk, Sue will outline her journey through life, family and work.

Guests should arrive at 12 noon, and order meals and drinks at the bar. 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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### ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION 2025 NATIONAL CONFERENCE 1 – 4 May 2025

Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Mrs Cheryl Metcalf led the SA delegation to the 2025 National Conference. Others who attended included Deputy Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM and Mrs Jill Hender, and the Honourable Trish White AM – pictured right at the Welcome Reception held at Government House Sydney.

The NSW Branch Chairman and Convenor Associate Professor John Gullotta AM said:

*We are heartened by all the messages of congratulations and positive feedback we have received and still receiving!*

*It makes the 2 years of hard work in planning, all the more worthwhile if it all comes together like it did. It certainly was a great group of delegates with a positive vibe and a true sense of camaraderie with lots of smiles and a sense of belonging to our Association and our ideals.*

Also from South Australia were Professor Anthony Thomas AC and Dr Joan Thomas, Nadia Moffatt OAM and David Moffatt, Dr Samantha Pillay OAM, and Mrs Maxine Spencer and Lieutenant-Colonel John Spencer OAM RFD (ret'd) – pictured right with Colonel Tony McGee AM (ret'd) from Tasmania, a Vietnam Veteran and former Defence Attaché to the Philippines.



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Monday 12 May 2025

In our first New Recipients' Reception for the year, held at Payneham Library, we acknowledged eleven new recipients announced in the Australia Day Honours List, and one who had been announced in an earlier Honours List.

We thank the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters and also Rosemary Milisits OAM from Vili's Family Bakery for their generous support and assistance.

Rosemary and her late husband Vilmos (Vili) were each awarded an OAM in the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "For service to the food industry, and to the community through support for a range of charitable organisations".

For photographs and additional information on the Order of Australia and the Association, click here:

[NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION, May 2025](#)



*Our guest speaker Dr Barry Elsey received the OAM in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List "For service to tertiary education" – he is pictured here at the New Recipients' Reception held on Monday 6 May 2024.*

Our guest speaker was Dr Barry Elsey OAM, on the topic, "My OAM story in South Australian universities – from manual labourer to knowledge worker: supervising the PhDs of industry leaders (present & emerging)".

In working with various PhD students, notably with those from industry leadership backgrounds and diverse country contexts, Barry said that an important feature of the long-haul learning journey was to encourage everyone to tell their story and what made them 'tick'.

*The invitation was always accepted, which helped me become the 'guide, philosopher and friend' as the doctoral research supervisor.*

*Such a learning facilitation role was based on the students knowing more about the subject-matter and my job to guide them through the challenges of academic research scholarship.*

*The synergy worked as we shared a mutual learning journey.*

*Numerous shared learning experiences represented my zenith years in adult education and the source of my OAM nomination and remarkable accolade of a long university career in South Australia and previously in England.*

*After providing a general background about the PhD as a special kind of adult learning and education attention was paid to select examples of students with a research interest in teaching hospital leadership and management (Iran), electronic defence technology (Israel) and food manufacture (Hong Kong).*

*They illustrate what it means in practice to be 'guide, philosopher and friend' with very capable and knowledgeable industry leaders, present and emerging.*

### Industry Leaders

Malaysia  
Hong Kong  
Singapore  
Germany



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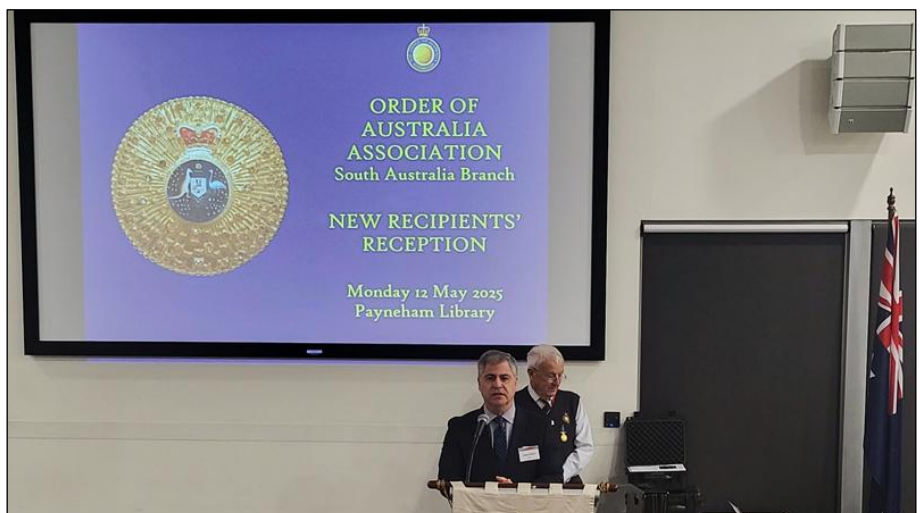
SA Branch Deputy Chairman  
Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM  
was MC for the event.



Noel proposed the Loyal  
Toast to King Charles III  
and led the singing of  
the National Anthem.

Mayor Robert Bria of  
the City of Norwood,  
Payneham and St Peters  
gave the welcome address.

SA Branch Chairman  
Mr Tony Metcalf OAM  
gave an address about the  
Order of Australia and the  
Association, and he then  
introduced each of the  
new recipients.



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### OFFICER of the Order of Australia

Professor Claire Edwina Smith AO

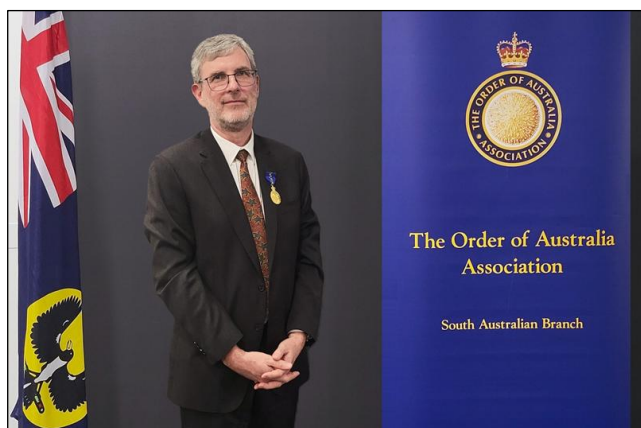
*“For distinguished service to tertiary education, particularly social and anthropological archaeology, and as a national and international academic”*



### OFFICER of the Order of Australia

Pamela Maunsell Wall AO

*“For distinguished service to the community through charitable support and philanthropic contributions, and to the community of South Australia”*



### MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Professor Stephen Peter McDonald AM

*“For significant service to kidney medicine as an administrator, researcher and clinician”*



### MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Associate Professor Patrick James O'Connor AM

*“For significant service to community health, and to conservation and the environment”*



City of  
Norwood  
Payneham  
& St Peters



### NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Monday 12 May 2025

We thank Mayor Robert Bria of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters for his ongoing support, and Vili's Family Bakery for again subsidising the cost of the refreshments: <https://www.vilis.com/>

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**MEDAL of the Order of Australia**  
Sarah Suzanne Bryja (Tinney) OAM  
*"For service to the community  
through charitable organisations"*



**MEDAL of the Order of Australia**  
Elizabeth Habermann OAM  
*"For service to the community  
of South Australia"*



**MEDAL of the Order of Australia**  
Lan Le OAM  
*"For service to the Crown, and  
to the community of South Australia"*



**MEDAL of the Order of Australia**  
Janine Margaret Molloy OAM  
*"For service to swimming  
as an official and administrator"*



**MEDAL of the Order of Australia**  
Associate Professor Robert Francis Parkyn OAM  
*"For service to medicine in the field of  
breast and endocrine surgery"*



**MEDAL of the Order of Australia**  
Brenton Harold Perks OAM  
*"For service to horse racing,  
and to business"*

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### MEDAL of the Order of Australia (Military Division)

Warrant Officer Class One  
Mark Roy Everingham OAM

*"For meritorious service in Regimental Sergeant Major appointments with the 22nd Engineer Regiment, Joint Task Unit 629.2.1 and the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment"*



### MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Maxwell Arthur Slee OAM JP

*"For service to the community,  
particularly history preservation organisations"*

King's Birthday 2024 Honours List

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Monday 12 May 2025



*We thank the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters and Mayor Robert Bria for their ongoing support – Mayor Bria is pictured here with SA Branch Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM.*

## Regional Group News

**Yorke Peninsula Regional Group.** Regional Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM reports that a successful meeting was held for 15 members and guests at the Ardrossan Hotel on Sunday 4 May, who enjoyed a luncheon and fellowship as a group.

State Branch Committee member Don Clark OAM joined by his wife Rosalie represented both Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP.

Tony Metcalf, together with several other Branch members, was at that time attending the Order of Australia Association National Conference in Sydney.

Our Regional Groups Coordinator Ken was working for the Australian Electoral Commission at the Federal Election.

Don spoke about activities before the Branch Committee.

The next scheduled luncheon meeting of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group is Sunday 26 October.

**Note:** all proposed dates are subject to change by the respective groups should circumstances deem it necessary.

**Fleurieu Regional Group.** Regional Convenor John Hutchinson OAM advises that 35 members and guests attended a luncheon meeting at the Goolwa Hotel on Friday 9 May, with Wing Commander Norm Goodall DFC (ret'd) as the guest speaker – Vietnam Veteran and Sabre, Mirage and UH-1H Bushranger helicopter gunship pilot. The next scheduled meeting of the Fleurieu Regional Group is Friday 7 November.

**Riverland and Mallee Regional Group.** Regional Convenor Tim Grieger OAM JP advises that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 26 September.

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

**South East Regional Group.** Regional Convenor Eric Roughana AM advises that the next luncheon will be held in Penola on Friday 27 February 2026.

**Photography.** Photographs may be taken and may be used in various publications including this newsletter and the national magazine. If you do not wish your photograph to be taken, please notify the organisers that you wish to opt out.



Some of the participants at the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Lunch in Ardrossan on Sunday 4 May (left to right): Lois Manno, Audrey Johnson, Fred Manno OAM, Don Clark OAM (SA Branch Committee) and Rosalie Clark, with the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM (photo by Garry Pamment).

## Regional Group News



*At the Fleurieu Regional Group Lunch in Goolwa on Friday 9 May (left to right): Regional Convenor John Hutchinson OAM, Guest Speaker Wing Commander Norm Goodall DFC (ret'd) and Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM (photo by Di Coventry).*



### 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:

David John Botting OAM

Members may wish to obtain an Association name badge using the Order Form found on our website:

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

Our website can also be accessed via this QR Code:



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### MERCHANDISE

Members of the Order of Australia Association may purchase Association-branded merchandise.

Our Branch Merchandise Officer will have a range of items available at our events to purchase. Alternately, you can order direct via the national website – refer to the QR Code above (postage costs will be incurred).

### ASSOCIATION LAPEL BADGE

You may purchase a lapel badge to denote membership of the Order of Australia Association (see image right) from our Merchandise Officer or via the national website.

This is *not* the official lapel pin which Order of Australia recipients receive with the medal pack at their Investiture (see below).



### ORDER OF AUSTRALIA LAPEL BADGE

Recipients of the Order of Australia receive an official lapel badge with the medal pack at their Investiture.



The badge comprises the Emblem of the Order, approximately 10 millimetres in diameter, with either a jewelled centre (AK, AD and AC), an enamelled blue centre (AO, AM) or plain gold centre (OAM).

There is a female brooch alternative option.

These are official insignia, and are not sold by the Association as merchandise.

Additional lapel badges and miniature medals may be purchased by contacting the Honours Secretariat:

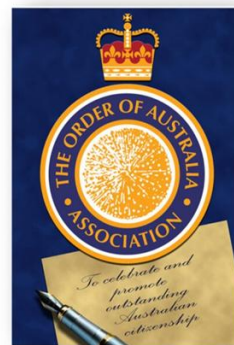


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02 6283 3533

Pack of 5 Cards  
**\$10.00**



Key ring in gift box  
**\$12.00**

### MERCHANDISE

OAA merchandise is available to purchase for you and your friends.

These OAA items are also most suitable as gifts for new recipients.

These items, and others in the OAA range, can be purchased at:

[www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart](http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart)



Pen in gift box **\$7.00**



Socks **\$11.00**

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### REMINDER



#### KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

**Saturday 7 June 2025**

Please join us for the SA Branch King's Birthday Luncheon at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club.

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



*A portrait of Prince Charles circa 1981, wearing the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal (1953) and Silver Jubilee Medal (1977). He also wears the neck badge of Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (GCB) and the breast badge of Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle (KT).*



#### THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

Charles III is King of the United Kingdom and the 14 other Commonwealth realms, the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor.

He was born in Buckingham Palace on 14 November 1948 during the reign of his maternal grandfather, King George VI, as 'Charles Philip Arthur George'.

The King's Birthday is the designated day in most Commonwealth realms on which the birthday of the monarch is officially celebrated. It does not always correspond to the date of the monarch's actual birth.

The first time the sovereign's birthday was officially marked was in Great Britain in 1748, for King George II.

Most Australian states and territories now observe the King's Birthday on the second Monday in June.

Until 1936, the King's Birthday celebration was held on the actual birthday of the monarch, but after the death of King George V it was decided to keep the date on the second Monday in June.

This allows the public holidays to be more evenly spaced through the year. This now remains the case, with the actual birthday of King Charles III falling shortly after Remembrance Day.



*This effigy of King Charles III, in coronation robes and wearing the Tudor Crown, appears on the new Volunteer Reserves Service Medal and Efficiency Medal issued in the United Kingdom.*

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

We are pleased to announce that the guest speaker at our King's Birthday Luncheon will be Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron.

Members might recall Her Excellency was guest speaker at our King's Birthday and Coronation Luncheon on Saturday 3 June 2023, when she shared some experiences of her trip to London and the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Among her many official roles, Her Excellency is Honorary Air Commodore of No 24 (City of Adelaide) Squadron which is based at RAAF Edinburgh.

We are very appreciative of Her Excellency attending our event, when we know how busy she is with multiple ceremonial events on the day.

We would be grateful if guests could arrive early for a prompt 12.30 pm start.



As well as marking the designated official celebration of the King's Birthday, this special luncheon event is an opportunity for us to mark the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Australian Honours System – and in particular, the Order of Australia.

This logo (left) has been created by the Office of the Governor-General to commemorate the 50th Anniversary.

The Governor-General is Chancellor of the Order of Australia.

The design incorporates the primary ribbon colours of the Order of Australia, the Star of Courage (representing the Australian Bravery Decorations) and the National Medal, which were all instituted in 1975.

During this half-century, more than one million Australians have received an award in the Order of Australia, or been recognised for their courage, merit and service through other national awards.



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### Contributions

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  
Regional Convenor: John Hutchinson OAM  
0427 525 670 || [johnhutc@bigpond.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:elaine@yp-connect.net)



## 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. **The guest speaker will be Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron.**

The venue is Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club, 86 Churchill Road, Prospect; 12 noon for a prompt 12.30 start, ending by 3 pm. Full-size medals should be worn. 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).

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



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

<https://events.humanitix.com/sa-branch-2025-king-s-birthday-luncheon>



Alternately, pay online via EFT, using the code "KBL + 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](mailto: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] .....

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 )

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

**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!*