

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

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

July 2025



KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
Saturday 7 June 2025

We held our 2025 King's Birthday Luncheon at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect. The guest speaker was Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron, and Her Excellency cut our special birthday cake to mark the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Australian Honours System.

Her Excellency is pictured with SA Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM, and Member Secretary Greg Gordon OAM JP.

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, July 2025

Following on from our successful New Recipients' Reception in May, at the beginning of June we held our annual King's Birthday Luncheon.

We marked the official birthday of His Majesty Charles III – the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor, King of the United Kingdom and the fourteen other Commonwealth realms. King Charles is of course King of Australia, and Sovereign of the Order of Australia.

Secondly, we took the opportunity to mark the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Australian Honours System – and in particular, the Order of Australia.

And making the event particularly noteworthy, we had the distinct privilege of Her Excellency the Governor, our Branch Patron, joining us in uniform prior to another official engagement.

We are very appreciative of Her Excellency attending our event and delivering an official address on the Order of Australia, when we knew how busy she was with multiple ceremonial events on the day.

On behalf of all SA Branch members, I would like to congratulate everyone who has received an award in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours List.

You will have received a useful information booklet about the Order from the Office of the Governor-General. I strongly encourage you to look through this booklet and learn more about your award.

One of the key aims of our Association is to spread information about the purposes of the Order, and through this newsletter we hope to bring you further background information on the Order and what it means in our community.

I look forward to meeting you all at our next New Recipients' Reception.

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. No cost for members & guests.

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

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

Tuesday 12 August: SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel meeting

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

October: 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

Friday 12 December: SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea, Goodwood Community Centre

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA 2025 King's Birthday Honours List

The Order of Australia is the most important and meaningful awards system in Australia. Each year, the Governor-General approves and announces awards to people for their outstanding service and achievement.

- More information is available at:
www.gg.gov.au

The system relies on nominations. People don'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 at any time.

- Nominations need to be made via the online portal:
<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award>

Users can log in, complete and submit nominations, and monitor the status of a nomination from submission to completion.

Nominations are then assessed by the independent Council for the Order of Australia – which includes members from each state and territory and community representatives.

Who do you think is worthy of an award?

People from all sorts of backgrounds, of all ages, and who have done just about everything you can think of can be recognised through the Order of Australia.

The system relies on people like you to raise a nomination.

You need to include some examples of the individual's achievements and service, and details of relevant referees who can validate the individual's service.

You do not need to choose which level a person might be recognised at – this will be determined by the independent Council for the Order of Australia during their assessment phase.

Don't worry if you can't make the nomination too comprehensive – additional research and checking with independent referees is undertaken by the Council for each nomination.



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The screenshot shows the website of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The header includes the logo and the text 'The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia' on the left, and a search bar with the text 'What are you looking for?' on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with 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 'The King's Birthday 2025 Honours List' and contains the following text: 'The King's Birthday 2025 Honours List. It recognises 830 Australians, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for distinguished and conspicuous service. This represents an increase of awardees of almost 30% since the Australia Day 2025 List.' Below this is a section titled 'The General Division of the Order of Australia' with the text: 'The 581 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia (all recipients names and citations [A]), include:'. A bulleted list follows: '14 appointments as Companions of the Order of Australia [A]', '31 appointments as Officers of the Order of Australia [A]', '123 appointments as Members of the Order of Australia [A]', and '413 people awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia [A]'.

2025 King's Birthday Honours List

The 2025 King's Birthday Honours List, released on Monday 9 June, recognises and celebrates 830 Australians – with awards in the General and Military Divisions of the Order of Australia, meritorious service awards and recognition for conspicuous service.

The 581 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia include:

- ⚔ 14 appointments as a Companion of the Order (AC)
- ⚔ 31 appointments as an Officer of the Order (AO)
- ⚔ 123 appointments as a Member of the Order (AM)
- ⚔ 413 people were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

There were 36 recipients of awards in the Military Division of the Order of Australia:

- ⚔ 3 appointments as an Officer of the Order
- ⚔ 10 appointments as a Member of the Order
- ⚔ 23 awards of the Medal of the Order of Australia

In addition, there were 149 Meritorious awards, and 64 distinguished and conspicuous awards to Defence personnel.

On behalf of all members of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM congratulates everyone who has received an award in the 2025 King's Birthday 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/>

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COMMEMORATION

Saturday 31 May 2025

Three of our Branch members attended a small service of commemoration in the West Torrens War Memorial Gardens on Saturday 31 May to mark the 75th Anniversary of the start of the Australian involvement in the Malayan Emergency (on 31 May 1950).

The SA/NT Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia honoured six of its members who are surviving veterans of the Malayan Emergency (1948-1960) – four of whom were in attendance on the day. Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd), State President of the SA/NT Branch, NMBVAA hosted and conducted the service. Among the guests were Group Captain Robert Black AM RFD (ret'd) and Lieutenant-Colonel John Spencer OAM RFD.

Concurrent with this service, the 2025 Bomber Command Commemoration was held at the Air Force Memorial at Torrens Parade Ground, co-hosted by the Air Force Association (SA Division) and RAAF Edinburgh. This service acknowledged the aviators who defied the odds and served their nation in Australia's costliest campaign of World War 2. Of the 10,000 Australians who served in Bomber Command, more than one-third did not survive their tour of duty.

One of the Bomber Command veterans who attended was Howard Hendrick DFC OAM, aged 101. Howard completed 31 missions as a pilot with No 460 Squadron, RAAF. As a Flying Officer, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for bravery on 22 May 1945: "*FLGOFF Hendrick has completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty*". He was subsequently awarded the French *Légion d'honneur*. More recently, Howard was named as Loxton's Citizen of the Year for 2016, and was awarded the OAM, "*For service to the community of Loxton*" (AD19).

Howard attended some events of the Riverland and Mallee Regional Group when they were holding afternoon tea at the Loxton RSL. Due to the distances to travel to different venues, a number of the Riverland Group members and guests cannot always attend all functions.



Members of the SA/NT Branch, NMBVAA after the Malayan Emergency 75th Anniversary service on 31 May 2025. Image by Leading Aircraftman (AAFC) Oliver Farnden, No 604 Squadron.



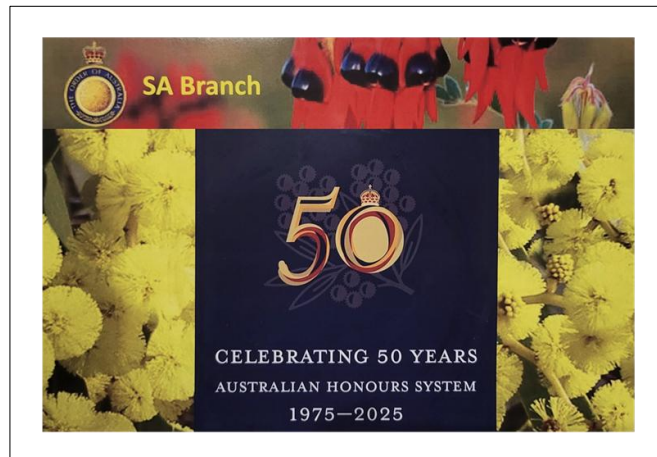
Bomber Command veteran Howard Hendrick DFC OAM after the Bomber Command service on 31 May 2025. Image by Mr Gary Petts.

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King Charles the Third, by the
Grace of God King of Australia
and his other Realms and
Territories, Head of the
Commonwealth

Sovereign Head
of the Order of Australia



This lunch marked the King's Birthday as well as the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Australian Honours System.

KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON **Saturday 7 June 2025**

On the first Saturday of June, we held our annual luncheon to celebrate the official Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, the fifth monarch of the House of Windsor. We again gathered at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect, which is most suitable in allowing for an increased capacity.

The arrival of Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron, and Mr Rod Buntzen was immediately followed by the National Anthem. Deputy Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM proposed the Loyal Toast to King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign Head of the Order of Australia. Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM gave the Acknowledgment of Country and welcomed guests.

Her Excellency addressed the group on the Order of Australia, reflecting on some of the very first South Australian recipients, then took questions from the audience. We had a special birthday cake to mark the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Australian Honours System, in particular the Order of Australia, and we thank Her Excellency for 'cutting the cake' on this special occasion.



Among her many official roles, Her Excellency is the Honorary Air Commodore of No 24 (City of Adelaide) Squadron which is based at RAAF Edinburgh. On this day we had the privilege of seeing Her Excellency in her Air Force Blue Ceremonial Dress – immediately following our event she attended an Australian Defence Force Cadets Tri-Service Parade at Keswick Barracks (which had to be moved indoors because of the inclement weather).

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THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM 1975-2025

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

A special logo (below) has been created by the Office of the Governor-General to mark the 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, all instituted in 1975.

The Governor-General has noted that 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.



Her Excellency the Governor, our Branch Patron, cut our special 50-year anniversary cake with SA Branch Member Secretary Greg Gordon OAM.

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Learn more about the
Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club:

Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club Inc

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Anne Bachmann OAM JP (AD06) and Hedley Bachmann AM (AD06), pictured with former SA Branch Committee member Kathryn House AM (QB20).



Dr Richard Willing OAM: "For service to conservation and the environment" (QB21); Polar Medal with clasp "ANTARCTIC 1957" (awarded 5 January 1960), pictured with Susan Rosenzweig.



Thank you to the Management and Staff of Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club (left to right): Lucy DiSante, Chef Mario Bianca and Gabriella Morena, pictured with SA Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM, Greg Gordon OAM and Flavia de Pasquale OAM.

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

[KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, 7 June 2025](#)

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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 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/>

Photographs and additional information on the Order of Australia and the Association may be found here (CTRL + Click to follow the link):

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



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

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

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



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NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 12 May 2025

Branch Chair Mr Tony Metcalf OAM thanked our speaker Dr Barry Elsey OAM for his informative talk on the topic, *"My OAM story in South Australian universities – from manual labourer to knowledge worker: supervising the PhDs of industry leaders (present & emerging)"*.

Barry received the OAM in the 2024 Australia Day Honours List *"For service to tertiary education"*.



One of our very special new recipients was Mrs Lan Le OAM, awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, *"For service to the Crown, and to the community of South Australia"* (AD25) – pictured with her husband the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, the 35th Governor of South Australia and our immediate past Branch Patron, with their sons Don and Kim, and Fay.

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KING'S BIRTHDAY CHORAL EUCHARIST Sunday 8 June 2025

A Whitsunday Choral Eucharist was held at Christ Church North Adelaide to celebrate the King's Birthday.

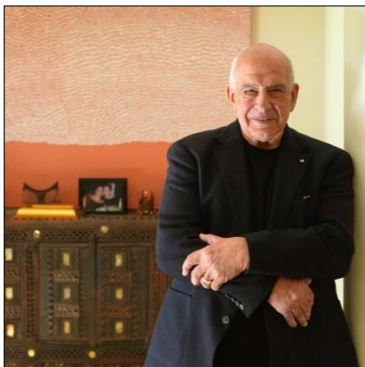
Among those in attendance were:

Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC, Senator for South Australia; Mr Steve Georganas MP, Member for Adelaide; Ms Lucy Hood MP, Member for Adelaide; Mr Tim Browning, Headmaster of the Collegiate School of St Peter.

There were also representatives of the Australian Defence Force and South Australia Police, loyal associations and community organisations.



Flavia de Pasquale OAM, OAA-SA Branch Committee representative, with The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia (centre) and Christ Church North Adelaide Rector, The Reverend Stephen Bloor.



NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Payneham Library

We will hold our second New Recipients' Reception of the year at Payneham Library to acknowledge our most recent recipients of the Order of Australia from the 2025 King's Birthday Honours List. The guest speaker will be Associate Professor John Svigos AM MBBS DRCOG CBioEth on the intriguing topic, *"Bali beckons me and you!"*.

John has had a long career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, with a special interest in Reproductive Medicine and Maternal Fetal Medicine, and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, *"For service to medicine, particularly in the field of obstetrics and perinatology, through executive roles with national and international professional organisations, and to medical education"* (QB10).

In Indonesia, he has had attachments at Dr Saiful Anwar Hospital (Malang), Dr Soetomo Hospital (Surabaya) and Professor Ngoerah (Sanglah) Hospital (Denpasar, Bali). Since 2000 he has been a Visiting Professor (Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, and Division of Feto-Maternal Medicine) at Professor Ngoerah Hospital in Bali. He has been an Editorial Board Member of the 'Bali Medical Journal' since 2012.

Since 2007, he has maintained a professional and personal family commitment to Balinese children in crisis at Anak Anak Bali Kids in Badung Regency. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON **Thursday 26 June 2025**

The guest speaker at our June luncheon was Sue Chase AM on the topic, "Taking power beyond the Horizon". Sue outlined her journey through life, family and work – in particular, as an employee of Cowell Electric Supply for over 20 years and then as co-owner from 2001 to 2018.

She described how during her career, she and her business suffered many ups and downs, but with perseverance, stubbornness, leadership and a great team of employees, they all survived – stronger and more resilient.

Sue was born and bred in the country, in the town of Cowell in Franklin Harbour, which is today marketed as 'The Gateway to the Eyre Peninsula'. The youngest of five children, and the only girl, her burning ambition was to be a vet, holding a pilot's licence, and flying all over the countryside to attend to her clients. Unfortunately, her Year 12 marks didn't get her into Vet Science, but in the meantime she had learnt to fly.

In 2001, she bought Cowell Electric Supply together with three other minor shareholders. In her capacity of majority shareholder/Managing Director, with her team, she built the business from 12 employees to over 100 when she sold it in 2018.

Cowell Electric's business was principally constructing power lines in regional and remote areas of Australia, and operating power stations in remote communities. The company serviced the regional areas in not only South Australia but the surrounding states of Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland.

Having her pilot licence enabled Sue to fly to many remote sites over her years at Cowell Electric.

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 28 August** at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street, with Professor Jennifer McKay AM speaking on the topic "Elements of modern water and environmental law".

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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Professor Jennifer McKay AM

Professor Jennifer McKay was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia "*For significant service to the law, and to the legal profession*" (KB23).

In 2008, Jennifer received a Fulbright Scholar Award and was an Inductee on the SA Women's Honour Roll. She received a University of South Australia Senior Research Excellence Award in 2009 and 2011, and in 2019 was named Supervisor of the Year. In 2020, she received the Premiers Medal for Leadership and Water Sustainability, DEW and Australian Water Association.

Jennifer has held multiple appointments at the University of South Australia, notably as Professor of Business Law since 2000. At the Australian National University, she has been an Adjunct Professor in the College of Law since 2019.

She has held appointments as a Commissioner, Environment Resources and Development Court SA since 1995; Member, World Commission on Environmental Law since 2016; Ambassador for the Defence Reserves Support Council since 2016; Board Member, Australian Fulbright Alumni Association since 2022; and Fellow of the International Water Association since 2022.

Jennifer has been Senior Editor of the *Journal of Environmental Law* since 2019, and a Member of the Editorial Board of the *Australasian Journal of Environmental Management* since 2006.

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Professor Jennifer McKay AM

*"For significant service to the law,
and to the legal profession"*
King's Birthday Honours List 2023

Regional Group News

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.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. Regional Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM advises that the next scheduled luncheon meeting of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group is Sunday 26 October.

Fleurieu Regional Group. Regional Convenor John Hutchinson OAM advises that the next scheduled meeting of the Fleurieu Regional Group is Friday 7 November.

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

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

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.



NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr Wonho Chong OAM

Phillip Wasley Styles 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:



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VALE

Laurel May Danzo OAM (1927-2025)

SA Ambulance Service Friends recently announced the passing of Laurel Danzo OAM on 11 May 2025.

Laurel Danzo (née Mitchell) was a stalwart member of St John Ambulance from 1948 to 1993.

She was promoted to Sergeant in 1954, was appointed Divisional Officer in 1957, and was then appointed Divisional Superintendent in 1968.

In recognition of her voluntary contributions to St John Ambulance, in 1996 Laurel was appointed a Member of the Order of St John, and she was promoted to Officer in 2008.

Laurel was awarded the OAM *"For service to the community through St John Ambulance"* (KB24).

The award recognised her incredible service with St John Ambulance Prospect Division over many years.

Laurel received the insignia of her OAM from Her Excellency the Governor at Government House on 22 August 2024, on her 97th birthday.

Laurel was acknowledged in our second New Recipients' Reception for 2024, held on Monday 16 September last year.

Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum
Lest we Forget



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Laurel Danzo OAM

*"For service to the community
through St John Ambulance"*



One of the new recipients we acknowledged was Mrs Laurel Danzo OAM who received the OAM, *"For service to the community through St John Ambulance"*. The award recognised her incredible service with St John Ambulance Prospect Division over many years.

Her grandson Rob Mitchell (pictured left) noted that Laurel received the insignia of her OAM from Her Excellency the Governor at Government House on 22 August 2024, on her 97th Birthday.

At our New Recipients' Reception Laurel met up with fellow St John Ambulance South Australia members Noel Hender OAM BEM (pictured right) and Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (photographer).



VALE

The Chair, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following South Australia Branch members and past members:

Geoffrey Bretherton Bean AM

Dr Marie Jose O'Neill OAM

Reflection: 50 Years of the Australian Honours System

Free Exhibition now on

The Royal Australian Mint and Government House present a new exhibition recognising the Australian honours system and the outstanding service and contributions of Australians making a difference. To those who dedicate themselves to improving local communities, demonstrating courage and bravery, and serving in response to nationally significant emergencies. See rare coins, medals and medallions from the National Coin Collection.

Explore the free exhibition from **26 May 2025 to 15 February 2026**.

Honouring excellence for all Australians.

[Plan your visit](#)

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT

If you plan you be in Canberra during the next few months you could explore a free exhibition running from 26 May until 15 February 2026.

This exhibition provides insights into the history and significance of the Honours awards, offering a deeper understanding of the contributions made by recipients across various fields.

Plan your visit

The Royal Australian Mint is located just minutes from the heart of Canberra, and is open 7 days a week. With regular public transport services, the RAM offers free on-site parking, with six EV charging stations, accessible facilities, and a café.

Location:

62-114 Denison St, Deakin ACT 2600

Times:

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm

Weekends & Public Holidays 10am to 4pm

Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

David North OAM, Chair of the Marketing Committee says, *“With the Association marking 50 years, it’s definitely an event that members—and all Australians—should consider experiencing”*.

CANBERRA MUSEUM AND GALLERY

Andrew Phelan AM, Chair of The Order of Australia Association (ACT Branch), has encouraged visitors to Canberra to explore the ‘Celebrating 50 Years of the Australian Honours System’ display at the Canberra Museum and Gallery, which celebrates household names and unsung heroes alike.

The exhibition is running from 31 May to 31 August 2025.

The anniversary is a chance to reflect on the extraordinary Australians that have been celebrated in the first five decades and think about the next 50 years of the Australian Honours system.

This exhibition showcases a selection of medals, artworks, photographs and audiovisual footage that tell the story of 50 years of the Australian Honours Awards and highlights the achievements of some of the ACT’s Honours Awards recipients.

Make it a must-see on your visit to Canberra.

Location:

176 London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601

Times:

Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 4pm

Closed some Public Holidays

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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:



honours@gg.gov.au



02 6283 3533



CAP Premium soft cotton navy (Unisex)

\$21.00

Premium soft 100% cotton fabric
Structured 6 panel design with slight pre-curved peak
Velcro closure
Embroidered eyelets
Comfortable padded sweatband



Cufflinks in Gift Box

\$35.00

Gilt and enamel cufflinks with OAA crest in full colour. Blue gift box with OAA crest on lid.

MERCHANDISE

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Australian Honours Awards, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to promote both the value and benefits of our Association and our official Order of Australia Association merchandise.

OAA merchandise is available to purchase for those who wish to commemorate their achievement.

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

Our Branch Merchandise Officer will have most items on display at our events. These items, and others in the OAA range, can be purchased at:

www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart



Ladies pure silk scarf (silver/grey)

\$45.00



Blue pure silk scarf 150cm

\$52.00

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For more information visit our website: <https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/>



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

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Regional Groups

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Eyre Peninsula Regional Group

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

Regional Convenor: Mrs Wendy Holman OAM
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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
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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: Mr Eric Roughana AM
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