

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

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

August 2025



**HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**  
**Thursday 26 June 2025**

*The guest speaker at our June fellowship luncheon was Sue Chase AM – “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).*

*Standing (left to right): Dr Neil Bryans AM, Gladys Fleming, Kath Bryans, Jong-min Chong, Flavia de Pasquale OAM (coordinator), Gillian Rogers OAM (hospitality), Gary Schulz OAM, Dr Graham Fleming AM, Wonho Chong OAM, Dr Neville Highett AM, Professor Max Brennan AO, Jill Highett, Jill Argent OAM, Sue Chase AM (Guest Speaker), Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester AM, Phillip Styles OAM*

*Seated: Nella Schulz, Don Clark OAM, John Ziesing OAM (MC)*

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## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, August 2025

This year we are marking the anniversary of the foundation of the Australian Honours System. At our 2025 King's Birthday Luncheon, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron, cut our birthday cake marking this 50-year anniversary.

The next celebration due is to mark the creation of the Order of Australia Association – at the Australian National University on 26 January 1980.

Following this, the SA Branch was established in 1980, and we are starting to look ahead to marking our '50th birthday' in five years' time. We intend appointing a volunteer Branch Curator/ Historian to help us prepare for this event.

I thank the informative guest speakers who have joined our Fellowship luncheons so far this year, and we look forward to hearing from Professor Jennifer McKay AM at this month's luncheon, and then Gillian Rogers OAM at the October gathering.

Nominations for the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards have closed, and our SCA Assessment and Selection Panel will be meeting this month to finalise results and prepare citations, and select the Top 10 and the Student Citizen of the Year.

On behalf of all our members I would like to express my gratitude for those who have volunteered their time to join this panel and review the many nominations. Your unseen efforts are greatly appreciated.

On the topic of the Student Citizenship Awards program, I am pleased to announce three new support initiatives – from the Minister for Education, Training and Skills, from Catholic Education SA and from the Association of Independent Schools of SA. You will find the details in this newsletter. We greatly appreciate this support!

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 at 32/34 Rosa Street in Goodwood at 9.30 am for a 10 am start, finishing by 12 noon.

The guest speaker will be Deborah De Williams AM, on the topic "Faithful Success".

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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

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

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

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

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

**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

**Saturday 17 January 2026:** 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon at Jarmer's Kitchen in Prospect

**Thursday 26 February 2026:** Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker

## THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA The Military Division

The Order of Australia was established by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia, by Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975. Notification was published in the *Australian Government Gazette*, No S28 dated 17 February 1975.

When the Order of Australia was originally established in 1975, it was created with a Civil Division and a Military Division. By Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976, the former was retitled 'General Division'.

At the same time, the grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD), and also the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), were created. The level of Knight/Dame could be awarded only in the General Division.

Various aspects of the Order are defined by the Constitution of the Order of Australia and the Insignia Ordinance.

The riband of the Order is defined as moire Royal blue silk, 38 mm in width, with a central band 12 mm wide of scattered golden mimosa blossoms of various sizes – each of these discs represents a single flower of mimosa ('Golden Wattle'), which is the emblem of the Order.

The Medal of the Order is worn suspended from a similar ribbon, 32 mm in width, with the same pattern of scattered golden mimosa blossoms in proportion. Miniature medals are all worn suspended from a similar ribbon, 16 mm in width.

The ribbon of the Military Division is identical to that of the General Division with the addition of gold edge stripes, 1.5 mm in width.

Further information on wearing the insignia may be found in the booklet *Order of Australia* published by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, Canberra.

A copy of the most recent booklet is included with the presentation folder and Warrant at the time of the investiture.



*Insignia of the Order of Australia bearing the suspension ribbon of the Military Division (left to right): Companion (AC), Officer (AO) and Member (AM) with ribbons 38 mm in width, and the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) with a ribbon 32 mm in width. Note: the grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD) could be awarded only in the General Division.*

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Not only does the Military Division of the Order of Australia have a distinctive ribbon, but members of the Australian Defence Force have a unique method for wearing the ribbon.

Due to the irregularity of the scattered mimosa blossoms, Defence dress regulations mandate that a particular portion of the ribbon is to be used when mounting it on a ribbon bar for wear in uniform.

In the early years of the Order's existence, military service ribbons were constructed using any portion of ribbon, in either manner of vertical orientation.

Once dress regulations came to specify a particular pattern to be displayed, cutting that specific pattern from a length of ribbon left considerable wastage.

To avoid such wastage, special ribbon was produced with the required pattern repeating with gaps and marker thread.

This ensured that exactly the correct pattern was used to prepare the service ribbon bar.

Displaying the specified pattern ensures uniformity in the appearance of military ribbon bars.

### The Military Division



*These lengths of ribbon of the Military Division of the Order of Australia are designed for making military service ribbon bars, to ensure that the correct pattern is used, in the correct vertical orientation.*

*The ribbon on the left is 38 mm in width, to denote an appointment to the Order in the grade of Companion (AC), Officer (AO) or Member (AM).*

*The ribbon on the right is 32 mm in width, to denote the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).*



### The Order of Australia in the Military Division

*This is a set of ribbons worn by a senior Royal Australian Navy officer in the mid-1980s, demonstrating the approved Defence format for wearing the 38 mm wide ribbon of the Order of Australia in the Military Division.*

*The recipient served aboard HMAS Melbourne in the waters off the Malay Peninsula in 1964-65 during the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia, and then in three deployments to South Vietnam in 1965-66. He then served aboard the destroyer HMAS Vendetta in support of the US 7th Fleet in the waters of in South Vietnam in 1969-70.*

*He was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Military Division in 1970, "in recognition of distinguished services in Viet-Nam".*

*He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Military Division in the 1975 Queen's Birthday Honours, "For outstanding leadership, exemplary conduct and steadfast performance of his duties".*

# The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

## King's Birthday Honours List

The 2025 King's Birthday Honours List recognised a total of 56 South Australians with an award in the Order of Australia.



The South Australian recipients in the General Division of the Order of Australia include:

- ‡ 2 appointments as a Companion of the Order (AC)
- ‡ 13 appointments as a Member of the Order (AM)
- ‡ 39 people were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), including three posthumous awards

There were also two awards of the OAM in the Military Division to recipients who are resident in South Australia.

We have been advised that Her Excellency and Mr Bunten will host Investiture Ceremonies at Government House in September, where recipients will be formally invested with the insignia of their award. A representative of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association will attend each of these investiture ceremonies.

Soon after, the SA Branch will host a New Recipients' Reception to acknowledge your award – we hope you will be able to attend as our guest.

## Volunteer Position Available

We are looking for a volunteer to fill the role of **Curator/Historian** to support the SA Branch's 50-Year Anniversary.

As we move towards 2030 and the 50th anniversary of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, the Branch Committee would like to establish the volunteer position of Branch Curator/ Historian. This special role will involve:

- Researching and documenting the history of the SA Branch
- Reviewing early meeting minutes, photographs and other archival documents
- Compiling key historical milestones, events and member contributions into a cohesive narrative
- Collaborating with the Branch Committee to present findings in a celebratory publication or display

We are looking for: someone with a keen interest in history and storytelling, and a commitment to preserving the legacy of the Order of Australia Association in SA. Prior archival or research experience is welcome but not essential – curiosity and commitment are key!

Why it matters: The memories, people and milestones of our Association deserve to be preserved and celebrated. You'll play a vital role in honouring the past while shaping how we reflect on it into the future.

Interested? Please contact Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM to express your interest or to learn more:

[chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### 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:

Catherine Ann Baldwin AM

Robert Peter George AM

Nikki Kirsten Govan AM

Dr Glenn McCulloch AM

Christopher John Pfeiffer AM

Stuart Paul Whiley AM

Thomas Gerard Ganley OAM

David Cameron Heard OAM

Richard Murray Johnson OAM

Emily Korir OAM

Glen Millar OAM

Clinical Associate Professor  
Robert Francis Parkyn OAM

Ian Gilbert Pole OAM

Lynette Dawn Pole OAM

Christopher Malcolm Reed OAM

Robert Bruce Williamson OAM

Reverend Father Allan James Winter OAM

Captain David Andrew West OAM RAN  
(Military Division)



### MERCHANDISE

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

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

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

### 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.

Please note though: this is *not* the official lapel pin which Order of Australia recipients receive with the medal pack at their Investiture.



### ASSOCIATION NAME BADGE

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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## THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

Saturday 7 June 2025

While we were enjoying our King's Birthday Luncheon, on that same day in the UK His Majesty The King made his first visit as Captain General of the Royal Regiment of Artillery to the Royal Artillery Barracks in Larkhill.

As the Ceremonial Head of the Royal Artillery, The King holds the title of Captain General, a title which was first taken by King George VI in 1947 and by Queen Elizabeth II from 1952.

The King visited various Royal Artillery equipment displays, and fired an L118 Light Gun.

Keen observers will note that the King is wearing the ribbon of the Order of Australia in the General Division.

On 14 March 1981, through a special amendment to the Constitution of the Order of Australia (to avoid him being eligible only for an honorary appointment), the then Prince of Wales was appointed a Knight of the Order of Australia.

Upon acceding to the throne of the United Kingdom and fourteen other Commonwealth realms on 8 September 2022, King Charles III, King of Australia, became Sovereign of the Order of Australia.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come.

GREETING:

WHEREAS by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of Australia, bearing date at St James's the fourteenth day of February 1975, We did establish a society of honour known as the 'Order of Australia' and made other provision with respect to membership and the Constitution of the Order:

AND WHEREAS by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of Australia, bearing date at St. James's the twenty-fourth day of May 1976, We established a new category of membership of the Order, namely, membership as a Knight or Dame of the Order:

AND WHEREAS We are desirous that His Royal Highness Charles, Prince of Wales, be a Knight of the Order having precedence of all Knights and Dames of the Order, other than Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia:

KNOW YOU that We, by these Presents, declare Our pleasure that the above-mentioned Letters Patent of the fourteenth day of February 1975 be further amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, as set out in the Schedule:

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

L.S.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
MALCOLM FRASER  
Prime Minister

Given under the Great Seal  
of Australia at Our Court at  
St. James's on 14 March 1981

*On 14 March 1981, the Queen co-signed Letters Patent amending the Constitution of the Order of Australia to make His Royal Highness Prince Charles, heir to the Australian throne, a Knight of the Order of Australia (AK). All awards at the grade of AK and AD are made in the General Division.*

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PRIME MINISTER

FOR PRESS:

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH, 1981

Order of Australia Knighthood for Prince Charles

I am delighted that Her Majesty The Queen, as Sovereign of the Order of Australia, has appointed His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to be a Knight of the Order. On behalf of the Government and people of Australia, I congratulate His Royal Highness most sincerely.

I am particularly pleased that the announcement has been made at this time, on the day of the Privy Council meeting in London at which Her Majesty The Queen will signify Her agreement to the marriage between His Royal Highness and The Lady Diana Spencer. The Australian Government is represented at that meeting by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Anthony.

His Excellency the Governor-General will present the insignia of the Order to His Royal Highness while he is in Australia on his forthcoming visit. This will give pleasure to us all.

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Not to be published in the press or broadcast over radio and TV stations in Australia before 1800 hours EST on Friday 27 March; Not to be broadcast on shortwave radio before 2100 hours EST (1100 GMT) on Friday 27 March 1981; May be telegraphed or cabled beyond Australia provided that subsequent publication or broadcast in an overseas country is not before 1100 hours GMT (2100 EST) on Friday 27 March 1981.

*Embargoed announcement by the Australian Prime Minister dated 27 March 1981 that His Royal Highness Prince Charles had been appointed a Knight of the Order of Australia.*

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### CENTENARIANS

In 2023, a special guest at our King's Birthday Luncheon was the late Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, who was at that time aged 102.

'Chook' was respected and admired for his resilience throughout his life. He lived to 103 years of age.

Chook's generous donation enabled the SA Branch to include a special medallion for all Student Citizenship Award recipients in 2023 and 2024. The annual South Australian Student Citizen of the Year Award is now named in his honour.

Then in 2024 we had Joan Durdin AM as a special guest, after having celebrated her 102nd birthday. Joan sadly passed away in Adelaide on 12 February this year.

Following this tradition of celebrating the lives of our centenarian members at the King's Birthday Luncheon, this year we paid special tribute to:

**Dr John Skipper AM**, aged 103:

*"For significant service to medicine in the field of gynaecology as an advocate of women's health and the early detection of cervical cancer"* (QB16)

**Sir Eric Neal Kt AC CVO**, aged 101:

*"For service to Commerce and to the Community"* (AD88)

**Howard Hendrick DFC OAM Ld'H**, aged 101:

*"For service to the community of Loxton"* (AD19).

**Lorraine Tuckwell OAM**, aged 100:

*"For service to the community"* (AD85)

**Shirley Sampson OAM JP**, aged 100:

*"For service to the community through a range of organisations"* (AD14)

Right: Last year in October, the Loxton community celebrated Howard Hendrick's Centenary at the Loxton Show. This year, he was honoured to have 'Howard Hendrick Way' behind the Loxton Cross of Sacrifice named in his honour – pictured here with the Loxton Waikerie Council Mayor Trevor Norton.



2023 King's Birthday Luncheon: Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM



2024 King's Birthday Luncheon: Joan Durdin AM FRCNA



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### THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

One centenarian member that we paid tribute to at our King's Birthday Luncheon was Sir Eric Neal Kt AC CVO, who just four days earlier had turned 101 years of age.

Among many other career highlights, Sir Eric was the 32nd Governor of South Australia.

In a ceremony at Government House on 17 June, Sir Eric was appointed a Life Patron of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award–Australia. Sir Eric is just the second Australian to receive this honour.

Her Excellency the Governor, who is Patron of the Award, presented Sir Eric with the Life Patron Award in recognition of his contribution to youth development over more than four decades.

Government House reported that, as National Chair of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia from 1984 to 1992, Sir Eric played a key role in expanding the program's reach nationwide, enabling more young Australians to participate in personal development, community service and adventurous activities.

He served as an International Trustee from 1987 to 1997, helping to oversee and guide the Award's global growth. During his tenure as Governor from 1996 to 2001, he was Patron of the Award.

Government House reported that, together with the late Lady Neal, Sir Eric has been a steadfast advocate and supporter of the Award's milestones and impact.



*Her Excellency presents Sir Eric with the Life Patron Award (image courtesy of Government House)*

### FRIEND OF THE AWARD

Our Association Purpose Statement, as per the national Constitution approved on 17 December 2020, is:

*To celebrate and promote  
outstanding Australian citizenship*

In accordance with this, and our Branch aim of supporting opportunities to contribute to the Australian community, the Branch has subscribed as a *Friend of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award*.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global framework for non-formal education. It challenges young people aged 14 to 24 years to find their purpose, passion and place in the world.

The Award inspires young Australians to undertake voluntary service, skills and physical recreation activities and adventurous journeys to qualify for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Each level is progressively more challenging.

At this time we have made a small donation, which will help one disadvantaged young South Australian to participate in the Award where they might not otherwise have the opportunity.

We are delighted that you have chosen to support the work of The Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia and thank you for your tax-deductible donation.

For well over 65 years, the Duke of Ed in Australia has impacted the lives of over 900,000 young people from all walks of life. Our Supporter Program has formed one of the crucial foundations for the growth of our work and influence around the country.

100% of your donation is directed to disadvantaged young Australians.

At any one time over 50,000 Australians aged 14-24 years are actively using the Duke of Ed Framework. Duke of Ed Users are everyday young Australians, young offenders, indigenous youth, university students, youth with disabilities, and job-entry youth.

These young people are selecting activity and setting personal goals that they would never have dreamt possible, and for many of them the Duke of Ed is a turning point in their lives.

Thank you for this support in that enables us to achieve this vision by providing a growing number of young Australians with access to this important Framework to build themselves a brighter future.

With warm regards

The Hon Shane Stone AC KC  
Chairman  
Award Ambassador

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025

#### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday 26 June 2025

The guest speaker at our June luncheon was Sue Chase AM, speaking on the topic, "Taking power beyond the Horizon".

Sue outlined her journey through life, family and work as a business woman in a typically male-dominated industry – in particular, as an employee of Cowell Electric Supply for over 20 years and then as co-owner from 2001 to 2018 – and about her successes and failures along the way.

*My business, Cowell Electric was started in 1928, nearly 100 years ago. I can assure you that I wasn't involved at that time. Cowell Electric is based at Cowell on Eyre Peninsula SA. It was started by 15 local shareholders of vision, who set out to bring light to the community of Cowell before there was such a thing as a state grid.*

Sue related how buildings were erected, machinery installed and powerlines constructed in the most primitive of ways. Lights replaced candles, but only between half an hour before sunset and midnight. And on special occasions, until 2 am on Boat Night or for public entertainment.

*The installation of a second generator heralded daylight running on Monday and Tuesday for washing and ironing, and later came the luxury of 24-hour electricity.*

*In the first 40 years of Cowell Electric's life, it rarely traded at a profit and never paid a dividend. The Company was founded on the belief that it was providing a community benefit to the township of Cowell. When the town was connected to the state grid in 1970, a new era began. Rather than laying off staff when the power station closed, Cowell Electric diversified into the survey design and construction of powerlines, growing significantly over the next 30 years.*

Using the money she earned assisting her father in the school holidays in the 1970s surveying lines to farms on Eyre Peninsula, Sue obtained her pilot's licence when she was 17.

*I joined Cowell Electric on a permanent basis as a clerical officer to tame the Company's new computer, which seemed to have a mind of its own. The computer was a WANG 2200T, which cost \$20,000 in 1976 and didn't even have a hard drive. The programs and data were kept on large floppy disk, which had to be pulled in and out of disk drives when different sets of information were required.*

Sue progressed to become Managing Director and major shareholder.

*During the 1990s, the company grew into a truly national business, taking power beyond the horizon to all states.*

*Whilst there have been some difficult times, overwhelmingly, the good times have outweighed the bad and I have certainly enjoyed life along the way.*

*So to wrap up, in my experience success comes to those who take pride in their work, who go the extra mile to exceed their customer's expectations. You must be prepared to take risks, to try the untried and experiment, to make mistakes but learn from your mistakes and turn them into successes. It is how we coped with losses and failures that enabled us to grow strong, to learn from our mistakes. We got out of our difficulties by perseverance and determination to never give up. We also provided leadership to enable our people to work as a team, trusting each other.*

*I believe the essence of being successful is having a vision, a dream for the future, sharing it with others and then having the confidence in and trusting your own ability and that of those around you to make it happen.*

### Save the Date

The upcoming honours recipients fellowship luncheons are as follows:

#### Thursday 30 October 2025:

Gillian Rogers OAM (pictured right)  
"The history and life of Jimmy Melrose"

#### Thursday 26 February 2026:

Dawn Thorp AO  
"It's in the Blood – the Stem Cell Story"



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

The speaker will be SA Branch Committee member **Professor Jennifer McKay AM** 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 (AM), "*For significant service to the law, and to the legal profession*" (KB23).

She is currently Professor of Business Law at the University of South Australia-Justice and Society (since 2000), however describes herself as a mother of two, house renovator, gardener, dog breeder and singer. She has a passion for protecting the environment and achieving human rights.

Professor McKay is a socio-legal and doctrinal legal researcher, with over 180 publications in the areas of natural resources management law and environmental laws to achieve ecologically sustainable development, especially regarding the freshwater environment.

She looks at human rights instruments and domestic laws, and makes law reform suggestions to improve institutional arrangements applying the gender, disability and social inclusion lens to laws. She is currently championing the inclusion of a right to a clean healthy environment in a potential *Human Rights Act* for SA.

She has a BA Honours and PhD from the University of Melbourne, where she used social science methods to research water and environmental management. She holds an LLB degree from Adelaide, and worked as a legal practitioner and held, for over 25 years from 1995, a part-time appointment as a Commissioner of the Environment Resources and Development Court in SA.



She has conducted research and taught at Melbourne, Adelaide and James Cook Universities and the University of South Australia. Since 2019, she has been an Adjunct Professor in the College of Law at the Australian National University, and also holds an adjunct appointment as Professor of Law at the University of Fiji.

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.

She has been an Ambassador for the Defence Reserves Support Council since 2016.

In 2020, she received the Premier's Medal for Leadership and Water Sustainability as the Water Professional of the Year (sponsored by the Department for Environment and Water).

## STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

The closing date for the 2025 awards program was Monday 28 July (the start of Week 2 of Term 3). This month the Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel will meet to review the submissions, and we will then prepare certificates for signing by the Chair and Her Excellency the Governor, our Branch Patron.

The SA Branch acknowledges the late Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, whose generous donations in 2023 enabled us to include a special medallion for all Award recipients for two years. From 2025 for three years, these medallions are being provided through the generous support of the Government of South Australia. The School Awards page on our website has been updated with the following statement:

*The SA Branch would like to express its gratitude to the Minister for Education, Training and Skills for facilitating a grant of \$1,500, the first of three such donations, to ensure the continuation of the practice of presenting a Student Citizenship Awards medallion to all awardees.*

We are also pleased to report that both Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of Catholic Education SA and Ms Anne Dunstan, Chief Executive, Association of Independent Schools of SA have agreed that their respective educational sectors will each support the Association with collaborative funding of \$500 per year starting in 2028.

## Regional Group News

**Riverland and Mallee Regional Group.** Convenor Tim Grieger OAM JP advises that the next meeting will be on Friday 26 September.

**Eyre Peninsula Regional Group.** The next gathering will be held at Tumby Bay on Friday 10 October. Wendy Holman OAM and Regional Groups Coordinator 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 will be in Ardrossan on Sunday 26 October.

**Fleurieu Regional Group.** John Hutchinson OAM advises that the next meeting will be held at the Middleton Tavern on Friday 7 November, with guest speaker Marjory Keeble OAM.

**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.



### 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 of the Order of Australia Association:

The Honourable (Eric) Roger Goldsworthy AO (1929-2025)  
Deputy Premier of South Australia, 1979-82

Ira John Pendrigh AM

Adrian Robert Pobke OAM

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

### 2025 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Monday 9 June 2025

On behalf of all members of the Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch, Chair Tony Metcalf OAM would like to congratulate everyone who received an award in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours List.

We will hold a New Recipients' Reception at Payneham Library to acknowledge these most recent recipients, with an interesting guest speaker. We can assist you with joining the Association, and we will have Association merchandise available to purchase. There is no cost for new recipients, who are guests of the SA Branch.

The 2025 King's Birthday Honours List recognised a total of 830 Australians, including 581 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia. Among them were four OAM recipients who are or have been dedicated members of St John Ambulance. On the following pages is a list of South Australian members of the Order of St John, and Members of St John Ambulance (SA), who are members of the Order of Australia.

This list has been compiled by Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP for the St John Ambulance (SA) Historical Society and Museum, and the Order of Australia Association, SA Branch.

Awards of the Order of St John at the Grade V level were formerly titled Serving Brother (SBStJ) or Serving Sister (SSStJ); in 2008, this level was re-designated Member of the Order of St John (MStJ).

Please notify any errors or proposed additions to: [chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)



*The guest speaker for our 2025 King's Birthday Luncheon was Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and our Branch Patron. Her Excellency wore her full-size decorations:*

*1. Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in the General Division: "For eminent service to public administration through the advancement of Australia's diplomatic, trade and cultural interests, particularly with the People's Republic of China and the Indo-Pacific region, to innovative foreign policy development and high level program delivery, and as the 36th Governor appointed in South Australia" (QB21).*

*2. Dame of Grace (DStJ) of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (the Order of St John). In an Awards and Investiture ceremony held at Government House on 15 October 2022, the Chancellor of the Australian Priory of the Order of St John Cameron Oxley KStJ dubbed Her Excellency as a Dame of Grace.*

*Such an appointment does not confer a knighthood nor use of the honorific title 'Dame', but the ceremony does involve the awardee being formally 'dubbed'. The Chancellor used Paul Rosenzweig's Army sword to dub Her Excellency – an 1897-pattern Army Infantry Officers' Sword, made in 1913 by Wilkinson Sword of Pall Mall bearing the Royal Cipher 'GVR' of King George V.*

## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch



### South Australian members of the Order of St John, and Members of St John Ambulance (South Australia), who are members of the Order of Australia

#### **COMPANION of the Order of Australia (AC) in the General Division**

**The Honourable Frances Adamson AC DStJ**  
Queen's Birthday Honours List, 14 June 2021

**Lieutenant-General Sir Donald Beaumont Dunstan  
AC KBE CB (1923-2011)**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1991

**The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC KStJ**  
Queen's Birthday Honours List, 13 June 2016  
*Previously appointed an Officer in the General  
Division (2010)*

**Professor Villis Raymond Marshall  
AC GCStJ**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2004

**Dame Roma (Flinders) Mitchell  
AC DBE CVO QC (1913-2000)**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1991

**The Honourable Sir Eric (James) Neal  
AC CVO KStJ**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1988

**Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson  
AC CVO MBE DStJ**  
Special Honours List, 27 August 2001

**Sir Marcus Laurence Elwin Oliphant AC KBE KStJ  
(1901-2000)**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1977

**The Honourable Rear Admiral Kevin John Scarce  
AC AO(Mil) CSC KStJ RANR**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2008  
*Also appointed a Member in the Military Division  
(QB01) and promoted to Officer (AD04)*

#### **OFFICER of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division**

**Dr Robert Britten-Jones  
AO CStJ (1928-2019)**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1988

**Mr David Alexander Hunt AO QPM JP  
(1934-2010)**  
Queen's Birthday Honours List, 10 June 1994

**Mr Malcolm Arthur Hyde AO APM OStJ**  
Queen's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2008

**The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC KStJ**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2010

#### **OFFICER of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Military Division**

**Rear Admiral Kevin John Scarce AO CSC RAN**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2004  
*Previously appointed a Member in the Military  
Division (QB01)*

#### **MEMBER of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division**

**Dr Brian Edward John Ancell AM KStJ**  
Queen's Birthday Honours List, 13 June 1993

**Professor Paul Andrew Arbon AM KStJ**  
Queen's Birthday Honours List, 14 June 2004

**The Honourable Heinrich Thomas Becker  
AM MStJ MP**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2001

**Mr Garry Coombes AM KStJ**  
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2009

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## MEMBER of the Order in the General Division, *continued*

### Professor Gregory Crawford AM

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2022

### Dr John Lionel Crompton AM KStJ RFD

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2021

### Mrs Lynette Ann Dansie AM DStJ

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 2017

### Dr Glyn Anthony Davies AM KStJ RFD ED JP

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 8 June 1987

### Dr John Stanley Flett AM CStJ

(1920-2020)

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2005

### Dr Brian James Fotheringham AM KStJ

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 1989

### Dr William Middleton Griggs AM ASM MStJ

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2003

### Lady Joan Neal AM DStJ

(1931-2023)

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 10 June 2002

### Mrs Elizabeth Anne Scarce AM DStJ

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 14 June 2021

### Mr Donald Percival Williams AM KStJ

(1912-1985)

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 13 June 1981

### Mr William John Agnew Wills AM OStJ

(1921-2017)

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 8 June 1987

## MEMBER of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Military Division

### Dr Robert Barham Black AM MStJ RFD

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 11 June 1996

### Rear Admiral Kevin John Scarce AM CSC RAN

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 11 June 2001

## MEDAL of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division

### Mr George Albert Adler OAM

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2024

### Dr Clive Oswald Auricht OAM OStJ

(1936-2018)

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2002

### Mr John Paterson Bailey OAM MStJ

(1924-2015)

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 1995

### Mr Alan Charles Bennett OAM CStJ

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2022

### Mr Ernest Lionel Bentley OAM MStJ

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 10 June 2019

### Mr Harold George Berry OAM OStJ

(1923-2011)

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 11 June 1984

### Mr John Herbert Berry OAM KStJ

(1922-2002)

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2003

### Mr Maxwell Rolland Blacketer OAM

King's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2025

### Dr Franklin Herbert Bridgewater OAM CStJ

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2004

### Mr Kenneth L Cunningham OAM OStJ

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 1995

### Mrs Gloria Jean Curtis OAM CStJ

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2008

### Mrs Laurel May Danzo OAM OStJ

(1927-2025)

King's Birthday Honours List, 10 June 2024

### The Reverend Brenton James Daulby

OAM OStJ JP

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2007

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### MEDAL of the Order of Australia in the General Division, *continued*

**Mrs Raelene Denham OAM DStJ**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2014

**Mrs Elspeth Mary Doman OAM CStJ**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 7 June 1999

**Dr Robert Murray Edwards OAM KStJ**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 14 June 2004

**Miss Julienne Florence Feast OAM OStJ JP**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 11 June 2018

**Mrs Dawn Estelle Greig OAM OStJ (1933-2019)**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1992

**Mr Raymond John Greig OAM KStJ SJ JP**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2010

**Mr David Cameron Heard OAM KStJ**

King's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2025

**Dr Frederic French Heddle OAM CStJ  
(1911-2015)**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1982

**Mr Noel Rex Hender OAM CStJ BEM**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 2017

**Mr Kevin Vincent Hodgson OAM MStJ**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1992

**Mr Michael John Holland OAM**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2024

**Mr Richard Murray Johnson OAM MStJ**

King's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2025

**Mr Kenneth Joseph Kelman OAM CStJ**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2015

**Mrs Lan Le OAM**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2025

**Dr Jeanette Brentnall Linn OAM SStJ  
(1930-2019)**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 10 June 2002

### MEDAL of the Order of Australia in the General Division, *continued*

**Mr Arnold Dew Lockyer OAM CStJ  
(1921-2010)**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 1997

**Mr Peter Wayne Lorimer OAM CStJ JP**

Special List ('Bali bombings'), 17 October 2003

**Mrs Margaret Nunn OAM DStJ**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 10 June 2019

**Mr Alan Leslie Orrock OAM**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2017

**Mr Ross Trevor Parkinson OAM OStJ**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 13 June 2016

**Mr Ian Gilbert Pole OAM OStJ**

King's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2025

**Mrs Lynette Dawn Pole OAM CStJ**

King's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2025

**Mr John Alexander Rawes OAM CStJ**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 13 June 1993

**Major Paul Anthony Rosenzweig OAM JP (ret'd)**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 2017

**Mr Michael Dundas Scott ASM OAM**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2018

**Mr Barry Sharrad OAM**

King's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 2023

**Dr David Arley Squirrell OAM**

Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2024

**Mr Donald David Thomas OAM**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 10 June 1991

**Mr David Warren Ward ESM OAM MStJ JP**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 2017

**Mr Kenneth Wells OAM**

King's Birthday Honours List, 12 June 2023

**Mr Clifford George Wright OAM CStJ JP**

Queen's Birthday Honours List, 9 June 2014

# 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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### Eyre Peninsula Regional Group

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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  
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### South East Regional Group

Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years  
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### Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

Holds luncheon meetings twice a year  
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