

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

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

September 2025



VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
Monday 18 August 2025

His Excellency Dr Richard Harris SC OAM, Deputy of the Governor of South Australia, and Mrs Fiona Harris, arriving for the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service at Torrens Parade Ground. Dr Harris was appointed Lieutenant Governor of South Australia on 9 February 2024, but on this occasion attended as the Governor's Deputy.

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, September 2025

We will again mark the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Australian Honours System at our New Recipients' Reception, acknowledging recipients from the King's Birthday Honours List.

I thank the informative guest speakers who have joined our Fellowship luncheons so far this year, and we now look forward to hearing from Gillian Rogers OAM at the October gathering.

Our SCA Assessment and Selection Panel has met to finalise results in the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards. They have selected the Top 10 and the Student Citizen of the Year, and have prepared citations for all worthy recipients. We will have more announcements in due course.

During the period September to November several of our Regional Groups are meeting, with interesting guest speakers.

We are starting to look ahead to marking the '50th birthday' of the SA Branch in five years' time, and would like to appoint a volunteer Branch Curator/ Historian to help us prepare for this event (please see the notice in this newsletter).

Before that significant event however, I am pleased to announce that the SA Branch has been nominated to host the 2027 Order of Australia Association National Conference. It will be held in Adelaide from 13 to 16 May 2027.

Your Committee has already started work on the theme, "Honouring Legacy – Inspiring Tomorrow".

We are in the process of selecting a suitable venue and developing an appropriate program. This will include a Welcome Reception, Conference Day, the National AGM, Members' Forum and a Gala Dinner at which the Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarships will be announced.

Please mark the dates!

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

INVITATION



NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION Monday 22 September 2025

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

We will acknowledge our most recent recipients of the Order of Australia, and you will hear from an engaging guest speaker – Associate Professor John Svigos AM.

Please RSVP by Thursday 11 September 2025.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 5 September: Government House
'Lunch on the Lawns', 12 noon to 2 pm (free event)

Monday 22 September: New Recipients' Reception
at Payneham Library

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

Friday 3 October: 'Lunch on the Lawns'

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: 'Lunch on the Lawns'

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: Honours recipients
fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker

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THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Knight / Dame of the Order

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.

It was created to be “*an Australian society of honour for the purpose of according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or for meritorious service*”.

As Sovereign of the Order, Her Majesty wore 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’ (see image below).

His Majesty King Charles III, King of Australia is the current Sovereign of the Order.

When the Order of Australia was originally created in 1975, it comprised just three levels, or grades: Companion (AC), Officer (AO) and Member (AM). It was not until 1976 that the grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD) was created – by Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976 (the Medal of the Order of Australia was created at the same time).

The level of Knight/Dame could be awarded only in the General Division, and no more than four knights and/or dames could be appointed each year.

Letters Patent signed on 3 March 1986 directed that no further awards were to be made at the level of Knight or Dame. Existing knights and dames continued to wear their insignia.

The level of Knight/Dame was re-introduced by Letters Patent on 19 March 2014, to recognise “*Extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or to humanity at large*”.

By Letters Patent dated 29 October 2015 however (gazetted on 22 December 2015), the grade of Knight/Dame was again discontinued.



The Insignia of the Sovereign of the Order of Australia depicted on an Australian 50 cent postage stamp issued for the 2008 Queen's Birthday.



The breast Insignia of a Knight / Dame of the Order of Australia

Knight / Dame of the Order

Although the Order of Australia was established by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by Letters Patent dated 14 February 1975, it was not until a year later that the grade of Knight (AK) and Dame (AD) was created – by Letters Patent dated 24 May 1976.

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. This was necessary as Prince Charles, not being an Australian citizen, would have only been eligible for an honorary award, rather than a 'substantive' knighthood.

When the grade of Knight and Dame was reinstated in 2014, it was also announced that the Governor-General would be the principal knight or dame of the order. The incumbent (but outgoing) Governor-General, Quentin Bryce, was immediately made a Dame of the Order, and the incoming Governor-General, General Peter Cosgrove, became a Knight of the Order immediately upon his swearing-in on 28 March.

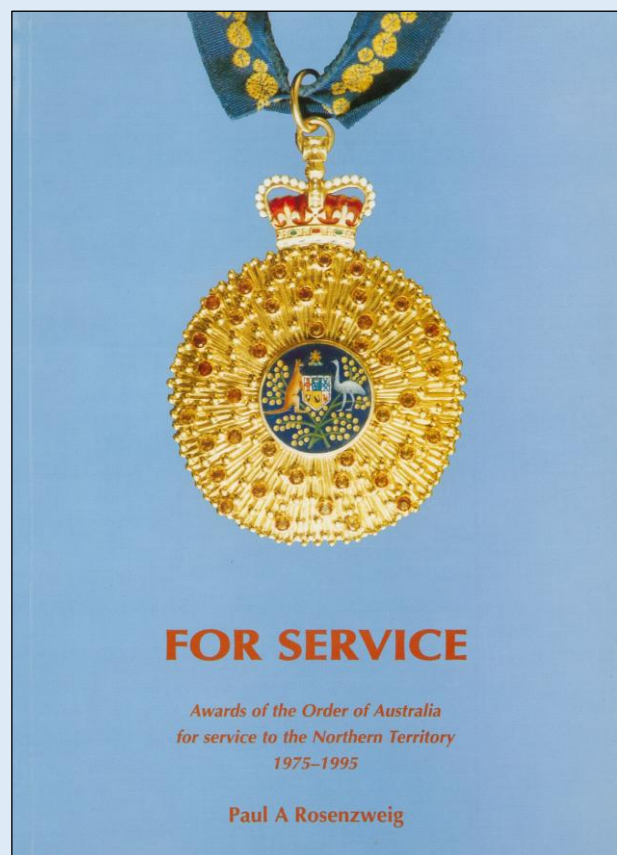
By Letters Patent dated 7 January 2015 Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was appointed a Knight of the Order (on the same basis as applied to Prince Charles in 1981) – this award was announced in the 2015 Australia Day Honours List.

Knights and Dames appointed 1976-86:

Sir John Kerr AK GCMG GCVO QC
Sir Robert Menzies KT AK CH QC
Sir Colin Syme AK
Sir Zelman Cowen AK GCMG GCVO QC PC
Sir Macfarlane Burnet OM AK KBE
Dame Alexandra Hasluck AD
Dame Enid Lyons AD GBE
Charles, Prince of Wales KG KT GCB OM AK
Sir Roden Cutler VC AK KCMG KCVO CBE
Sir Garfield Barwick AK GCMG QC
Sir Charles Court AK KCMG OBE
Sir Ninian Stephen KG AK GCMG GCVO
KBE PC QC
Sir Roy Wright AK
Sir Gordon Jackson AK

Knights and Dames appointed in 2014-15:

Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO
General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK CVO MC;
also AC (Military Division)
Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO
Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT OM
AK GCVO GBE
Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK AFC



Sir Zelman Cowen kindly permitted an image of his AK neck decoration to be used on the cover of this history of the Order of Australia awarded for service to the Northern Territory 1975-1995, published by the Historical Society of the Northern Territory (1995).

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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:

Dr Peter Robert Rischbieth AM

Professor Paul John Sambrook AM

Carolyn Edith Grantskalns OAM

Nicholas Stewart Linke OAM

John Charlton Rowley OAM

Henry Samuel Calhoun Young OAM

We especially welcome a new centenarian member to the South Australia Branch:

Henry Young, turning 102 this month:

*"For service to veterans,
and to tennis" (KB25)*

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

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.

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:



OAA Merchandise is available for all to purchase

Enjoy a scarf, tie or cufflinks



Blue
Knit scarf
\$26.00



Grey
Knit scarf
\$25.00



Blue
Silk scarf
\$52.00



Tie **\$30.00**



Cufflinks
\$35.00

All items and others in the OAA range can be purchased at

www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart



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KING CHARLES III



We have recently marked the official birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign Head of the Order of Australia since 8 September 2022.

The Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force have announced the introduction of new crests, which came into effect on 1 August. The primary change is the adoption of the Tudor Crown used by King Charles III in place of the St Edward's Crown of Queen Elizabeth II.

King Charles III was appointed Admiral of the Fleet of the RAN, Field Marshal of the Australian Army and Marshal of the RAAF on 19 October 2024 during his first Royal Visit to Australia as sovereign.

Concurrent with the roll-out of the new designs, all insignia with the St Edward's Crown remain valid and both designs may be used simultaneously during the transition period.

Both versions of the crown are a valid representation of Royal authority: there is no objection to using two different designs simultaneously in the transition period.

The change-over from the Tudor Crown ("King's Crown") of King George VI to the "Queen's Crown" of Queen Elizabeth II was made over a ten-year period.

Military uniform items will not be replaced until current stock items are exhausted – these include hat badges, buttons and some rank insignia.

The badge of the Australian Army Cadets has been similarly revised, with the small Rising Sun badge at the peak of the laurel wreath being replaced by the Tudor Crown of King Charles III.



Even the Australian Federal Police have started introducing the Tudor Crown.

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VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Monday 18 August 2025

The Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Service was held at the Vietnam War Memorial at Torrens Parade Ground to honour the service of all Australian, New Zealand and Republic of Vietnam Service personnel who fought in the Vietnam War, and particularly the 523 Australians, 37 New Zealanders and as many as 300,000 Service personnel from the Republic of Vietnam who lost their lives. Photographer Luke Scott (Adelaide Military Commemoration Photos) said, *"The service paid tribute to the courage, service, and sacrifice of all who served, and honoured the memory of those who did not return"*.

The principal guests were the Governor's Deputy His Excellency Dr Richard Harris SC OAM, and Mrs Fiona Harris. Dr Harris received the Star of Courage on 24 July 2018 for 'acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril' during the Thailand Cave Rescue operation. He also received the OAM, *"For service to the international community through specialist response roles during the Tham Luang cave rescue in Thailand in 2018"*.

Among the large number of military veterans, friends and members of the Vietnamese community who joined the service were a number of Order of Australia recipients in attendance. Among the Branch members present were Vietnam veteran Lieutenant-Colonel John Spencer OAM RFD (ret'd), and Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd), State President of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc.

*The first tribute was placed by
Dr Richard Harris SC OAM and
Mrs Fiona Harris.*



*A moment of reverent
reflection at the Vietnam
War Memorial.*

*Images by Luke Scott,
Adelaide Military
Commemoration Photos*



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NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Monday 22 September 2025

At our second New Recipients' Reception, we will acknowledge our most recent recipients of the Order of Australia from the 2025 King's Birthday Honours.

Our guest speaker will be Associate Professor John Svigos AM MBBS DRCOG MRCOG CBioEth FAGO FRCOG FRACOG FRANZCOG on the topic, "*Bali beckons me and you!*".

Professor John Svigos is a distinguished obstetrician and gynaecologist with over five decades of clinical, academic and international experience, with a special interest in Maternal Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Medicine and Global Women's Health.

He has received multiple fellowships and scholarships, and has also had several awards named in his honour.

Professor Svigos 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).

He is a Fellow in Gynaecology and Obstetrics in Australia (FAGO). He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRCOG), the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRACOG) and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRANZCOG).

Born in the Queen Victoria Hospital in Adelaide, and educated in Port Pirie, at Adelaide Boys High School and the University of Adelaide, John first worked as a Resident Medical Officer at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

He worked at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital specialising in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (1972-75). He was then a Senior Registrar in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department at Groote Schuur Hospital, Republic of South Africa (1976-77) during the Soweto riots and Black Christmas disturbance.

John returned to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where he was the Staff Obstetrician in 1977-78. He entered private practice in 1978, and at the same time was appointed a Visiting Consultant Obstetrician at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In 1988 he transferred to the Queen Victoria Hospital as an Obstetric Unit Head.

He retired from private practice in 2017, and the following year finished his commitment to the Maternal Fetal Medicine Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital (2006-18) for which he was awarded the Inaugural WCHN Distinguished Service Award.

John has had a continuing long-standing commitment (over 50 years) to the academic teaching of the Human Reproductive Health course content and examinations of V year Medical Students at the University of Adelaide.

He continues in clinical practice as a locum consultant in regional areas, and contributes to medical education through the RANZCOG and University of Adelaide Medical School, and to international maternal health initiatives predominantly in Indonesia. Since 2000 he has been a Visiting Professor (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) and Visiting Professor (Feto-Maternal Medicine) at Professor Ngoerah (Sanglah) Hospital in Denpasar, Bali.

He has published over 150 papers in refereed journals and scientific meeting proceedings, is an author of eight chapters in four editions of the text book *High Risk Obstetrics – Management Options*. He has been an External Examiner with the Indonesian College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology since 2004, and 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.

The Advertiser



Beloved Adelaide doc 'bowled over' by life-changing Bali miracle

This Adelaide obstetrician has delivered thousands of babies here but a chance encounter in Indonesia is now being credited with saving countless mums too.

Regional Group News

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. The next meeting will be at the Loxton Club at 12 for 12.30 pm on Friday 26 September, with member interviews.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Group. Wendy Holman OAM and Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP advise that the next gathering will be held at Tumbly Bay Uniting Church at 12 noon on Friday 10 October.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. The next scheduled luncheon meeting will be at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel at 12.30 pm 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.



LEE HSIEN LOONG PPA(E) SPMJ DK AC

Senior Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore has received Australia's top civilian honour for his eminent service to bilateral impact – Honorary Companion of the Order of Australia (awarded 6 August 2025).

Lee Hsien Loong is a Singaporean politician and former military officer, who served as the third Prime Minister of Singapore from 12 August 2004 to 15 May 2024.

The award recognises his 40-year political career and his leadership in strengthening trade, defence and strategic partnerships between Singapore and Australia. SM Lee was praised for revising the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement, launching the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and supporting Australia's inclusion in regional forums.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

Awards Convenor Noel Hender OAM BEM advises that nominations closed on Monday 28 July (the start of Week 2 of Term 3): there were 47 submissions received for consideration, from 33 schools and colleges.

The Assessment and Selection Panel has met to review the submissions and the collated scores. The top 10 students have been identified for presentation to Her Excellency, and the top student selected for the Keith 'Chook' Fowler Award for the 2025 Student Citizen of the Year. Certificates are currently being prepared 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 donation now funds the Student Citizen of the Year. From this year onwards, for three years, the Award medallions for all awardees are funded through the generous support of the Government of South Australia. Looking ahead, 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.

Special mention and thanks goes to the six members of the Assessment and Selection Panel who have willingly volunteered their time to assess the submissions and to write the individualised summary statements that are added to each certificate. Thanks also to our Editor who carefully checks and arranges the printing for each certificate. Members interested in presenting a Student Citizenship Award certificate and medallion at a school assembly later this year during Term 4 are welcome to contact the Awards Convenor Noel Hender:

SCA.sabranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ROLL OF HONOUR



2024: Amy Wallace



2020: Charlotte Mauviel

These are the most recent South Australian Student Citizens of the Year:

2018

Austin Lovell
Christian Brothers College

2019

William Gillett
Loxton High School

2020

Charlotte Mauviel
Temple Christian College (Mile End Campus)

2021

Georgia Kehagias
Immanuel College

2022

Callum Barrott-Walsh
Cardijn College

Jordan Norman
Urrbrae Agricultural High School

2023

Thomas Oxford
Parafield Gardens High School

2024

Amy Wallace
Scotch College



2021: Georgia Kehagias



2022: Jordan Norman and Callum Barrott-Walsh



2023: Thomas Oxford

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FRIEND OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL 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 Purpose, and our Branch aim of continuing to support 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, founded by the late Prince Philip in 1956 – and in Australia in 1959.

The Award inspires over 50,000 young Australians each year to undertake Voluntary Service, Skills and Physical Recreation activities and an Adventurous Journey over a minimum length of time to qualify for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Each level is progressively more challenging.

Duke of Ed Participants are everyday kids, young offenders, indigenous youth, university students, youth with disabilities and job-entry youth. These young people are selecting activities and setting personal goals that they would never have dreamt possible.

Our donation will help one disadvantaged young South Australian to participate in the Award where they might not otherwise have the opportunity.

We received the following message from the National Award Office:

A big hearty thank you to the OAA-SA for supporting our Award Friends in South Australia.

Donations like yours are certainly being well applied by giving thousands of young Australians the opportunity to thrive, build resilience, explore opportunities, and be recognised in preparation for life and work in a rapidly changing world.

We continue to have growth in terms of young people signing up to do an Award and we are particularly proud of our increasing numbers of disadvantaged youths undertaking the Award – thank you again to the OAA-SA.

Kind regards,

Jo Bush
Sponsorship & Ambassador Manager



*His Royal Highness Prince Edward,
Duke of Edinburgh KG GCMG*

The title 'Duke of Edinburgh' was first created on 26 July 1726 for Prince Frederick, and was inherited by his son Prince George; when he became King George III in 1760, the peerage ceased to exist.

Queen Victoria re-created the title on 24 May 1866 for her second son Prince Alfred; the Dukedom of Edinburgh became extinct upon Alfred's death in 1900.

The title 'Duke of Edinburgh' was created for a third time on 19 November 1947 by King George VI, who bestowed it upon his future son-in-law Philip Mountbatten shortly before he married Princess Elizabeth. Elizabeth was styled 'HRH The Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh' until her accession to the throne in 1952.

Upon Prince Philip's death on 9 April 2021, his eldest son Charles, Prince of Wales, succeeded to all of his hereditary titles. Upon Charles's accession to the throne on 8 September 2022 however, the peerages merged with the Crown and ceased to exist.

The Dukedom of Edinburgh was then recreated for Prince Edward, in accordance with the stated wishes of the late Prince Philip. The dukedom was bestowed on Prince Edward as a life peerage on the occasion of his 59th birthday, on 10 March 2023.

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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

The August 2025 newsletter included 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 from a number of historical sources, and it is acknowledged that it may be incomplete.

We have been advised of two additional names, listed below. The master copy of the August 2025 newsletter which may be found on the website has been updated.

Please notify any errors or proposed additions to: chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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

Dr John Lionel Crompton AM KStJ RFD
Australia Day Honours List, 26 January 2021

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

Mr Peter Wayne Lorimer OAM CStJ JP
Special List ('Bali bombings'), 17 October 2003

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

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025



HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Thursday 28 August 2025

Our August guest speaker was Professor Jennifer McKay AM, speaking on the topic, “Elements of modern water and environmental law”.

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.

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 Premier’s Medal for Leadership and Water Sustainability as the Water Professional of the Year (sponsored by the Department for Environment and Water).

Pictured above, standing (left to right): Flavia de Pasquale OAM (coordinator), Phillip Styles OAM, Gary Schulz OAM, Don Clark OAM, Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester AM, Bill Paterson OAM, Peter Dunn OAM, Judy Koh, Cathy Chong AM JP, Shirley Dunn, Toni Cocchiari OAM, Jenny Macintosh OAM, Margaret Ford OAM, Glenda Sherwin-Lane OAM, John Ziesing OAM (MC), Pamela Rajkowski OAM, Barbe Pidcock.

Seated: Nella Schulz, Helen Smith, Jill Paterson OAM, John Bishop AO, Professor Jennifer McKay AM (Guest Speaker).

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

The speaker will be former SA Branch Committee member **Gillian Rogers OAM** on the topic "The history and life of Jimmy Melrose".

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:

Flavia de Pasquale OAM
0438 873 025 || deflavia750@gmail.com

Pamela Rajkowski OAM
0400 810 196 || pamraj@bigpond.com

Gillian Rogers OAM



Gillian Rogers OAM

*"For service to youth with intellectual disabilities,
particularly through the Get Together Club"*
Australia Day Honours List 1994

Jimmy Melrose Park is located on the South Esplanade at Glenelg Foreshore, in front of the Stamford Grand; it is named in honour of Charles James ('Jimmy') Melrose (1913-1936).

Former teacher and advocate for young people with disabilities, Gillian Rogers was awarded the OAM in 1994 for her work with young people with disabilities, where she has organised social and sporting activities incorporated into the Get Together Club.

Gill has had a wide involvement in volunteering with young people in a variety of areas – and has done this voluntary work in her spare time for over 30 years.

Gill is also a local historian. History has always been a prime interest of Gillian's since attending Brighton High School and later, as a high school teacher, including Marion High School from 1984 to 1993. Tracking down local history seemed to be the natural progression in retirement.

Gill became a committee member of the Glenelg Historical Society, and developed Year 2 and Year 6 'History in a Box' units to deliver to primary schools in line with the National History curriculum. She says that she has had a lot of constructive fun delivering the units to schools.

Gillian has researched local people of note in the Glenelg area. In doing this, she has investigated the history of Jimmy Melrose Park in Glenelg – which runs from Moseley Square to the Broadway café.

Gillian likes to take groups of people for a walk along the Esplanade, linking the facts and talking about the buildings, mosaics, bollards and shelters, and telling the story of this remarkable young Glenelg man, Jimmy Melrose, known in the media of the day as 'The Golden Phoenix'.

At the October fellowship luncheon, Gillian will share her research with a slide-show so guests can view Jimmy Melrose Park with fresh eyes when next you enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Glenelg Esplanade.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Lunch on the Lawns



As the weather warms up, Her Excellency and Mr Rod Bunten have again offered an invitation to come to Government House to experience the gardens.

The popular Government House 'Lunch on the Lawns' events will run until May 2026.

You can bring a picnic lunch, spread out a rug or unfold a camping chair, and enjoy the surroundings while listening to a community band or orchestra.

Just come through the main gates between 12 noon and 2 pm, and choose your picnic spot.

The upcoming free events will be on Friday 5 September, 3 October, 7 November and 5 December.

The proposed dates for the free 'Lunch on the Lawns' events in 2026 are 9 January, 6 February, 6 March, 10 April and 1 May 2026.

'Lunch on the Lawns' is part of Her Excellency's and Mr Bunten's aim to make Government House a place where more South Australians feel welcome and are able to visit.

On the same days, Garden Tours are offered between 10.45 and 11.45 am. These are free – but bookings are required.

For more information, please refer to the QR codes below or contact: governors.office@sa.gov.au.

GARDEN TOURS

10:45AM - 11:45AM

FREE ENTRY

BOOKINGS
REQUIRED



SEPTEMBER 5
OCTOBER 3

NOVEMBER 7
DECEMBER 5

JANUARY 9
FEBRUARY 6

MARCH 6
APRIL 10

MAY 1

LUNCH ON THE LAWNS

12PM - 2PM • FREE ENTRY
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Notifications

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oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

Regional Group Contacts

Regional Groups

Coordinator: Ken Coventry OAM JP
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Eyre Peninsula Regional Group

Meets annually on the second Friday in October, rotating through locations throughout the Region
Regional Convenor: Mrs Wendy Holman OAM
0439 870 066 || wendy.holman@bigpond.com

Fleurieu Regional Group

Meets on the first Friday in May and November
Regional Convenor: John Hutchinson OAM
0427 525 670 || 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

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

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

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

REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION, Monday 22 September 2025 – at Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow (off OG Road), at 5.30 for 6 pm, finishing before 8 pm, to acknowledge recipients from the 2025 King's Birthday Honours List. The cost is \$35 per head for Order of Australia Association members and their partner/guest, \$15 for children under 18. No cost for new recipients who are guests of the SA Branch.

The guest speaker will be Associate Professor John Svigos AM MBBS DRCOG CBioEth FAGO FRCOG FRACOG FRANZCOG on the topic, "Bali beckons me and you!".

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

Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than **Thursday 11 September**



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

<https://events.humanitix.com/kb25-new-recipients-reception>



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

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

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



If necessary, forward this Reply Form to:

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

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

Name: [please print] [post-nominals]

Preferred name: Phone Contact:

Email or Address:

Dietary requirements [if any]

I will be accompanied by (additional guests are very welcome: *please advise names using the email address above*):

Guest 1: [post-nominals]

Guest 2: [post-nominals]

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

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

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

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We hope you can join us for this significant event!



2025 CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA


REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA, Friday 12 December 2025 – at the Goodwood Community Centre, 32/34 Rosa Street, Goodwood, at 9.30 am for a 10 am start, finishing at 12 noon. There is no cost for members and guests.


Full-size medals should be worn. We will have the usual entertaining raffles, and Order of Australia Association merchandise will be available to purchase.


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

Please RSVP not later than **Sunday 30 November 2025**



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