

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

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

December 2025



## HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Thursday 30 October 2025

*Attendees at our final Fellowship luncheon for the year:*

*Standing, rear (left to right): Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester AM, the Honourable Trish White AM, John Ziesing OAM (MC), Joe Thorp, Associate Professor Tony Phillips AM, John Rowley OAM, Flavia de Pasquale OAM (coordinator), Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP.*

*Standing: Gillian Rogers OAM (guest speaker), Gary Schulz OAM and Nella Schulz, Amanda Macky AO, Susan Phillips, Emily Korir OAM, Barbe Pidcock, Dr Aileen Connon AM.*

*Seated: Associate Professor Max Brennan AO, Don Clark OAM, Jenny Macintosh OAM, Dawn Thorp AO, Dr Richard Willing AM, John Bishop AO.*

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## The Order of Australia Association Ltd, South Australia Branch



### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, December 2025

This has been an important year for the Association. At each of our events we have paused to reflect on the day 50 years ago that the Order of Australia was instituted – by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia – by Letters Patent given under the Great Seal of Australia at St James's on 14 February 1975.

Notification was published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*, No S28 dated 17 February 1975.

On behalf of all Branch members, I wish to offer our congratulations to the students who have been announced as the 'Top Ten' in the 2025 Student Citizen of the Year Awards.

I would like to thank the Convenor Noel Hender OAM BEM and all who have supported the Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel, including those who have volunteered to visit schools to present awards. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Morning Tea.

Or perhaps at one of our events planned for 2026: our 'Celebration of Australia Day' Luncheon in January, our Annual General Meeting in March, or one of our Honours Fellowship luncheon meetings.

The cover photo shows attendees at our October Fellowship luncheon: behind them you can see an impressive Remembrance Embroidery which the Naval, Military and Air Force Club commissioned in 1995 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War 2. It was produced by the Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia.

On behalf of the Branch Committee and members of the SA Branch, I wish you all a relaxing holiday break and a joyful Christmas, and we send you our best wishes for the new year.

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

### SAVE THE DATE



### 'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' Saturday 17 January 2026

Join us for an Australian-themed 3-course meal at Jarmer's Kitchen in Bowden, 12 for 12.30 pm.

Our guest speaker is Professor Peter Høj AC, currently Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Adelaide. During the University's engagement in a merger process with UniSA, from January 2026 Professor Høj will hold the additional role of Co-Vice Chancellor of the new *Adelaide University*.

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

Please refer to the Reply Form attached and also available online: register and pay via Humanitix if possible, by Friday 9 January 2026.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### 2026

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

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

**Friday 27 February:** South East Regional Group self-funded luncheon meeting in Penola

**Saturday 14 March:** Annual General Meeting

**Friday 27 March:** Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting

**16-19 April 2026:** National Conference in Brisbane (see separate flyer)

**Thursday 30 April:** Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker

**Friday 1 May:** Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon

**Sunday 3 May:** Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting (note amended date)

## THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Nominations

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 achievement and service to the nation.

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 three 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.



Australian Honours and Awards Portal

### Welcome to the Australian Honours and Awards Nomination Portal

The Australian Honours and Awards Portal lets you nominate a worthy Australian for an award, complete a referee request, or accept a proposed award. Sign in or Register by selecting 'My Portal' below

My Portal

Go to my portal.

*Nominations are made via the online Nominations Portal (see next page)*

## Nominations

- The Governor-General wants to increase awareness and understanding of the Order of Australia, and has recently conducted a review of the awards process. Information about the Order is available from the Governor-General's website: [www.gg.gov.au](http://www.gg.gov.au)

The Australian Honours 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.

Nominations may be made at any time: a nomination needs to include examples of the individual's service or achievements, and the name and email address of **three** referees who can comment on the nomination.

- Information about the nomination process can be found here: <https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award>
- Nominations need to be made via the online portal: <https://oosgg-ca-prod.powerappsportals.com/>

On this portal, users can register and log in, complete and submit nominations, and monitor the status of a nomination from submission to completion.

Referees will receive an email generated by the portal, seeking their comments – note that only **after** all three referees have responded to this request will the nominator be able to submit their nomination. The nominator will be alerted by email when each referee has responded and, once all referees have responded, the nominator will need to log back into the portal to submit their nomination.

Nominations are then assessed by the independent Council for the Order of Australia, including an assessment of the level of award to be made.

Members of the SA Branch Committee of the Order of Australia Association are available to offer help and guidance with your nomination – however please note that Branch Committee members cannot raise a nomination on your behalf, they play no part in the consideration process, and they cannot advise on the progress of a nomination.

Who do you think is worthy of an award?

The screenshot shows the official website for nominating someone for an award. At the top left is the logo of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General. To the right are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, and a search bar. Below this is a navigation menu with four items: 'Home', 'About the Governor-General', 'Australian Honours and Awards' (which is highlighted in a dark blue bar), and 'The Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General'. Below the navigation menu is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Australian Honours and Awards > Nominate someone for an award'. The main content area has a heading 'NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AN AWARD' followed by a sub-heading 'The Order of Australia'. Below this is a short paragraph: 'The Order of Australia recognises Australians who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.' At the bottom left of the page is a button labeled 'Nominate someone for an award'.

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## HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

The crowned effigy of King Charles III, the 'CIIIR' Royal Cipher, and the Tudor Crown are starting to appear on new service medals, insignia and currency throughout the Commonwealth.

From 1 August 2025, new crests bearing the Tudor Crown of King Charles III came into effect for the RAN, Australian Army and RAAF.

Similar changes are gradually taking place throughout other organisations such as the Australian Federal Police.



There is no objection to using two different designs simultaneously during the transition period – both versions of the crown are valid representations of Royal authority. The transition from the Tudor Crown of King George VI to the St Edward's Crown of Queen Elizabeth II for example, was made over a ten year period.

Right: The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) has similarly approved a change to its badge, incorporating the Tudor Crown of King Charles III (see image, far right). This change ensures the RSL remains consistent with Royal protocols and acknowledges His Majesty King Charles III as the Patron of the League.

This is the latest in several changes to the RSL Badge over its 109-year history. The former floral emblems (the leek, rose, thistle and shamrock) have also been replaced: the Australian wattle is joined by a sprig of rosemary and a poppy, the two main Australian symbols of remembrance of service and sacrifice.



Left: This is the new pattern bullion embroidered hat badge for RAAF officers and officers and Cadet Under Officers of the Australian Air Force Cadets, bearing the Tudor Crown or "King's Crown" adopted by King Charles III.

The hat and badge are pictured here at the Endeavour College Remembrance Day whole school assembly beside a 'Rising Sun' hat badge of the Second Australian Imperial Force, bearing the Tudor Crown of King George VI.

This year on Remembrance Day we marked the 107th anniversary of the day the guns fell silent on the Western Front, bringing the Great War to a close. This year we have also commemorated the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2.

Earlier reports have described the various events which were held in Sarawak, Malaysia in early September relating to the anniversary of the Liberation of Sarawak by troops of the 9th Australian Division on 11 September 1945. They were under the command of Brigadier Tom Eastick DSO ED from South Australia – who was Commander of Kuching Force, and then Military Governor of Sarawak until handing over to local civil authorities in December 1945.

This Rising Sun badge was given to a local Sarawakian by a member of Kuching Force in late 1945.

## STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

### AWARD PRESENTATIONS 2025

For 2025, a total of 47 submissions were received for consideration, from 33 schools and colleges. At a special reception at Government House this month, the Top 10 students will be presented to Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch. Each will receive a Student Citizenship Award medallion mounted on an engraved wooden plaque, as well as a 'With Distinction' certificate signed by Her Excellency and Branch Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM.

A further 37 students will receive a certificate and medallion – 19 of whom were rated as 'Highly Commended'. Branch members have kindly volunteered to attend end of year ceremonies to present the certificates and medallions to recipients in front of their peers and families.

#### INGRID HEINRICH

##### Adelaide High School

Ingrid Heinrich received her Student Citizenship Awards 'Highly Commended' certificate and medallion at the AHS Senior Years Speech Assembly on Thursday 23 October. Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP represented the SA Branch in presenting the Award to Ingrid.

Ingrid's citation reads as follows:

*As Head Prefect, Ingrid has exemplified outstanding leadership, citizenship and service, significantly benefiting the school and wider community.*

*Her inclusive approach is demonstrated through initiatives such as implementing a fund raiser for Little Heroes Foundation, Student Voice, creation of an Adelaide High School Honour Board working with Old Scholars, and initiating the establishment of a Peace Garden.*

The Honour Boards will acknowledge the Old Scholars known to have served in WW2, the Korean War, the Malayan campaigns and the Vietnam War.



One of the AHS Old Scholar personnel being recognised is Pilot Officer Alex Gordon Pritchard (1928-1954). He served as a pilot during the Malayan Emergency, and died in a Wirraway crash near RAAF East Sale on 13 July 1954. Teacher Amy Worswick and Cadet Corporal Rudra Mehta from Adelaide High School attended the Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service of commemoration on Friday 29 August 2025, and placed a tribute in his honour.

Left: Image by Luke Scott,  
Adelaide Military Commemoration Photos

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## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025



### HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Thursday 30 October 2025

The SA Branch, Order of Australia Association Fellowship group met at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Adelaide for its last gathering of the year.

Members of the Order of Australia and other honours recipients, partners and friends gather here each two months to share in the fostering of fellowship in an informal setting.

For this event, the MC was SA Branch Treasurer John Ziesing OAM.



The guest speaker was Gillian Rogers OAM on the topic "The history and life of Jimmy Melrose". Gill was awarded the OAM, "For service to youth with intellectual disabilities, particularly through the Get Together Club" (AD94). Gill is also a local historian, since her time as a high school teacher. As a committee member of the Glenelg Historical Society, Gill has researched local people of note, including the remarkable young Glenelg man Jimmy Melrose, known in the media of the day as 'The Golden Phoenix'. Jimmy Melrose Park in Glenelg, which runs from Moseley Square to the Broadway café, is named in his memory.



## Save the Dates ~ 2026

Forthcoming honours recipients fellowship luncheons at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club are as follows:

Thursday 26 February

Thursday 30 April

Thursday 25 June

Thursday 27 August

Thursday 29 October



*Our various Branch events this year have each presented an opportunity to mark the 50-year anniversary of the institution of the Australian Honours System – and in particular, the Order of Australia.*

## Regional Group News

**Eyre Peninsula Regional Group.** Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reported on the Group luncheon held on Friday 10 October, attended by 34 members and guests:

*“The tables were exceptional and one could be forgiven in thinking we were at a banquet”.*

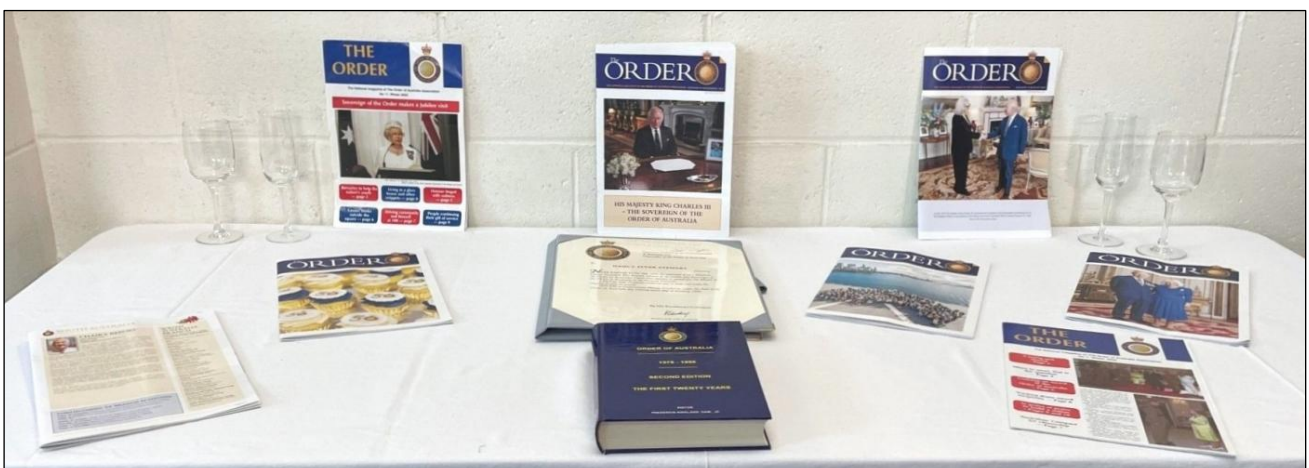
Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and wife Cheryl attended, along with Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and wife Di.

A key feature was an impressive 50th anniversary display (see image below).

Ken observed: *“They did that without any request and I thought it was very thoughtful. Nancy Stewart OAM and husband Geoff asked me if we had any place mats. With support from Greg Gordon, I was able to take some from the King’s Birthday luncheon, and they built upon that for the display”.*

The Group’s Regional Convenor Wendy Holman OAM had previously asked each recipient attending to bring with them a copy of their Award citation.

Wendy then gave a number of those present, including Tony and Ken, an opportunity to talk briefly about their life and their award. Ken Coventry reports that it was a very informative and enjoyable session.



## The Order of Australia Association Ltd, South Australia Branch

**Yorke Peninsula Regional Group.** Regional Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM reports that the group held its half-yearly luncheon meeting at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel on Sunday 26 October.

Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP noted that 24 members and guests attended, joined by himself and his wife Di, and the SA Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and wife Cheryl.

The guest speaker was Ray Agnew OAM, who had received his OAM in 2004, "For service to local government and to the community of Yorke Peninsula" (QB04).

Ray shared his personal journey with 5 years of treatment for advanced cancer in a trial in the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Ray is part of the Yorke Peninsula Prostate Cancer Support Group based in Minlaton. His experience has suggested that men are slow to share their stories with others, and he hoped this presentation would reinforce a need for men to open up.



*Standing (left to right): Ken Coventry OAM JP, Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM, Ray Agnew OAM.*

*Seated: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM, Claudia Agnew.*

**Fleurieu Regional Group.** John Hutchinson OAM reports that the group held its luncheon meeting at the Middleton Tavern on Friday 7 November. The guest speaker was the Reverend Marjorie Keeble OAM.

Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP reports that 40 members and guests attended, including Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and wife Cheryl, along with Ken and his wife Di.



*Standing (left to right): SA Member Secretary Greg Gordon OAM JP, Cheryl Metcalf, Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM, Reverend Marjorie Keeble OAM, Regional Convenor John Hutchinson OAM, SA Branch Treasurer John Ziesing OAM.*

*Seated: Don Clark OAM (Branch Committee), Graeme Swincer OAM, Sue Swincer. Images by Di Coventry*

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In 2018, Reverend Keeble was the recipient of an Australia Day Community Recognition Award in the Shire of Southern Grampians. She was then awarded the OAM, "For service to the community of Hamilton" (QB19).

Ken Coventry noted that Reverend Keeble, now a resident of the Fleurieu, spoke about her life's journey with the subject title "Life wasn't meant to be easy".

Marjorie was born in China to Australian missionary parents during the war with Japan. After time in India and Australia, she had three years at boarding school back in China before returning to Australia to complete her education at school and Melbourne University. Teaching in a Victorian country high school was followed by marriage to a grazier, raising three daughters, and teaching. Eventually she was ordained in the Anglican Church, and worked until 2019 when she retired to Port Elliot.

Graeme Swincer OAM and wife Sue (pictured) were mentioned during Marjorie's presentation, as they have supported her since moving into the community.

### Regional Group Dates ~ 2026

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

**Riverland and Mallee Regional Group.** Regional Convenor Tim Grieger OAM JP advises that the next meeting of the Riverland and Mallee Group is scheduled for the last Friday in March – 27 March.

**Fleurieu Regional Group.** Regional Convenor John Hutchinson OAM advises that the next meeting will be on the first Friday in May – Friday 1 May.

**Yorke Peninsula Regional Group.** Regional Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM advises that the next meeting will be held on Sunday 3 May (to avoid the Anzac Day weekend).

**Eyre Peninsula Regional Group.** Regional Convenor Wendy Holman OAM advises that the next meeting is proposed for the second Friday in October – Friday 9 October.

*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 Chairman, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following Branch members:

Allan Dean Stringer OAM  
4 October 2022, aged 94

Shirley Porter Sampson OAM JP  
2 November 2025, aged 100

#### 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:



## The Order of Australia Association Ltd, South Australia Branch

### PATRONAGE GARDEN RECEPTION

Wednesday 12 November 2025

The Order of Australia Association Ltd, South Australia Branch is proud to have Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, as our Branch Patron.

Recently, Her Excellency and Mr Bunten hosted representatives of their patronage organisations at the annual Government House Patronage Garden Reception, an event that acknowledges the endeavours of these various organisations and the benefits they bring to the South Australian community.

The SA Branch was ably represented by Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM and Cheryl Metcalf, and Deputy Chairman Noel Hender OAM BEM and Jill Hender. Some other Branch members were also in attendance, representing other associations with which they are affiliated.



# 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 LAWN

12PM - 2PM • FREE ENTRY  
BYO PICNIC



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
ADELAIDE



## The Order of Australia Association Ltd, South Australia Branch

### REMINDER

#### 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 at 12 noon.

The guest speaker will be Deborah De Williams AM, on the topic "Faithful Success". Deborah was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "For significant service to the community through contributions to a range of cancer support organisations, and to ultra marathon running" (AD15).

There is no cost for members and guests, however we would like you to register. If you wish to attend, please urgently contact Greg Gordon OAM JP: [oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au](mailto:oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au)

Full-size medals may be worn.

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



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#### 'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' Saturday 17 January 2026

The guest speaker for our Australia Day event will be Professor Peter Høj AC, Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Adelaide.

Peter Høj is a Danish-Australian academic – one of the longest serving Australian Vice-Chancellors, having served for 18 years across three universities. He has previously served as Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Queensland and the University of South Australia.

He gained a Bachelor of Science from the University of Copenhagen (biochemistry and chemistry), and subsequently gained a Master of Science degree (biochemistry and genetics) and Doctor of Philosophy (photosynthesis). He has worked in Denmark and Australia as a researcher, and has published multiple scientific articles.

He was a professor of viticulture at the University of Adelaide, and in 1997 became the managing director of the Australian Wine Research Institute.

Professor Høj received the Centenary Medal in 2001, "For service to Australian society through wine research and science".

He was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in January 2019, "For eminent service to higher education and to science, particularly to the commercialisation of research, and to policy development and reform".

During the University's engagement in a merger process with UniSA, from January 2026 Professor Høj will hold the additional role of Co-Vice Chancellor of the new *Adelaide University* alongside Professor David Lloyd.



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# Order of Australia Association Ltd 2027 National Conference

## Recognising Achievement, Inspiring Tomorrow

The Chairman of the South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association Inc, Mr Tony Metcalf OAM, is pleased to announce that the SA Branch will be hosting the 2027 Order of Australia Association National Conference.

**Save the dates:** This National Conference will be conducted in Adelaide between 13 and 16 May 2027, with the Annual General Meeting and Members' Forum being held on Saturday 15 May.

The Conference will comprise a welcome reception, conference day with high-profile guest speakers, conference cocktails, optional tours, Annual Dinner at which Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarships will be announced, and a conference closing lunch.

The venue is the InterContinental Adelaide.

The Conference Sub-committee and the National Executive aim to keep the registration cost as low as possible to make the conference accessible to as many members as possible. Details of the program and additional information will be released in due course.

We hope you can join us in 2027!



**Contact Person for further information:**

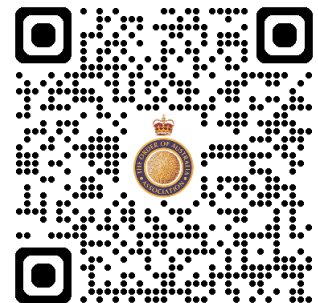
Greg Gordon OAM JP, Conference Registrar  
[ConfReg2027@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:ConfReg2027@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

**More information:**

"2027 National Conference" – use this QR-code or link below:  
<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/2027-national-conference/>

**Venue:**

InterContinental Adelaide:  
<https://icadelaide.com.au/>



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## Contributions

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:johnhutc@bigpond.com)

### Riverland and Mallee Regional Group

Holds luncheon meetings twice a year, typically on the last Friday in March and September  
Regional Convenor: Mr Tim Grieger OAM JP  
0409 099 122 || [tgrieger@riverland.net.au](mailto:tgrieger@riverland.net.au)

### South East Regional Group

Meets in Mount Gambier biannually, and at an alternative regional location in the alternate years  
Regional Convenor: Mr Eric Roughana AM  
0408 817 260 || [roseric1@bigpond.com](mailto:roseric1@bigpond.com)

### Yorke Peninsula Regional Group

Holds luncheon meetings twice a year  
Regional Convenor: Elaine Bussenschutt OAM  
0417 806 839 || [elaine@yp-connect.net](mailto:elaine@yp-connect.net)



## CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON

**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH ‘CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY’ LUNCHEON, Saturday 17 January 2026** – at Jarmer’s Kitchen, 18 Park Terrace, Bowden; arrival from 12 noon for 12.30 pm start. Full-size medals may be worn. Association merchandise will be available for purchase.



The cost is \$85 for Order of Australia Association members and their partner, and \$90 for non-members, partners and guests, for a 3-course Australia-themed meal, alternate drop; cash bar.

The guest speaker will be Professor Peter Høj AC, Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Adelaide.

Please register to attend and make payment not later than **Friday 9 January 2026**



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

<https://events.humanitix.com/celebration-of-australia-day-luncheon-9fnwmlql>



Alternately, pay online via EFT, using the code “ADL + your surname”

Account Name – ‘Order of Australia Association’ || BSB 105-900 || Account no 147028640 (Bank SA)

Scan and send this form to: [oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au](mailto:oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au)



If necessary, forward this Reply Form to (please note that we would prefer not to receive cheques and money orders):

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

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Preferred name: ..... Phone Contact: .....

Email or Address: .....

Dietary requirements [if any] .....

I will be accompanied by (please include post-nominals if applicable):

Guest 1: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Guest 2: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Guest 3: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Payment enclosed (OAA member & spouse/partner): ..... for ..... people ( \$85 per person )

Payment enclosed (non-members and friends): ..... for ..... people ( \$90 per person )

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

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

*We hope you can join us for this significant event!*



## 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

**REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (40th AGM) AND LUNCHEON, Saturday 14 March 2026** – in the Victoria Room of the Edinburgh Hotel, 1-7 High Street, Mitcham. All financial members of the Association and their partners and guests are welcome. There is no cost for members and guests. Full-size medals should be worn. Association merchandise will be available to purchase.




Commencing with Morning Tea at 10 am; Guest Speaker at 10.30 am.


We will be inviting the 2025 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year to be guest speaker.

The AGM will start at 11 am, and conclude by 11.45 am. Lunch will follow at 12 noon, at your own expense.

Please notify apologies to the Secretary: [john@thinkenvironment.com.au](mailto:john@thinkenvironment.com.au)

**Please register or forward this reply form by Wednesday 4 March 2026:**

 **Preferred:** register online using Humanitix – just click on the link below, or copy it into your browser:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/sa-branch-2025-agm-and-lunch>

 Alternately, forward this Reply Form to:  
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Preferred name: ..... Phone Contact: .....

Email: .....

Dietary requirements [if any] .....

I will be accompanied by (please include post-nominals if applicable):

Guest 1: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Guest 2: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Guest 3: ..... [post-nominals] .....

Guest 4: ..... [post-nominals] .....

We will remain for lunch: YES  NO  Total for lunch: .....

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

*We hope you can join us for this significant event!*