

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

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

January 2026



**'WITH DISTINCTION'**  
**Monday 1 December 2025**

*The 2025 Top 10 Student Citizenship Award Recipients at Government House Adelaide:*

*Rear, left to right: Natalie Severin, St Mary's College; Cody Bollenhagen, St Patrick's Technical College; Lincoln Rieger, Concordia College; Rhys Heinrich, Central Yorke School; Laylah Wilson, Cardijn College.*

*Front: Ramzia Ashori, Thebarton Senior College; Jordan Horne, Sacred Heart College; Callum McIntyre-Gregory, Mount Gambier High School (2025 Student Citizen of the Year); Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia; Ella Wallace (representing Amy Wallace, Scotch College); Tan Tran, Cardijn College.*

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

### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

#### GOVERNMENT HOUSE ADELAIDE

Monday 1 December 2025

In an award ceremony held at Government House, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and SA Branch Patron, presented 'With Distinction' plaques to the Top 10 students in the Order of Australia Association SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards.

For more information on the awards program, refer to the Order of Australia Association website:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/school-awards/>



*Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC  
SA Branch Patron*



*Mr Tony Metcalf OAM,  
SA Branch Chairman*

On behalf of the Branch Committee and all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his congratulations to the following nominees who have been announced as the Top 10 students in the Order of Australia Association SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards for 2025. For images refer here (CTL + Click):

[Student Citizenship Awards 2025](#)



#### **Ramzia Ashori**

Thebarton Senior College

*Since arriving in Australia in 2022, Ramzia has demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship through a commitment to school and community service. In addition to establishing a public speaking club, which has flourished and greatly improved the communication skills and confidence of many students, Ramzia is the student representative on the College Governing Council and on the Youth Advisory Council for the City of West Torrens. She also actively participates in and contributes to the Youth Empowering Committee at the Australian Refugee Association, and is a passionate advocate for disadvantaged groups.*

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### **Cody Bollenhagen**

St Patrick's Technical College

*An active, collaborative and highly respected member of the College Leadership Group and College Voice, Cody has contributed valuably to improving student wellbeing and in building a positive school culture and inclusive environment. In the community, Cody provides hands-on emergency and environmental support through an operational leadership role with the Williamstown Brigade for the Country Fire Service, in which he has served for over 7 years. Further, his regular volunteer work at the local primary school supporting young students through practical assistance and emotional encouragement, is also illustrative of his genuine concern for the well-being of others.*



### **Rhys Heinrich**

Central Yorke School

*As Head Prefect and leader of the Student Representative Council, Rhys leads with humility, consistency and purpose and in a way that inspires others and has real impact. Through his outstanding leadership, community service and advocacy for student voice and rural students, and through avenues such as the South Australian Youth Forum and the Movember Youth Advisory Council, Rhys has demonstrated integrity and civic responsibility for the betterment of his school and region.*



### **Jordan Horne**

Sacred Heart College

*As the Aboriginal Program Leader, Jordan has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to the broader and school communities through her culturally grounded leadership, strong communication skills and consistent demonstration of organisational excellence. Her initiatives such as the symbolic "Aboriginal Ribbon" and the creation of a Nunga Room at the middle-school campus have fostered community pride, cultural awareness and reconciliation, offering tangible benefits to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. She exemplifies a commitment to social equity and justice.*

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### **Callum McIntyre-Gregory**

Mount Gambier High School

*Respected as School Captain, Callum is a standout leader of the Student Representative Council and founder of a regional student advisory network linking schools across southeast South Australia. He also volunteers as a coach, referee and mentor, supporting students of all backgrounds. Callum has championed several equity initiatives, including creating the regional Student Cultural Advisory Group, giving culturally and linguistically diverse students a platform to share experiences and shape school culture.*



### **Lincoln Rieger**

Concordia College

*Whether in his role as Deputy College Captain, as an active participant in the Unley Council's Living Young Reference Group or as Deputy Assistant Chief Commissioner-Youth with Scouts SA, Lincoln is an extremely competent and inspirational young leader. With a strong commitment to student well-being and inclusion, Lincoln works closely with school and community leaders to improve policies and practices affecting young people, as well as extensively representing Scouts SA and contributing to major fundraising for disadvantaged community groups.*



### **Natalie Severin**

St Mary's College

*Natalie's long-standing service and leadership in her school and wider community reflect her outstanding character and strong commitment to good citizenship. A compassionate and valued junior leader with Girl Guides, Natalie has served as buddy and patrol leader at weekend camps for children living with mild disabilities, as well as promoting environmentally focussed state and national camps. Her leadership of the charitable campaign 'Shoebboxes of Love', supporting people affected by natural disasters, is an example of the many initiatives for which Natalie is responsible.*

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### Tan Tran

Cardijn College

*From student leadership and school initiatives to surf lifesaving and civic engagement, Tan's achievements reflect his strong commitment to school service, citizenship and community building. Central to Tan's leadership and volunteering has been his service to people experiencing disadvantage and his determination to protect the environment. He has consistently demonstrated initiative in supporting equity groups, including those experiencing homelessness, children with disabilities and disadvantaged youth, as well as contributing to long term environmental sustainability.*



*Amy's Award was accepted by her younger sister Ella, as Amy was at Point Pearce for her project with the Nharangga Community*

### Amy Wallace

Scotch College

*Amy continues to exemplify exceptional leadership and active citizenship through her ongoing commitment and contribution to her school and community. In her role as School Captain in 2025, and through several other key positions representing youth, Amy has created and pursued a myriad of opportunities to help and support others, showing passion, awareness, determination and leadership. Her interest and expertise in contributing to the international Education Community of Practice in AI to support inclusive approaches to AI, along with her facilitation with the Helping Hands Program are just two examples of the extent of intensive and valuable service in which Amy engages.*



### Laylah Wilson

Cardijn College

*Through a range of leadership roles and activities, including Mission Captain in 2025, Laylah has committed herself through service to enriching both her school and wider community. A strong visible presence during key events and initiatives, Laylah willingly and readily takes on roles that lead and inspire others to follow confidently in her footsteps. Laylah is a tireless and valued worker, who dedicates her efforts to benefit the wellbeing and overall quality of life for marginalised and disadvantaged equity groups.*

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Congratulations to the  
inaugural recipient of the  
Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award  
for the  
Student Citizen of the Year  
2025

**Callum McIntyre-Gregory**  
from Mount Gambier High School



*Callum McIntyre-Gregory (right) with the  
2023 Student Citizen of the Year Thomas Oxford*

A total of 47 submissions were received for consideration, from 33 schools and colleges. In addition, to the 'Top Ten' awardees, a further 37 students will receive a certificate and medallion – 19 of whom were rated as 'Highly Commended'. These certificates and medallions were presented at end of year ceremonies during Term 4, while some will be presented at school assemblies early this year.

Perhaps there is a school with which you have a particular affinity? For the 2026 awards, please email Noel Hender OAM BEM if you would like to register interest in making a presentation later this year:

[sca.sabranh@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:sca.sabranh@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)



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<https://ahtrophies.com.au/>

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

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, January 2026

In looking back over the last year, I became aware of the many activities that the Branch has organised for our members, both in Adelaide and in our country regions. I hope you have had an opportunity to attend one or more of these. We have held Fellowship Lunches, New Recipient Receptions, celebrations of Australia Day and the King's Birthday, our 2024 AGM, Christmas Morning Tea, and Student Citizenship Award presentations.

We particularly thank our Branch Patron, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, and Mr Rod Bunten, for hosting a special reception at Government House for the Student Citizenship Awards 'With Distinction' recipients (the 'Top Ten') and also attending our King's Birthday lunch.

On behalf of all Branch members, I wish to offer our congratulations to Callum McIntyre-Gregory from Mount Gambier High School who has been selected to be the 2025 Student Citizen of the Year. Callum is therefore the inaugural recipient of the Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award for the Student Citizen of the Year. We thank the late 'Chook' Fowler and his family for supporting our program in this way.

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

We are looking forward to another interesting year. In particular, registration for the 2026 Order of Australia Association National Conference is now live. Their website has been updated to include the Humanitix registration link, and we have previously sent out their promotional flyer. Ms Robyn Porter OAM, the Secretary of the Queensland Branch, has advised that they are happy to answer any questions you may have.

On a personal note, I thank the committee and regional coordinators in general for the work they have done in organising all of the above.

Cheryl and I hope you have enjoyed a happy festive season, and we look forward to catching up with everyone in the new year.

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

### REMINDER



#### '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.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday 9 January:** Government House Adelaide 'Lunch on the Lawns' (see notice in this newsletter)

**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)

**Saturday 6 June:** SA Branch King's Birthday Luncheon

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## CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA Friday 12 December 2025

We held our annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea at the Goodwood Community Centre, with Rachel Zaltron OAM, CEO of "Back Packs 4 SA kids" as Guest Speaker. Rachel received the OAM, "For service to children and young people" (QB20).



**VILI'S**  
Family Bakery

We thank Rosemary Milisits OAM and Vili's Family Bakery for very generously donating the refreshments, allowing us to provide a Christmas Morning Tea at no cost to our members:

<https://www.vilis.com/>

Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM welcomed guests, and Deputy Chairman Noel Hender BEM OAM (above) proposed the loyal toast and then led the singing of the National Anthem



Branch Committee member Cathy Chong AM JP had a wide selection of Order of Australia Association merchandise available

For images refer here  
(CTRL + Click to follow link):

[2025 CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA](#)

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### RACHEL ZALTRON OAM Backpacks 4 SA Kids

We were very privileged to have Rachel Zaltron OAM as guest speaker.

Rachel is the Founder and General Manager of Backpacks 4 SA Kids (since 2012).

Backpacks 4 SA Kids exists to provide resources to contribute to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people during periods of dislocation from home and routine care.

Other programs since instituted are:

- 'Anchor Pack' program, focusing on young people aged 12-24 experiencing homelessness
- 'Home Starter Pack' program, focusing on families starting over after being affected by domestic violence
- 'Annual Christmas Drive' to provide gifts to children and young people going into emergency care or accessing homelessness services over the Christmas period

Rachel received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List: *"For service to children and young people"*.



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## STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

**HALLE ZWAR**  
**Tenison Woods College**

Halle Zwar received her Student Citizenship Awards 'Highly Commended' certificate and medallion in Mount Gambier on Tuesday 18 November 2025 from Eric Roughana AM, Convenor of the SA Branch, South East Regional Group.

Halle's citation reads as follows:

*Halle demonstrates initiative, leadership and compassion in her commitment to supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable members of her community.*

*Her personal commitment to inclusion and justice is reflected in her support of newly arrived students from the Yazidi community, helping to build cultural understanding and trust within the school community.*

*As a performing arts student, Halle is a role model for others seeking to step outside their comfort zone and pursue excellence.*



**NATHAN BISHOP**  
**Blackfriars Priory School**

Nathan Bishop received his 'Highly Commended' certificate and medallion from Noel Hender OAM BEM, and is pictured here with his Principal David Ruggiero.

Nathan's citation reads as follows:

*With a deep commitment to community service, particularly in supporting palliative care, Nathan exemplifies an outstanding role model for young leaders who share his concern for others.*

*Through his commitment to the Mary Potter Foundation, Nathan solely organised and led fundraising efforts, served as an official 'Walk for Love' ambassador and established 'Pals for Palliative Care'. He was honoured as the 2025 City of Prospect Young Citizen of the Year for his significant commitment to end-of-life care.*

*His 'Laps for Life' initiative, which raised awareness for youth mental health, further reflects his proactive concern for community wellbeing.*

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

### '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.

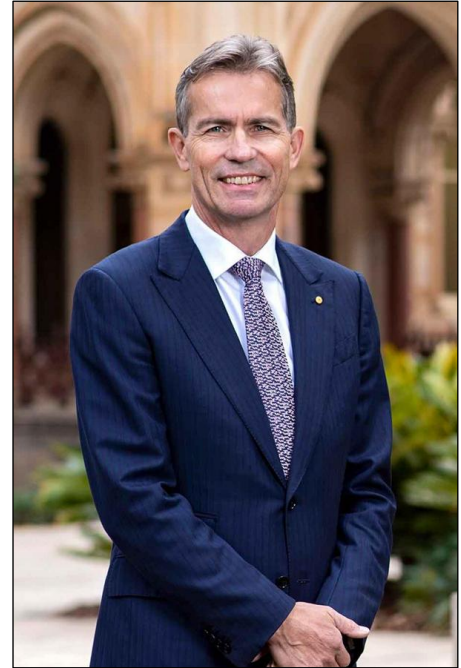
Peter Høj is a Danish-Australian academic – one of the longest serving Australian Vice-Chancellors, having served for 18 years across three universities. He has previously served as Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Queensland and the University of South Australia.

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.



**GARDEN TOURS**  
10:45AM - 11:45AM  
FREE ENTRY  
BOOKINGS REQUIRED

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DECEMBER 5

JANUARY 9  
FEBRUARY 6

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE ADELAIDE

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### PAMELA RAJKOWSKI OAM

Sunday 7 December 2025

The international Afghan association '8AM MEDIA', based in Canada, held its 2025 annual international awards ceremony in Melbourne on 7 December 2025.

The event is held to recognise extraordinary contributions of Afghans in Afghanistan and Afghans worldwide. The 8AM Committee extraordinarily selected Pamela Rajkowski OAM to be the recipient of their 'Ghulam Muhammad Ghobaar' History Award, acknowledging her 40 plus years of research and writing on the Afghan cameleers of Australia between 1860 and the 1920s.

The award is named after Ghulam Mohammad Ghubar who was an academic, journalist, historical author and activist in Afghanistan from the 1910s to the 1930s, imprisoned for his thoughts.

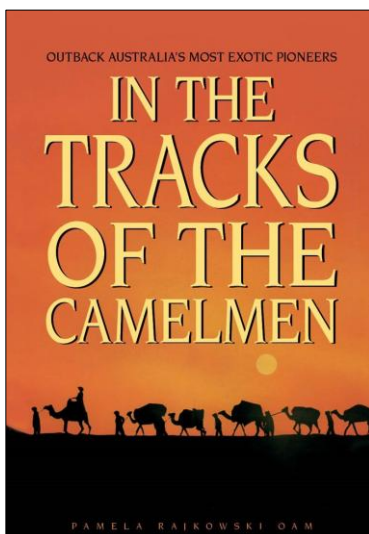
Pamela was presented with her statuette and certificate for her significant contribution "from pen to thought to paper" amongst the diverse creative Afghans in Australia and internationally.

Pamela said: "I was shocked when I was contacted by Canadian emails to be informed I had been selected. It was such an honour for me on the day to be the only non-Afghan recipient amongst about 20 prominent Afghans coming up on stage to receive awards. The MC spoke in Afghan language from 2pm until 5.30 pm".

Pamela is a South Australian research author, specialising in the history, heritage and contribution of the Australian Afghan Cameleers.

She has collaborated widely with Afghan Cameleer descendants, and has been a consultant to several state and national bodies, including the SA Museum, Adelaide City Council, Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, the Adelaide City Mosque and the National ABC Coasts series.

Pamela was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2008 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "For service to the community through research into the history of the Afghan and Aboriginal cameleers in Australia". Pamela is the published author of three books.



*In the Tracks of the Camelmen* (1987)

ISBN 1740083598



*The third annual 8 AM Awards ceremony was held in Melbourne, Australia, honouring individuals whose contributions have significantly shaped Afghanistan's arts, culture, human rights and innovation. The 'Ghulam Muhammad Ghobaar' Award was awarded to Pamela Rajkowski OAM.*

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### VALE

The Chairman, 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:

Karl Josef Seppelt AO

Dr Bruce Charles Eastick AM

Philia Kambitsis OAM

James Walter Maitland OAM

Kenneth Frank Pocock OAM

We also note the passing of the following honours recipients:

Stanley George Evans OAM

Barbara Eva Evans OAM

Douglas Ray Henderson OAM  
formerly of Caltowie

### Karl Josef Seppelt AO

It is with great sadness that we advise of the recent passing of Karl Seppelt AO on Tuesday 11 November 2025. Karl passed peacefully after a short illness at the age of 95. Karl always kept a robust interest in the activities of the wine industry, the business world and the wider community.

### Douglas Ray Henderson OAM (1938-2025)

Doug Henderson OAM, formerly of Caltowie, died on 2 December 2025, aged 87. Doug was awarded the OAM, *"For Service to conservation, to sport and to the community"* (QB94).

### The Honourable Dr Bruce Charles Eastick AM BVSc (1927-2025)

Dr Bruce Eastick passed away in Gawler on the afternoon of 5 December 2025, aged 98.

Born in Colonel Light Gardens, South Australia on 25 October 1927, Bruce was the son of Sir Thomas Eastick Kt CMG DSO ED JP (1900-1988) and Ruby Sybil (née Bruce). Brigadier Tom Eastick DSO ED was Commander Kuching Force in 1945, and Military Governor of Sarawak until December 1945, when the territory returned to local civilian rule.

Bruce gained a Diploma of Agriculture at Roseworthy College in 1947, and then trained at Sydney University for his Veterinary Degree.

He served on Gawler Council from 1963 (Willaston Ward), as Mayor of Gawler (1968-72 and 1993-00), MHA for Light (1970-93), South Australian Leader of the Opposition (1972-75) and Speaker of the South Australian House of Assembly (1979-82).

Dr Bruce Eastick was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, *"In recognition of service to the South Australian Parliament, local government and the community"* (AD96).

Bruce was a member of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association.

He was also awarded the Centenary Medal on 1 January 2001, and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

*Image below courtesy of Mr Michael Eastick.*



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**Stanley George Evans OAM  
(1930-2025)**

**Barbara Eva Evans OAM  
(1932-2025)**

We note the passing of Stan Evans on 29 November 2025, aged 95, and his wife Barbara who passed away on 4 December 2025, aged 93.

Stan Evans was awarded the OAM, "*For service to the Parliament of South Australia*" (AD19).

He dedicated more than seven decades to public life, including service in State Parliament for 25 years, representing Onkaparinga (1968-70), Fisher (1970-85) and Davenport (1985-93).

He was awarded the Australian Sports Medal on 24 October 2000 for his outstanding contribution to Adelaide Hills cricket, tennis and Aussie Rules football and various Mount Lofty sporting groups, with some 45 years in sports administration.

On 1 January 2001 he was awarded the Centenary Medal, "*For service to Australian society through parliament*".

Barbara Evans was also awarded the Centenary Medal, "*For outstanding voluntary work to the community through sporting clubs and community organisations*".

She was awarded the OAM, "*For service to politics and the community of the Adelaide Hills*" (QB13).



### 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.

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[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.

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## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026

### HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Honours recipients, partners and friends are invited to share in the fostering of fellowship in an informal setting during our regular luncheon meetings at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street.

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.

The next honours recipients fellowship luncheon will be held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club on **Thursday 26 February 2026**.

The speaker will be Dawn Thorp AO on the topic "It's in the Blood - the Stem Cell Story".

Dawn was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia, "*For distinguished service to nursing, and to medicine, in the field of haematology, as an expert clinician and mentor*" (AD19).

### *Save the Dates*

Thursday 30 April

Thursday 25 June

Thursday 27 August

Thursday 29 October

To RSVP please contact:

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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  
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## 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-9fnwmlq>



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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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 11.30 am.


We have invited 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 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:  
SA Branch Events Sub-committee, PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085

Name: [please print] ..... [post-nominals] .....

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!*