



The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The 2025 Student Citizenship Awards

At a presentation ceremony for the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards held at Government House today, **Callum McIntyre-Gregory**, a year 12 student from Mount Gambier High School, was announced as the **2025 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year**.

The announcement was made by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch at a special reception for the presentation of the Top 10 ('With Distinction') Student Citizenship Awards.

Callum has made an impressive contribution to his school and community, as confirmed in his personal citation:

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.

The Student Citizenship Awards program is conducted annually as the flagship program of the South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association, of which Her Excellency is Patron.

Senior students are nominated by their schools and selected from submissions assessed against four criteria:

- Achievements that display significant benefits for the broader and school communities;
- Citizenship, leadership and skills in organisation, management and communication;
- Concern for the well-being of disadvantaged others in need, such as homeless youth, refugees, elderly or those with a disability; and/or
- Making a significant contribution to the development and/or sustainability of the environment or community.

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At Government House on Monday 1 December, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch, presented Student Citizenship Awards 'With Distinction' plaques acknowledging the following 'Top 10' students:

Ramzia Ashori, Thebarton Senior College

Cody Bollenhagen, St Patrick's Technical College

Rhys Heinrich, Central Yorke School

Jordan Horne, Sacred Heart College

Callum McIntyre-Gregory, Mount Gambier High School

Lincoln Rieger, Concordia College

Natalie Severin, St Mary's College

Tan Tran, Cardijn College

Amy Wallace, Scotch College

Laylah Wilson, Cardijn College

Each received a 'With Distinction' certificate signed by Her Excellency and the SA Branch Chairman Mr Tony Metcalf OAM, as well as a Student Citizenship Award medallion mounted on an engraved wooden plaque.

Callum McIntyre-Gregory of Mount Gambier High School was then announced as the 2025 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year.

Her Excellency presented Callum with a special trophy in recognition of his outstanding achievement – the Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award for the Student Citizen of the Year.

In addition to these 'Top Ten' awardees, a further 37 students will receive a certificate and medallion – 19 of whom were rated as 'Highly Commended'. A total of 47 nominations were received this year, from 33 schools and colleges.

During 2025, 2026 and 2027 these medallions are being provided through the generous support of the Government of South Australia.

Mr Tony Metcalf OAM, Chairman of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, said: *"On behalf of our Branch Committee and all of our members, I heartily congratulate all recipients of the 2025 Student Citizenship Awards, and particularly Callum for his well-deserved selection as Student Citizen of the Year"*.

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ROLL OF HONOUR

The most recent South Australian Student Citizens of the Year are as follows:

2024 *Amy Wallace, Scotch College*

2023 *Thomas Oxford, Parafield Gardens High School*

2022 *Callum Barrott-Walsh, Cardijn College, and Jordan Norman, Urrbrae Agricultural High School*

2021 *Georgia Kehagias, Immanuel College*

2020 *Charlotte Mauviel, Temple Christian College (Mile End Campus)*

2019 *William Gillett, Loxton High School*

2018 *Austin Lovell, Christian Brothers College*

Further information

The Student Citizenship Awards offered by the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association are intended to recognise those senior secondary students who actively engage with and contribute to school and/or local communities rather than for specific academic or sporting achievements. The Awards exemplify the Association's objective:

To celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship

Student Citizenship Awards Convenor, Noel Hender OAM BEM, particularly acknowledges the late Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, whose generous donations in 2023 enabled us to include a special medallion for all Award recipients for two years. From 2025 for three years, these medallions are being provided through the generous support of the Government of South Australia.

The Student Citizenship Awards program of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch is separate from, but proudly presented in collaboration with, the Governor's Civics Awards for Schools program:

www.education.sa.gov.au/governors-civics-awards-schools

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