



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

MOUNT GAMBIER STUDENT HONOURED WITH INAUGURAL STATEWIDE AWARD

The 2025 Student Citizenship Awards

The Order of Australia Association SA Branch is proud to announce that **Callum McIntyre-Gregory** from Mount Gambier High School has been named the inaugural recipient of the Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award for the 2025 Student Citizen of the Year.

At a ceremony for the presentation of the Top 10 ('With Distinction') Student Citizenship Awards held at Government House today, Year 12 student **Callum McIntyre-Gregory** received his award from Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch.

Callum has earned this prestigious honour in recognition of his exceptional leadership, integrity and commitment to service across his school, region, 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.

As School Captain, Callum has reshaped student leadership at Mount Gambier High School, introducing inclusive initiatives such as the CARE Points system and strengthening opportunities for student voice and participation. At a regional level, Callum founded and coordinated the South East Region Initiative for Student Empowerment (SERISE), a student-led advisory network connecting fourteen public schools across South East South Australia. His vision and organisational skill have created a sustainable platform for regional student representation, now impacting more than a thousand students.

Beyond school leadership, Callum has contributed widely to the community. He has coached and refereed local soccer teams, volunteered with Headspace to promote youth mental health, represented students on the School Governing Council, and spoken at civic events including Anzac and Remembrance Day services. His advocacy for equity and inclusion has supported culturally diverse, LGBTQIA+, and disadvantaged students, leaving a lasting legacy of empowerment and respect.

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The Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award celebrates young leaders who embody citizenship and service. Callum's achievement highlights the strength of youth leadership in regional South Australia and the transformative impact of student voice.

The Order of Australia Association congratulates Callum on this wonderful achievement.

Further information

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 the Governor is Patron.

The Awards 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

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.

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.

Student Citizenship Awards Convenor, Noel Hender OAM BEM, acknowledges the late Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, whose generous donation has funded this award.

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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