

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

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

March 2026



SA BRANCH COMMITTEE 2025-2026

Outgoing Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his thanks and appreciation to members who have served on the SA Branch Committee during 2025-26:

Front row, left to right: Greg Gordon OAM JP (Member Secretary SA); Toni Cocchiaro OAM; Cathy Chong AM JP (Merchandise Officer); Don Clark OAM; Pamela Rajkowski OAM (Convenor, Events Sub-committee).

Rear: Flavia de Pasquale OAM (Convenor, Fellowship Group); Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP (Editor/Webmaster); Noel Hender OAM BEM (Deputy Chairman, Branch Nominated Director and Convenor, Student Citizenship Awards); Tony Metcalf OAM (Chairman); John Ziesing OAM (Treasurer); John Phillips OAM (Branch Secretary).

Not pictured: Deborah De Williams AM; Ken Coventry OAM JP (Regional Groups Coordinator).

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, March 2026

We have begun the year by celebrating Australia Day, and holding our first Honours Recipients Fellowship luncheon. We are looking forward to our upcoming events – including our AGM, further Fellowship luncheons and Regional Group luncheon meetings.

We will be holding a New Recipients' Reception to acknowledge those announced in the 2026 Australia Day Honours List and honour their achievements. New recipients will be a guest of the SA Branch.

Our next major event after that is the King's Birthday Luncheon. The guest speaker will be the Honourable Greg Crafter AO, a past Minister for Education and Minister for Local Government.

In some past issues, our Association's national magazine 'The Order' has carried paid adverts showcasing members' products and venues. Every such ad placed helps offset the cost of printing and distribution. Perhaps some of our members who run their own business may be interested in advertising? We have included further information in this newsletter.

In other interesting news from the national body, the National Chair has advised that the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO CVO will complete her 3 year term of office as national President as scheduled on 30 May 2026. She is due to be succeeded by our former Governor of South Australia, and our former Branch Patron, the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC.

He has agreed to serve as our national President for a 3 year appointment. We welcome Hieu Van Le AC to the role of National Chair, which he will take up following the National Conference in Brisbane.

Meanwhile we are about to hold our Branch AGM, and I thank all who have served on the Branch Committee in 2025-26, including those who served in co-opted and portfolio roles.

Tony Metcalf OAM
SA Branch Chair

IMPORTANT REMINDER



2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

16 – 19 April 2026

The 38th National Conference is being hosted by the Queensland Branch at Rydges South Bank Hotel in Brisbane, with the theme being:

“Bridge to the Future”

You can access the personalised online booking web page for delegates here:

<https://www.rydges.com/private-page/order-of-australia-association/>

View the conference program and secure your Conference Booking Here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-order-of-australia-association-national-conference-2026>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 6 March: Government House Adelaide 'Lunch on the Lawns' (see notice in this newsletter)

Saturday 14 March: Annual General Meeting

Friday 27 March: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting

16-19 April 2026: National Conference in Brisbane

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

Monday 18 May: New Recipients' Reception (proposed date, subject to confirmation)

Saturday 6 June: King's Birthday Luncheon

Thursday 25 June: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker

Thursday 27 August: Fellowship luncheon meeting

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The screenshot shows the website of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General. The page title is "AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 HONOURS LIST". The main content area states: "The Australia Day 2026 Honours List recognises and celebrates 949 Australians, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for distinguished and conspicuous service. This represents an increase of over 200 more awards than on Australia Day last year." Below this, it says "The General Division of the Order of Australia" and lists the recipients: "The 680 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia (all recipients names and citations [↗](#)), include:"

- [10 appointments as Companions of the Order of Australia \[↗\]\(#\)](#)
- [38 appointments as Officers of the Order of Australia \[↗\]\(#\)](#)
- [160 appointments as Members of the Order of Australia \[↗\]\(#\)](#)
- [472 awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia \[↗\]\(#\)](#)

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA 2026 Australia Day Honours List

The 2026 Australia Day Honours List, released on Monday 26 January, recognises and celebrates 949 Australians – with awards in the General and Military Divisions of the Order of Australia, meritorious service awards and recognition for conspicuous service.

The 680 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia include:

- ⌘ 10 appointments as a Companion of the Order (including one South Australian)
- ⌘ 38 appointments as an Officer of the Order
- ⌘ 160 appointments as a Member of the Order (including eight South Australians)
- ⌘ 472 people were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (31 South Australians)

There were 22 recipients of awards in the Military Division of the Order of Australia:

- ⌘ 10 appointments as a Member of the Order
- ⌘ 12 awards of the Medal of the Order of Australia

A Special Honours List to recognise and acknowledge the extraordinary actions taken both during and after the terror attack at Bondi Beach was announced by the Prime Minister on 24 December 2025: nominations are still expected, and this List will be released later.

On behalf of all members of the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM congratulates everyone who has received an award in the 2026 Australia Day Honours List.

A representative of the SA Branch will attend each of the investiture ceremonies at Government House, and shortly after we will host a New Recipients' Reception.

Information about the SA Branch of the Order of Australia Association is available on our website: <https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/>

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2025

MARIAM BAKRA IQRA College

In keeping with the aim of the Association to raise awareness about the Order of Australia and Australian citizenship in general, each school/college with a Student Citizenship Award recipient is encouraged to invite a member of the Association – an Australian Honours recipient – to attend a suitable school function to present the certificate and medallion to the recipient student.

At the IQRA College Graduation ceremony on 29 December, Year 12 graduate and college Dux Mariam Bakra received her “Highly Commended” certificate and medallion from Pamela Rajkowski OAM. Her parents and brother celebrated with her. Mariam’s citation reads as follows:

Mariam has shown unwavering support and commitment for her school and local community through her exceptional leadership and a range of impactful contributions.

Her profound empathy and strong commitment to the well-being of disadvantaged equity groups and her significant contributions and proactive efforts for environmental sustainability and community engagement are to be commended.



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! Experience in applying for grant funding would be beneficial.

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 the Branch Chairman to express your interest or to learn more:

chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2026

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR

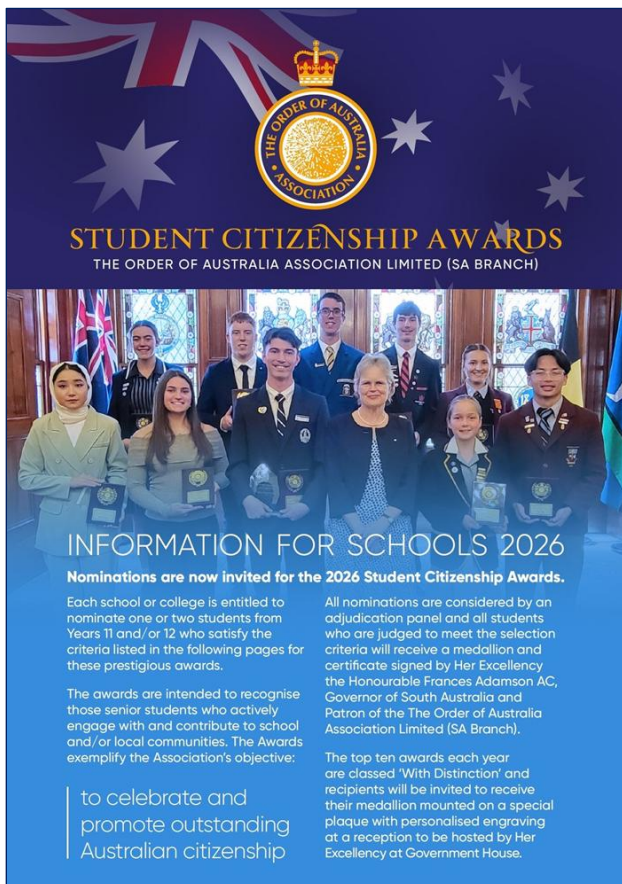
Nominations are now open for the 2026 Student Citizenship Awards.

The SA Branch SCA Assessment and Selection Panel held a meeting on Tuesday 13 January to review the program, nomination and submission process, to confirm the nomination criteria, and to confirm the promotional brochure for 2026 (see below).

We are pleased to announce that Dr Neville Highett AM has agreed to be the new Awards Convenor.

On behalf of all Branch members, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his thanks and appreciation to Noel Hender OAM BEM who has served as Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards since 2018.

Our website is now live, calling for nominations – the closing date for nominations is Monday 27 July, at 5 pm (Week 2 of School Term 3).



The brochure features the Order of Australia Association logo at the top, followed by the text 'STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION LIMITED (SA BRANCH)'. Below this is a photograph of a group of students and staff members holding their awards. The text 'INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS 2026' is prominently displayed, followed by a call to action: 'Nominations are now invited for the 2026 Student Citizenship Awards.' The brochure provides details on nomination criteria, including the requirement for students to be in Years 11 and/or 12, and the criteria for selection. It also mentions that the awards are intended to recognize students who actively engage with and contribute to their schools and communities. A QR code is provided for more information, and the website www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/SA/school-awards is listed.

The 2026 Student Citizenship Awards brochure will be available at each of our events, and can also be downloaded from the SA Branch page of Order of Australia Association website.



The banner features the Order of Australia Association logo at the top, followed by the text 'STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION SA BRANCH'. Below this is the text 'to celebrate and promote outstanding Australian citizenship'. The banner also includes the text 'Recognising senior secondary students for outstanding achievement and service for their schools and communities'. A large image of the award medallion is shown, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The text 'Embodying the values of service, leadership, and community engagement.' is displayed below the medallion. A QR code is provided for more information, and the website www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/SA/school-awards is listed.

The SA Branch has acquired a pull-up banner to promote the Student Citizenship Awards program – during award ceremonies and during school and regional group presentations.

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'CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA DAY' Saturday 17 January 2026

We held our annual 'Celebration of Australia Day' Luncheon at Jarmer's Kitchen, at 18 Park Terrace in Bowden with a 3-course Australia-themed meal.

We were privileged to have as guest speaker Professor Peter Høj AC, former Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Adelaide.

*Images by Noel Hender OAM BEM
and Pamela Rajkowski OAM*



Jarmer's Kitchen, 18 Park Terrace in Bowden: <https://jarmerskitchen.com.au/>

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026

HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday 26 February 2026

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, during our regular luncheon meetings at the prestigious Naval, Military and Air Force Club at 111 Hutt Street in Adelaide.

The guest speaker at our first Fellowship luncheon for the year was **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).

Our Club host was once again Bryce Saint OAM, now in his 100th year, and John Ziesing OAM was MC and introduced Dawn.



KAREN HAYES AM

The next Fellowship Luncheon will be held on **Thursday 30 April**, with Karen Hayes AM speaking on the topic "Finding my Life's Purpose". With over 30 years of governance experience, Karen describes herself as 'a dedicated advocate for inclusive leadership within community-oriented boards and organisations'.

Karen has held roles as a founding member of the Breast Cancer Network Australia and co-founder of the Australian chapter of the International Women's Forum. She contributed to pioneering initiatives at Melbourne Football Club, including the 'Field of Women' to raise breast cancer awareness, 'The Long Journey' to highlight Indigenous contributions to the AFL, and 'Women in Football,' which secured one of the first official Australian Women's Football League licenses and showcased the growing number of AFL Women's players.

Most recently, Karen served as the CEO of Guide Dogs Victoria for over a decade, where she led transformative projects and developed a strategic vision for sustainable growth. Guide Dogs Victoria successfully executed a \$33 million capital campaign to establish Australia's first sensory campus. This innovative facility is designed to enhance the lives of individuals with blindness or low vision, creating an exceptional environment for the breeding and training of guide dogs while fostering community engagement and education.

Karen currently holds positions on the Adelaide Fringe Festival Foundation Board and the South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) Board.

In recognition of her significant contributions to business and community, Karen was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2017. She was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "*For significant service to the community as an advocate for gender equity, and to women in sport*" (AD19).

She was honoured as a Dame in the Order of St John in June 2019 for her contributions to the community.



To RSVP please contact:

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REMINDER

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 14 March 2026

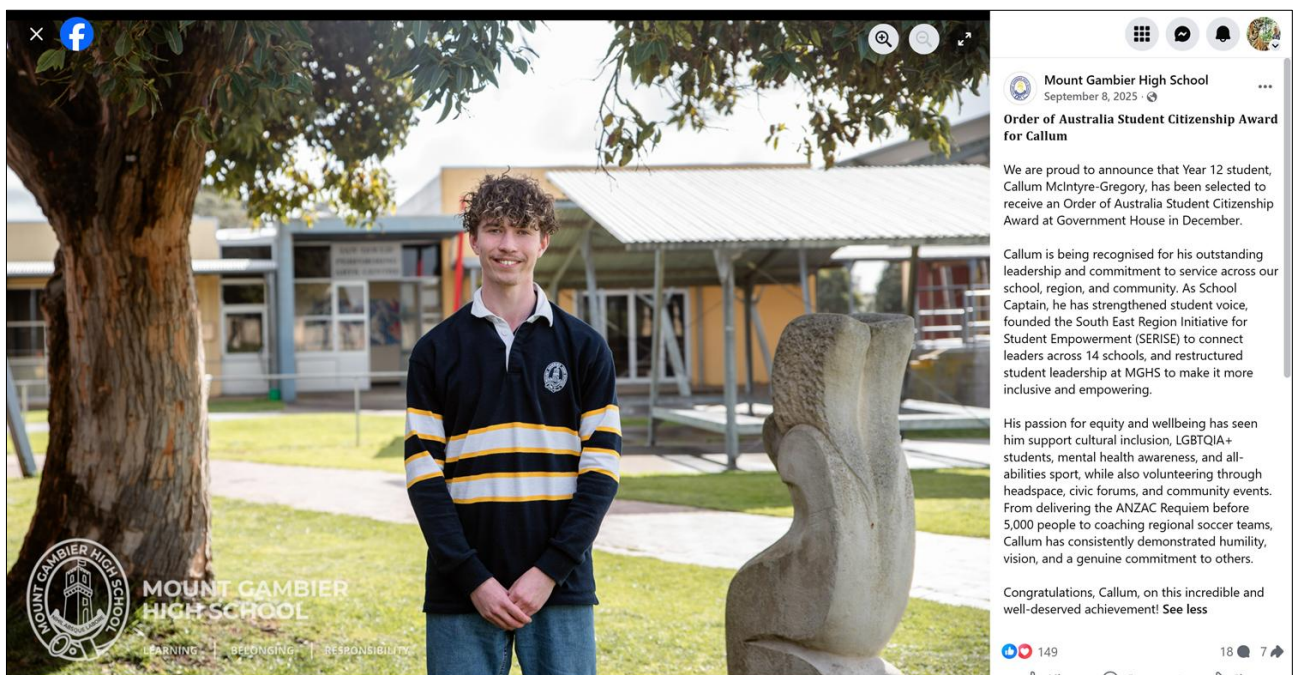


All financial members of the Association and their partners and guests are invited to attend the SA Branch AGM to be held at the Edinburgh Hotel in Mitcham, commencing with Morning Tea at 10 am.

There is no cost for members and guests. Full-size medals may be worn, and Association merchandise will be available to purchase. At 10.30 we will hear from our 2025 Student Citizen of the Year, Callum McIntyre from Mount Gambier – the inaugural recipient of the Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM Award for the Student Citizen of the Year. Callum has also been honoured as one of just 40 South Australian students to receive a 2025 Governor of South Australia Commendation, a prestigious award recognising academic excellence, outstanding community impact and the application of key capabilities. Lunch will follow at 12 noon, at your own expense.

Register online using Humanitix <https://events.humanitix.com/sa-branch-2025-agm-and-lunch>

Please notify apologies to the Secretary: john@thinkenvironment.com.au



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BRANCH CHAIRMAN

Under the Constitution, the term of office for directors is three years with a maximum of three consecutive terms, and the by-laws make this same provision applicable to members of Branch Committees. Accordingly, at the end of this AGM Branch Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM will retire from the role having completed 6 years as Chairman and with immediate previous service as Treasurer. The Branch Committee extends on behalf of all members its gratitude to Tony for his dedication to the Branch in these roles.

SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Branch Committee and all members of the SA Branch, Chairman Tony Metcalf OAM extends his thanks and appreciation to the following who are resigning from the SA Branch Committee:

Flavia de Pasquale OAM: *First elected in February 2020, and has served as Coordinator of the Fellowship Program and Convenor of the Events Sub-Committee. Resigning on the completion of her second 3-year term.*

Deborah DeWilliams AM: *Filled a casual vacancy in March 2024, and was elected in March 2025.*

The Branch Chairman also extends his thanks and appreciation to the following who have provided service to the Branch Committee up to the date of the 2025 AGM:

John Phillips OAM: *Elected as Secretary (a statutory appointment) in February 2023 after filling a casual vacancy, and has now completed a 3-year term. John will be standing for re-election as Secretary.*

Noel Hender OAM BEM: *First elected in February 2020, and has served as Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards and as Branch Nominated Director. Noel will be standing for re-election.*

Pamela Rajkowski OAM: *First elected in February 2020, and serves as Convenor of the Events Sub-Committee. Pamela will be standing for re-election.*

Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP: *First elected in February 2020, and serves as Editor & Webmaster. Paul will be standing for re-election.*

We also thank the following members for holding co-opted or other roles during 2025-26:

Ken Coventry OAM JP: *Has continued to fulfil the co-opted role of Regional Groups Coordinator.*

Gary Byron AM: *Returning Officer (co-opted) for both the 2024 and 2025 AGM.*

All other appointments are as listed in *The Order*.



KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday 6 June 2026

Please join us at a luncheon celebrating the King's Birthday at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club at 86 Churchill Road in Prospect. A Reply Form will be included with the next newsletter, and will also be available online.

As usual, full-size medals may be worn, and Association merchandise will be available to purchase. The guest speaker will be the Honourable Greg Crafter AO.

Greg was Member for Norwood from 10 March 1979 until 18 September 1979, and again from 16 February 1980 until 11 December 1993. He held ministerial appointments under Premiers John Bannon and Lynn Arnold, including Education (1985-92), Housing, Urban Development & Local Government Relations (1992-93), Aboriginal Affairs (1982-89) and Community Welfare (1982-85). He subsequently served as National Catholic Education Commission chairman, and was appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Gregory the Great.



In this Royal Portrait, released ahead of the Royal Visit by to Australia in October 2024, the King is wearing the insignia of Sovereign of the Order of Australia.

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JUDITH LEESON AM Companion of Flinders University

In the last newsletter we reported that Judith Leeson AM has been recognised by Flinders University as a Companion of the University for her work as an advocate for the quality care of our older citizens.

Judith was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, *“For service to the community, particularly through support for people seeking opportunity for life long learning and career development”* (AD05).

Judith served a term as a member of the SA Branch Committee in 2017-19, and since 2018 has been a member of the Selection and Assessment Panel for our Student Citizenship Awards program.

Judith has devoted 70 years to early childhood education, disability services, and career development for disadvantaged groups.



Judith Leeson AM receives the award of Companion of Flinders University: pictured with Flinders University Chancellor John Hood FAICD and Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Romy Lawson.

CITATION FOR THE AWARD OF COMPANION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Mrs Judith Leeson AM

Judith Leeson AM has contributed to Flinders University for many years, building on an impressive 70-year career in early childhood education, disability services, and career development and transition services for disadvantaged groups.

As a Caring Futures Institute Ambassador within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Judith has provided ongoing advice as a consumer representative in ageing, aged care, and palliative care workshops, consistently bringing a consumer-focused perspective to all her engagements. She has consistently provided insightful input, ensuring that the College’s programs and initiatives are aligned with the needs and perspectives of consumers to support the advancement of knowledge and professional practice.

Judith has also significantly contributed to the foundation, Aged Care Research and Industry Innovation Australia (ARIIA) as a non-executive board member. This large-scale \$34M initiative leads and facilitates the positive transformation of aged care nationwide.

Judith’s articulate and passionate orations and comments are grounded in the real needs of older people, always bringing audiences back to the core of why these issues matter. With her lived experience, and academic and career industry background, she has provided a critical eye to the review of grant applications.

Judith’s commitment to improving the fields of ageing, aged care, and palliative care, along with her active involvement in the university community, exemplify the values of Flinders University.

Judith Leeson AM is an extremely worthy recipient of a Companion of the University from Flinders University in recognition of her generous contribution of time and expertise to advancing the aged care workforce and improving the lives of older Australians and their families.

Award information and image courtesy of Flinders University

Gift Giving for Friends, Family and Yourself at the OAA Merchandise Shop items available include



Cap
\$21.00



Pen
\$7.00



Card (pk of 5)
\$10.00



Keyring
\$12.00



Tote Bag
\$12.00



Bucket Hat
\$16.00

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Regional Group Events

South East Regional Group. Convenor Eric Roughana AM advises that the 2026 annual luncheon was held at the Mount Gambier RSL in Sturt Street on Friday 27 February, with Laurie Dacy as the guest speaker, speaking on AI.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. 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 – for a lunchtime gathering at the Waikerie Hotel, 12 for 12.30 pm.

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

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

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. The next luncheon meeting is scheduled for the last Friday in September – Friday 25 September.

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

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. The next luncheon meeting is proposed for Sunday 25 October.

South East Regional Group. It is proposed that the 2027 annual luncheon will be held at the Chardonnay Lodge in Penola on Friday 26 February 2027.

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.



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.



Please note though: this is *not* the official lapel pin which Order of Australia recipients receive with the medal pack at their Investiture.

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:



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NEW MEMBERS

The Chair, Branch Committee members and members welcome the following new members of the Order of Australia Association, SA Branch:

Associate Professor
Robert Joseph Bauze AM

Professor Neil Brenton Piller AM

Dr Leon Pitchon AM

Reverend Dr Vernon John Cracknell OAM

Jean Mekhael El Kfoury OAM

Major Norman Glyn Ford OAM (retired)
(2013 Australia Day Honours List)

Apostolos (Paul) Gaganis OAM

Keith Lindsay Irvine OAM
(2017 Australia Day Honours List)

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:

Shirley Joyce Sampson OAM JP

Dr John Stark Skipper AM

Dr Satish Chander Gupta OAM

VALE

Dr Satish Chander Gupta OAM
DSc FRTPI MPIA DipTP DipCEng
(1936-2025)

Born in Kashmir on 19 September 1936, Adelaide-based environment and planning consultant Dr Satish Gupta passed away peacefully at home on 29 October 2025, aged 89.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, a former president of the Australia-South Asia Regional Chamber of Commerce, a former President of the Indian Australian Association of South Australia (IAASA), and a published novelist.

Satish arrived in Adelaide in 1974, was one of the founders of the Indian Club, and he took what was probably one of the first State trade delegations to India. He took on leadership positions with Rotary like President and Assistant Governor of District 9520

We came to meet Dr Gupta at our New Recipients' Reception, held at Payneham Library on Monday 22 September 2025, where we acknowledged 25 new recipients.

He had been honoured for his service to both the Indian and wider Adelaide community.

His daughter-in-law shared the news with us: *"Satish died a few weeks after he received his OAM and attended a Welcome function with you all. Like all of you, he was a remarkable person"*.



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Dr Satish Gupta OAM

*"For service to the community
of South Australia"*

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BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR Expressions of Interest Called

Noel Hender OAM BEM has served as a member of the Branch Committee since 2018, and more recently has also served as Branch Nominated Director. Noel will be standing for re-election at the AGM, and has also offered to stand for election for the statutory position of Chairman upon the retirement of Tony Metcalf OAM from the role.

Should Noel be elected Branch Chair, he will need to stand down as SA Branch Nominated Director, and this will occur at the National AGM in Brisbane in April 2026. It is preferable for the SA Branch to nominate a South Australian member of the Association (not necessarily a member of the Branch Committee) to fill the casual vacancy until the Branch AGM in 2027 when they, or another person, could be formally endorsed by the Branch for the role.

We are calling for Expressions of Interest from any financial member of the SA Branch to take up the casual vacancy of SA Branch Nominated Director from April 2026 until the AGM in February or March 2027.

An EOI (maximum 500 word statement) may be sent to Mr Tony Metcalf OAM at PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085, or via email to: chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

EOIs should be received before 5 pm on Wednesday 25 March, to be reviewed at the April Committee meeting.

Following a Branch Committee managed selection process (if necessary), the Branch nomination will be forwarded to be considered at the next national Board meeting. If accepted, the nominee would be invited to fill the casual position until nominations are formally voted on by the membership at the SA Branch AGM in 2027, to apply for a 3 year tenure.

A summary of requirements is presented below. A copy of the role description for a Board Director position is available within this document:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/G2-Board-Charter.pdf>

The Order of Australia Association Limited. Our Association is an incorporated body of recipients of awards or appointments in the Order of Australia. The Association needs to be robust, flexible and responsive to the members' needs and to serve as a model for community engagement.

The role of the National Board is to set and maintain purpose, values, and strategic direction of the company, to ensure good governance throughout the organisation and to ensure that strategic plans are executed efficiently and in a timely manner. The Board operates within the framework of the OAA Constitution.

Branch Nominated Director. There are eight Directors, one from each of the Australian States and Territories, elected by the members of the relevant Branch. These Directors act as a 'college of electors' in the election of the Executive Directors.

Directors have responsibility for the overall success of the Association and must act in its best interests. They do not act as representatives of their individual Branch, and are required to support decisions that are in the best interests of the Association.

It is the responsibility of individual Directors to ensure that they acquire and maintain the competencies necessary for their roles.

A nominee must be eligible to obtain an ASIC Director ID.

Further information on the national governance of the Order of Australia Association may be found here:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national/governance/>

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ADVERTISING IN 'THE ORDER'

'The Order' is the quarterly national magazine of the Order of Australia Association.

- > It is distributed in hard or e-copy to more than 8,500 members in Australia and overseas
- > Beyond this primary readership, it is likely that the magazine is shared online or in hard copy to family members and relevant associates, and many members pass on their copy to doctors' and dentists' offices, for example, where they are seen by patients and others
- > A specially edited version is also posted in a format that is readable by vision impaired members
- > It is also freely available on the OAA website

Members who run their own businesses or have products or services suitable for OAA members may wish to advertise in the magazine.

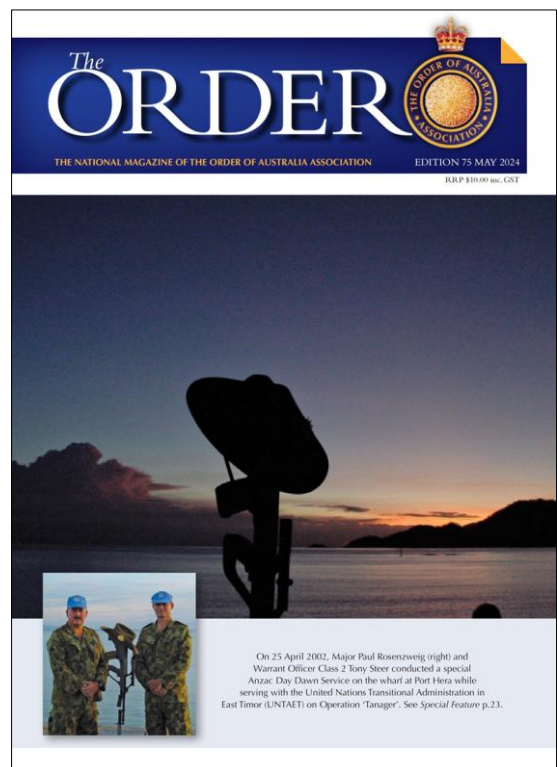
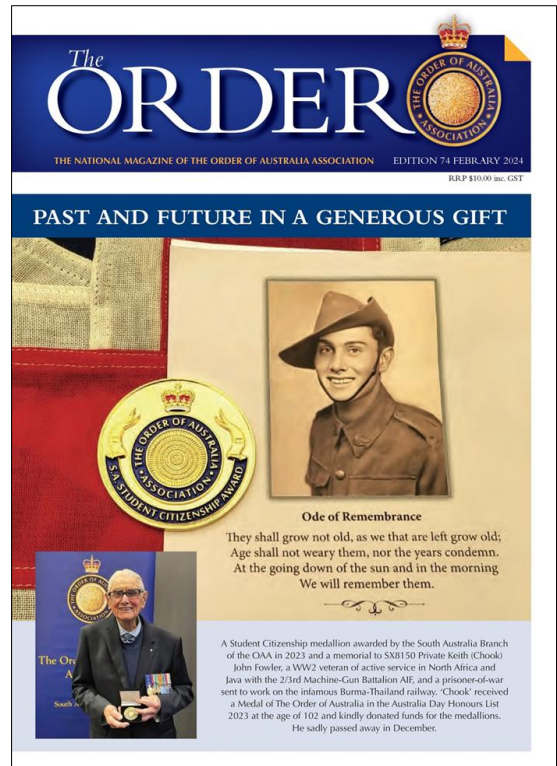
Advertisers may purchase a half- or full-page (A4), per quarterly issue or across the four issues:

- o half A4-page advertisement @ \$300 per edition
- o half A4-page advertisement @ \$250 per edition (annual commitment, 4 editions)
- o full A4-page advertisement @ \$500 per edition

Advertisers should provide complete artwork in a format and size to be included in the magazine.

All advertising must accord with the objectives and values of the Association. Specifically, it should not be politically or socially partisan, and issues of significant community debate would not be sanctioned.

Advertising with a national perspective would be preferred, but relevance to a particular Branch or Region would be considered on its merits.



'The Order', the quarterly national magazine of the Order of Australia Association Limited, is freely available on the Association's website:

<https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national/the-order/>

Questions can be directed to the National Editor of 'The Order' at:

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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
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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 18 May 2026 – 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 2026 Australia Day 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 Vincent Ciccarello OAM, Director of Development and Philanthropy at Pembroke School, on the topic "What does a career in the Arts look like?".

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 7 May 2026**



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

<https://events.humanitix.com/sa-branch-ad26-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 (please include post-nominals if applicable):

Guest 1: [post-nominals]

Guest 2: [post-nominals]

New Recipient (guest 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)

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

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2026 KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



REPLY FORM – SA BRANCH 2026 KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON, Saturday 6 June 2026 – to celebrate the official observance of the birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Australia and Sovereign of the Order of Australia. The guest speaker will be the Honourable Greg Crafter AO.

The venue is Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club, 86 Churchill Road, Prospect; 12 noon for a prompt 12.30 start, ending by 3 pm. Full-size medals should be worn. Association merchandise will be available to purchase.

The cost is \$80 for Order of Australia Association members and their spouse/partner, and \$85 for all non-members and friends, for a 3-course meal (main course alternate drop); cash bar. Child's menu available (pay on the day at the bar).

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Guest 2: [post-nominals]

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Payment enclosed (non-members and friends): for people (\$85 per person)

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