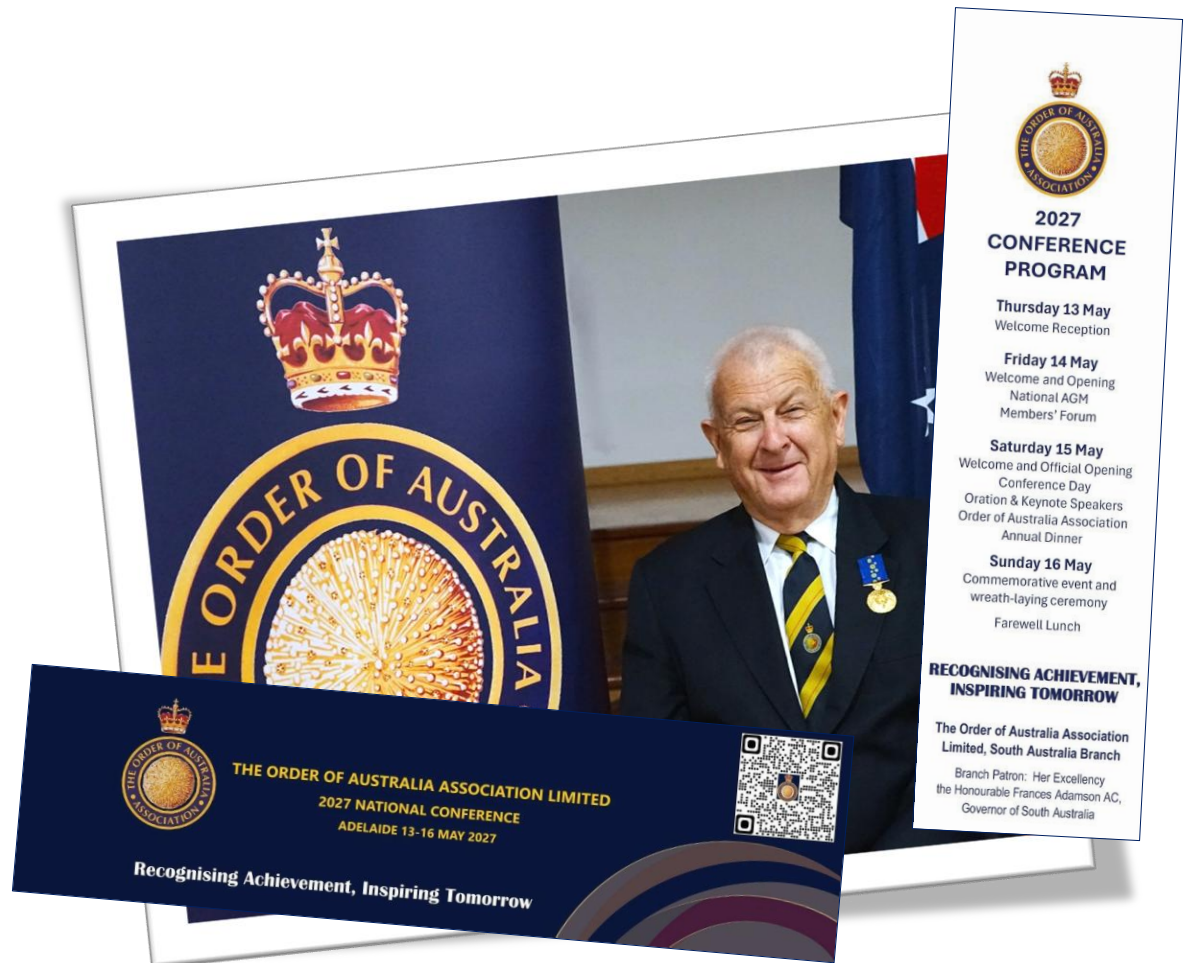


The Newsletter of the Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

May 2026



2027 NATIONAL CONFERENCE Recognising Achievement, Inspiring Tomorrow

The Chair of the South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, and Conference Convenor Mr Tony Metcalf OAM (pictured), are pleased to announce that the South Australia Branch will host the 2027 National Conference of the Order of Australia Association. Our executives promoted the conference and collected expressions of interest in Brisbane during the 2026 National Conference. Among the key-note speakers will be former South Australian Governor the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, who has been elected to serve as President of the Order of Australia Association Limited from 1 June.

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, May 2026

Several of us have just returned from the Order of Australia Association 2026 National Conference in Brisbane. As well as enjoying a superb conference, we took the opportunity whilst there to promote the 2027 Conference which the SA Branch will host.

Conference Convenor Tony Metcalf OAM is chairing an active sub-committee which is preparing an engaging program – built around the theme, 'Recognising Achievement, Inspiring Tomorrow'.

The most interesting news from the Brisbane conference, of relevance to the SA Branch, is that the former Governor of South Australia, and our former Branch Patron and honorary life member, the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC has been elected as our national President, and he will take up this appointment on 1 June.

We also welcome the new National Chair of the Order of Australia Association Limited, William Lye OAM KC.

We have held our first Branch Committee meeting since the AGM, and I thank all who have volunteered to serve in co-opted and portfolio roles. I would particularly like to thank Cathy Chong for accepting the position of Deputy Chair of the SA Branch.

Please attend if you can our King's Birthday Luncheon on 6 June – our guest speaker will be the Honourable Greg Crafter AO. We have also extended a personal invitation to six centenarians to be our honoured guests for the occasion.

We would all be well aware that Her Excellency the Governor has declined an offer from Premier Peter Malinauskas MP to continue beyond her five year term, which finishes on 6 October 2026. On behalf of all SA Branch members I would like to extend our collective thanks to Her Excellency for her dedicated service to the people of South Australia in the Vice-Regal role, and particularly as our Branch Patron.

Noel Hender OAM BEM
SA Branch Chair

IMPORTANT REMINDER



KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON Saturday 6 June 2026

The SA Branch will host a luncheon celebrating the King's Birthday at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect. 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, a past Minister for Education and Minister for Local Government.

We would prefer that you register online using Humanitix, otherwise using the Reply Form included with this newsletter and available online.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 1 May: Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting

Sunday 3 May: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting

Thursday 21 May: New Recipients' Reception (please note the change of date)

Saturday 6 June: King's Birthday Luncheon, Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club

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

Thursday 27 August: Fellowship luncheon meeting

Monday 14 September: New Recipients' Reception

Friday 25 September: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting

Friday 9 October: Eyre Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting

Sunday 25 October: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting

Thursday 29 October: Fellowship luncheon meeting

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2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 14 March 2026

The SA Branch 2025 Annual General Meeting (40th AGM) was held in the Victoria Room of the Edinburgh Hotel. The meeting was preceded by a Morning Tea provided at no cost to members of the Association and their partners and guests, and an address from the 2025 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year.

AGM documents are available for review on the SA Branch page of the Order of Australia Association website under 'Events'. For records, photographs and Branch information click here (CTL + Click to follow the link):

40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GUEST SPEAKER Callum McIntyre

Our Guest Speaker at the AGM was the 2025 South Australian Student Citizen of the Year Callum McIntyre, who completed Year 12 at Mount Gambier High School last year.

The SA Branch was pleased to host Callum and his mother Fiona for lunch, and to make a contribution towards their travel costs to come up to Adelaide.



WELCOME TO THE SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

Dr Neville Highett AM

"For significant service to education in South Australia, and to the community" (KB23).



WELCOME TO THE SA BRANCH COMMITTEE

Phillip Styles OAM

"For service to tourism in South Australia, and to the community" (KB24).

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BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR

Noel Hender OAM BEM

In his report to the SA Branch AGM, Branch Nominated Director Noel Hender OAM BEM noted that the Board had dealt with matters including Major Strategic Initiatives, Governance & Compliance, Networking opportunities for recipients, Social Media, National Conferences, Partnership with the Menzies Leadership Foundation, the 50th Anniversary of the Order, the Order of Australia Nominations Process, and Celebrating Outstanding Australian Citizenship.

Members are reminded that all policies are available on the Association website.

In taking on the role of SA Branch Chair, Noel has relinquished his role as Branch Nominated Director. He did this on the conclusion of the national AGM.

The SA Branch has made a nomination to fill the casual vacancy of Branch Nominated Director, and this will be announced once the appointment has been confirmed by the National Board.



Noel first filled a casual vacancy as Branch Nominated Director in November 2023, and was elected in February 2024. The Branch Committee extends on behalf of all members its gratitude to Noel for his dedication in this role.




GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

COMING EVENTS

Government House Open Day

Open Days are held twice a year at Government House and are an opportunity for members of the public to explore the residence of the Governor of South Australia, tour through the gardens and meet the Governor.

The next Open Day will be held on Sunday, 24 May from 10am to 2pm.

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CATHY CHONG AM AFCHSM JP Deputy Chair SA Branch

At the first Branch Committee meeting since the AGM, all volunteers for co-opted and portfolio roles were confirmed. In particular, we are pleased to advise that Cathy Chong AM JP has accepted the position of Deputy Chair of the SA Branch. She will also continue in the role of Merchandise Officer.

Cathy was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "*For significant service to multiculturalism in South Australia, and to the community*" (AD22).

She has been a Board Member of the Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation since 2018. She was the Founder and President of the Sukeenang South Australian Hainan Association, and Founding Ambassador for the OZAsia Festival (since 2007). Cathy has been a Justice of the Peace since 2011.

Cathy was President of Chinatown Adelaide Association (2010-12). She has served as a Member of the Women's Advisory Committee, South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (2010-15), and Deputy Chair, Multicultural Festival of South Australia (2010-15). Cathy has served as Executive Board Member of the Multicultural Communities Council of SA (2005-17).



Cathy was a Member of the Volunteer Ministerial Advisory Group, SA Minister for Small Business (2008-13). She was President of Chinese Welfare Services SA in 2011-15 and again since 2019.

In 2019 she received an Outstanding Individual Achievement Award in the Governor's Multicultural Awards.

She has given extensive volunteer service with the Rotary Club of Adelaide Central, including a term as President, and was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Cathy was a Registered Nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (1969-72) and was later Director of Nursing at Flinders Medical Centre. She is an Associate Fellow of the Australian College of Health Service Management.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2026

Noel Hender OAM BEM, outgoing Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards, has provided this report.

Thank you to Dr Neville Highett AM who has kindly agreed to accept the role of Convenor from 2026, to oversee and manage the very important Student Citizenship Awards program, freeing me to focus more fully on other responsibilities. The SCA email address has now been transferred to his name:

sca.sabranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

The new 2026 Information Brochure has introduced Dr Neville Highett AM as the Convenor. The 2026 Nomination Form along with the Information Brochure are available for download from the relevant page of the website. Schools have been alerted to the availability of these new documents via an email communication from their respective school sector authorities. A more targeted communication was made later in Term 1 when teachers in secondary schools and colleges for whom we have their direct emails were advised of the SCA details and the 2026 closing date.

The Department for Education will shortly be invoiced for the \$1,500 grant to be provided for purchase of additional 2026 medallions.

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STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

VALE

Mia Anna Eliseo | 19 May 2005 – 14 March 2026

In the 2022 Student Citizenship Awards, Mia Eliseo was a worthy recipient of a 'Highly Commended' certificate signed by Her Excellency the Governor and SA Branch Chair Mr Tony Metcalfe OAM. On Thursday 27 October Noel Hender OAM BEM presented Mia with her certificate during an Awards ceremony at Saint Ignatius College.

In March this year we received the sad news that Mia had passed away. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Ignatius Catholic Church in Norwood on Thursday 26 March.

In February 2024 a report stated, "*Overcoming leukaemia and losing her mum to cancer when she was in Year 12 has only served to strengthen Mia Eliseo's goal to study medicine*". Mia had been diagnosed with cancer in Year 7: in 2017, six days after her 13th birthday, tests had revealed that Mia had acute lymphoblastic leukemia. In 2023 Mia achieved an ATAR of 98.55 and three subject merits despite missing nearly three years of school.

In early 2024 Mia was presented with a Governor's Commendation recognising excellence in Year 12 SACE subjects and personal achievements.

Branch Chair Noel Hender has forwarded the school a copy of Mia's Student Citizenship Awards certificate, a photo of the presentation, and a copy of our newsletter which included a story on Mia's award. On behalf of all Branch members, Noel has sent our sincere condolences to Mia's parents. The citation on Mia's Student Citizenship Awards certificate read as follows:

Mia's personal experience has motivated her to promote the impact of cancer on youth, and coordinate a major event for the whole school, including donations of hair from twenty-five students and two staff.

A role model for resilience she inspires all with her positive response to adversity, and as an articulate advocate for the greater good.

Mia has demonstrated leadership in the school and the local community connecting to others and supporting those in need.



Mia Eliseo with Noel Hender OAM BEM and Principal Peter Coffey (right), Thursday 27 October 2022. Image courtesy of Saint Ignatius College.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Tanya Louise Hosch AM

Dr Robin Grant Stanley AM

Dr Lainie Lee Anderson OAM

Douglas Ralph Warmington OAM



VALE

The Chair, Branch Committee members and members of the SA Branch offer our condolences on the passing of the following SA Branch members:

Dr David William Cox AM
(1936-2026)

Mrs Mirella Mancini OAM
née Drusetta (1939-2025)

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ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION 2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE 16 – 19 April 2026

“Bridge to the Future”

The 38th National Conference was hosted by the Queensland Branch at Rydges South Bank Hotel in Brisbane. Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM and Mrs Jill Hender led the delegation from South Australia.

Conference Convenor for the 2027 National Conference Tony Metcalf OAM and Mrs Cheryl Metcalf also attended, to actively promote the Adelaide Conference and collect early expressions of interest.

Branch Committee member Phillip Styles OAM organised a special promotional video clip and commentary from our new national President and our current Governor, which was presented in Brisbane inviting members to join us in Adelaide.



We thank the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC for agreeing to appear in this promotional video clip, which was presented in Brisbane to promote the 2027 Adelaide National Conference.

Volunteer Position Available

The SA Branch highlights the contributions of South Australians whose service has shaped the state's social, cultural and community landscape, and fosters public understanding of the Australian Honours system as an important part of Australia's modern historical record.

As we approach the SA Branch's 50-Year Anniversary in 2030, we are looking for an interested volunteer to fill the role of **Branch Curator/Historian**.

This role will also support the national commemoration, which will have its focus at the 2030 National Conference which will be held in the ACT.

This special role will involve researching and documenting the history of the SA Branch, reviewing early meeting minutes, photographs and other archival documents and digitising these records, compiling key historical milestones, events and member contributions into a cohesive narrative, and collaborating with the Branch Committee to present findings in a celebratory publication or display.

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 Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM to learn more, or to express your interest:

chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

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*We will remember them
Ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou*

ANZAC DAY – COMMEMORATION **Saturday 25 April 2026**

On Anzac Day 2026 we marked the 111th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, and also honoured all who lost their lives in wars, operational campaigns, peace-keeping missions and humanitarian relief operations.

Adelaide has the distinction of having erected the first monument in Australia to recognise service during World War 1. The 'Wattle Grove WWI War Memorial' was dedicated by the Governor-General on 7 September 1915. Uniquely, it was dedicated to 'Australasians', including New Zealanders, whereas most memorials which were erected during or after the war were dedicated to Australians or local men who served and/or died.

This Dardanelles Memorial, which commemorates the landing of Australasian (Australian and New Zealand) soldiers on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25 April 1915, was relocated to Lundie Gardens in October 1940, and then to the Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk on Kintore Avenue where it was re-dedicated on 11 November 2018.

The South Australian National War Memorial, honouring the fallen of World War 1, comprises a frame for two emotive scenes on either side of the memorial, showing the prelude and the epilogue to war; bronze tablets lining the walls of an inner crypt bear the names of South Australians who died during the Great War.

Behind the memorial is the World War 2 Wall of Remembrance, honouring those who enlisted in South Australia to serve their King and Country and who 'paid the supreme sacrifice'.

Also located behind the National War Memorial is a Post-WW2 Operations Memorial, which commemorates Service personnel from or associated with South Australia who died in service or were killed while serving in conflicts since the end of World War 2.

Approaching these memorials along Kintore Avenue from the Dardanelles Memorial is the Anzac Commemorative Memorial Walk and Wall, commemorating the Service personnel of South Australia who have served in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved since Federation.



The rough stone base of the Dardanelles Memorial represents 'the rugged hills up which the Australian soldiers had to climb' at Gallipoli.



The South Australian National War Memorial on North Terrace was the first Australian state war memorial to be confirmed after the war.



Sydney Lawrence Arthur Badenoch (1917-1995) enlisted in the Second Australian Imperial Force in Adelaide on 2 August 1940, and was discharged on 30 May 1945 at Wayville Showgrounds, aged 28.

AN ANZAC TRIBUTE

Among the regular attenders at our events are Hedley Bachman AM and Anne Bachmann OAM JP, and Anne has been a past guest speaker. On Anzac Day, Anne likes to reflect on the military service of her father, Sapper Sydney Lawrence Arthur Badenoch.

Syd Badenoch was born in Hyde Park, and attended Adelaide Boys High School and St Peter's College.

During World War 2, he served as an Engine Artificer with the 2/3rd Field Park Company, Royal Australian Engineers. After Middle East service, he undertook jungle warfare training on the Atherton Tablelands in Queensland before then then deploying to Lae in New Guinea with the 2/23rd Field Park Company, RAE.

His right foot was injured by machinery in New Guinea, and he also suffered tropical ulcers, malaria and dengue. He was a stalwart member of the Kensington RSL, and was President for many years.

In memory of her father, Anne likes to recite the following verse she had written in his honour:

I shall walk tall
Medals proudly displayed
In memory of you –
Then together
We shall stand beneath
Our favourite tree
Your hand in mine
Memories of times shared

Regional Group Events

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. Convenor Tim Grieger OAM JP has reported that the Riverland and Mallee Group held a lunchtime gathering at the Waikerie Hotel on 27 March. Noel Hender OAM BEM and wife Jill attended the event. Noel spoke on AGM and national Board matters, and gave an update on Branch matters and recent developments.

Tim interviewed Garry Wellington OAM on his award. Garry received the OAM "For service to veterans and their families" (AD20).

Garry served in the Citizen Military Force (1961-1968) and then in the Australian Army Reserve in the Australian Army Psychology Corps, attaining the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2. He also served in the Australian Army Cadet Corps as an Officer of Cadets from 1979 to 1987.

With the RSL, he has served on the Anzac Day Committee as a Deputy Group Marshal (1988-93), Senior Group Marshal (1993-06) and Deputy Chief Marshal (2007-17).

He was Chair of the Anzac Eve Youth Vigil Committee (2010-15), and from 2017 was Regional Coordinator for Region G1- Stanley.

Fleurieu Regional Group. Convenor John Hutchinson OAM has advised that the Fleurieu Group is holding its luncheon meeting on Friday 1 May.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM advises that the Yorke Peninsula Group is holding its luncheon meeting on Sunday 3 May.

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

South East Regional Group. Convenor Eric Roughana AM advises 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.

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026

FRANK O'NEILL OAM

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 in Adelaide.

The next Fellowship Luncheon will be held on **Thursday 25 June**, with Frank O'Neill OAM speaking on the topic "Social/Affordable Housing and Overseas Education". Frank was awarded the OAM, "*For service to the community through a range of organisations*" (AD24).

Frank was the University of Adelaide's long-standing Registrar, who left the university in 1997 after more than 16 years in the role (1981-97). He was at that time praised for his dedicated and enthusiastic service to the University, particularly his support of its governing body, the University Council.

He had previously served as Director Human Resources at The University of Melbourne (1976-81) and Assistant Registrar (1969-76).

He was Founding Director (2008-18), and Chair (2013-18), of Unity Housing Ltd. With Rotary International, he is the Director of Rotary District 9510, and previous Director Community Services for Rotary District 9500. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide from 2011, and President (2013-14).

Frank was a member of the Scotch College Council for 15 years, including terms as Member of the Education Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Deputy Chair of the Council.

To RSVP please contact:

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Save the Dates

Please pencil in these additional dates for 2026, and forecast dates for 2027:

Thursday 27 August

Thursday 29 October

Thursday 25 February 2027

Thursday 29 April 2027

Thursday 24 June 2027

Thursday 26 August 2027

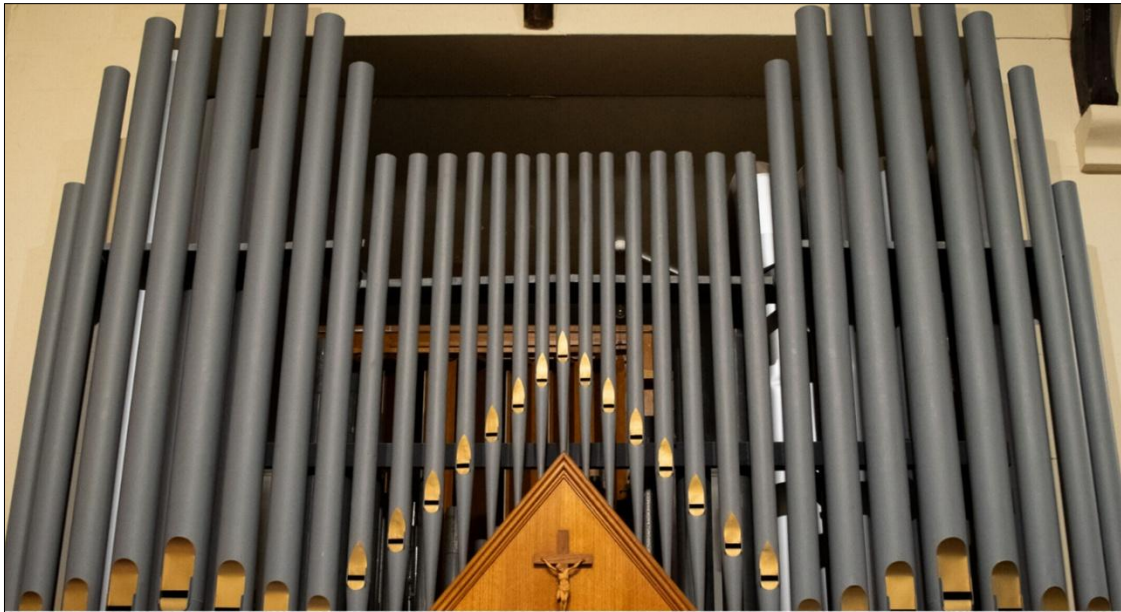
Thursday 28 October 2027



Our honours recipients fellowship luncheon meetings are held at the prestigious Naval, Military and Air Force Club in Hutt Street in Adelaide – which has recently been restored to its original heritage colour scheme.



At our 'Celebration of Australia Day' Luncheon on Saturday 17 January (left to right): Frank O'Neill OAM, Professor Peter Høj AC and SA Branch Committee member Toni Cocchiaro OAM. Image by Pamela Rajkowski OAM.



PIPE ORGAN & TRUMPET RECITAL



Gregory Crawford



Timothy Frahn

St Andrew's Anglican Church, Walkerville

43 Church Tce, Walkerville

Sunday 3rd May 2026 at 2pm

Light refreshments after the Recital

Donation at the door

To fund the restoration of the organ

Enquiries 8269 5420 office@standrewswalkerville.org.au

Members are invited to attend a Pipe Organ and Trumpet concert at St Andrews Church in Walkerville given by Gregory Crawford and Timothy Frahn (entry by donation in aid of organ restoration).

Professor Gregory Crawford AM is a palliative medicine physician and Professor of Palliative Medicine at the University of Adelaide. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "For significant service to palliative care, and to tertiary education" (AD22). He has also been awarded the National Medal and the Service Medal of the Order of St John. Greg learned pipe organ at the Elder Conservatorium: he has received the Elder, the Harold Davies, the Howard Martin, and the Josephine Christiansen organ scholarships at the University of Adelaide, and has been awarded the Licentiate of Trinity College London and Associate in Music, Australia (AMusA).

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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 is included with this newsletter, and is also 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 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, His Majesty the King is wearing the insignia of Sovereign of the Order of Australia.



SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

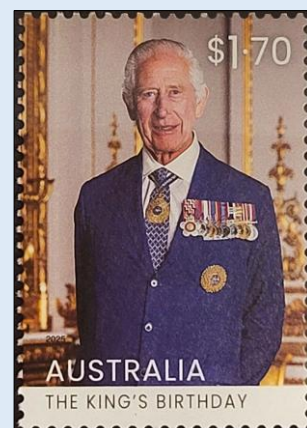
On 21 April 1980, to mark the fifth anniversary of the creation of the Australian Honours System and the Order of Australia, a portrait image of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II wearing the shoulder badge of the Sovereign of the Order of Australia appeared on the Australian 22 cent postage stamp (*image © Australia Post 21 April 1980, used with permission*).

The Queen wore the shoulder badge of the Sovereign mounted on the moiré Royal blue silk ribbon of the Order fashioned into a bow, as is the custom for female recipients.

Similar images including the badge of the Sovereign of the Order of Australia appeared on Queen's Birthday stamp issues in 1985, 1996 and 2008.

A two-stamp set was released on 28 October 2025 to celebrate the 77th Birthday of King Charles III, with designs highlighting his first visit to Australia as King in October 2024.

The \$1.70 postage stamp bears the portrait of His Majesty in the White Drawing Room of Buckingham Palace, with the King wearing the insignia of Sovereign of the Order of Australia (*image © Australia Post 28 October 2025, used with permission*).



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NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2027



The Chair of the South Australia Branch of the Order of Australia Association Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, and Conference Convenor Mr Tony Metcalf OAM (pictured below), are pleased to announce that the South Australia Branch will host the 39th Order of Australia Association National Conference in 2027.

The Conference will include the national AGM and Members' Forum, and the Association Annual Dinner at which the Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship recipients will be announced. Among the Keynote Speakers will be the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, the 35th Governor of South Australia and former Patron and honorary life member of the South Australia Branch (2014–21), who from 1 June this year commences a 3-year term as President of the Order of Australia Association Limited.

New Branch Committee member Phillip Styles OAM has been especially busy in organising a promotional video clip and commentary from our new President and our current Governor, which was presented in Brisbane inviting visitors to come to Adelaide for the conference in 2027.



Contact Person for further information:

Greg Gordon OAM JP, Conference Registrar
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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The Order of Australia Association

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Celebrating and promoting outstanding Australian citizenship!
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SOCIAL MEDIA

The Order of Australia Association now has an official Facebook page, where you can keep up to date with the activities and personalities of the Association. You can find the page here (CTL + Click to follow the link):

[The Order of Australia Association](#)



MERCHANDISE

Members of the Order of Australia Association may purchase Association-branded merchandise. At our events, our Merchandise Officer has a range of items available 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 NAME BADGE

Members may wish to obtain an official Order of Australia Association name badge using the Order Form found on our website – refer to this link or the QR Code below:

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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.

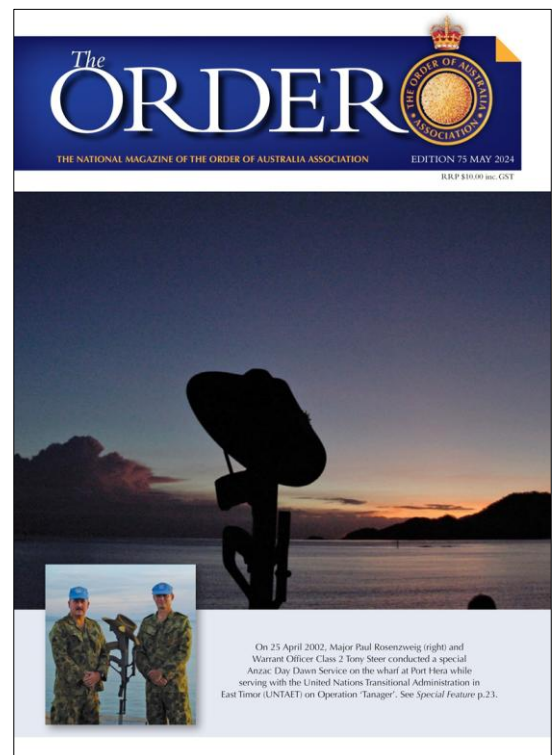
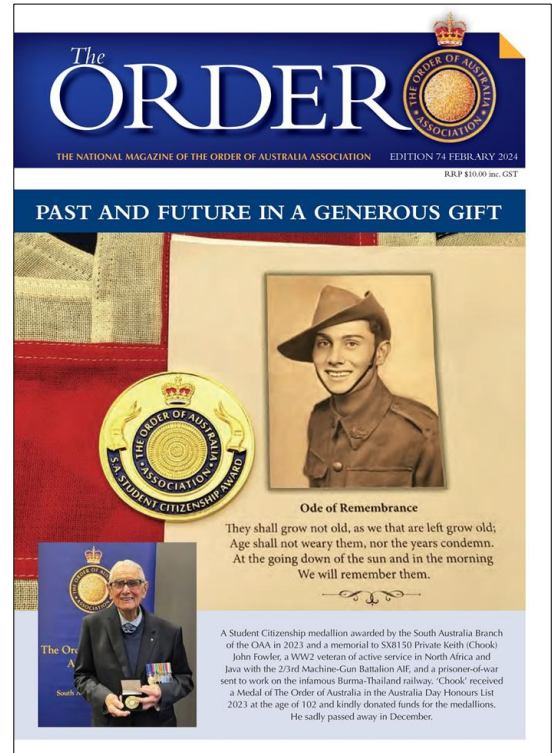
Advertising with a national perspective would be preferred, but relevance to a particular Branch or Region would be considered on its merits.

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

nateditor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au



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Regional Groups

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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
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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, Thursday 21 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 **Monday 11 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 (note the new address): PO Box 67, COLLINSWOOD 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

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!



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).

Please forward this reply form and payment, to be received not later than Monday 18 May 2026



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

<https://events.humanitix.com/sa-branch-2026-king-s-birthday-celebration>



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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]

Payment enclosed (OAA member & spouse/partner): for people (\$80 per person)

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

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