

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

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

June 2026



HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday 30 April 2026

Honours recipients and members of the Order of Australia, with their partners and friends, shared in the fostering of fellowship during our April luncheon meeting at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club, with Karen Hayes AM FAICD as Guest Speaker. Karen 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).

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, June 2026

The June edition of our newsletter provides reflections from the recent National Conference in Brisbane, where the South Australia Branch proudly promoted the 2027 Adelaide Conference.

We were also pleased to hear the confirmation that the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC was to be appointed National President, effective 1 June.

The conference provided an opportunity to farewell Major-General Barry Nunn AO RFD ED (ret'd) as National Chair, and to welcome his successor, William Lye OAM KC.

In mid-May, William travelled to Adelaide to meet with the new President and to discuss planning and strategy for the year ahead. This visit also allowed our Branch Committee members to meet and warmly welcome both leaders at an informal gathering.

A few days later, we hosted the New Recipients' Reception, where we congratulated all new recipients of the Order of Australia from this year's Australia Day Honours List, and other new recipients not previously acknowledged in this way. Guests heard about the purpose and benefits of joining the Association, and we look forward to welcoming many of them as members in the months ahead.

We hope to see you at our King's Birthday Luncheon on 6 June – our guest speaker will be the Honourable Greg Crafter AO, speaking on the topic "The builders of strong sustainable communities". We are also expecting four centenarians to be in attendance.

Note that we continue to seek members interested in helping research and collate the history of the Association in South Australia as we prepare for our 50th anniversary in 2030. If you would like to be involved, please feel free to contact me.

With winter now upon us, I wish you a warm and comfortable season ahead.

Noel Hender OAM BEM
SA Branch Chair

IMPORTANT REMINDER



KING'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON Saturday 6 June 2026

Please contact us urgently if you wish to attend our luncheon celebrating the King's Birthday at Casa D'Abruzzo Molise Club in Prospect:

oaasa.events@gcgordon.id.au

The guest speaker will be the Honourable Greg Crafter AO, a past Minister for Education and Minister for Local Government.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 8 June: King's Birthday 2026 Honours List to be released by the Governor-General's Office

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

Monday 27 July: Closing date for nominations for the 2026 Student Citizenship Awards

Thursday 27 August: Fellowship luncheon meeting

Monday 14 September: New Recipients' Reception (date to be confirmed)

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

Friday 6 November: Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

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

SA Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM and Mrs Jill Hender led the delegation from South Australia to the 38th National Conference in Brisbane.

Immediate past Branch Chair and 2027 Conference Convenor Tony Metcalf OAM and Mrs Cheryl Metcalf also attended, promoting the forthcoming Adelaide Conference.

Noel reports that we had a contingent of 17 South Australians at the conference, the largest number of attendees from our state since the conference was held in Adelaide in 2018.

Overall, about 165 attended the conference and a further 40 attended various other activities.

The promotional video clip looked extremely professional, and was very well received and great. Thanks again to Phillip for all his work behind the scenes with the creation of this.

The Association farewelled long-serving National Chair Major-General Barry Nunn AO RFD ED (ret'd), who was standing down as required by the Constitution after nine consecutive years' service. Prior to that he has served terms as Chair of the WA Branch of the Order of Australia Association.



SA Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM and Jill Hender with the Order of Australia Association National Chair Major-General Barry Nunn AO RFD ED (ret'd).

Born and educated in NSW, Barry Nunn graduated from the University of NSW with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering.

He was employed by the Shell Group of Companies in Australia and overseas for 36 years in technical, marketing, human resources and management until retiring in December 1990.

Barry served in the Australian Army Reserve for more than 40 years, following a period of National Service training in 1952. He finished his military service as Chief of the Army Reserve (1990–91) and Commander of the 3rd Division (1987–90).

Major-General Nunn was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the Military Division, *"For Service to the Army Reserve"* (QB89). He received the 2001 Centenary Medal, *"For service to Australian society through the Australian Defence Force"*.

During 2001, he chaired the ADF Remuneration Review, examining all aspects of pay and conditions for Regular and Reserve Forces, with particular reference to the impact of employment conditions and management on recruiting and retention.



The plaque presented by the Order of Australia Association to outgoing National Chair Major-General Barry Nunn AO RFD ED (ret'd).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

The conference also provided an opportunity for the Association to welcome the incoming National Chair William Lye OAM KC. William was born in Penang, Malaysia and grew up in Kuala Lumpur. He is a barrister and nationally accredited mediator, one of His Majesty's Counsel, and an Adjunct Professor in law.

William received the OAM, *"For service to the law, to business, and to the promotion of cultural diversity"* (AD17).

In the same year, at the 2017 Lawyer's Weekly Australian Law Awards, he won the Barrister of the Year Award and the Excellence Award.

The new Deputy National Chair is David North OAM.

Continuing in their roles are Graham Hyde OAM (General Secretary), Frank Crawley OAM (National Treasurer) and Dot Haynes OAM (National Membership Director).

These images by Vanessa Bertagnole were supplied by the Queensland Branch.



Dr Joan Thomas and Professor Tony Thomas AO



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BRANCH NOMINATED DIRECTOR

Antonietta Cocchiaro OAM

We thank Noel Hender OAM BEM for his service as Branch Nominated Director since November 2023. Noel stood down from this role at the conclusion of this year's national AGM.



Our incoming Branch Nominated Director for SA, Toni Cocchiaro OAM



*Toni Cocchiaro OAM at the
May New Recipients' Reception*

After a selection process, the SA Branch Committee endorsed the nomination of Toni Cocchiaro OAM to fill the casual vacancy of Branch Nominated Director.

This nomination was passed to the national Board and the appointment has now been confirmed.

Toni will be able to stand for election at the 2027 National AGM.

Toni's professional career spans more than 40 years in education, from classroom teaching to principalships and senior executive roles, including Regional Director and District Director within South Australia's education system.

She has held governance roles, including Deputy Chair of the Australia Day Council of SA, and Deputy Chair Ethnic and Multicultural Commission of SA.

Toni says, *"As the daughter of an Italian migrant family, my understanding of community is grounded in lived experience. This has shaped my enduring commitment to multiculturalism, inclusion and social cohesion"*.

Toni received the OAM, *"For service to education"* (AD19).

She then received the Centenary Medal in 2001, *"For service to the Centenary of Federation celebrations"*.

Volunteer Position Available

As we approach our 50-Year Anniversary in 2030, the SA Branch is looking for an interested volunteer to fill the role of **Branch Curator/Historian** who will research and document the Branch history, reviewing early meeting minutes, photographs and other archival documents and digitising these records. 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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COMMEMORATION – ANZAC DAY Saturday 25 April 2026

Quite a number of Branch members and Order of Australia recipients could be found around Adelaide during the Anzac commemorations, as we marked the 111th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

Among the many who were involved in the various events, Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Denny AM BM (ret'd), RSL South Australia Ambassador, once again delivered the commentary for the Adelaide Anzac March.

Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd) carried the Sarawak Flag at the head of the Malaya & Borneo Veterans contingent in Group 3, in honour of the Australians and Iban Trackers who died on operational service in defence of Sarawak during Confrontation.

Meanwhile Noel Hender OAM BEM was on duty with St John Ambulance.

Lynette Pole OAM CSTJ and Ian Pole OAM OSTJ from Port Pirie each received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours List, *"For service to the community through emergency response organisations"*, primarily through volunteer service with St John Ambulance. They sent these images from the 2026 Anzac March in Port Pirie.



Ken Madigan AM: "For service to local government, and to the community of Port Pirie" (QB03)



Doug Ahola OAM: "For service to the community of Port Pirie" (AD26)



Haydn Madigan OAM: "For service to veterans, and to the community of Port Pirie" (QB16)

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026



HONOURS RECIPIENTS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday 30 April 2026

Our guest speaker in April was Karen Hayes AM FAICD (centre) speaking on the topic "Finding my Life's Purpose".

Karen is pictured with (left to right): Anne Bachmann OAM JP, Hedley Bachmann AM, Kathryn House AM and Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP.

With over 30 years of national and international governance experience, Karen describes herself as 'a dedicated advocate for inclusive leadership within community-oriented boards and organisations'.



Guest Speaker Karen Hayes AM, pictured with (left to right): Dr Lainie Anderson OAM ("For service to community history", AD26); Kathryn House AM ("For significant service to the community through charitable initiatives", QB20); and Professor Jennifer McKay AM ("For significant service to the law, and to the legal profession", KB23).



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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026



FRANK O'NEILL OAM Thursday 25 June 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 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 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).

2026 Luncheon Program

Thursday 27 August
Squadron Leader Mike Turton AM (ret'd)
"Israel and Gulf War I: our life before, during and after"

Thursday 29 October
Associate Professor John Svigos AM
"The first recorded successful caesarean section in the Southern Hemisphere with an intriguing twist"

2027 Luncheon Program

Thursday 25 February
Thursday 29 April
Thursday 24 June
Thursday 26 August
Thursday 28 October

We encourage you to wear your full-size medals. To RSVP please contact:

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND CHAIR

Monday 18 May 2026

Members of the SA Branch Committee recently had the opportunity to congratulate both the incoming President of the Order of Australia Association, and the new National Chair.

The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC is of course well known to us all – as the 35th Governor of South Australia (1 September 2014 to 31 August 2021).

At our Branch Annual General Meeting on Saturday 25 February 2023, it was announced that Honorary Life Membership of the Order of Australia Association had been granted to the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC. The SA Branch was privileged to have had Hieu Van Le as our Patron for seven years.

At the recent national AGM, Hieu Van Le was appointed President of the Order of Australia Association Limited with effect from 1 June. He will be a Keynote Speaker at the 2027 National Conference.



WILLIAM LYE OAM KC

Barrister William Lye is the new National Chair of the Order of Australia Association. Having served with distinction as Deputy Chair for the past two years, and as a dedicated Board member since 2018, William brings deep experience, continuity and a strong commitment to our mission. We look forward to William's leadership building on our already strong foundations and guiding our Association into an exciting new chapter.

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NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Thursday 21 May 2026

We gathered at Payneham Library to acknowledge Order of Australia recipients from the 2026 Australia Day Honours List and one other not previously acknowledged in this way.

SA Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM had earlier written to all new recipients on behalf of the Committee and members of the SA Branch:

Congratulations on your wonderful achievement and award. I commend the Association to you as a means of continuing meaningful and satisfying interaction with similar focused and dedicated individuals committed to serving Australia and / or their communities.

We thank Mayor Robert Bria of the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters for his ongoing support, and Vili's Family Bakery for again subsidising the cost of the refreshments.



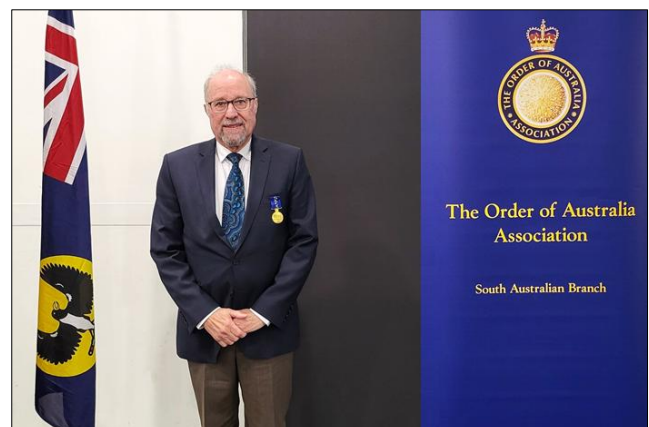
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VINCENT CICCARELLO OAM

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Vincent Ciccarello OAM, Director of Development and Philanthropy at Pembroke School, on the topic "What does a career in the Arts look like?".

Vincent was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, "For service to arts administration" (AD25).



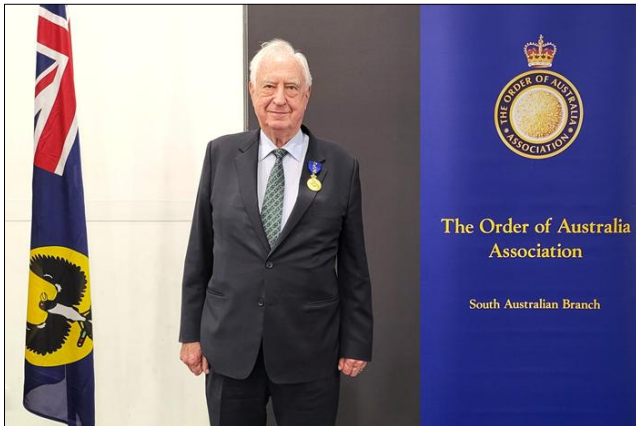
MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Paul Eckert OAM

"For service to the Pitjantjatjara people as a linguist, translator and literacy specialist and through the development of vernacular materials for bilingual education"

Queen's Birthday 2001 Honours List

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MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Associate Professor Robert Joseph Bauze AM

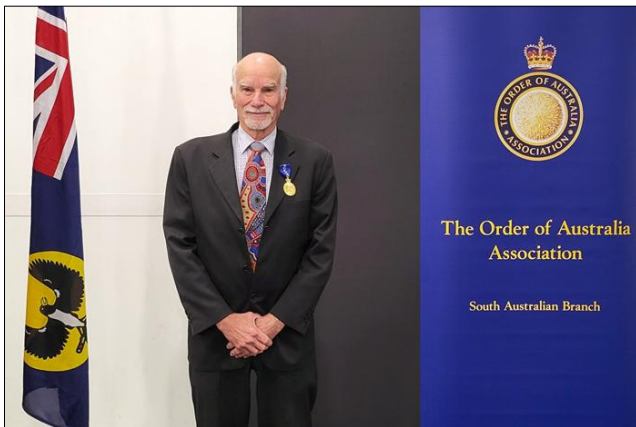
“For significant service to orthopaedics and trauma care as a clinician and administrator”



MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Andrew Craig Fielke AM

“For significant service to the food industry, particularly as a chef developing Australian native cuisine”



MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Professor Neil Brenton Piller AM

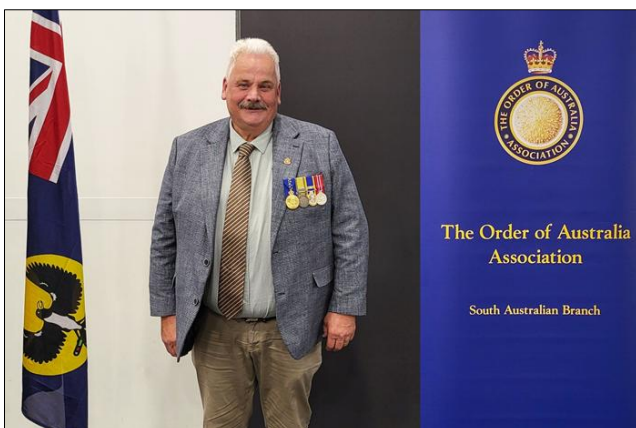
“For significant service to lymphology as a clinician and academic”



MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Dr Leon Pitchon AM

“For significant service to medicine as a plastic surgeon, and to the arts through philanthropy”



MEMBER of the Order of Australia

Geoffrey Colin Tattersall AM RFD

“For significant service to veterans, and to community health”

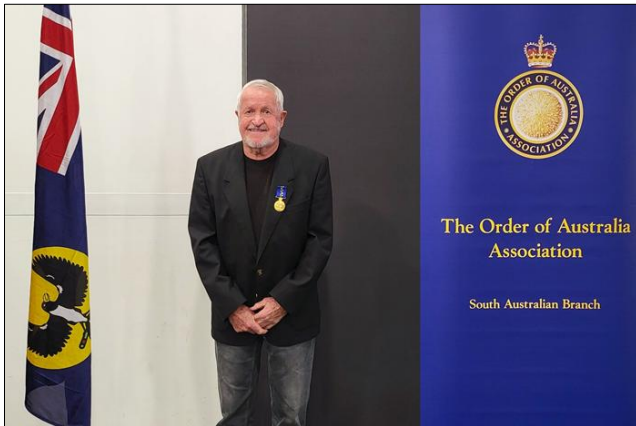


MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Dr Lainie Lee Anderson OAM

“For service to community history”

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MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Neville Bruce Bonney OAM

*"For service to conservation and the environment,
and to the community"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Patrick Charles Bourke OAM

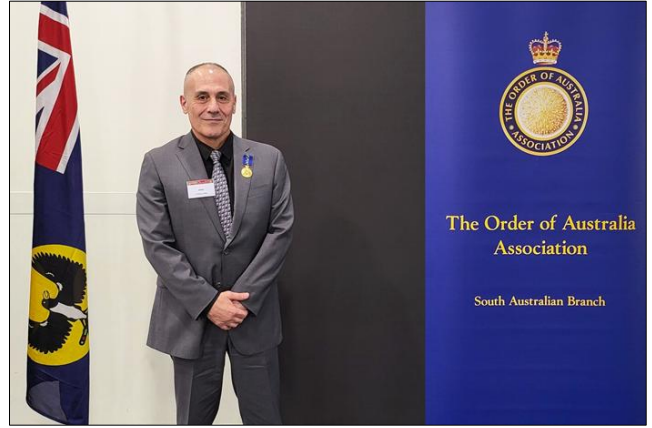
*"For service to the community
through public speaking coaching"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

The Reverend Dr Vernon John Cracknell OAM

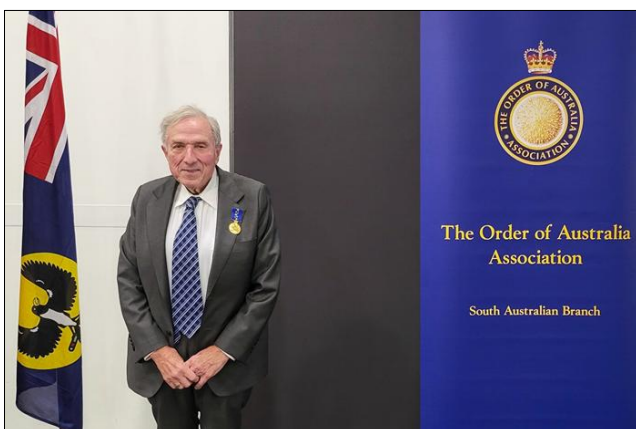
*"For service to youth
through Scouts"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Dr Jean Mekhael El Kfoury OAM

*"For service
to Taekwondo"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Apostolos (Paul) Gaganis OAM

*"For service to the community,
and to the Australian food industry"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

David John Jarman OAM

*"For service to history preservation,
and to the community of Marion"*

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Rex Liebelt OAM

*"For service to the
agricultural show sector"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Margaret Mickan OAM

*"For service to the Indigenous communities
of the Northern Territory and the Kimberley"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Robert John Peet OAM

*"For service to
the performing arts"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Patricia Anne Pledger OAM

*"For service to
children's literature"*



MEDAL of the Order of Australia

Gerlinde Trappe OAM

*"For service to the community
of the Barossa, and to the arts"*

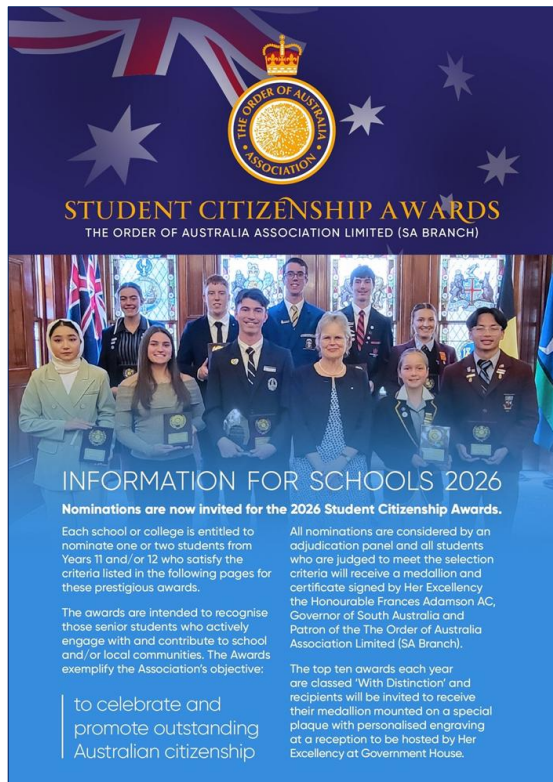


*We thank the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters
and Mayor Robert Bria for their outstanding ongoing support
for our New Recipients' Receptions – Mayor Bria is pictured
here with SA Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM.*

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2026

NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON

The closing date for nominations in the SA Branch Student Citizenship Awards is Monday 27 July, at 5 pm (Week 2 of School Term 3). The Assessment and Selection Panel will hold a review meeting on Tuesday 11 August to rank the nominees.



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



We welcome Dr Neville Highett AM who has kindly agreed to take on the role of Convenor of the Student Citizenship Awards. The official SCA email address has now been transferred to his name.

A REFLECTION ON SOCIAL COHESION

William Lye OAM KC | National Chair

The Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion, chaired by the Honourable Virginia Bell AC SC, delivered its Interim Report to the Governor-General on 30 April 2026.

Amongst its focus areas is the question of how Australia strengthens the social fabric that binds us together as a nation.

It is worth pausing to reflect that this is precisely the work our Association has been doing, quietly and consistently, for decades. Through our Student Citizenship Awards programs, our Foundation scholarships and mentoring, our Branch activities in schools and communities, and the collective presence of some 8,000 members who embody the spirit of service in every corner of this country, we are already part of the answer to that question.

I mention this not to make any claim, but simply because it is worth remembering, during a busy week, just how much what we do truly matters.

Regional Group Events

Fleurieu Regional Group. The Fleurieu Group luncheon meeting was held at the Middleton Tavern on Friday 1 May. 29 members and guests attended including Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and wife Di, and Noel Hender OAM BEM and wife Jill (see images below).

In his Branch Chair's remarks, Noel reported on the planning for the upcoming National Conference in Adelaide in 2027 that the SA Branch is hosting.

The guest speaker was member Dr Graeme Swincer who was awarded the OAM, "*For service to the community through humanitarian support organisations*" (AD15). The title of his address was, 'Face to face with Refugees'.

People displaced from wars and violence is a worldwide issue today. Graeme and his wife Sue have been long time supporters of refugees and advocates of the cause, and they are involved in the local Refugee Support Group.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. The Yorke Peninsula luncheon meeting was held at the Ardrossan Hotel/Motel on Sunday 3 May. The date had been changed to avoid any clash with Anzac Day the weekend before. There were 23 present, including Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM and wife Jill, Regional Groups Coordinator Ken Coventry OAM JP and wife Di, and immediate past Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM and wife Cheryl.

From his recent role as Branch Nominated Director for SA, Noel gave an overview of the preliminary findings of the National Survey recently completed.

Noel then showed the 2027 National Conference introductory video, and invited Conference Convenor Tony Metcalf OAM to speak further about what is planned for the Adelaide Conference.

SAVE THE DATES

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. Convenor Tim Grieger OAM JP advises that the next meeting will be on 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. Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM advises that the next luncheon meeting will be on Sunday 25 October.

Fleurieu Regional Group. Convenor John Hutchinson OAM advises that the next luncheon meeting will be on Friday 6 November.

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.

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. The first meeting of 2027 will be on Friday 26 March.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. The first meeting of 2027 will be on Sunday 2 May to avoid Anzac Day.

Fleurieu Regional Group. The first meeting of 2027 will be on Friday 7 May.

Note: all proposed dates are subject to change by the respective groups should circumstances deem it necessary.

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Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon, Friday 1 May (left to right): Group Convenor John Hutchinson OAM, Branch Treasurer John Ziesing OAM, Trevor Gordon OAM, SA Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM. Front: Mrs Sue Swincer and Dr Graeme Swincer OAM.

Trevor Gordon from Murray Bridge was awarded the OAM, "For service to the community through a range of organisations" (AD23).



Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon, Sunday 3 May (left to right): past Branch Chair Tony Metcalf OAM, Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM, Judy Warmington, Doug Warmington OAM, and Regional Groups Convenor Ken Coventry OAM JP.

Doug Warmington from Moonta Bay was awarded the OAM this year, "For service to the church, and to the community" (AD26).

VALE

The Very Reverend Canon David John Leyburn Richardson AO OBE ChStJ
14 March 1946 – 6 May 2026

The SA Branch acknowledges the recent passing of former Association member, Anglican priest, former cathedral dean and director of the Anglican Centre in Rome the Very Reverend David Richardson. His Requiem Eucharist was celebrated in St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne on Thursday 21 May.

Reverend Richardson's connection to Adelaide began when he studied theology at St Barnabas College, after which he was ordained deacon in 1970. He returned to Adelaide in 1989 and was appointed as the first Dean of St Peter's Cathedral. In his 11 years tenure, he was instrumental in the development of the Cathedral as a parish community. He next served as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne, and from December 2007 was the representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Holy See, and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

He was a Chaplain of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (1966), and was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services in strengthening relations between the UK, the Anglican Communion and the Holy See (2023). He was residing in Toorak, Victoria when he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia: *"For distinguished service to religion, and to the Anglican Church of Australia, through international representational, ecumenical development, and interfaith cooperation roles"* (AD16).

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VALE

**Group Captain Robert Barham Black
AM MStJ RFD MD MS FRACS FAMA
28 November 1938 – 4 May 2026**

SA Branch member Dr Robert Black passed away on Monday 4 May 2026, aged 87.

Robert was a son of the distinguished South Australian ophthalmologist, Dr Geoffrey Howard Barham Black MBBS FRACS DOMS (1893-1956), a veteran of two world wars gassed during the Great War at Broodseinde-Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres).

Like his father, Robert was educated at St Peter's College and the University of Adelaide, and graduated with an MBBS in 1963. He enlisted in the Citizen Air Force on 5 July 1957, to serve with the University Squadron, and was commissioned in 1959. After post-graduate surgical training and research, and a decade in university posts, he was appointed to the RAAF Specialist Reserve in 1980.

He first saw overseas service as a surgeon in Malaysia at No 4 RAAF Hospital at RAAF Butterworth in 1980, 1983 and 1987.

He then saw operational service as a surgeon with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (1994), on Bougainville (Operation 'Bel-Isi', 1998 and 2001) and in East Timor (Operation 'Tanager', 2001 and 2003).

He was made a Fellow of the Australian Medical Association in 2002. He held offices in the Australian Medical Association, and was a Fellow and examiner for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Robert Black retired in 1998 with the rank of Group Captain, after having served as Principal Reserve Medical Officer SA and NT, and as Specialist Emeritus to the Surgeon General ADF.

He retired in 2004 as a Visiting General Surgeon at RGH Daw Park, where he was Chairman of the Medical staff and a member of the Hospital Board.

He became a member of the Mitcham Branch of the RAAF Association in 1991, and from 2014 was President of the Mitcham Branch. He joined the State Division Council in 2018, and was elected State President in October 2018. In 2017 he was made a Life Member of the Air Force Association.

For his long service with the reserve forces, Robert received the Reserve Force Decoration (RFD) with four bars, representing a total of 35 years' service.

Robert also saw long service with St John Ambulance SA, retiring as State Medical Officer for SA (1996-05). In 2002 he was admitted to the Venerable Order of St John at the grade of Serving Brother (SBStJ); in 2008, this level (Grade V of the Order) was re-designated Member of the Order of St John (MStJ). He also received the Service Medal of the Order of St John and one Silver Service Bar.

In 2002 he was invested as a Chevalier (Knight, KJSJ) in the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller.

Per Ardua ad Astra | Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum | Lest we Forget



Dr Robert Black on Anzac Day 2021 wearing the war medals of his father Geoffrey Howard Barham Black. Group Captain Robert Black was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the Military Division in the 1996 Queen's Birthday Honours List, "In recognition of service to the RAAF Specialist Reserve".

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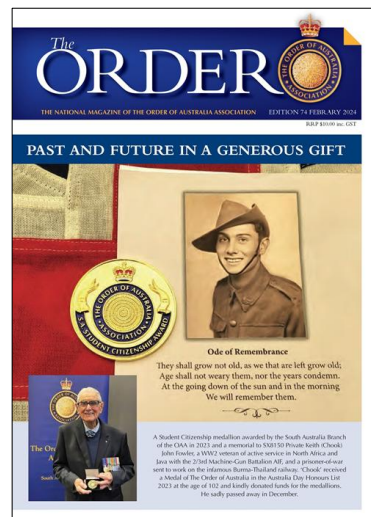


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Members who run their own businesses or have products or services suitable for OAA members may wish to advertise in the magazine. Advertisers may purchase a half- or full-page (A4), per quarterly issue or across the four issues.

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.

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