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

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

September 2026



MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
Friday 7 August 2026

The Guest of Honour at this year's Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service of commemoration was Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the SA/NT Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc who hosted the service. Among those who joined were Brigadier Rob Atkinson AM RFD (ret'd), Lieutenant-Colonel John Spencer OAM RFD (ret'd), Major Paul Rosenzweig OAM (ret'd), Mrs Claudia Cream OAM, and our SA Branch Chair Noel Hender OAM BEM.

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SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, September 2026

As we move into spring, our Riverland and Mallee Regional Group will gather in Barmera, with further regional events in October. These occasions continue to demonstrate the strength and vitality of our Association across South Australia.

Planning for the 2027 National Conference is well underway. Conference Convenor Tony Metcalf OAM and his sub-committee have been working steadily on the arrangements., I encourage all members to reserve 13–16 May 2027 for what promises to be a memorable and meaningful national gathering. The Association's website now features introductory material and a video about the Conference, and I invite you to take a moment to view these resources. Further updates will appear online, in this newsletter, and in future editions of *The Order*. Our National Chairman, William Lye OAM KC, has shared an important message as preparations begin:

> *For the 2027 National Conference in Adelaide with the theme 'Recognising Achievement, Inspiring Tomorrow', I encourage you to promote the event in earnest. Let's show our continued support for our flagship national conference*.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our Branch Patron. Since 2021, we have been honoured to have Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, as our Patron. As her five-year term draws to a close, Her Excellency has chosen not to renew the Vice-Regal role. Throughout her tenure, she has been a steadfast advocate for the Order, demonstrating deep commitment to the values and work of the Association. Her Excellency's support has been complemented unfailingly by her husband, Mr Rod Bunten, whose presence and engagement have been greatly appreciated. A formal Tribute from the South Australia Branch will appear in the next newsletter.

Noel Hender OAM BEM
SA Branch Chair

INVITATION



SA BRANCH NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION
Monday 19 October 2026

We look forward to seeing you at our New Recipients' Reception at Payneham Library, to acknowledge 2026 King's Birthday Honours List recipients. New recipients may attend as a guest of the South Australia Branch.

Full-size medals should be worn.

We will have an interesting Guest Speaker, raffles, and Order of Australia Association merchandise will be available to purchase.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 25 September: Riverland and Mallee Regional Group luncheon meeting

Friday 16 October: Eyre Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting (proposed new date)

Monday 19 October: New Recipients' Reception (see Reply Form attached and online)

Sunday 25 October: Yorke Peninsula Regional Group luncheon meeting

Thursday 29 October: Honours recipients fellowship luncheon meeting with guest speaker

Friday 6 November: Fleurieu Regional Group luncheon meeting

Friday 18 December: Christmas Morning Tea

Saturday 16 January 2027: SA Branch 'Celebration of Australia Day' luncheon

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

Friday 26 February: South East Regional Group annual luncheon meeting

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
Post-Nominals – Multiple Awards

Double recipients in the Order of Australia

When a recipient of the Order of Australia receives a higher grade of the Order in the *same* Division, this is called a 'promotion' within the Order and the post-nominals used (and the insignia worn) relate only to the highest grade received.

However, it is possible for a recipient of the Order of Australia in one Division to receive an award or appointment, at any grade, within the *other* Division. For example, Mrs Jane Citizen who received the OAM in the Military Division during her service in the Australian Defence Force, may subsequently be appointed a Member of the Order in the General Division – she is entitled to use both post-nominals (and wear the insignia of both awards).

There is special guidance for such recipients, and the SA Branch Communications Officer is able to assist with specific enquiries in this regard.

Precedence

If a recipient is entitled to use post-nominals for more than one award in the Australian Honours System, the sequence of the post-nominals is indicated by 'The Order of Wearing Honours and Awards 2025' authorised by the Governor-General. Refer here:

https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/australian-order-wearing-honours-and-awards

Order of St John of Jerusalem

Awards of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (constituted in 1888 by Royal Charter from Queen Victoria) are included in the 'The Order of Wearing Honours and Awards'. The insignia is worn in a specified position, and post-nominals have a particular placement, in accordance with this document.

Post-nominals relating to the Order of St John are not officially recognised, and are used only if the matter relates to St John Ambulance business or in an obituary.

The Royal Prerogative

Also included in the 'The Order of Wearing Honours and Awards' are honours and awards conferred by The Sovereign in exercise of the Royal Prerogative, such as the various grades of the Royal Victorian Order. The insignia is worn, and post-nominals are placed in sequence, in accordance with this document.

Imperial honours

'The Order of Wearing Honours and Awards' includes former imperial honours, such as the various grades of the Order of the British Empire. Again, the insignia is worn, and post-nominals are placed in sequence, in accordance with this document.

Note that all awards made to Australian citizens from the UK honours system after 5 October 1992 are classed as 'foreign awards' and should be worn accordingly (this will be discussed in the next newsletter).

// to be continued

MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
Friday 7 August 2026

At commemorative services both in Adelaide and in Kuching, members of the South Australia & Northern Territory Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc solemnly repeat the promise to remember the fallen.

This year's Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day service of commemoration was held in the City of West Torrens War Memorial Gardens. It particularly marked the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Malaysia-Indonesia Peace Agreement which brought the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia to a close, ending the fighting on the Malay Peninsula and on Borneo.

A ceremonial detachment of Air Force Cadets was provided by No 604 Squadron (Hampstead Barracks). The members of the Catafalque Party carried innocuous .303-inch SMLE rifles representative of the era of the Malayan wars.

The ceremony was hosted by the South Australian State President of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP. A number of members of the Order of Australia Association, or Order of Australia recipients, were in attendance or were represented.



Her Excellency was supported by Cadet Corporal Abdullah from the 604 Squadron, Australian Air Force Cadets ceremonial detachment.

The guest of honour was Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Patron of the SA/NT Branch of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc.

Wreaths and tributes were placed to recall the sacrifices family members, colleagues and forebears made overseas.

Branch President Paul Rosenzweig said, "*Rather than reflect historically on the waging of this undeclared war, today we commemorate 60 years of Peace, and we honour the service and sacrifice of Australian and Commonwealth Service and Police personnel during the two undeclared Malayan wars*".

An Air Force Cadet placed a tribute on behalf of Mrs Jenny Macintosh OAM, in memory of her late husband Group Captain Bob Macintosh AFC OAM (1929-2019) who had completed an operational tour in Malaysia in 1965-66 flying the Iroquois helicopter on sorties deploying Gurkhas and Australian soldiers into the jungles of Borneo.

Also recalled were SA/NT Branch, NMBVAA members who had recently passed away, including Group Captain Robert Black AM RFD (1938-2026).

Her Excellency receives a salute from Warrant Officer Class 2 Nathan Price as she departs the ceremony. WO2 Price placed a tribute in memory of his father Dennis Price who served in three battalions of the Royal Australian Regiment between 1962 and 1965, including two years at Terendak garrison on the Malay Peninsula, and active service in counter-insurgency operations on the Thai-Malay border.



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Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, Chair of the SA Branch, Order of Australia Association, and Mrs Jill Hender

Noel received the OAM "For service to the community of South Australia" (QB17)



Lieutenant-Colonel John Spencer OAM RFD (ret'd) represented the National Servicemen's Association, South Australia

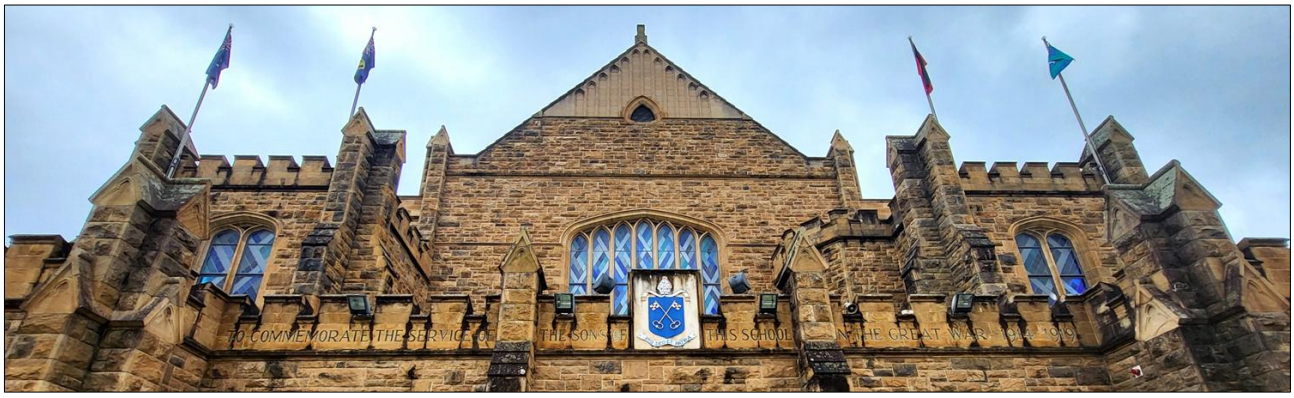
John received the OAM "For service to veterans and their families, particularly through the South Australian Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia" (AD07)



Mrs Claudia Cream OAM placed a tribute on behalf of The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia, SA Inc

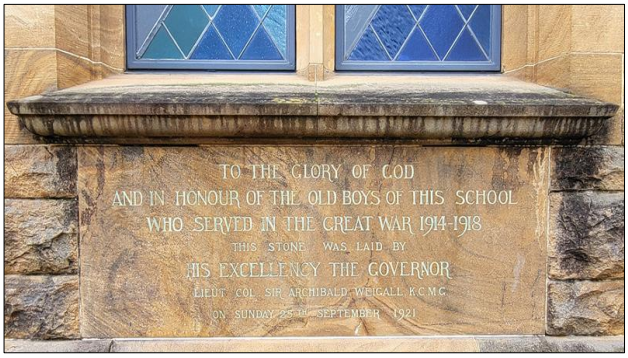
Claudia received the OAM "For service to the Chinese community of South Australia" (QB13)

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HONOURING MALAYA & BORNEO AND OTHER CONTEMPORARY VETERANS

As part of the 2027 Order of Australia Association National Conference in Adelaide, the Conference Sub-committee is planning a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the St Peter's College Memorial Hall. Following our conference theme "Recognising Achievement, Inspiring Tomorrow", we anticipate maximising youth involvement in the conduct of the service.



The Memorial Hall stands as a sacred space and constant reminder of the members of the St Peter's College community who served and/or made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It was originally built in honour of the old boys of the school who served their country in the Great War – there were just over 100 former students and teachers who did not return from World War 1. The inscription across the face of the Hall (see image above) reads:

To commemorate the service of the
Sons of this School in the Great War 1914-1918

Within the foyer of the hall are honour boards bearing the names of Old Scholars who served in wars from the Boer War through to contemporary campaigns and peacekeeping missions.

Among those listed are some Malaya and Borneo veterans who have been honoured with the Order of Australia.

Malayan Emergency

AJT Bennett OAM RFD ED

KC Stephen AM

Malayan Emergency and Confrontation

Major General James Curnow Hughes AO (AD82) DSO MC

Former Patron of the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc



This is one of the St Peter's College Old Scholars honour boards, listing Malaya and Borneo veterans. This and other boards include former SA Branch members such as the late Group Captain Robert Black AM RFD (1938-2026).

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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2026

Associate Professor John Svigos
AM MBBS DRCOG MRCOG CBioEth
FAGO FRCOG FRACOG FRANZCOG
Thursday 29 October 2026

For our final Fellowship Luncheon for the year, Associate Professor John Svigos AM will speak on the topic: "*The first recorded successful caesarean section in the Southern Hemisphere with an intriguing twist*".

Professor John Svigos is a distinguished obstetrician and gynaecologist with over five decades of clinical, academic and international experience

He is a graduate of the University of Adelaide, and has had a well-documented career as an obstetrician and gynaecologist, with special interests in Maternal Fetal Medicine, Reproductive Medicine and Global Women's Health.

John is the son of George John Svigos from East Brunswick in Melbourne, who was born on Rhodes Island in Greece on 23 October 1923. George and his brother Anthony both served in the RAAF during WW2.

John himself also served the nation, as a conscripted National Serviceman in 1971-72. He joined the January 1971 intake at Puckapunyal, and completed his training at the School of Army Health in Healesville, attaining the rank of Captain in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (RAAMC). For this service he was subsequently awarded the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal (introduced in 2001), and the Australian Defence Medal (2006).

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "*For service to medicine, particularly in the field of obstetrics and perinatology, through executive roles with national and international professional organisations, and to medical education*" (QB10).

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. We encourage you to wear your full-size medals.

To RSVP please contact:

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SAVE THE DATES

2027 Luncheon Program

Thursday 25 February
Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester AM:
"*Intangible heritage and women's lives in Queensland frontier towns of the early 20th century*"

Thursday 29 April
Squadron Leader Mike Turton AM (ret'd):
"*Israel and Gulf War I: our life before, during and after*"

Thursday 24 June
John Rowley OAM

Thursday 26 August
Wonho Chong OAM JP

Thursday 28 October

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SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT

The SA Branch has been successful in receiving a MaC Special Project Grant from the SA History Trust. This grant has been approved to enable an approved contractor to be engaged to develop governance guidelines, conduct an audit of the collection, and to conduct a significance assessment.

This project will support preparations for the SA Branch's 50-Year Anniversary.

We are still looking for a volunteer to fill the role of **Curator/Historian**, to research and assist the contractor with the project. 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!

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 Chair to express your interest or to learn more:

chairsa@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

PAST CHAIRS OF THE SA BRANCH, ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION

In addition to an audit and assessment of significance of the historical collection of Branch documents currently held, the 2026 Special Project Grant from the History Trust of South Australia will enable a professional historian and cultural heritage adviser to conduct and incorporate living history interviews with three past Chairs of the SA Branch. Whilst permissions are yet to be obtained, amongst those who may be interviewed are:

Bryce Saint OAM, Chair 2003-06:	*Introduced the Student Citizenship Awards program and served as the first coordinator; continues to support the Branch as our Naval, Military & Air Force Club venue host for our Honours Recipients Fellowship Luncheons*
Elaine Bussenschutt OAM, Chair 2009-12:	*Continues to serve as Regional Convenor of the Yorke Peninsula Regional Group, and also as a member of the Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel*
Professor John McKellar AM ED, Chair 2012-15:	*Past member of the Student Citizenship Awards Assessment and Selection Panel*

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NEW MEMBERS

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

Barbara Edith Biggins OAM

Major John Edward Cotton OAM

Gerard Michael Guerin OAM

Genevieve Maida Hebart OAM

Kathryn (Kate) Erica Strohm OAM

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

If you have received an award in the Order of Australia, you may wish to join the Order of Australia Association. Refer to our website for further information.

Please click here to apply for membership
(Ctrl + Click to follow the link):

Membership Application - The Order of Australia Association

VALE
John Jarrett AM (2013-2026)

We offer our condolences on the passing of Korean War veteran John Jarrett AM on 25 July 2026, aged 92.

John was born in Adelaide on 13 October 1933. He enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in Adelaide, and was assigned to the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps.

He deployed to South Korea on three occasions – from 30 May 1953 until 29 August 1953, and with the Australian Ancillary Unit Korea from 30 November 1953 to 26 June 1954, and again from 4 July to 14 August 1954, seeing 343 days' overseas service.

He was a Reassurance Officer with Heartbeat SA at the Flinders Medical Centre from the 1980s, and later as Vice-Chairman (2001-16) and Chairman.

He held several community roles, such as Volunteer Judge for the Adelaide International Horse Trials, Volunteer Driver for the Masters Games in Adelaide, and as an Equestrian Volunteer in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

John was Deputy National President of the Korea and South East Asian Forces Association and Australian Delegate, International Federation of Veterans of the Korean War (2008-12), and was a Life Member.

He was Treasurer of the SA Branch (1994-07), and President (2013-21). He was a Veteran Representative on the DVA Mission to Korea in 2013.

John was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, "*For significant service to community health, and to veterans and their families*" (AD23).



We acknowledged and welcomed John Jarrett AM (right) at our New Recipients' Reception held on Monday 1 May 2023 – pictured here with fellow 2023 Australia Day Honours recipient Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM and Branch Secretary John Philips OAM.

Regional Group Events

Riverland and Mallee Regional Group. Convenor Tim Grieger OAM JP advises that the next meeting will be held at the Barmera Club in Barmera on Friday 25 September, 12 noon for 12.30 pm.

Eyre Peninsula Regional Group. Convenor Wendy Holman OAM advises that the next meeting will be held at Cowell. The date is likely to change to 16 October.

Yorke Peninsula Regional Group. Convenor Elaine Bussenschutt OAM advises that the next meeting will be at the Ardrossan Hotel on Sunday 25 October.

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

2027

South East Regional Group. 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.*

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.*



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Did you know? *Nominations for the Order of Australia can be done online*

People from all sorts of backgrounds, of all ages, and who have done just about everything you can think of can be recognised through the Order of Australia.

The Australian Honours System relies on nominations, and a nomination can be made at any time. Nominations need to be made via the online portal. Users can log in, complete and submit nominations, and monitor the status of a nomination from submission to completion. Nominations are then assessed by the independent Council for the Order of Australia.

Please click here to access the online nomination portal (Ctrl + Click to follow link):

https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/nominate-someone-award

Who do you think is worthy of an award?



STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2026

Awards Convenor Dr Neville Highett AM advises that nominations closed on Monday 27 July 2026 (the start of Week 2 of Term 3): there were 42 submissions received for consideration, from 31 schools and colleges.

The Assessment and Selection Panel has met to review the submissions and the collated scores. The top 10 students ('With Distinction') have been identified, and the top student identified to receive the Keith 'Chook' Fowler Award for the 2026 Student Citizen of the Year.

The SA Branch acknowledges the late Mr Keith 'Chook' Fowler OAM, whose generous donations in 2023 enabled us to include a special medallion for all Award recipients for two years, and a further donation which now funds the Student Citizen of the Year trophy.

From 2025 onwards, for three years, the Award medallions for all awardees are funded through the generous support of the Government of South Australia.

Looking ahead, Ms Anne Dunstan, Chief Executive, Association of Independent Schools of SA, Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of Catholic Education SA, and Craig Fielke, Executive Director of Lutheran Education, have agreed that their respective educational sectors will each support the Association with collaborative funding of $500 per year starting in 2028.

In addition to the 'Top Ten', a further 32 students will receive a certificate and medallion – 15 of which were rated as 'Highly Commended'.

Special mention and thanks goes to the six members of the Assessment and Selection Panel who have willingly volunteered their time to assess the submissions and to write the individualised summary statements that are added to each certificate.

Members interested in presenting a Student Citizenship Award certificate and medallion at a school assembly later this year are welcome to contact the Awards Convenor Neville Highett:

SCA.sabranch@theorderofaustralia.asn.au



ROTARY CLUB OF ADELAIDE CENTRAL

At the Rotary Club of Adelaide Central Changeover Lunch on Sunday 12 July, Cathy Chong AM JP was announced as the incoming Club President.

Cathy is pictured here being congratulated by outgoing President Robert Gunn, three-time President of the Rotary Club of Adelaide South, now Adelaide Central.

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A REFLECTION ON THE BADGES WE WEAR

William Lye OAM KC | National Chair



Persons appointed to the Order or awarded the OAM receive an official lapel pin with their medal pack at their Investiture. This is a gold disc, representing the emblem of the Order – a single flower of mimosa, the national floral emblem (Australian Golden Wattle, *Acacia pycnantha*). There are slight variations to distinguish the grades of the Order, but this lapel badge is readily identifiable.

Recipients of the Order of Australia may wear this lapel badge at any time.

Our National Chair William Lye OAM KC has reflected that this is 'a badge of belonging', but it is more than just that.

> *The pin we wear is not merely a mark of recognition. It is an invitation to connect*.
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> *I have made it a habit now, whenever I notice someone wearing their pin, to say hello and to ask whether they are a member of the Association. More often than not, it opens a warm and unexpected conversation*.
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> *There is a lesson in that for all of us. We should wear our pin with pride, of course, but we might also treat it as a talking point, a natural and unforced way to introduce the Association and the values it stands for. Every recipient we greet is a potential member, and every conversation is a chance to promote what we do. The pin on our lapel is one of the simplest recruitment tools we have, if only we choose to use it*.
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> *Travelling as often as I do, I have become conscious of just how many members of The Order one encounters along the way.*
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> *Usually it passes with a quiet nod of recognition, a small acknowledgement of something shared, rather like a badge of belonging. I have started to look for opportunities to turn that nod into a conversation, and I must say it has been a remarkable experience.*
>
> *There is a quiet fellowship among recipients of The Order, waiting to be drawn out, and I would encourage each of you to seek it out too*.



There is another badge we may choose to wear, equally a badge of belonging. This is the lapel badge to denote membership of the Order of Australia Association.

This badge may be purchased from our Merchandise Officer or via the national website.

ASSOCIATION NAME BADGE

Members may wish to obtain an Association name badge using the Order Form found on our website – which you may access via the QR Code above or this link (CTRL + Click to follow link):

https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/

MERCHANDISE

Members of the Order of Australia Association may purchase Association-branded merchandise. You may order via the national website (postage costs will be incurred) using the QR Code above or this link:

www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart

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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 (Ctrl + Click to follow the link):

The Order of Australia Association

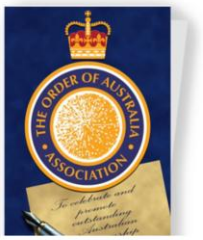


OAA Merchandise is available to purchase for you and your friends and great as a gift to new recipients



Pen in gift box **$7.00**

Pack of 5 Cards
With envelopes
$10.00





Cap **$21.00**



Key ring in gift box
$12.00



Tote Bag **$12.00**



Beanie **$18.00**

All items and others in the OAA range can be purchased at www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/shopping-cart



MENZIES LEADERSHIP FORUM

Voices of Leadership, Extraordinary Impact

The following announcement has been provided by the Menzies Leadership Forum.

Leadership doesn't always arrive with a title.

Sometimes it arrives as a volunteer who has shown up every Saturday for thirty years. A teacher who stayed back. Someone who kept building long after the applause stopped.

Across Australia, leadership is lived every day in acts of service, courage and community, and nowhere is that clearer than in the stories of those recognised through the Order of Australia.

Follow the Menzies Leadership Forum page so you don't miss the announcements:

https://www.facebook.com/MenziesFoundation

'Voices of Leadership, Extraordinary Impact'

This is an eight-part Menzies Leadership Forum podcast hosted by the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO CVO FAICD, with the Order of Australia Association. Episode 1 was launched on 25 August.

Eight conversations.

Eight extraordinary Australians.

One question running through all of them: what does it actually mean to lead?

The voices you'll hear:

• Dr Peter Rogers AM: engineer and educator, advancing women in engineering and Indigenous community development

• Annette 'Floss' Roberts AM: drowning prevention and water safety across the remote Northern Territory

• Cathy Chong AM: President, Chinese Welfare Services of SA Inc

• Dr Jo Newton OAM: agricultural scientist championing young people in agriculture

• Kathryn House AM: Chair, Impact100 South Australia

• Cory Tutt OAM: Founder and CEO, DeadlyScience

• Professor Robert Care AM: Chair, RedR Australia

• Nicholas Marchesi OAM: Co-founder, Orange Sky

• Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC: Governor-General of Australia

Service as the foundation of trust. Resilience in the face of adversity. Grassroots power, youth innovation, women leading change, wisdom across generations, and what comes next for Australian leadership.

Their journeys remind us that leadership is not defined by title or position, but by the commitment to serve others and strengthen the common good.

REMINDER

NEW RECIPIENTS' RECEPTION

Join us on Monday 19 October to acknowledge the newest Order of Australia recipients from the 2026 King's Birthday Honours List. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Biggins OAM.

SAVE THE DATE

SA BRANCH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

Our annual Christmas Morning Tea will be held on Friday 18 December at the Goodwood Community Centre in Rosa Street. Our guest speaker will be Jill Whittaker OAM, the current Mayor of Campbelltown.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2027

The SA Branch will host the 39th Order of Australia Association National Conference in May 2027. This Conference will incorporate an Annual General Meeting and Members' Forum, a conference day with high-profile guest speakers, and the Association Annual Dinner at which the Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarships will be announced. Details are progressively being added to the OAA National website:

https://theorderofaustralia.asn.au/



The venue for the 2027 Order of Australia Association National Conference is the InterContinental Adelaide (image supplied by InterContinental Adelaide, used with permission). The majority of events will be held in the Ballroom on the lower Ground Floor. Accommodation packages will be released in due course – a concessional room rate will be offered to early bookings.



The National Conference Convenor and SA Branch Chair have been reviewing possible Optional Experiences and Activities for the 2027 conference – this is the Penfold Grange display at Penfolds Magill Estate.

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For more information visit our website: https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/

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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
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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
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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 19 October 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 King's Birthday 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 Barbara Biggins OAM, speaking about her life and career as an advocate for children's interests regarding the media: "*From Big Tobacco to Big Tech: children, challenges and campaigns*".

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 12 October 2026***

Register online using Humanitix (preferred) using the link below, or scan the QR Code:
https://events.humanitix.com/sa-branch-kb26-new-recipients-reception

Alternately, pay online via EFT, using the code "NRR - your surname"
'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 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!