



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, January 2020

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and appropriately welcomed in the New Year.

Following on from a very busy 2019, this year promises to be quite interesting as well. Your committee is very active in arranging activities for members, and attending official events on behalf of the Association.

For general enquiries committee members can be contacted via the following generic email address:

[orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com](mailto:orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com)

Tony Metcalf OAM, Chairman SA Branch

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8 February: National Board to meet in Adelaide, and to meet SA Branch committee members

11 February: SA Branch committee meeting

15 February: SA Branch Annual General Meeting – refer to Invitation and Reply Slip  
*RSVP by Friday 31 January*

15 February: Lunch to follow at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton for those who wish to stay on (own expense)

27 February: Honours Recipients Fellowship Lunch, Naval, Military and Air Force Club – contact Flavia for further details and to book (0438 873 025)

28 February: South East Regional Group annual meeting and luncheon, Mount Gambier Community RSL, 16 Sturt Street, Mount Gambier, 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Refer contact details below.

10 March: SA Branch regular committee meeting

April: potential weekend activity; details tba

14 April: SA Branch committee meeting

25 April: Anzac Day (public holiday)

### REMINDER

#### SA Branch 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

All members are invited to attend the 2020 Annual General Meeting. Full-size medals should be worn.

Our guest speaker will be the 2019 Student Citizen of the Year William Gillett from Loxton High School.

Date: Saturday 15 February 2020

Venue: Fullarton Community Centre,  
411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton

Timings: 10.30 am (morning tea); AGM commences at 11 am; finishing about 12 noon

Cost: no cost – all financial members are welcome

Followed by lunch at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton for those who wish to stay on (lunch is at your own expense)

RSVP by Friday 31 January: *see reply slip attached*

Voting: if you are unable to attend, to assist with making a quorum it would be appreciated if you could submit the Proxy Form (*see attached*)

### SAVE THE DATE



#### Queen's Birthday Lunch

All Association members and their friends are cordially invited to attend the SA Branch annual Queen's Birthday Lunch.

Date: Monday 8 June 2020 (confirmed)

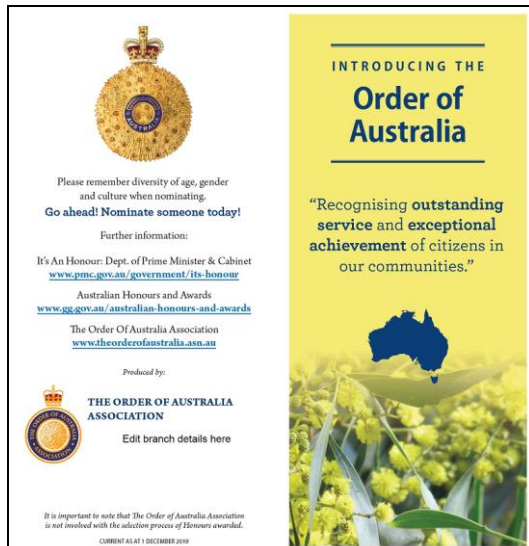
Venue and cost to be advised

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### INTRODUCING THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

A new "Introducing the Order of Australia" brochure has been released by the Order of Australia Association. Please refer to this new brochure and use it whenever appropriate.

The 'contact details' section is blank, allowing Branches and Regional Groups to add current contact details.

The brochure is available from the website under 'Membership':

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Introducing-The-Order-of-Aust-brochure-for-Branches-editable-version-Nov-2019.pdf>

### THE ORDER

Personal contributions, 'Letters to the Editor', advertisements etc may be submitted by any financial member of the Association.

Items may be sent by post (as per details given in *The Order*) or by email to the National Secretary/ Editor:

[natsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:natsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) **or**  
[secnational@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:secnational@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

### Newsletter contributions

Please submit any articles of interest, news snippets and photos before 12 May:

PO Box 1065, CLEARVIEW SA 5085 **or**  
[orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com](mailto:orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com)



### CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA Wednesday 4 December 2019

The annual SA Branch Christmas Morning Tea was held at the St Francis Anglican Church Hall in Clarence Gardens on Wednesday 4 December.

The event was well attended, and we were entertained by our special guest artist – Dr Rob Wight OAM from Christies Beach (pictured above). Dr Wight was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List for service to medicine through a range of roles.

Rob also has a passion for music which often sees him invited to perform. A CD of Rob Wight's piano playing can be obtained for just \$20 plus postage: please call June Genders OAM on 0419 413 698.

### REGIONAL GROUPS

#### *Fleurieu Regional Group*

Meets on the first Friday in May and November, with a social activity followed by a luncheon

Convenor:  
Mr Rex Keily AM JP  
Mobile: 0400 279 297  
[RNKeily@activ8.net.au](mailto:RNKeily@activ8.net.au)

#### *South East Regional Group*

Meets annually in November: the 2019 meeting has been postponed to Friday 28 February 2020.

Contact:  
Mr Eric Roughana AM  
Mobile: 0408 817 260  
[roseric1@bigpond.com](mailto:roseric1@bigpond.com)

#### *Barossa Regional Group Gawler and District Regional Group*

General enquiries:  
[orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com](mailto:orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com)

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### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2019

Throughout South Australia during Term 4 2019, members of the Association volunteered their time representing the SA Branch to attend various End of Year and Valedictory Assemblies.

They have presented Student Citizenship Award certificates to our worthy winners and those others who were Highly Commended.

To those who have made these presentations, the Student Citizenship Awards Director Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM says: *"Many thanks to you all for making yourselves available for this important duty"*.

These are a few images from some of the school presentation ceremonies.

Below: Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, Student Citizenship Awards Director, presents a 'Highly Commended' certificate to Leo Taylor (image supplied by Sacred Heart College).



Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP presents the 2019 Student Citizenship Award to Francie Heinsen (image supplied by Xavier College).

### FRANCIE HEINSEN, XAVIER COLLEGE

Francie Heinsen of Xavier College was one of the 2019 Top Twelve recipients of a Student Citizenship Award. Francie received her award from His Excellency the Governor at Government House on Tuesday 22 October. Francie's citation reads:

A motivator and with enormous leadership ability, Francie has excelled in all dimensions of school life. She has been involved in a plethora of school based and community activities which have resulted in her being recognised for her talents and in achieving several awards for excellence.

Francie is immensely invested in protecting the environment for future generations and strives to influence her peers to understand that all have a part to play in protecting, preserving and restoring environmental matters.

On 4 December, Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP attended the Xavier College Presentation Assembly to again present Francie with her Award and Certificate in front of her school and peers. Francie later sent the following statement:

*I just wanted to thank you for coming to present the Order of Australia Association Student Citizenship Award to me at my presentation assembly last Wednesday. I really appreciate the fact you took time out of your day to travel to Xavier and present the award. It was an honour, thank you very much.*

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### GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S VISIT Hilton Hotel, 27 November 2019

Some of our newest recipients of the Order of Australia and selected SA Branch committee members recently had the opportunity to meet with His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Mrs Linda Hurley.

Among his many other appointments and duties, General Hurley is of course Patron of the Order of Australia Association Inc.

Whilst in Adelaide, Their Excellencies hosted a morning tea for Order of Australia recipients from the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List and members of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch living in and around Adelaide.

Committee members who represented the Branch were Mr Tony Metcalf OAM (Chairman), Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM (Deputy Chairman), Mr Paul Thomas AM (Secretary), Mrs June Genders OAM and Miss Pamela Rajkowski OAM.

The Governor General kindly indicated that, given enough fore-warning, he would be pleased to speak at one of our future events.



His Excellency the Governor-General with (left to right) Mr and Mrs Austin Taylor OAM, Mr and Mrs Marcus La Vincente AM, and Order of Australia Association SA Branch Committee members Miss Pamela Rajkowski OAM and Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM.

Of note, Noel Hender has been a volunteer with St John Ambulance since 1957 and was Commissioner of St John Ambulance South Australia from 2014 to 2017. For his service he was appointed a Commander of the Order of St John. The Governor General, as the Sovereign's Representative and Head of State, is the Prior of the Most Venerable Order of Saint John in Australia.



His Excellency the Governor General with Order of Australia Association SA Branch Committee members (left to right) Mr Tony Metcalf OAM, Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM, Mrs Jill Hender and Mrs Cheryl Metcalf.



Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley with 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours recipient Mrs Kaye Steer OAM. Mrs Hurley has been a teacher and an active member of the community as a Pastoral Carer at the Canberra Hospital and Hospice. She is passionate about singing, and showing how singing, especially in a group, can have a positive impact on individuals and the community.



His Excellency the Governor-General with recipients from the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List and their partners at the Hilton Hotel on 27 November 2019.

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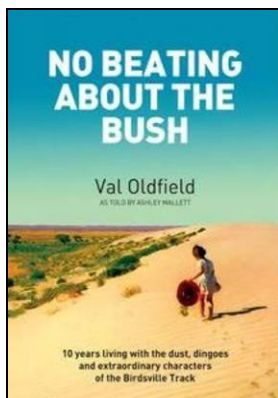


### ***How do I find out more about the SA Branch?***

The Order of Australia Association SA Branch has an active website which contains information on our role and purposes, the Student Citizenship Awards, the calendar of events, our committee members and our Patron.

You will also find our newsletters and reply forms for forthcoming events. Please refer to this site regularly to keep updated:

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/sa/about-us/>



### **AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON Caledonian Hotel, 25 January 2020**

A reminder that the SA Branch will hold its annual Australia Day luncheon at the Caledonian Hotel in North Adelaide on Saturday 25 January 2020.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs Val Oldfield OAM, author of *No Beating about the Bush* (as told by Ashley Mallett), the true story of her life in the outback at Mungeranie Station, living in the gibbers, dust and sand of Australia's infamous Birdsville Track. You might say it is the story of an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life.

### **SA BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

At the SA Branch committee meeting on Tuesday 14 January, the committee discussed the terrible bushfire issues affecting the State.

The committee unanimously agreed to donate \$1,000 towards the SA Bushfire Appeal, State Disaster Relief Fund, on behalf of the members of the Order of Australia Association, SA Branch.

The donation has subsequently been acknowledged by the Trustee of the Fund.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY 2020**

Australia Day is very nearly upon us, so the SA Branch offers advanced congratulations to all who will be announced in this year's Australia Day Honours List. The List, and further information on recipients, will be available here:

<https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/australian-honours-lists>

The Order of Australia Association SA Branch arranges several social functions throughout the year. Key among them are the two New Recipients Welcome Receptions, held soon after each set of investitures conducted by His Excellency the Governor.

New recipients and their guests, and Association members, are cordially invited to attend the next Welcome Reception, which will be held in May at the Norwood, Payneham & St Peters Library complex. There is no cost for our new recipients. Full-size medals should be worn.

An invitation and reply slip will be included in the next newsletter.

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**REPLY FORM – SA Branch 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** – Saturday 15 February 2020, Fullarton Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton; 10.30 am (morning tea) for 11 am start (AGM to commence) until 12 noon. The guest speaker will be the 2019 Student Citizen of the Year William Gillett from Loxton High School. Full-size medals should be worn.

No cost – all financial members of the Association are welcome at the morning tea and AGM

Name: [please print] ..... [post nominal/s] .....

Email or Address: .....

..... Phone Contact: .....

I will be accompanied by [please print name/s] .....

Dietary requirement [if any] .....

I will attend lunch at the Arkaba Hotel: YES / NO      Total number attending: .....

**Please forward to:** PO Box 1065, Clearview SA 5085 or by email to Professor John McKellar AM ED at [jmck1279@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jmck1279@bigpond.net.au) to be received by **Friday 31 January**

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**PROXY FORM – SA Branch 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**, Saturday 15 February 2020

Name: [please print] ..... [post nominal/s] .....

I authorise the Honorary Secretary to cast votes on my behalf for any election or motion raised at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch as he sees fit.

**or**

I authorise the following financial member of the SA Branch to cast votes on my behalf for any election or motion raised at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Order of Australia Association SA Branch as he or she sees fit:

Name: [please print] .....

**Authorisation**

I declare that I am a financial member of the Order of Australia Association and eligible to vote.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Please forward to:** the Order of Australia Association SA Branch, PO Box 1065, Clearview SA 5085, or by email to [orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com](mailto:orderofaustraliasa@gmail.com) to be received by **11 February 2020**

*Your support for the SA Branch is greatly appreciated*