



## The Order of Australia Association, South Australia Branch

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

### SA BRANCH NEWSLETTER, December 2020

This has certainly been a year of challenges, not the least of which was the planning for our Christmas Morning Tea – which sadly we had to cancel.

After the disappointing cancellation of our usual events this year, we were pleased to be able to attend investitures in September (Australia Day) and October/November (Queen's Birthday) where the Governor had created a very personal and intimate ceremony for each recipient. Sadly though, the proposed Government House ceremony for our Student Citizenship Awards has been cancelled.

With the easing of COVID restrictions, our Christmas Morning Tea was looking to be a go-er. Then the new cluster broke out and we were back to square one and thinking of cancelling. Fortune smiled on us with a short lock-down and the promise of returning to COVID-normal on December 1<sup>st</sup> – with our morning tea scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>!

No worries! BUT, with the relaxation of restrictions, the distancing rule of 4m<sup>2</sup> per person was NOT returned to 2m<sup>2</sup>. Our venue, suitable for up to 80 persons, would now only take 50, and the Church Minister advised on Monday that only 40 could be accommodated. We had replies from 77 members!

With this and other concerns, regretfully we have decided to cancel the morning tea. Thank you to everyone who has worked very hard to try to make this event happen. Our Australia Day lunch in January is still on schedule though, as also is our AGM – please refer to the attached information.

Thank you all for your support over the year and I look forward to catching up when things get back to some kind of normal in 2021.

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes

Tony Metcalf OAM  
SA Branch Chair

## INVITATIONS

### AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON

Saturday 23 January 2021

All members and their friends are cordially invited to the SA Branch Australia Day luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel. There will be a 3 course meal.

Our Guest Speaker will be Professor Anthony Thomas AC, Elder Professor of Physics at the University of Adelaide (there is a brief profile included later in this newsletter).

Please RSVP by Sunday 10 January 2021

*See Reply Form with further details included in this newsletter*

### 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 13 February 2021

All members are cordially invited to attend the 2021 SA Branch Annual General Meeting at the Arkaba Hotel, commencing at 10 am. There is no cost: all financial members of the Association are welcome.

A morning tea will be provided, subject to the COVID rules in place at the time.

The meeting will commence with an address from our guest speaker. Lunch will follow (at own expense) for those who wish to stay on.

RSVP by Sunday 31 January 2021

*See Reply Form with further details attached*

An Agenda is attached, together with a Nomination Form which is due by 10 January 2021.

Full-size medals should be worn at these events.

If you intend coming to one or more of these events you will need to register with the respective Reply Form so that we can comply with COVID regulations.

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### Fellowship Lunch and Presentation, Thursday 29 October

For our October lunch we had 13 guests attending at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club in the city and two joining us online. Thanks to our guest speaker Mr Peter Routley AM who spoke on 'World Vision, other NGOs and foreign aid'. Peter shared with us his life's passion and commitment to the education, support and management of world aid in England, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, Laos, Mali, Cambodia, Thailand and Australia. Thanks also to our MC for the day Professor John McKellar AM ED and our Club host Colonel Ray Stanley AM OBE (ret'd).



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Monday, November 9, 2020  
On Monday at Government House, His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Le hosted investiture ceremonies for Australian Honours.



### INVESTITURES

At the end of October and beginning of November, Tony Metcalf OAM, Paul Thomas AM, Noel Hender OAM BEM and Gillian Rogers OAM represented the Order of Australia Association at four investiture ceremonies at Government House.

These investitures were for honours and bravery award recipients from the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours List. These were unique ceremonies, with particular attention paid to distancing and density requirements.

The SA Branch looks forward to eventually being able to hold Welcome Receptions for these Honours recipients, to celebrate their achievements and to allow the opportunity to meet other members of the Association, when it is appropriate to do so.

New members of the Order of Australia are assured of a warm welcome to our SA Branch and its activities should you wish to join.

### AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCHEON Professor Anthony Thomas AC

The Guest Speaker for the SA Branch Australia Day luncheon at the Arkaba Hotel on Saturday 23 January will be Professor Anthony Thomas AC.

Professor Thomas is an Australian Research Council Australian Laureate Fellow and Elder Professor of Physics at the University of Adelaide. His specific areas of expertise are in high energy and particle physics, nuclear physics, mathematical modelling and complex systems.

He has been a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science since 1990, a Fellow of the UK Institute of Physics and the Australian Institute of Physics. His awards include the Walter Boas Medal, Lyle Medal, Massie Medal, Inaugural Silver Jubilee Convocation Medal of Flinders University and the Centenary Medal.

In 2014 he was recognised as South Australian Scientist of the Year. In 2020, Professor Thomas was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for his eminent service to scientific education and research, particularly in the field of nuclear and particle physics, through academic leadership roles.

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### STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2020

In keeping with the aim of the Association to raise awareness about the Order of Australia, each school/college was recently encouraged to invite a member of the Association to attend a suitable End of Year or Valedictory Assembly.

Some members were able to do this early in Term 4 before the most recent COVID lock-down was imposed. The rest of the 'Highly Commended' certificates are being delivered to the schools to be either posted out, or presented in a live-streamed award ceremony with minimal invited guests in attendance.

To those who volunteered to be involved with these presentations, the Student Citizenship Awards Director Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM said: *"I thank you all for making yourselves available for this important program for our young people"*.

Below: On 16 November, Student Citizenship Awards Director Mr Noel Hender OAM BEM presented a 'Highly Commended' certificate to Olivia Webb (image supplied by Wilderness School).



### 2021 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Events Sub-Committee of the SA Branch is currently planning Fellowship activities for 2021. This newsletter provides advance notice of the proposed 2021 events.

Members of the Order of Australia and other honours recipients, partners, family and friends, are invited to share in the fostering of fellowship, in an informal setting.

These lunches are held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club, 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide on the last Thursday of every second month.

Guests attending for lunch should arrive at 12 noon so that social distancing guidelines may be complied with. The function will conclude by 2 pm.

Dates and speakers for 2021 are as follows:

*Thursday 25 February*

Dennis Meredith AM –

*"Hockey and international experiences"*

*Thursday 29 April*

Dr Robert Black AM RFD –

*"John McCrae and the Great War Poets"*

*Thursday 24 June*

Neil Andrew AO and Di Davidson AM –

*"Reform of water use in the Murray Darling Basin"*

*Thursday 26 August*

Kathryn House AM –

*"Collective Giving & the changing face of philanthropy in Australia"*

*Thursday 28 October*

John Phillips OAM – *"SA Waste Strategy 2022-25 – engaging the population"*

### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

#### Virtual and Lunch Meetings in 2021

For more information about the Fellowship luncheon meetings, or to express an interest in being a speaker, please contact:

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### THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

#### Did you know...?

In certain circumstances, a person who has twice received the Order of Australia may retain and wear both insignia – and use both post-nominals.

The Constitution of the Order allows members to wear the insignia of their award and use the relevant post-nominal letters after their name.

The Constitution also prescribes that if a member is subsequently appointed to a higher grade *in the same division* they may only wear the insignia and use the post-nominals of the higher award.

**Appointments in two divisions.** Prior to 1993, this provision also applied to a member who was subsequently appointed to the Order or awarded the Medal in a different division. The Insignia Ordinance in force up to that time did allow that person to wear both insignia, but nothing was said about post-nominals – so by convention only the post-nominals of the higher award were used.

At that time, Government House Darwin was preparing an honour board with framed photographs of all former Administrators and Government Residents. Among them was Commodore Eric Eugene Johnston, the thirteenth Administrator of the Northern Territory.

As a naval officer, Commodore Johnston had been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the Military Division (OBE, 1970) and a Member of the Order of Australia in the Military Division (AM, 1975) – and accordingly used the post-nominals “AM OBE RANEM” (RANEM stands for ‘Royal Australian Navy Emergency List of Officers’).

On 13 June 1988, for his service as Administrator, Commodore Johnston was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the General Division (AO), “*For service to the Crown and to the people of the Northern Territory*”. In accordance with the extant Insignia Ordinance, he correctly wore the insignia of *both* his AO (General Division) and AM (Military Division). Following the convention in place at that time, his formal title became ‘Commodore Eric Johnston AO OBE RANEM’.

However, in preparing the honour board, the question was asked – if Commodore Johnston was authorised to wear the insignia of *both* divisions, why should he not use *both* post-nominals. The Insignia Ordinance did not specifically preclude this.

On request, Government House Canberra approved the use of post-nominals for both divisions, using the designation ‘(Mil)’ to distinguish the AM as an award in the Military Division.

Thus his correct title became ‘Commodore Eric Johnston AO AM(Mil) OBE RANEM’.

Since 1993, the ‘Designations and Insignia Ordinance’ has allowed that a member of the Order in one division, who is subsequently appointed to the other division, is entitled to use the post-nominals of both awards, with explanatory parentheses applied to the lower award.

For example: if a person who is an Officer in the Military Division is subsequently appointed a Companion in the General Division, they may use the post-nominals ‘AC AO(Mil)’.

Similarly, a holder of the Medal who is subsequently appointed to the Order at any grade in the other Division may use the post-nominals of both awards with parentheses applied to the lower award.

For example: if a person who holds the OAM in the General Division is subsequently appointed a Member in the Military Division (AM), they may use the post-nominals ‘AM OAM(Gen)’.



The Honour Board in the Office of the Administrator in Darwin, with the portrait of Commodore Eric Johnston AO AM(Mil) OBE RANEM as the penultimate frame on display (lower right).

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## ***Do you have email?***

Did you know, if you opt to receive this newsletter via email rather than through the post, you will save the Branch \$3 for each newsletter not posted.

We will continue to post the newsletter to you if that is what you wish. But if you have an email address that you would like us to use, could you please advise the SA Branch Member Secretary Mr Greg Gordon OAM JP:

[oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:oaasambrsec@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

## **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

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### ***South East Regional Group***

Meets annually in February. Next meeting: Friday 26 February, Mount Gambier RSL.

Contact:

Mr Eric Roughana AM

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### ***Barossa Regional Group***

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

General enquiries:

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## ***The Order***

In addition to the standing Branch contributions, 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 Editor. Please note that the Editor of *The Order* has a new specific email address:

[nateditor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:nateditor@theorderofaustralia.asn.au)

## **REGIONAL GROUPS**

### ***Riverland Regional Group***

Meets socially twice a year, in March/April and September/October.

The Riverland Group area includes the Mallee areas of Lameroo, Pinnaroo and Karoonda, and down river to Swan Reach.

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## ***Newsletter contributions***

Please submit any articles of interest, photographs, news snippets or event notices to the Editor:

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**REPLY FORM – SA Branch Australia Day Luncheon** – in the Fullarton Room at the Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, Saturday 23 January 2021, 12 for 12.30pm. Cost \$60 per person for a 3 course meal (alternate drop).

The Guest Speaker will be Professor Anthony Thomas AC, Elder Professor of Physics at the University of Adelaide.

Full-size medals should be worn.

To comply with COVID regulations, please confirm if you will be attending.

**Please forward this reply form (with payment) to:** Tony Metcalf OAM, PO Box 1065, Clearview SA 5085 or to the Events Sub-committee Convenor Professor John McKellar AM ED: [jmck1279@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jmck1279@bigpond.net.au) to be received not later than **10 January 2021**

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