

SA Public Service Medal Association

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Newsletter

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From the President - Don Plowman PSM



Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the 2018 Summer Edition of the PSM Association SA newsletter and our first Newsletter for the year.

The Australia Day celebration at Beaumont Bowling Club coincided with the announcement of six new PSM recipients. Congratulation to Terry Buss, Kevin Cantley, Kristie Cook, Tina Ward, Raluca Tudor and Maria Crotty. The Association congratulates Awardees on their recognition for public service above and beyond that expected of their position. The citation for each is provided below.

We have a full and engaging program for the year and following our annual Australia Day BBQ our first event took place on Friday 2 March. I joined other PSM recipients and family on a visit to the new RAH. We were very well looked after by Professor Dorothy Keefe PSM. A report of the visit appears later in this Newsletter.

We were all extremely impressed with the new building and more so with the staff working in it. The building takes a very different approach to patient care, being open with most areas having a direct view to the outside, with rooms and treatment facilities placed in cells of common services. The challenges of navigating around the building, due to its size, are mitigated by the excellent guidance systems.

From the people in the main administration entrance, to nurses in treatment areas and to those catering for people, there was a strong sense of friendliness, comradrey, professionalism, care and satisfaction.

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The feel and experience from within is very different to the impression you would have picked up over the past couple of years from the media and our leaders. I was directly involved in the construction of the Plant Research Centre at the Waite Institute, a world leading research facility, in the mid 90s and still current. We too had teething problems which were resolved over time. It is of no surprise that a building as sophisticated as the new RAH has teething problems - I would be concerned if it did not.

I think it is time for us to work constructively with all involved with this exciting world class facility to iron out the minor faults and deliver the best patient care as possible. It must be really difficult for the staff working there to continually read the criticisms in the media and from our leaders about the facility and the services, when they know they are trivial and resolvable and are collectively applying the best care as possible. Let us start talking up the new RAH.

Future visits of the association include a tour of the desalination plant, Holy Trinity Church on North Terrace and the Old Treasury building and tunnels. Please let us know if you have suggestions for future visits.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible during the year, at the above events or our Annual General meeting.

Don Plowman - PSM Association SA President

2018 Australia Day PSM recipients

It is with pleasure that we present to you the most recent PSM recipients. They are:

Mr Terry Joseph BUSS

For outstanding public service to local government in South Australia.

Mr Buss has been an outstanding public servant having a long and distinguished career in the local government sector. He has provided strong leadership and direction in many executive roles across many local councils in the state.

Since 2008 his work in leading the Project Steering Group (PSG), and the development of a stormwater management plan for the Brown Hill Keswick Creek (BHKC), has been significant. This has involved a collaborative approach working with CEO's from the Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens Councils. He led the PSG team to deliver this major project outcome for over 230,000 members of the wider Adelaide community who reside within the BHKC catchment area.

His dedication and hard work, and that of the PSG, came to fruition when the Stormwater Management Plan was officially gazetted on 7 March 2017. This achievement has been sought by state and local governments for over 50 years and it was his leadership and approach that helped the Management Plan eventuate.

As Chief Executive Officer of West Torrens he has been part of projects and programs that have delivered significant results for the council and ratepayers. He has fostered deals that have not only helped the council but also the state of South Australia, including with Adelaide Airport Limited and the sale of the Brickworks Markets.

Mr Buss has been an incredible mentor providing advice for all in council and his leadership has been integral in ensuring success of many projects for the community.

Mr Kevin Michael CANTLEY

For outstanding public service to financial management and infrastructure development in South Australia.

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Mr Cantley has been an outstanding public servant throughout his career and has consistently performed at the highest level. Being involved in and leading key projects to successfully deliver critical ventures that have considerably improved socio-economic outcomes for South Australians. As a part of the Port Pirie Transformation Task Force he took the lead in negotiations that led to a multi-hundred million dollar investment securing the economic future for an important regional centre in South Australia's Mid North.

His expertise and approach was instrumental in reaching an agreement between the Australian Football League (AFL), the South Australian National Football League (SANFL), the South Australian Cricket Association (SAGA) and other stakeholders for the structuring and implementation of the financial arrangements for the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment project.

In addition to serving with the Department of Treasury and Finance he was also the General Manager of the South Australia Government Financing Authority (SAFA) where he managed complex structured financial arrangements and advised on the management of financial risks.

Mr Cantley's strong work ethic, determination and financial expertise have helped to secure projects with significant and lasting benefits for the community of South Australia.

Miss Kristie Ellen COOK

For outstanding public service to the health sector in South Australia.

Ms Cook has provided a dedicated service to the public of South Australia, specifically to those in rural and remote areas. Her involvement with projects with SA Ambulance has directly benefitted people living in the state's south east through to Port Lincoln, and in Ceduna in the state's west.

Working across SA Health directorates, consumers, non-government organisations, general practitioners and the large SA Ambulance volunteer sector, she has used her skills to enable changes and implementation of new initiatives.

Originally joining SA Ambulance as a Regional Office Coordinator, she provided administrative support at a General Manager level, excelling in the role. It was here she provided the South East region and Volunteer Ambulance Officers with administrative support for regional volunteer advisory meetings and the planning and co-ordination of many successful regional conferences.

She helped to develop and implement the SA Ambulance Country Extended Care Paramedic Project across the Limestone Coast and Port Lincoln. Her strong leadership, attention to detail and ability to engage and coordinate individuals, groups and institutions was integral to the program's success. As the Community Paramedicine Project Coordinator she established and implemented new initiatives with the introduction of Community Paramedics to Ceduna and the Limestone Coast.

Ms Cook through her various roles has gone above and beyond to ensure the success of a range of programs which have benefitted the people of the state.

Ms Tina Maria WARD

For outstanding public service in the area of disability housing and support in South Australia.

Ms Ward has made an extraordinary contribution to the disability sector, especially in the area of accommodating those with intellectual disabilities. She commenced working in Disability Services in South Australia at a time when people with disabilities requiring care were largely institutionalised. The prevailing wisdom at the time was that people with disabilities were better accommodated in a village like setting, with all services on hand which meant that they rarely left the site.

She recognised the need for a change of culture in institutional living and took on the task of selling the vision of a better life for the teenagers living in the Koala Villa within the Strathmont Centre in 1988, which housed 32 teenagers with an intellectual disability. Her contribution helped establish community living as a viable and necessary ingredient in the support and care for people with disabilities.

She and her team now operate at every level in supporting people with significant disabilities to have a better life.

Ms Ward continues to be a consistent advocate for South Australians with intellectual disabilities to have their rights recognised, their lifestyles enhanced and their voices heard.

Dr Raluca TUDOR

For outstanding public service to the mental health of older persons in South Australia.

Dr Tudor has established a unique model of clinical leadership, in a multi-disciplinary community health team which has resulted in the Older Persons Mental Health Services in South Australia growing and developing into one of the country's leading services.

In 2011 she was key in establishing the Older Persons Rapid Access Service, the first of its kind in South Australia. She was a driving force in identifying the issues and the needs to provide some form of hospital avoidance for older consumers with a mental health condition living in residential care facilities in the southern region of the state.

The Rapid Access Service comprises a multidisciplinary team of nursing and psychiatry medical staff with support from allied health staff. The target patient cohort is people with challenging behaviours due to psychiatric illness and/or behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia. The service aims to improve the quality of life for residents by providing rapid and response to individual client needs, and to build capacity in the residential care facilities through staff education. Dr Tudor has consistently worked with a whole system approach to ensure Older Persons Mental Health Services are integrated, understood and valued within the wider health care sector in South Australia.

Professor Maria CROTTY

For outstanding public service in the rehabilitation sector in South Australia.

Professor Crotty has made a significant contribution to the rehabilitation sector in South Australia. Whilst being a Professor of Rehabilitation and Aged Care at Flinders University she has also managed the rehabilitation service at the Repatriation General Hospital for 14 years and the opening of the new Rehabilitation Service at Flinders Medical Centre in 2017.

As Chair of the Statewide Rehabilitation Clinical Network for SA Health she was pivotal in the development and establishment of dedicated rehabilitation services in country areas of the state.

Currently in the role as Clinical Lead for the Transforming Health Rehabilitation Services Development project she has led the development and implementation phases of the project, which has culminated in a set of recommendations to improve access to services and meet demand. In particular she has promoted the expansion of telehealth and telerehabilitation.

Her motivation has always been to ensure better outcomes for patients and her achievements have ensured that patients receive their rehabilitation in a timely manner and in the most appropriate setting, enabling them to begin their rehabilitation sooner and return home quicker.

Professor Crotty's efforts have led to significant benefits the population of South Australia both now and into the future.

Congratulations to all the new award recipients. As an association we look forward to meeting with them soon.

Recent Association Activities

Australia Day BBQ - January 26th - *Andy McPharlin*

The Beaumont Bowls Club was again the venue of the Association's annual Australia Day event. In all a total of nineteen members and their partners attended and enjoyed a delicious barbeque cooked by "head chef" Tom Whitworth, to go with the sumptuous salads and desserts they had brought. Unfortunately the weather this year proved too hot to play bowls. However this did allow more time for chat and undertake Sue Ireland's increasingly difficult famous Australians quiz. President Don Plowman also provided some background information on the six new medalists announced in the Australia Day Honours List. Thanks to all those who assisted in making the day such a success.

Visit to the nRoyal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) March 4 - *Val Smyth*

March 2nd saw 16 members of the association enjoy the privilege of a tour around the new RAH with Professor Dorothy Keefe PSM, herself one of our members. Professor Keefe is the Clinical Ambassador for the Transforming Health initiative in SA, Professor of Cancer Medicine at the University of Adelaide, and a Senior Medical Oncologist at Royal Adelaide Hospital Cancer Centre. It was an exciting opportunity to see firsthand (while healthy and not in need of medical care) the incredible facilities that this new hospital offers us all.



Our tour included both in and outpatient areas as well nuclear medicine - an area in the old hospital where Jill Fitch - who was with us - had previously worked. The atmosphere of the hospital overall was one of calm and quiet set in large light spaces with many areas of very beautiful courtyard gardens more akin to a village than a hospital. We thank Professor Keefe who took time out of her very busy day to show us our new state of the art hospital.

Next Event

PSM Association SA

**Kauwi Interpretive Centre
&
Desalination Plant Community Tour
15 Chrysler Road, Lonsdale**



**Thursday 19 April
1030-12MD**

**Meet at car park next to main entrance at 1015
(the tour is free)**

light lunch option in the area - to be confirmed

RSVP by April 16 to Andy McPharlin

For your Diary

Saturday 23rd June

11am tour

Adelaide CBD heritage Walk - 11am - details to follow nearer the date. We have chosen a Saturday to allow those still working to join us.

Friday 14 September

morning tour

Holy Trinity Church Adelaide - History tour of South Australia's founding Church and largest Anglican congregation in the State - details to follow nearer the date

Vale

We note with sadness the passing of Kevin John Kennedy PSM, on 7 February 2018, aged 86. Kevin received his medal in 1990, and was in fact at the inaugural presentation of medals on Australia Day, 1990. Kevin worked for many years at the Bureau of Statistics, here in Adelaide (Commonwealth Public Service).

Following his retirement Kevin worked for the United Nations in Uganda, earning further recognition, including from the Pope. David Kennedy, who is one of his five sons is a police officer in Port Augusta and only this week found Kevin's medal in a shed, having no idea his father had been so honoured.

MEETING WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT



Ms Erma Ranieri, Commissioner for Public Employment has been a strong supporter of the PSM Association, attending the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the PSM Award at Government House and was the guest speaker at the 25th anniversary of the Association last year.

Erma has sought a closer relationship with the Association leading to a meeting with her and Val Smyth and Don Plowman on 27 February. The meeting had two prime objectives, one was to identify opportunities for raising the profile and level of engagement with government and to discuss how best to inform CEs and senior management of agencies about the PSM Award.

Some of the points raised and discussed during this meeting were:

- The PSM Awards are under the radar of most in the public service and there are opportunities to lift the profile of the Award.
- The Association comprises PSM recipients that are retired and those still employed within the Public Service. This creates difficulties in arranging functions.
- Opportunities do exist for PSM recipients to speak at a range of forums about the work they did/do and the importance of public service.
- To create a voice for the public service outside those who are currently employed and therefore have a restricted voice.
- There was strong support for PSM recipients to be involved in a range of mentoring and development programs, should they wish to contribute in this way.

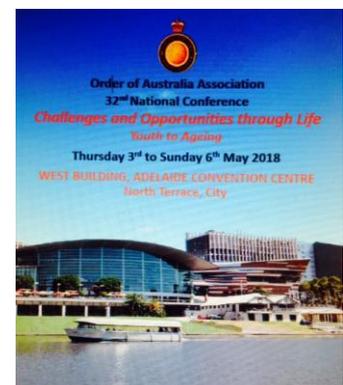
Erma suggested the PSM Association may wish to partner with the Institute of Public Administration on one event during the year, to determine the interest and fit. She also offered to publicise the Association's activities in the newsletter she distributes to around 5000 people.

Your PSM Association Committee will consider the outcome of these discussions and respond to the leads provided by Erma.

Order of Australia Annual Conference

The PSM Association SA and the Order of Australia Association has been building links for some time and we are pleased to be able to let you know that the annual association conference for 2018 is to be held in Adelaide from May 3 - 6 and PSM Association SA members are welcome to attend.

Val Smyth has been invited to speak as part of a group of speakers talking about awards other than Orders of Australia. Val will be promoting the PSM Award and our unique association



Newsletter items

If you have interesting articles that we can share with members please submit them to Val Smyth. We welcome the opportunity to share knowledge with each other.

Do you know this person?



We are updating our contact details and are looking for the people listed below

If you know any details please let us know

2014 Pauline Mary Barnett (criminal law)
2003 Dr Tarnia Leonie Black (children's health)
2000 Brian Dexter Clark (conservation)
2006 Geoffrey Raymond Rogers
2000 Ronald Mark Shanks (road traffic)
2004 Oleg Apollonovich Sharoglazor
2004 Margaret Ann Simmons (criminology)
2013 Lynne Symons (education)
2017 Joyleen Thomas (indigenous affairs)

SA PSMA website.

Don't forget our website is now live and can be found at: <http://www.sapublicservicemedal.asn.au/>

It is still in its infancy and over the next few months we will be loading more information. If you have something to share - especially photos please let Andy know. This site belongs to all of us, so let us make it of value to us all.

If you have a new or changed email address- please let Andy McPharlin know

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