

# SA Public Service Medal Association

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## Newsletter

### Spring Edition 2017

Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the 2017 Winter Edition of the PSMA SA newsletter. Winter started very dry- but this last week all that has changed and I am sure the farmers are pleased to see the rain has finally come allowing those crops sown to commence growing well . Since our last edition the association has visited the David Roche House Museum in North Adelaide. This was an extremely interesting visit and you can read more about it in this edition.

2017 is proving again to be a busy year for us as this will be the 25th year since the association was formed and I am excited to say we have planned a special evening with Erma Ranieri the Commissioner for the Public Service Sector Employment as our guest speaker while we enjoy dinner together in the function room at Damien on Fisher Restaurant in Fullarton.

Erma will be known to a number of you and is a very experienced senior member of the public service and greatly assisted us in the organization of our special event in 2016 when we celebrated the 25 years from when the first PSM was awarded. I am very much looking forward to hearing her speak and have included some information about her in this newsletter. The date is October 20th and I encourage you to book early. As indicated the venue chosen this year is the really lovely Damien on Fisher Restaurant in Fisher Street, Fullarton and I am sure you will enjoy both the food and the location. The cost is a little higher than last year but this year includes a 3 course meal. See the flyer on the next page.

Sadly during recent months we have seen the passing of another PSM recipient Dr Alice Rigney. Dr Rigney was the principal of Kurna Plains School for Aboriginal students in Adelaide's north, and was been recognised for making a significant contribution to the preservation of the Kurna language.

Dr Rigney who was a Narungga Kurna elder died just 24 hours after her husband Lester Rigney was buried on their country of birth at Point Pearce, on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula. A memorial service organised by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to celebrate her life was held on June 7th at University of Adelaide Bonython Hall. Her son, Professor Lester-Irabinna Rigney, described his mother as a matriarch of the Kurna and Narrunga nation.

We also would like to acknowledge the passing on 25 May this year the passing of Dianne Cordes, wife of Dene Cordes. Dene was a long time president of the association. Dianne was a friend to many of us and an amazing woman as those who attended her funeral service were able to attest. She was both soul mate and partner to Dene and both lived a life full to the brim with activities and services to the community.

## Forthcoming Event



### Celebratory Annual Dinner and AGM

**Friday 20 October 2017**

**Venue: Damien on Fisher Restaurant -Function Room**

123 Fisher Street Fullarton (Living Choice Centre)

Time: 1815 - 2200

**Who can come?**

Members, family & friends - all welcome

**Guest Speaker**

**Erma Ranieri, Commissioner for Public Sector Employment**

**Special requirements**

Please let us know if you have special dietary needs

**Cost**

(\$70 pp - includes 3 course meal and a bottle of red and white wine per table) Preferred method of payment:

- direct transfer to **SA Public Service Medal Association BSB: 805 050 Account Number: 4104701** (indicate for AGM Dinner); or
- by cash on the evening

**RSVP by 10 October 2017 to John Smyth advising the number attending**

### Erma Ranieri - our guest speaker at this year's special 25 years of association dinner



Vision: *"A world-leading public sector that serves South Australians well, does what it says it will do, and to which every public servant is proud to belong."* - Erma Ranieri

Further information and recent newsletters can be found at:  
<https://publicsector.sa.gov.au/about/commissioner-for-public-sector-employment/>

[News from the Commissioner - Winter 2017](#)

## Recipients of the 2017 Australia Day Awards at their recent investiture

It was a pleasure to be able to attend the recent award ceremony at Government house and congratulate the following recent recipients

**Ms Rosina Antenucci**

Services to education and to the teaching of English as an additional language

**Ms Joyleen Joan Thomas**

In the area of employment, cultural inclusiveness and Indigenous events.

**Mr Robert Glen Schwarz**

In the field of intergovernmental fiscal relations, taxation policy and economic policy



## David Roche Exhibition Tour by PSMA SA

On Friday 16 June 2017, eighteen PSMA members, their partners and friends visited the David Roche art exhibition in Melbourne Street, North Adelaide.

The exhibition features the private collection of antiques, paintings and art pieces of the late David J Roche AM (1930-2013), 3000 items in all, which he accumulated over his lifetime from all around the world. The exhibition is housed in David's private residence and an adjoining purpose-built gallery, which will ensure this unique collection is preserved for future generations to see.

As well as being an avid art collector, David was also a highly awarded dog breeder and international show dog judge. Much of his collection is influenced by his love of dogs. Tour guides were on hand to lead attendees around the exhibition and provide background information on particular items of interest, which greatly added to the experience.

Following the tour attendees met for lunch in The Store Café to cap off a particularly enjoyable morning.



**Question - In the photo on the lower right - do you know what the green and pink panels are for? (answer on page 6)**

## New Royal Adelaide Hospital (nRAH)

Within weeks now the new Royal Adelaide Hospital will be opening to the public. Recently I had the opportunity to participate in one of the public tours of the building and was excited to see how this hospital has developed. As a retired nurse with expertise in a number of specialties but in particular emergency and disaster management my interest was naturally to see the emergency and acute areas of the hospital.

The hospital is extremely spacious and offers world class facilities for all of us and I feel very grateful and privileged that I live in this country and in particular South Australia where we have such great facilities available to us. The photos below show just some of the areas I was able to view (*Hospital entrance way, Emergency Department triage/wait area, murals in a corridor area, patient cubicle, Acute area ED, Intensive Care Unit cubicle*)



## Future events

We have a number of events in the next few months at which we hope to see many of you. The first is our early spring group activity and we are delighted to be able to visit and tour Urrbrae House. Thank you to Don Plowman who has made this possible for us.

As indicated on the website the Urrbrae House Historic Precinct is situated on the Waite Campus of the University of Adelaide on land bequeathed in 1914 by Peter Waite to the University. Today the Urrbrae House Historic Precinct promotes the history of the Waite Campus and is committed to community outreach. It is also an accredited museum by the History Trust of South Australia.<sup>1</sup>

**PSM Association SA  
Tour of Urrbrae House  
Friday 29 September 2017  
Meet 1015 at front entrance to the house for 10.30 am start**



**Come and join us for the tour - which lasts just over an hour then stay for morning tea at Aroma Cafe**

**Cost for tour pp \$10 + purchase of own morning tea**

**Parking available**

- Payment by direct transfer to **SA Public Service Medal Association BSB: 805 050 Account Number: 4104701** (indicate for House Tour); or by cash on the day

**RSVP by 23 Sept 2017 to Val Smyth**

## HOW TO GET TO URRBRAE HOUSE



## Christmas Morning Tea

Last year the association held a very enjoyable Christmas morning tea at Val and John Smyth's house and we plan to repeat that again this year. If you did not come - do join us this time.

**It may seem a while away but the months are flying by so please add this to your diary.**



### *Christmas Morning Tea*

*Val and John would like to again welcome PSMA SA members, family and friends to join them for a Christmas morning tea at their place*

*When* Friday 8 December  
*Time* 10 am - 12 midday  
*Where* 3 Shepley Court Dernancourt

***RSVP Val Smyth by Dec 6th***

***Please bring a small plate to share***

## Advance Notice - Australia Day - Friday 216 January 2018

The Association has for several years enjoyed a BBQ lunch and lawn bowls at the Beaumont Bowling Club and I am pleased to be able to let members know that we have secured the venue for Australia Day 2018 - please come and join us.

### 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.

### URGENT NEED - PSMA SA Treasurer - Is this for you?

Andy McPharlin has relinquished his position as our treasurer and while John Smyth (husband of Val) has agreed to step into this role in a temporary status, we would like to have an association member to take on this role. Andy has done a fantastic job managing both the secretary and treasurer role in recent years and we are very grateful to him. If you feel you could help us by taking on this role please contact us. We are a small association so the task is not arduous but none the less very important.

If this is you - please let Andy McPharlin know.

### SA PSMA website.

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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  
(address at the top of the newsletter)**

**Answer to question about the panels on the photo page 3.** *The panels are to protect 2 people sitting one on each side of the fire (when alight) from getting overheated and burns to the face.*

*The green panel can be moved up and down to the most appropriate position to afford protection*

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<sup>i</sup> <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/waite-historic/urrbraehouse/>