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Newsletter

Spring Edition 2019

From the President - Don Plowman PSM



Welcome to the Spring 2019 Newsletter.

Dear Members and friends,

Welcome to the Spring 2019 Newsletter.

We are nearing the end of another successful year with two cohorts of PSM recipients Inducted by the Governor, visits to a range of SA landmarks and more recently the AGM and Annual dinner that was well attended.

Details of recent Inductees and my summary of the years activities can be viewed below.

Your Committee is well progressed in finalising the program for 2020. This will be outlined in early communications after the New Year.

On behalf of the PSMA Committee could I wish you all the best for the Christmas and New Year period and safe travels.

Don Plowman - PSM Association SA President

Investiture of PSM recipients

The Investiture of PSM recipients in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours Awards was held on Thursday 12 September at Government House.

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Congratulations to the following who received their PSMs:

Peter Copley – for outstanding public service to conservation and the environment, and to biodiversity research and policy development in South Australia.

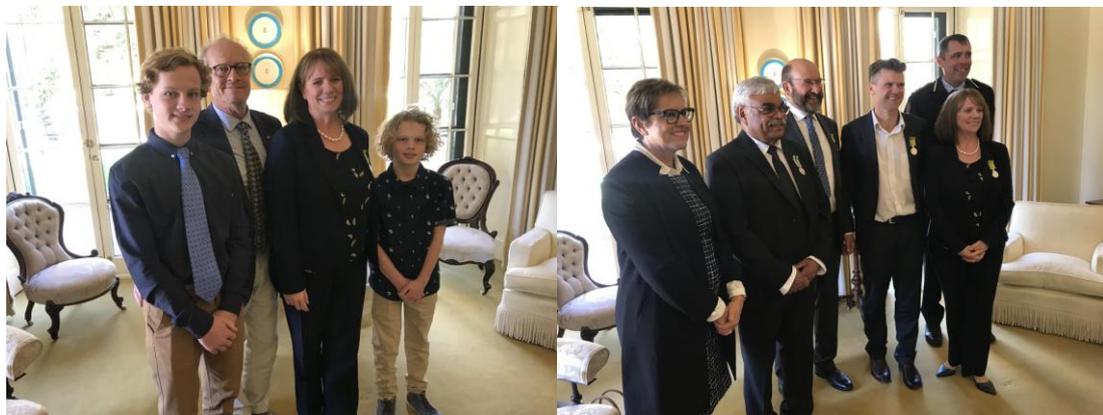
Alexandra Reid - for outstanding public service to the arts, culture and education, particularly through delivery of significant improvements to TAFE in South Australia.

Dr Olivia Samardzic - for outstanding public service in the application of science and technology to provide the Australian Defense Force with superior operational capability.

Lachlan Sutherland - for outstanding public service to the delivery of water infrastructure projects and through cooperation with Indigenous communities in South Australia.



Lachlan Sutherland PSM Olivia Samardzic PSM



Alexandra Reid PSM Photo including 3rd left - Peter Copley PSM, 4th Lachlan Sutherland, 5th Alexandra Reid PSM

CITATIONS FOR PSM RECIPIENTS IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARDS

Mr Peter Bruce COPLEY, Maylands SA 5069 For outstanding public service to conservation and the environment, and to biodiversity research and policy development, in South Australia.

Mr Copley has worked tirelessly for close to 40 years to lead, promote and achieve, the conservation of South Australia's environment and its biodiversity. He has made a remarkable

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contribution, both locally and nationally, to the conservation of threatened species, ecological communities, wildlife research, landscape threat abatement and biodiversity policy.

His work ethic and commitment is characterised by his collaborative style, particularly with traditional owners and he continues to voluntarily contribute time and knowledge outside of work, being a volunteer to a number of projects such as the restoration and recovery of threatened plants on Kangaroo Island and for the black-footed rock-wallaby recovery project in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yangkuytjatjara (APY) Lands.

He initiated and coordinated the biological survey of the APY Lands between 1989 and 2001 and has served as a member of several park co-management boards including with Mamugnari Conservation Park and the Lake Gairdner and Gawler Ranges National Park. He has conducted extensive remote and isolated field work and has worked and volunteered overseas with government, research institutions, and conservation Non-Government Organisations including in Peru, Scotland, Spain and Guyana.

He has also been a member of an Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition to subAntarctic Heard Island and has published over 20 scientific papers, 50 scientific reports and was voluntary editor of Australian Mammalogy for two years. He is currently a member of 11 national threatened species and ecological community recovery teams.

He was also responsible for the establishment of the most successful threatened species recovery programs in South Australia. The first was Bounceback focused on the recovery of the yellow-footed rock-wallaby in South Australia. He then was co-founder of the Arid Recovery project near Roxby Downs in 1997. Arid Recovery is a partnership between BHP, government, the University of Adelaide, and the community to understand how to restore threatened mammal species that have been decimated by feral animals across the rest of the country. These groundbreaking projects have become a template for others nationally and internationally, applying science and innovation to achieve the recovery of threatened species.

Mr Copley has been a supporter and mentor to many junior scientists and officers, providing them with sage advice, contacts and insights, and his commitment to excellence in public administration, research, conservation and to the community of South Australia is most noteworthy.

Ms Alexandra Mary-Ellen REID, Mylor SA 5153 For outstanding public service to the arts, culture and education, particularly through delivery of significant improvements to TAFE South Australia.

Ms Reid joined Country Arts SA in the early 1990s and worked with communities and artists in regional and remote areas of the state. During this time she brokered the first partnerships with the fledgling art centre movement in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankuytjatjara (APY) Lands. Later as Executive Director of Arts South Australia her leadership saw the development and construction of the Adelaide Film Studios in partnership with industry and the South Australian Film Commission.

Her work expanded to include leadership of the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio and during this time she brought these two sectors together through the early stewardship and creation of Tarnarhi, South Australia's largest Aboriginal arts festival.

In 2015 she took on the role of Deputy Chief Executive at the Department of State Development where she led initiatives including the former Government's response to the Stolen Generations reparations scheme and negotiations on agreement making with Indigenous South Australians. She brought together stakeholders from across government and communities to navigate the path of precedent-setting as the first Australian state to work in this way with first nation peoples.

In 2017, in her role as Interim Chief Executive of TAFE SA, she was faced with responding to difficult findings from the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA). She dedicated herself and led

her team with vigour and commitment and in 2018 TAFE SA received a clean bill of health from ASQA. This excellence in leadership led to not only a more productive and positive working culture across TAFE SA, but also improved service delivery for South Australians seeking education at TAFE.

Additionally she oversaw TAFE SA implementing a regime of continuous improvement through creation of a Quality Systems Improvement process. In addition to the positive ASQA findings, her legacy at TAFE SA is the establishment of a directorate for Quality, Teaching and Learning.

Ms Reid's untiring commitment to effective public administration, especially in the areas of the Arts, Aboriginal Affairs and Training and Further Education, has provided significant and ongoing benefits to the community of South Australia.

Mr Lachlan John SUTHERLAND, Eden Hills SA 5050 For outstanding public service to the delivery of water infrastructure projects, and through cooperation with Indigenous communities in South Australia.

Mr Sutherland has been an outstanding public servant throughout his significant career and has consistently delivered outcomes that are beneficial to both the Department for Environment and Water, and to the Ngarrindjeri Nation, in South Australia.

He has been instrumental in developing the Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Recovery project in partnership with the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA) in a form that has produced positive outcomes for the South Australian Government, the South Australian Murray Darling Basin region, and the Ngarrindjeri nation.

He was an integral part of the team that won the Australian River prize for the Ngarrindjeri programs that were put in place to address the millennium drought. He has been crucial in facilitating and producing the administrative work needed to develop and facilitate joint working parties, statement of commitments, project reporting and education processes within the Department to enable projects and programs with the Ngarrindjeri to work.

He has applied these skills in water resource planning across the South Australian Murray Darling Basin region and other parts of the state. He has a high level understanding of Indigenous history, culture and Indigenous values and is able to expertly align these with Government policy. He's a leader in Indigenous engagement within the State Government with the experience and skills to be able to support a Country based approach which is at the heart of Indigenous identity, health and wellbeing.

He played a leading role in the KNYA taskforce, developing strategies, reports, long term plans and working collaboratively with the Ngarrindjeri leadership and others working in the taskforce space. He has been strategic in his thinking in accessing funding and program opportunities in collaboration with the State Government and Indigenous communities.

Mr Sutherland has worked with great effect with researchers, organisations and universities in South Australia, Australia and internationally in the context of Indigenous engagement in environmental and water management.

Dr Olivia SAMARDZIC, Kensington Park SA 5068 For outstanding public service in the application of science and technology to provide the Australian Defence Force with superior operational capability.

Dr Samardzic led the development of the Eyesafe Attention Gaining Laser Emitter (EAGLE) technology which is used for safe checkpoint defence, saving lives. She has also led science and technology programs in both laser and missile warning. Missile warners detect emissions from

rocket engines which enable these threats to be recognised and countermeasures implemented to protect aircraft in combat situations.

She has also led development of the Laser Optical Counter-surveillance System (LOCS), which is a laser-based surveillance countermeasure system for land environments, expected to be a critical system that will enhance the survivability of future land forces. She recently completed a Defence Science Fellowship in the United Kingdom (UK) working with the UK Ministry of Defence laser scientists. Her work there extended to technology of eye protection for Defence and national security personnel.

She and her team are recognised as national experts in this area, and have provided advice and support to police and other agencies in preparing for major events such as the 2014 G20 Summit in Brisbane.

She has had a defining impact on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) community, particularly through activities promoting science to school students. She founded the South Australian Space School and led it for over 20 years. She has also held leadership positions on the Australian Institute of Physics, and helped in the development of the national physics strategy through her contribution to the decadal plans for physics from the Australian Academy of Science. Her leadership of STEM outreach and engagement is unparalleled within the Department of Defence.

Dr Samardzic has also engaged with the scientific community, nationally and internationally, to form relationships of benefit to Defence and to Australia.

Recent Association Activities

Annual General Meeting of the SA PSM Association 11 October 2019



On 11 October members of our Association, along with family and or friends enjoyed a lovely evening together at Living Choices in Fullerton to celebrate the 2019 Dinner and Annual General Meeting. It was a pleasure to welcome Brian Holcek representing the Order of Australia Association SA.

Our Patron Sue Vardon interviewed two association members - Rose Rhodes PSM, currently President of Red Cross SA Advisory Branch and Justice Greg Parker PSM - Judge of the Supreme Court.

A short AGM was held and new Committee formed, headed again by Don Plowman as President. It was great to see some new faces on the Committee with Medhi Doroudi and Greg Parker joining for the first time.

Treasurer, Andy McPharlin presented the Financial Report, which he had prepared in a new format suggested by the Association's Auditor, Jeff Preiss (see below).

As part of the Report, Andy outlined the Committee's strategy not to grow the Association's operating account any further and essentially look to only cover costs each year from now on. This will allow annual subscriptions to be held at current levels, which was supported by those in attendance. Andy advised that he will email everyone in the New Year requesting payment of subscriptions for the 2019-20 year.

Andy thanked Jeff Preiss for his efforts in auditing the accounts. Jeff agreed to stay on as Auditor and Sue Vardon agreed to remain as Patron.

President's Report

It is with much pleasure that I provide the President's Report for 2019 at this AGM. Your Association has offered members a wide range of activities for the year, including:

- December - Christmas morning tea at the Plowmans - and we are very happy to repeat this in 2019 - Friday 6 December.
- January - Australia Day BBQ at Beaumont Bowls Club and thanks Barbara for arranging
- February - Holy Trinity Church - thanks to Val and John for organising
- May - Lot 14
- July - Police Museum
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Congratulations to Frank Brennan, Mehdi Doroudi and Geraldine Mitra who were awarded their PSMs in the Australia Day Awards. Congratulations also to Peter Copley, Alexandra Reid, Olivia Samardzic and Lachlan Sutherland who were awarded their PSMs in the Queen's Birthday Awards.

One of the really nice things about being the PSM Association President is to be invited to the Awards Investiture and to see the achievements of the Awardees and the pride they have as recipients. A plug for any incoming President.

Thank you to Stuart Hocking (Vice President), Andy McPharlin (Secretary/Treasurer) and Committee members Chris Dearman, Sue Ireland, Debra Rowett and Val Smyth for your efforts during the year.

Andy is a tireless worker for the Association, not only holding the dual role of Secretary and Treasurer, but sending out the invitation to events

Val has done a superb job as the Newsletter Editor this year and I thank her for her interest and efforts on behalf of all PSM recipients. All respondents to the Questionnaire I sent out earlier this year expressed appreciation for the newsletter and asked for it to be continued.

I sent out a Questionnaire early in the year and received responses from the regulars. No one expressed an interest in a broader role for the Association or members. There were excellent suggestions for future events which have been worked into the 2020 program, which the incoming committee needs to consider.

Thanks to our Auditor, Jeff Priess for agreeing to audit the books for the Association

Finally a big thanks to our Patron, Sue Vardon. Sue is a staunch supporter of the Association and the Awards and has contributed to the last two AGMs in interviewing recipients. I am sure this years interrogation of the two PSMs will be as entertaining and enlightening as previous years.

Your Committee has decided not to hold the Australia Day event in 2020 due to dwindling interest and cost. At this stage we will replace it with an addition visit, however we are very open to alternatives. Please give us your thoughts.

There is a Committee member at each table if you have suggestions.

Thank you to all for your support of the Association during the past 12 months and I look forward to working with you during 2020.

Don Plowman
President



Justice Greg Parker PSM

Rose Rhodes PSM



Association members, family and friends

PSMA AGM - 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019

Cash flow summary

Opening balance as at 1/10/2018	\$5712.40
Plus Total Revenue	\$3325.00
Minus Total Expenses	\$3289.67
Closing Balance at 30/9/2019	\$5747.73

Association's Asset Summary

Assets

Cash in bank at 30/9/2019	\$5747.73
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Annual dinner deposit	\$60.00
Subscriptions owed by members	\$140
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$5947.73</u>

Less Liabilities

Extended membership credits	\$800.00
<u>2019 Annual dinner payments received</u>	<u>\$1050</u>
Total Liabilities	\$1850.00

Net Assets at 30/9/2019 **\$4097.73**
Net assets at 1/10/18 (See Note 1 below) **\$4252.4**

Surplus/Deficit **-\$154.67**

Note 1:- = 2018 bank balance + subs owed/in advance +2018 AGM dep -2018 AGM pre payments

$$\$5712.40 - \$880 + \$50 - \$630 = \$4252.40$$

Revenue and expenditure for the financial year to 30/9/19

Revenue

2019 Membership Subs	\$315.00
2018 Annual Dinner	\$1680.00
2019 Annual Dinner	\$1050.00
<u>2019 Aust Day BBQ</u>	<u>\$280.00</u>
Total	\$3325.00

Expenses

2018 Annual Dinner	\$2500.00
2019 Annual Dinner	\$89.00
2019 Aust Day BBQ	\$385.00
2019 Holy Trinity Church tour	\$16.90
2019 Website training & support	\$292.12
<u>2019 Bank fees</u>	<u>\$6.65</u>
Total	\$3289.67

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above income and expenses statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2019, is a true and correct record of the current financial position of the South Australian Public Service Medal Association.

Andrew McPharlin
Treasurer

6 October 2019

AUDIT STATEMENT

I hereby state that I have examined the books and account of the South Australian Public Service Medal Association for the financial year ended 30 September 2019 and have received all information and explanations required by me and in my opinion the Financial Report is a fair and correct Statement of the Association's financial affairs.

Jeff Preiss
Hon Auditor
6 October 2019

VISIT TO SA POLICE MUSEUM



This year the Association took the opportunity to visit the SA Police Museum at the Thebarton Police Barracks. The Museum is housed in original heritage buildings alongside the current tabling and training facilities for the Police horses.

This was a really interesting site to visit and one that a number of our association members remember attending meetings in their working life, in particular Val Smyth and Chris Dearman when involved with Emergency and Counter Disaster planning meetings. The museum holds an astonishing number of police badges from around the world - some quite rare and unusual.

The staff - volunteers ex police staff who took us on the tour were very well versed in the police history of our state. SAPOL was originally established in 1838. Unlike other Australian police forces, SA did not which employ soldiers or former convicts, but enlisted volunteers. This was because SA unlike many other states began as a free colony not a convict driven society.

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA 2019

Christmas Morning Tea



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

When

Friday 6 December

Time

10 am - 12 midday

Where

11 Willgena Avenue, Myrtle

Bank

RSVP Don Plowman by Dec 4th

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Please bring a small plate to share

Where to next - in 2020?

We have plans to visit a number of interesting places next year - one of the first being a tour of Port Adelaide with cruise of the Port River. Details will follow soon, but here is an idea of our draft program

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL ASSOCIATION - 2020 PROGRAM

- Port River cruise & Port Adelaide historic walk (Feb-Mar)
- Old Government House, Belair (Apr-May) – on a Sunday
- Worksite visit Courts (Jun-Jul) - Greg Parker to arrange and suggest time.
- Adelaide Oval or APY Gallery (Sep) (I undertook to visit the APY Gallery to assess suitability)
- AGM and Dinner - October
- Christmas morning tea - early December

Ideas for tours/social events - from the last minutes

- Aquatic Science Centre, West Beach
- Haigh's Chocolate Factory, Greenhill Road – any time
- Cummins House, Novar Gardens – Sundays and mid-week by appointment
- High tea walking tour, Adelaide CBD
- Kingston Historic House
- APY Gallery, Light Square

SA PSMA website.

Have you viewed the website recently. Don't forget our website is live and can be found at: <http://www.sapublicservicemedal.asn.au/>

Slowly but surely we continue to add 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.

Do you know any of these people?



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

If you know any details please let us know

- 2000 Ronald Mark Shanks (road traffic)
- 2004 Margaret Ann Simmons (criminology)
- 2006 Geoffrey Raymond Rogers
- 2013 Lynne Symons (education)
- 2014 Pauline Mary Barnett (criminal law)
- 2014 Kristen Cook
- 2017 Joyleen Thomas (indigenous affairs)
- 2018 Prof Maria Crotty (rehabilitation)

We are also looking to update the details of the following people. If you are able to help us we contact us. Thank you

Kerry Colbung (2009), Phillipa Duigan (2010), Gaye Lieven (2002), Jane Lemon (2015), Ian Mannix (2012), Michelle Patterson (2012), Marcia Stewart (2004), Oleg Sharoglazor (2004).

For your information - Association Office Bearers/Committee members
2018-19

Position	Name
President	Don Plowman
Vice President	Stuart Hocking
Secretary/Treasurer	Andy McPharlin
Committee Members	Chris Dearman
	Sue Ireland
	Debra Rowett
Newsletter	Val Smyth

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.

If you have a new or changed email address- please let Andy McPharlin know (address at the top of the newsletter).

Christmas Greetings to you all

