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More of your letters

Seeking something worthwhile

I was very impressed with the latest *The Order*. It is the first I have seen in my 16 years' membership that was totally worth looking at and reading. Congratulations. The content did not relate a lot to community activity or programs but it was at least encouraging for the future. The articles were informative and thought-provoking. I enjoyed it.

When I joined the Association I assumed it did something worthwhile. Since then I have been disgusted to see that most activities and published material relates to dinners and similar functions and lots of patting ourselves on the back. I guess I had hoped the association

would have major programs of community activity and would prove to be a real benefit to Australia.

I was disappointed. The programs providing financial assistance to students certainly are significant but, sadly, are notable particularly because of their being the exception to the rule. Since retiring in 1992 I have been involved in various community activities, particularly the worldwide U3A movement but have never been able to identify obvious opportunities through the Association, particularly at the local level.

Dr Don Kinsey AM
Arcadia, Qld

Primary industry key in reform of states

I certainly think we should consider abolishing the states (p4, No 26) but at present local government is not a constitutionally recognised government entity. This needs to be rectified.

Also in the article crucial areas were mentioned but primary industry was not included. The problems of property rights and the right to farm and the value of so-called freehold land are of major concern to farmers at present. Farmers are becoming bound up with red tape, disillusioned and not being given the help they deserve. This all goes in with control by the states. I am not a qualified person to discuss all these concerns but would

welcome an article on these problems.

Another of my concerns is why people should not be responsible for their actions but have to blame someone else for a wrong action? All races seem to behave like this at present.

As regards new Association members: I do not think new recipients have any idea of the work of the Association or the value of joining it. The Association should be present when people join the Order. Often, I think, new members of The Order think they become members of the Association automatically.

Julian Campbell AM
Mundoie, Warren, NSW

Time to tackle the jealousies of the states

I have been receiving *The Order* for a number of years now. My usual practice has been to take a perfunctory look at it and then put it in the recycling bin.

What a pleasant surprise it was to receive *The Order* Summer 2009–10 and to read it — a breath of fresh air to digest material written by people who think.

Dr Mark Drummond's article (p4) about abolishing the states is something I have been advocating for years. I know many thinking people who would agree that interstate jealousies by an entrenched mediocrity is a grave hindrance to this country and lacks sagacity. I believe there is an awareness of this by state politicians who have been conducting a campaign to lessen influence of local government.

I feel that many politicians seek power and self-aggrandisement and longevity of term rather than serving their constituents. Why can't we have governments that travel in positive directions rather than act for their members? People are capable of very good and of horrific actions. I believe that the way to bring out the good in us all is by education. We need to look at our structures, strategies, systems, skills, styles of leadership and

superordinate goals. Everything, in time, decays and becomes something different. What was once appropriate might not be so now. To remain a vibrant country we need to analyse and refine constantly.

Mankind faces some of the greatest challenges in its history; we could, and might, become another extinct species. The world will exist for billions of years but our genus will have been responsible for its own disappearance; so wise leadership is of paramount importance.

I cannot think of an organisation better equipped to provide it than The Order of Australia Association but it does require analysis and thought such as is displayed by Dr Neil Conn (No. 26, pp 10–11). If we do not act, true democracy will not happen; it will not happen unless all our citizens become enlightened and develop the admirable practice of self-discipline.

E J (Ted) Cohen OAM
Barrington, NSW

Keep it short

We edit some letters so we can publish as many as possible. Send yours (200 words or fewer) to The Order of Australia Association, Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600 or email to oaasecretariat@ozemail.com.au

CHOGM 'useless and extravagant'

I enjoyed reading *The Lazarus Club* in the Summer 2009–10 issue of *The Order* but was somewhat surprised that you felt the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (CHOGM) should continue.

You started by pointing out that the Commonwealth was an unlikely association of nations held together by the dubious distinction of (most) having been the colonial possessions of Great Britain — hardly a convincing *raison d'être*.

You then raised the question: what does the Commonwealth of Nations do that isn't being done already by the United Nations and its agencies?

The answer was in the last sentence of your article: it gives heads of government opportunities for a chin-wag from time to time.

The cost to the Australian Federal Government of the Melbourne CHOGM back in 1982 was \$18 million. An expensive chin-wag.

No further useless and extravagant meetings should be held and this pointless organisation should be disbanded.

Clive Hodges,
St Lucia, Queensland

Weatherised?

While looking through my husband's copy of *The Order* I saw Peter Henderson's article on words. Those of us who had a good English teacher in the '40s were able to relate to every word! Recently I read that houses should be insulated and "weatherised". Our house is insulated but how do I weatherise it?

Marjorie Taylor

Keep it up

I am writing to congratulate you on *The Order*, as reflected in the Summer Edition 2009–2010.

The enlarged scope of matters discussed as well as enlarged reporting on *The Order* and what the people are doing makes for very interesting reading.

I missed nothing.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to it. Keeping it up will be demanding for all but much welcomed.

John B Reid AO
Mascot, NSW

New honour for Governor-General

The University of Sydney has awarded an honorary doctorate of laws to a former principal of its Women's College, now Australia's first woman Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC.

The degree was conferred on May 21 by the university's Chancellor and NSW Governor Marie Bashir AC CVO.

Being rewarded just means you need to serve more

by Dr Kristine Klugman OAM*

A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government
— Edward Abbey 1927-1989

My personal belief is that, the higher the honours you receive, the more you have to contribute to society in future! An honours award is not so much icing on the cake as a carrot on a stick!

That's one of the reasons I'm President of Civil Liberties Australia, a venture quite remote from what I got my "gong" for 25 years ago.

It's also why I encourage people with awards to get involved with liberties and rights groups, even if it's only a supportive \$25 membership annually. It's important that community leaders speak up when our freedoms are slipping away.

That's the danger — that they disappear, little by little, unnoticed.

The motto of CLA is *Protecting people's freedoms* — mostly against incursions by governments and bureaucracies, helping little people overwhelmed by "the system".

The objectives of CLA are to protect and advance civil liberties and human rights and responsibilities, as a watchdog, catalyst, publicist and educator. It is a constant and continuing battle, never won.

People who join CLA fundamentally believe in the rights (and responsibilities) of the individual in the face of state power. This statement sounds abstract, until one considers its practical application.

We get desperate appeals from people who have tried all other avenues. We take cases up only if they indicate a generic problem which needs fixing at top level through representations or parliamentary submissions to change government policy or practice, so other little people don't suffer in future.

Readers of this magazine — literate, informed, educated, influential and skilled at local lobbying and political interactions — are able (with respect) to look after yourselves if individual rights are abused. You know how the system works, have connections, know where the strings are which should be pulled ...

It is less savvy people who, faced with gross injustices, are left with a desperate feeling that life in Australia just isn't fair: they need representation and help by organisations like CLA.

Really, though, everyone in the community suffers from ill-advised policies that infringe freedoms and liberties — such as internet censorship,



Dr Klugman, right, and the Member for Fremantle, Melissa Parke, met recently to discuss civil liberties matters being considered by the Australian Parliament. They found a shared UN connection: Dr Klugman's daughter, Dr Jeni Klugman, heads UNDP's New York Report Office and Ms Parke was a senior lawyer with the UN 1999-2007, serving in Kosovo, Gaza, Lebanon, Cyprus and New York.

Photo: Bill Rowlings

It is a constant battle, never won.

which won't protect children; excessive anti-terror and crime laws (you would be amazed how easily you could become a suspect and have all your assets frozen); invasions of privacy; unnecessary surveillance; and overt discrimination.

As examples, here are some recent CLA cases:

- An Australian living overseas complained that the Department of Social Security was intruding into his privacy, requiring details of why he separated from his wife and what was in his will. The matter is still with the Ombudsman, where we have kept up pressure for more than two years.
- A woman in a government department complained that senior executives hid reality from the Parliament and people. It seems that they did, at least in part — but being right doesn't help whistleblowers, who are immediately ostracised. Years later she fights to retain her mental strength, having at first lost both confidence and a compensation case. Whistleblowers need enormous continuing support from people in powerful positions in society so they can stay true to the principles that motivate them to speak up for the public good.
- An average metal worker, not a crime boss, grew 18 marijuana plants in a

container. He's already served six months' home detention. Because he was renting a house on a large rural property worth \$1.8m, he is up for that full amount under "Proceeds of Crime" legislation — \$100,000 per plant. This one is still before the courts.

- A frightened elderly couple in a rural town complained when police forcibly entered and refused to leave their premises, behaving threateningly. We are helping them appeal through an integrity commission process because the police refuse to take responsibility for inappropriate action.
- A police car in another country town chased and ran over a youth, who has suffered significantly ever since. None of the legal proceedings have delivered what most people would call justice, and no compensation has been received by the victim, whose life is ruined. CLA is continuing to try to help a distraught father battle for justice.

This readership is an elite, on whom I believe rests more heavily the "responsibilities" part of "rights and responsibilities". Community leaders and opinion makers bear a particular moral obligation to safeguard Australia's freedoms, I think. Visit CLA's web site — www.cla.asn.au — and please consider joining.

In Germany, the Nazis first came for the communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics but I didn't speak up because I was a protestant. Then they came for me and by that time there was no one left to speak for me.

— Reverend Martin Niemöller 1892-1984; prisoner in Sachsenhausen and Dachau 1938-45; President World Council of Churches 1961-68

* Dr Klugman's OAM was awarded in the mid-1980s for "services to education and the community".

Muddling the language II

By Peter Henderson AC

In the last edition, in which I sounded off about words, I focused on meanings and usage. This time I am on about weight — the infuriating practice of putting emphasis on the wrong syllable of a word or distorting a whole sentence by emphasising its least important word.

I should acknowledge at the outset that I am indebted to the ABC for many of the examples that follow.

First of all let's look at the unfortunately fashionable practice of giving heavy emphasis to one specific syllable in a word. Most frequently it is the first syllable but the last syllable is also popular and, less frequently, the weight is given to a syllable somewhere in the middle. This practice raises unnecessary doubts and invites silly questions, as in the examples below (the capitals indicate the emphasised syllable).

First-syllable distortions:

DICTator, **SPEC**ator: are there different sorts of tators? Is reference being made to potatoes?

ADDress: is this a form of clothing?

FRUSTrated: who or what is the frust that goes in for rating things?

RO bust: an indelicate comment about a lady?

BOUtique: is this a kind of hardwood?

ROmance: something we do in a boat?

Last-syllable distortions

hurri**CANE**: sugar cane in a rush?

fron**TIER**: the antonym of back tier?

cere**MONY**: Sounds like Sarah is all moanie.

terri**TORY**: A British conservative by the name of Terry?

mara**THON**: are there other types of thons?

mon**ARCH**: might there be pluralarchs?

Some middle-syllable ones:

ar**IST**ocrat

per**GOL**a

gon**DOL**a

Some Christian names also suffer from this treatment:

Elaine become **EEL**aine

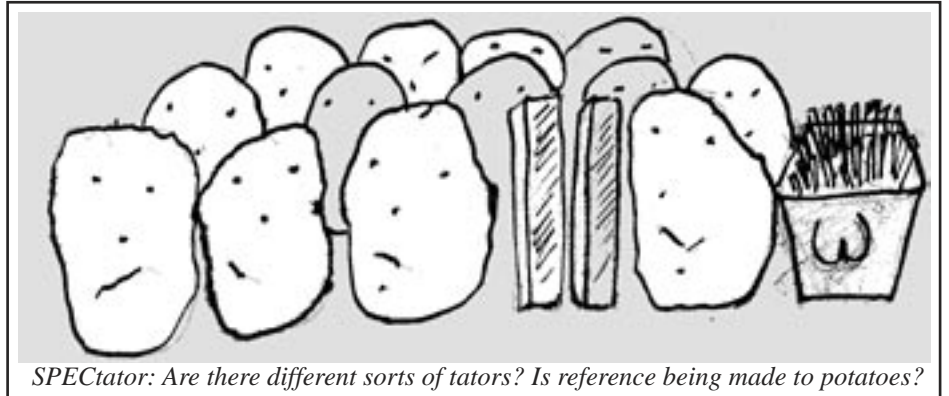
Yvonne becomes **EE**vonne

Eleanor becomes **EleanOR**

In all these groups of words the long-standing convention has been to give equal weight to each syllable. Why can't we keep doing so?

Then there are the words that are either verbs or nouns depending on the syllable emphasised — one **proTESTS** about something but one makes a **PRO**test — but we are told frequently and wrongly about the activities of **PRO**testors. Again, **PRO**cess is the noun and **proCESS** is the verb. **TRAN**sport is the noun and **transPORT** is the verb.

Tongue-twisting pronunciations



Words' meanings can be changed fundamentally by changes of emphasis in pronunciation.

Next there are the words that begin with "re". Again the practice has always been to give equal weight to each syllable in these words. So why do we now have **RE**cess and **RE**search?

Then, what about shortening the "e" instead of stressing it?

Eckonomic = economic

Leverrage = leverage

Pennalise = penalise

I come now to prepositions: for, to, at, in, from, over and so on.

I don't want you to think I have some unreasoning dislike of air hostesses (or flight attendants), but when I get on board a plane and am told that this is the flight **TO** Melbourne, I wonder why it has to be distinguished so markedly from a flight *from* Melbourne, or if someone has suggested that we are on the wrong plane. The important word is "Melbourne", not "to". Again, why does it have to be "our reporter **IN** Afghanistan"? Is he or she about to be contrasted with a different reporter somewhere outside the country? Not usually.

Parts of verbs fall into the same category as prepositions. For instance, "He **WILL** come to Canberra."

Has it been suggested previously that there is some doubt about it and that he mightn't make it?

Of considerable prominence also is the uneducated use of what is becoming the "airy" group of words, in which one syllable is picked out and pronounced as part of, but quite separately from, the rest of the word. These fall into a special category of their own. I think that, without being unfair, we can probably credit the Americans with these distortions (and the mindless media types who copy and broadcast them), of which the following are common examples:

| Word | Wrongly | Correctly |
|-----------|-------------|------------|
| library | lybrairee | lybr'ree |
| primary | prymairee | prym'ree |
| secondary | secondairee | second'ree |
| necessary | necessairee | necess'ree |
| voluntary | voluntairee | volunt'ree |
| military | militairee | milit'ree |

The senseless pause in the wrong place in a sentence is a frequent and irritating practice on TV and radio. For example: "Henry came (heavy pause) into the room." The pause seems rarely to have any point or reason. I wonder why anyone makes it. Are the speakers trying to make the whole thing sound more portentous and themselves more significant? Do they ever listen to themselves? If they do, don't they ever feel just slightly uneasy. No-one speaks like that in normal conversation, although I suppose they might if the copycat factor came into play, as in this vignette:

PROtestors surrounded the lib**RAIRY** where **EE**laine was engaged in **ECK**onomic **RE**search going to the fron**TIER**s of knowledge. The **MON**arch, who came from a long line of **RO** bust ar**IST**ocrats, was a worried **SPEC**ator in a nearby per**GOLA**. He didn't like these demonstrations in his own terri**TORY**.

Enough. I'm off to watch my cherished episodes of *Grumpy Old Men*.

Peter Henderson AC is former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs

Letter to the Editor

Can't we stop the uneducated controlling our language?

Dear Editor,

I, along with you, do not like the misuse of our English language. While I have no claims to being more proficient than the average Australian in its use, there are occasions which raise my ire, most often when listening to radio or television.

I am so tired of anyone and everything being referred to as an icon or idol. My understanding of "icon" is a religious painting or artifact, not a football hero or well-known beach. An idol is, I believe, an object of worship, not a (frequently very poor) singer on a reality show, or a golfer.

Are other people annoyed by these terms being used so often, so inappropriately, or am I just a "grumpy old woman"?

**Patricia Igoe AM
Ravenswood, Tasmania**

Are we sick of blame-game politics? Yes we are!

'The conventional wisdom is that people don't want to be involved in politics. However, our experience with the Citizens' Parliament showed that, when asked to seriously consider a political question, the answer is different.'



Fred Chaney AO



Nick Greiner AC



Australia's First Citizens' Parliament at Old Parliament House Canberra in 2009.

Putting people back in charge

A self-employed electrician, an artist, a fisherman and more, my friend Adam is a self-made man.

He brews his own beer and is great for a laugh. We've known each other since high school. He fathered a child in his 20s, out of wedlock, when he was living in far north Queensland, at about the time at which I married my wife Anita. That was the end of his fathering days but not his domestication.

He's now living on the South Coast of NSW with a resourceful, lively lady, Sue, whose husband died of a heart attack a few years back. She's a professional marketing consultant — also self-made — having worked for global companies while raising two children.

In many ways, Adam and Sue are everyday Australians: each has a unique story. They get on with their lives and don't complain. They reserve their gripes for politicians and government. That's not unusual. Things are still good in the Lucky Country but, if there's any complaint, it's usually about how they're governed, particularly on a state or federal level.

New South Wales takes the cake in the State complaint box, of course; premiers, ministers and cabinets in and out like circus acts. The Federal Government seems to be travelling better but throw in Tony Abbot (and Barnaby Joyce) and Canberra starts looking a little clownish too.

I sometimes say to Adam and Sue that the system is the problem. The party system is broken; the respective

ideological positions have effectively merged; manufactured difference and populism rule.

At this point, after a few glasses of wine, Adam's eyes usually glaze and Sue's mind has drifted off; Anita has already got up from the table. They're trying to tell me I'm wasting my time. It's a conversation that's been repeated so often that it's become boring.

That's why we're doing more than talking. The *newdemocracy Foundation* brings together ex-politicians from both sides of politics with academics and business people interested in political reform.

Some of our members are people who are considered "heavyweights": former politicians such as the **Hon Fred Chaney AO**, the **Hon Dr Geoff Gallop AC**, the **Hon Nick Greiner AC** and academics such as **Professors David Yencken AO**, **Martin Krygier** and **Dr Kath Fisher**.

However, our role is not to talk but rather to listen. Our belief is that the people who best know how to fix Australia's political stalemate are Australians themselves; everyday Australians who aren't constrained by petty bickering along party lines.

That's why, together with the University of Sydney, the Australian National University and Curtin University in WA, we organised Australia's first Citizens' Parliament.

Held in February 2009 at Old Parliament House in Canberra, we invited 150 randomly selected Australians to deliberate on how to improve Australia's

By Luca Belgiorno-Nettis AM
Director
the *newdemocracy*
Foundation

political system. After many meetings and discussions, these 150 Australians — of all ages and from all walks of life — came up with a list of six high-priority recommendations:

- Reduce duplication between levels of government by harmonising laws across state boundaries;
- Empower citizens to participate in politics through education;
- Accountability regarding political promises and procedure for redress;
- Empower citizens to participate in politics through community engagement;
- Change the electoral system to optional preferential voting;
- Youth engagement in politics.

The conventional wisdom is that people don't want to be involved in politics.

However, our experience with the Citizens' Parliament showed that, when asked to seriously consider a political question, the answer is different.

Adam and Sue are hard-working, sensible people and, like most Australians, they'd like to see government make good decisions.

They're frustrated because they have little say beyond the vote — largely meaningless in this post-partisan 2010.

However, when given the chance, Australians have plenty to say about how their country should be governed.

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himself, tells us just how lucky we are

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From my point of view, as both Chairman of SAMEAC and someone who arrived here as a refugee after fleeing war and tyranny, this diversity should be seen in a wider context.

That context includes the model of multiculturalism that exists in South Australia, an ethos covering all aspects of identity and culture, not just religion.

The bigger picture also includes the establishment of a stable civil society — a system of justice and democracy, of rights and responsibilities, that allows different religions to flourish in the first place and for everyone to worship as they wish, unhindered.

I must confess that I am not expecting the imminent arrival of a multi-religious utopia, either here in Adelaide or anywhere else in the world and I am enough of a realist to know that the mere collection of different religions in the one place does not, in itself, constitute dialogue or harmony.

Being conscious of the existence of other faiths is not the same as talking to one another — to genuinely appreciating one another.

One of the more high-profile multifaith initiatives to come out of South Australia recently has been Project Abraham. This has brought Christians, Muslims and Jews together to create an ongoing discussion among members of the three Abrahamic faiths

Nevertheless, I do think that South Australia has used its history of religious pluralism as a solid basis on which to build understanding.

As early as the 1940s, the various Christian groups in our State started to come together and cooperate on matters of common interest and this led to the setting up of the South Australian Council of Churches. This has continued ever since. In more recent times we've been home to many valuable examples of genuine inter-faith and multifaith dialogue.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide has recently extended the hand of friendship and understanding to the state's Muslims through the successful "Building Bridges" program.

The Intercultural Dialogue Society was established in South Australia in 2007 and it has held dinners and other events that have been attended by politi-

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cal, religious and community leaders.

Also, Adelaide's Muslim 'Ayn Academy recently embarked on its "Mosaic" initiative, which is designed to achieve what it calls "faith harmony in Australia".

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This has brought Christians, Muslims and Jews together to create an ongoing discussion among members of the three Abrahamic faiths.

The purpose of the project was to explore the common elements of these three faiths, and to educate the wider community about their practices.

The group used this accord as a launch pad for a series of seminars, a school program, a travelling exhibition and a DVD and book.

After visits to various South Australian centres, Project Abraham expanded its membership and support base and then went national — eventually holding events in places like Gosford, Shepparton and the Gold Coast.

There are many other examples of multifaith dialogue occurring in South Australia — some of them quite small and unheralded but no less important.

I hope that these kinds of initiatives will continue to flourish and expand into other parts of Australia.

Before closing, I want to say a few words about why I'm particularly proud to have spoken to you this morning.

I've always felt extremely lucky to have arrived, settled, and successfully made a life for myself and my family, here in Australia. Like most refugees, I came from a country torn apart by war, ideology, and social and political division.

Many aspects of Australian life impressed me when I arrived — especially the egalitarian concept of "a fair go" and the easygoing nature of the people.

But the quality that struck me most, I think, was the remarkable stability of this country — a quality that one doesn't fully appreciate until it is absent.

I often ask myself why Australia is so apparently "lucky" and is the envy of the world. When I do so, I quickly come to the conclusion that our good fortune stems from the strength of our institutions and our civil society.

We've inherited from Britain a system that — although, of course, imperfect — manages to strike a fine balance in many important areas. There's the bal-

ance between church and state.

There's the balance between private and public, between the Parliament and the executive, between the executive and the judiciary.

And there's the balance between government and non-government organisations — the latter including groups such as the Order of Australia Association.

We take it for granted that groups like yours can meet on a regular basis and carry out their business freely and that their members can associate with whomever they wish.

I applaud you for making Australia's cultural diversity the theme of this year's gathering.

But in numerous places around the world — both historically and today — such liberties are simply not allowed.

Freedom of speech, tolerance of different views, respect for independent organisations — all these are central to the ethos that underpins our democratic institutions and way of life.

It has helped add real substance to the architecture of nationhood that was established, by Australia's "founding fathers", through the Act of Federation in 1901.

That system of government — that set of complementary values and institutions — has underpinned Australia's much-admired form of democracy. And this democracy has, in turn, allowed people from all over the world to live here in harmony and avail themselves of opportunity.

That's why I am so personally grateful for what Australia has given me and that's why I felt so privileged to be appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in the recent 2010 Australia Day honours.

I applaud you for making Australia's cultural diversity the theme of this year's gathering. That diversity is something we must never take for granted.

And the social richness and strength diversity delivers are national qualities that Australians should always cherish and seek to build upon.

I wish the Association all the very best for the future.

Today is the first day of the Lunar calendar year, the year of the Tiger; I wish you all a new year filled with happiness, good health, prosperity and successes.

Scholarship awardees for 2009 tell their stories

ALYSSA FITZPATRICK: Twenty-year-old Alyssa, of Adelaide, is enrolled for the double degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide. Dux of Loreto College, she had outstanding results throughout and finished with a Tertiary Entrance Rank score of 99.95 — the highest possible.

In her three years at university she has been top student in her cohort and still participated extensively in university and community activities: as elected medical student representative in Insight-Global Health Group at the University; a social justice advocate and worker; an active worker for the Heart Foundation Doorknock Appeal; and in the University Volunteer Program for International Students, in which she is partnered with a student from China with whom she converses and helps with orientation in libraries, museums and social centres. Alyssa contributes and leads by example.

Her leisure activities include classical ballet, netball and advanced piano studies. She is interested in the field of oncology and spent last summer at the Hanson Cancer Research Institute studying emerging treatments.

She is keen to undertake work in rural areas to improve the quality of access to professional practice. Another ambition is to work in developing countries. She would like to maintain a balance between clinical and research work.

Funding for this scholarship was generously donated by Mrs Diana Ramsay AO.



Alyssa receives her certificate from the Governor. Report above

MARK HASSALL: Mark, 22, of Garran, ACT, is enrolled for the double degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide. At Marist College, Canberra, Mark achieved a Universities Admission Index score of 98.2. He had excelled as College Captain, House Captain and as delegate to the National Youth Science Forum. He has completed all levels in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. At university, Mark has won distinctions and in 2009 became a Bachelor of Medical Science with first-class honours. His leadership potential shows in his election as president of the Adelaide Medical Students' Society in 2009; his membership of the council of the South Australian Institute of Medical Education and Training and his role as co-ordinator of SA Health's medical student focus group of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

His community service includes helping to raise \$32,000 for the National Heart Foundation; being a Big Brother Big Sister mentor and a volunteer Lifeline counsellor; sponsoring a child through World Vision; and fund-raising for the Florey Foundation, the Hanson Cancer Research Institute and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Recreation: he has run the London Marathon, Adelaide's City2Bay and its Marathon and will be in the *Young Endeavour* sailing scheme this year. He is excited about combining leadership and research in his profession. His interest in research — especially neurology — is evident and he values the power of collaborative projects.

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See picture at right



Pallavi Gosain receives her scholarship certificate from the Governor of South Australia, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR.

See report below

PALLAVI GOSAIN: Twenty-year-old Pallavi, of Merrylands, NSW, is enrolled for the double degrees of Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) and Biomedical Engineering at the University of New South Wales. Educated at Girraween High School (a selective school), Pallavi has benefited from an accelerated progression through secondary schooling to achieve a Universities Admission Index of 99.85. She was Dux in 2007 and received a NSW Premier's Award. As secretary of the student Charity and Philanthropic Society at school, Pallavi worked to raise funds for the Salvation Army and UNICEF and to raise awareness of many social disadvantages.

Her recreational activities involve vigoro, cricket, hockey and soccer. She competed in a university student project to develop a bionic hand and has maintained a high-distinction average at university. She is keenly interested in emerging fields of research and scientific breakthroughs.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering has invited her to join its Elite Student program. Pallavi hopes to contribute to the improvement of health-care resources to combat the alarming increase in lifestyle diseases. As a biomedical engineer she pursues more efficient and cost-effective instrumentation, new pharmaceutical products and better biocompatible materials for surgical procedures. She aspires to work with organisations that can bring pharmaceuticals, immunisation programs and treatments to underprivileged communities. To do this she intends to travel and work with Engineering Without Borders and other similar organisations.

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The Governor presents Mark Hassall's certificate. See report, left

