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## Honorary Awards – General Division - February 2023

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following awards in the Order of Australia:

### HONORARY MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

**Ms Jennifer Jean MACAULAY**, Portarlington, Victoria

For service to the community of Portarlington, Victoria, particularly through educational and cultural initiatives.

**Mr Pierre SEILLIER**, La Bassee, France

For service to commemorating Australia's military service, particularly during World War I at the Western Front at Fromelles, France.

By His Excellency's command

**Paul Singer MVO**

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL  
IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM)**

**Ms Jennifer Jean MACAULAY**, Portarlington, Victoria

For service to the community of Portarlington, Victoria, particularly through educational and cultural initiatives.

Ms Jennifer Macaulay's voluntary service to Portarlington, Victoria, particularly in the educational and cultural fields, has made a positive impact on the community.

In 2005, Ms Macaulay founded the Port Arts Network Inc, instigating a range of activities for local artists, including art, literary, musical and drama events. She also helped establish the Portarlington Mussel Festival, the Portarlington Art and Garden Trail, Port Arts, the Northern Bellarine International Womens Day annual celebration, and most recently the Haiku Trail at Port Richards.

In addition, Ms Macaulay was involved in establishing the Portarlington Neighbourhood House in 2009, where she also volunteers as a teacher of a range of classes aimed particularly at increasing engagement with older Australians in the community. Neighbourhood House provides a range of health and wellbeing activities, education and recreational programs for over 600 people and is considered one of the town's most valuable assets.

Through her voluntary work Ms Macaulay has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting and enriching her local community. In 2021, Ms Macaulay's service was recognised with the Monica Hayes Community Award for Women on the Northern Bellarine, and as a finalist in the 2020 Geelong Advertiser Women of the Year awards.

Ms Jennifer Macaulay's longstanding commitment and service to the local community of Portarlington, Victoria, is worthy of formal national recognition with an Honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).

**AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL**  
**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM)**

**Mr Pierre SEILLIER**, La Bassee, France

For service to commemorating Australia's military service, particularly during World War I at the Western Front at Fromelles, France.

Mr Pierre Seillier has dedicated a large part of his life to preserving the memory of Australia's military service, particularly in Fromelles, France. Fromelles is the site of the worst tragedy in Australia's history, with 5,533 Australian soldiers dead or injured in less than 24 hours during World War I - most of them in their early 20s and fighting in their first and last battle. Mr Seillier regularly organises, or represents Australian organisations, at commemorative ceremonies and dedications in France.

On the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles in 2016, the 31st Infantry Battalion Association Inc. presented Mr Seillier with an Honorary Life Membership to acknowledge the voluntary assistance he has given to so many Australians in finding the grave sites of their loved ones and producing special tributes to the fallen. Mr Seillier has also been honoured with Life Membership of the Rats of Tobruk Association Inc.

Mr Seillier is dedicated to ensuring the gratitude and remembrance of Australian soldiers is spread throughout the community and also passed down to younger generations. Mr Seillier regularly teaches at the Cobbers School, Fromelles, about their town's historic links to Australia, and developed an 'Adopt a Soldier' initiative where each primary school student takes on an Australian soldier buried in the Pheasant Wood Cemetery and learns about that soldier in the form of a school project. This is usually in conjunction with that soldier's relatives in Australia, thus preserving and extending the relationship between Australia and Fromelles, France, for future generations.

Another example of Mr Seillier's service was in organising for the Cobbers School children to write messages of support to, and raise money for, the East Gippsland Primary School which was tragically damaged by the 2019 bush fires in Victoria.

In November 2022, Mr Seiller was honored to be made the French representative of the Keith Payne VC Veterans Benefit Group by Mr Keith Payne VC AM.

Mr Pierre Seillier's largely voluntary service to commemorating Australia's military service, particularly during World War I at the Western Front at Fromelles, France, is worthy of formal national recognition with a Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).