

Media Release

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Former Chair of Aged Rights Advocacy Service honoured in Queen's Birthday list

Joan Stone, former Chair of Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS), is awarded an AM in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list, for her significant contribution to championing the rights of older people.

Joan joined the ARAS Board as a Member in July 1998 and was the Chair from February 2001 to November 2017. Joan also served as the President of the SA Retirement Villages Residents Association and was a member of the Policy Council of COTA SA.

Carolanne Barkla, Chief Executive of ARAS, says, 'I congratulate Joan on being awarded an AM in this years' Honours list. I acknowledge Joan's generous contributions and commitment to the ARAS Board and to the rights of older people.'

Ms Barkla says, 'Joan has been a fierce advocate of protecting the rights of older Australians and has shown dedication, determination and self-discipline throughout her life, which is inspiring and encouraging to us all.'

Ms Barkla adds, 'The Board and the Staff of ARAS are delighted to see their former Chair, recognised in this way and warmly congratulate her.'

ARAS has been supporting older people in South Australia to uphold their aged care and human rights since 1990.

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