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Order of Australia Association Reception for New Recipients on 4th April 2008

A reception for recipients of the Order of Australia from the Australia Day 2008 honours list was held in the Undumbi Room, Queensland Parliamentary Annex on Friday 04 April 2008. The function was attended by a total of 175 new recipients, members and their guests.

The Master of Ceremonies, Royce Voss OAM (Hon. Treasurer Queensland Branch), ensured the function ran in a well ordered manner.

Each new recipient was asked to read the words of their individual citation. This was well received as it gave all present the opportunity to match the awardees with their award.

The venue was excellent allowing attendees to mix freely to enjoy one another's company whilst snacking on a fine selection of hot and cold finger food including rosette of smoked salmon with caviar, mince lamb kebabs with tzatziki dip and whole whiting fillets with lemon mayo. Fine wines, beer and orange juice were also served.



Once again, musician James Rogers-Rudnik CV OAM provided beautiful background music for our enjoyment.

We congratulate all new recipients of the Order of Australia.

Australia Day Recipients for Order of Australia

Dr Barry Arnison OAM, Dr Andrew Blair OAM, Professor Laurence Boulle AM, Mrs Judith Boyd OAM, Sir John Brabham AO OBE, Brother Barry Buckley AM, Mr Dugald Cameron OAM, Mr Ivan Cash OAM, Mr Colin Clapper AM, Mr Darryl Clare OAM, Mrs Anne Clarke OAM, Mr Leonard Cleal OAM, Mrs Frances Cleary OAM, Mrs Aileen Colley OAM, Mr Victor Collins AM, Mrs Lisa Curry-Kenny AO MBE, Warrant Officer Robert Davison OAM, Mr Beresford Evans OAM, Dr Harald Falge OAM, Mr Dennis Feeney AM, Mr Hugo Fitz-Herbert OAM, Mr George Friend OAM, Dr William Glasson AO, Mr Robert Gleeson AM, Miss Maureen Gleeson OAM, Mr Hugh Grant, OAM Mr Ian Grant OAM Mr Chester Hallam, OAM, Dr Robert Henzell AM, Mr Keith Hillless AM, Mrs Judith Hunter OAM, Professor Ross Homel AO, Dr Leo Keliher AO, Mrs Yvonne Kelley OAM, Mrs Madelyn Kelman AM, Mr Kevin Knight AM, Emeritus Professor Harold Lovell OAM, Ms Barbara Matt AM, Mrs Glenda McChesney-Clarke OAM, Mrs Sandra McKellar OAM, Ms Norma McRae AM, Mr Douglas Miller OAM, Professor Francis Monsour AM RFD, Mrs Joan Moore OAM, Mrs Marie-Clair Nemecek OAM, Dr Raoul Nieper AM, Ms Therese O'Brien OAM, Wing Commander Anthony O'Leary OAM, Mr Sean O'Mara OAM, Mrs Fay Owens OAM, Mr Stephen Parish OAM, Mr Geoffrey Patch OAM, Mr Kenneth Pegg AM, Dr Douglas Ratcliff OAM, Mrs Marion Rick OAM, Mr Robert Scheuber AM, Mr Leslie Searle OAM, Mr William Sole OAM, Mr Leonard Spira OAM, Mrs Jennifer Staddon OAM, Ms Deborah Tabart OAM, Mr Hans Tholstrup AM, Mr Harry Thompson OAM, Dr Kevin Treston OAM, Br Brian Tucker OAM, Mr Ivan Vonhoff OAM, Dr Anthony Whiley AM, Mrs Bereneice Wright OAM.

"To foster love and pride in Australian citizenship and to uphold the high principles of the Order of Australia"



OA Hervey Bay Region Lunch

On Saturday 08 March 2008 over 40 members of the Association and their guests from the Bundaberg-Wide Bay Region attended a lunch at the Hervey Bay RSL. State Chairman Mick Davis AM accompanied by his wife Elaine also attended.

An excellent lunch was enjoyed by all and goodwill and fellowship was the order of the day.

The State Chairman gave a brief address on the activities and directions of the association both at state and national levels.

The members and guests were treated to a delightful and informative address by Shirley Kidd AM, past Director of Nursing at the Bundaberg General Hospital who told of her many and varied experiences over many years as a health practitioner.

The function was enjoyed by all but regrettably marred at the end when our Regional Convenor Kevin Gould OAM, who had worked so hard to ensure all went well, had a fall and suffered some injuries.

Lookout for the big event coming up in August in Bundaberg that Kevin and his team have planned especially for you.



*Shirley Kidd AM,
Marian Kidd,
Kevin Gould OAM
Margaret Strathdee
OAM.*

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OA Darling Downs Region

Members of the Darling Downs Group of the Association held their regular meeting on Friday 2nd May 2008. The meeting took the form of a morning-tea and was attended by forty-two members and their guests who enjoyed both the fellowship and the refreshments. Members were very pleased to welcome Mick Davis AM, Chairman of the Queensland Branch of the Association, and Thelma Rowatt OAM, a former Chairman of the Branch. Emeritus Professor Peter Swannell AM addressed the gathering on developments at the Empire Theatre. The theatre and its associated venues are undoubtedly the cultural heart of Toowoomba and region. Because of the high standard of its facilities and management, the theatre attracts shows from around Australia and overseas. Professor Swannell said that the theatre has an outstanding use rate of some eighty-five percent of available time.

The next meeting for members of the Darling Downs Group will be a luncheon in October 2008. Invitations will be sent in early September.

Paul McNally OAM

Notice of Annual General Meeting

This notice is being published in this edition of the bulletin since the last edition of the year will not be mailed in time to comply with the advance notice requirement.

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Branch of The Order of Australia Association Limited will be held at the Queensland Club, George Street, Brisbane on Friday 21 November 2008 at 6.30pm. Proxy forms and nomination forms (if required) will be enclosed with the next Bulletin.

BUSINESS:

1. Welcome by Chairman
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of 28th AGM held 23 November 2007
4. Presentation of Chairman's Report
5. Presentation of Financial report
6. Election of office bearers for 2008/9
7. Other Business
8. Close of Meeting

Ross Dwyer OAM, Honorary Secretary (Queensland Branch)



Chairmans Notes

Your interest in the activities of your Association and in this newsletter is appreciated.

May I firstly congratulate our Queensland Governor, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC on her recent appointment to the distinguished post of Governor-General of Australia. We all know our Governor as a "person of the people" who is very forthcoming of her time and support for the activities of our Association, especially the Student Citizenship Awards. We will also miss Her Excellency as the Patron of the Queensland Branch of our Association. On your collective behalf, I wish her well in her new role and know that she will bring to national vice-regal position the dignity and decorum essential to the successful performance of this nationally significant appointment.

The State Branch Committee has been working hard behind the scenes on your behalf planning and preparing for activities in 2008 and early 2009, as are our Regional Coordinators.

The 2008 Annual General Meeting and dinner will be held at the Queensland Club on Friday 21 November 2008. We will send out booking forms in the second half of the year. This event proved very popular amongst our members last year so be sure to get your booking in early.

We have lost a small number of our members since the last newsletter. You may know some of these late and distinguished Queenslanders or know about their lifetime's work for their country and community. We have listed them in this newsletter to formally mark their passing from our membership.

On Friday 4 April 2008, immediately following the Investitures, the Association held the Reception for the Recipients of the Order at the Parliamentary Annex in the Undumbi Room. Many of the new Investees attended the reception with their family and friends to celebrate the receipt of their new Order of Australia. My sincere congratulations to all.

I have previously announced that the Queensland Branch is hosting the Association's 2009 National Conference to be held in Brisbane on 19, 20 and 21 February 2009. Mr Des Power AM, 2009 National Conference Chairman, ably assisted by Christine Bryant from Qld Events Corporation has been busy planning this event on behalf of the Association. Sadly, Des has suddenly been offered the opportunity to realise a lifetime dream related to the recording of events from World War 1 and will be away at the time of the Conference. We are currently working with Des to appoint

a new Conference Chair. We sincerely thank Des for his outstanding contribution to date and extend our best wishes for this exciting venture that he has for so long sought to accomplish.

Please note the dates of the 2009 Association Conference in your diary now so that you are sure to be there. The 2009 National Conference in Queensland will coincide with the Q150 celebrations, ie 150 years of Queensland as a self-governing state.

Planning is well under way for the 2008 Primary School and Secondary School Citizenship Awards to be held later this year. See this newsletter for further information.

Our Regional Coordinators have already conducted some very successful events on your behalf for 2008. Kevin Gould OAM of the Bundaberg group held a lunch at the Hervey Bay RSL on 8 March attended by over 40 members and guests. Thelma Rowatt OAM convened the Brisbane Morning Tea on Friday 18 April with over 40 attending. Paul McNally OAM and his group held the Toowoomba Morning Tea with another 40 or more in attendance and Malcolm McDonald OAM held the North Coast lunch at Tranquil Park Maleny with over 50 members and guests. AVM Bill Collins will convene the Gold Coast Luncheon on Friday 30 May with bookings progressing well. My sincere appreciation continues to be extended to our hard-working Regional Coordinators who make these events popular.

Why not help us make membership of your association an enjoyable experience in your life by continuing to support the functions that your fellow members work so hard to provide for you.

Mick DAVIS AM
Chairman
Order of Australia Association Queensland

Presentation of the Primary Schools Citizenship Awards

20th October 2008 1:30pm
Undumbi Room, Level 5, Parliament House, Brisbane,

Cost: \$10 per person - Afternoon tea.

Large medals to be worn

Please RSVP with payment before **13th October 2008**
Contact person for further information: Ross Dwyer OAM
(Telephone: 3265 4734)



Primary Schools' Citizenship Awards 2008

Our Association has offered Student Citizenship Awards for Year 11 and Year 12 Secondary School students for the past 9 years. Since 2007 the Queensland Branch has also invited nominations for some additional new awards for school-based projects from Queensland Primary Schools. All Schools that offer programs for students in their primary years are eligible to apply.

The aim of the Primary School awards is to recognise the significance of school-based projects, which are often of great benefit not only to the students but also to the community. It is hoped that they will also encourage more primary schools to participate in projects that promote good citizenship. The awards will also serve to make primary students more aware of the Australian Honours system and the ideals of good citizenship that it enshrines.

Unlike the Secondary Student Awards, which are offered to individual students, the Primary Schools' Awards are being offered for school-based projects on any theme that is related to Australian citizenship, for example, fostering commitment to, and pride in, Australian citizenship; encouraging awareness of Australia's history, tradition and culture; promoting a constructive and positive sense of national unity; or community service. Nominations close on 29 August 2008.

A panel of judges will select the 12 most deserving school projects and these will be presented with an Association Award of Merit at a special function on Monday 20 October 2008 at an afternoon tea in the Undumbi Room, Parliamentary Annex, Brisbane. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Student Citizenship Awards 2008

The Student Citizenship Awards for Year 11 and Year 12 students have been running in Queensland since 1999.

This year the Queensland Branch of the Association will again invite nominations for Student Citizenship Awards from Queensland Secondary Schools. Schools select their nominees based on their involvement and commitment to the ideals of citizenship and provide written examples to demonstrate what the student has undertaken and achieved. Closing date for nominations is 31 July 2008

A panel of judges from the Order of Australia Association (Queensland Branch) selects 12 of the most outstanding submissions. These students receive an engraved Gold Medallion (the Association emblem) and a framed Certificate of Merit.

Presentation of these awards in 2008 will take place on 08

September 2008 at an afternoon tea function at the Old Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Brisbane. All members are cordially invited to attend.

These awards are proudly sponsored by: [Honeycombes Property Group](#).

Further information is on the website

Further information, together with Nomination Forms, for both the above Citizenship awards can be found on the Association website: www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au

Click on QLD and then on the award you wish to look at.

Brisbane Morning Tea

Friday 18 April 2008 saw a total of 40 members and their guests attend a morning tea in the magnificent Grand Moreton Function Room at the historic United Services Club, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane.

Attendees came from as far afield as Cairns and Baramba and many acquaintances were renewed.

The convenor, Thelma Rowatt OAM, welcomed everyone and an update was given on planning for the 2009 National Conference to be held in Brisbane in February 2009

The guest speaker, Emeritus Professor Stella O'Donnell AO, spoke on "The Medicines you take" and provided a fascinating insight into her chosen fields of pharmacy and pharmacology, in particular in her special area of pharmacological research into the "reliever" and "preventer" medicines for asthma. It was pointed out that studies show that more than 14,000 people a year are hospitalised due to problems with their medication.



Thelma Rowatt OAM, Ross Dwyer OAM,
Professor Stella O'Donnell AO, Maureen Dwyer

The Gold Coast Region

The region will hold a garden party style afternoon tea on Saturday 11 October 2008 (between the Air Show at Amberley weekend and the Indy weekend) at Jabiru, Mudgeeraba, the home of Mr John Kearney, AM, QC and Mrs Alison Kearney. There will be a mail out to region members in September but all are welcome.

Contact Bill Collins, AO on 07 5538 7375



Dr Jean Leworthy OAM

A memorial service for Dr Jean Leworthy OAM (nee Fairburn) was held at a Bundaberg Anglican church on 3rd May 2008. Dr Jean was a medical practitioner for more than 50 years and was reported to be the first doctor in Australia to administer penicillin. Her contributions to organisations, charities and caring groups would fill volumes. Recently a Bundaberg street was named in her honour. One of her last acts before leaving to seek medical help in Brisbane was to make a donation to assist in bringing Jonathon Welch to be guest speaker at the next function in Bundaberg in August.



Rockhampton Region

Our first meeting for 2008 was a Morning Tea with 46 members and guests attending. We commenced with a minute silence for the passing of member Malcolm Barker OAM.

The Guest Speaker was Mr. Ian Power OAM who spoke on, "Veterans Memories". Ian said that most people knew of and observed Anzac Day 25th April, but few knew of the less publicised events which preceded that tragic landing at Anzac Cove. Those events could have changed the records of Australian Military History and, if successful, would have had a major impact on our recognition and commemoration of that Anzac landing.



Raymond Young OAM

He submitted that many good things have come out of wars and conflicts. Despite the suffering, out of the carnage there has been a huge break through in medical science, transportation, defence, and surveillance technology, as well as the founding of recognized humanitarian organizations effectively caring for the welfare and well being of veterans and their families.

General Business: Treasurer Ian Power gave a report. Eleanor Dean announced that it was Dr. Learmonth's birthday today. Our next meeting will be the Annual Luncheon on 15 September 2008, at the Rockhampton League's Club, Cambridge Street. 12.30pm for fellowship – Commence at 1.00pm

On Anzac Day I attended the Dawn Service and placed a wreath on the Cenotaph as a mark of respect of those exser-



Raymond Young OAM, Eleanor Dean OAM, Ian Power OAM,

servicemen and women who fought for us to have the freedom we have today. We Remember Them – "Least We Forget".

On behalf of our members, I would like to take this opportunity thank Eleanor and Terry Dean, who made and donated the wreath.

Raymond Young OAM
Rockhampton Branch Convenor

Call for Sponsors for Conference 2009

As you may be aware the Queensland Branch of The Order of Australia Association is hosting the 2009 National Conference from 19 – 22 February 2009 at the Sofitel, Brisbane. As you will appreciate to host an event like this takes quite a bit of energy and finance so if you would be interested in participating as a sponsor / supporter please contact our conference manager to find out more!

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Wearing of Insignia

A booklet called A Guide to the Wearing of Insignia is available from the Honours Secretariat. The following summary may be useful, but organisations or hosts often suggest practical amendments to reflect local conditions.

The full insignia is normally worn on a lounge suit or jacket on ex-service occasions such as Anzac Day etc or at Church services. Some ex-service members wear miniatures as the weight of multiple full sized medals might distort clothing.

The miniature insignia is worn to evening functions when 'Black Tie' is specified. If you attend such a function wearing a dark lounge suit, miniatures are still appropriate.

The wearing of the lapel badge is encouraged on civilian clothing at all times. It is not worn with either full-size or miniature insignia.

Members of the Australian Defence Force and other uniformed or ceremonial organisations should follow their dress regulations and customs.

(Thanks to 'Who's Who Guide to Protocol')



Queensland Branch Bulletin

Diary Dates

Bundaberg

Saturday 9 August 2008: Lunch
 Speaker: Jonathon Welch. Founding Director of The Choir of Hard Knocks and Hero of the Year
 Contact: Kevin Gould OAM Tel: 4153 1287

Brisbane

8 September 2008 Senior Student Citizenship Awards
 Ross Dwyer OAM Honorary Secretary Tel: (07) 3265 4734

Rockhampton

15 September 2008 Annual Luncheon.
 Raymond Young OAM. email: raymond@cyberoz.com.au

Darling Downs

October 2008
 Paul Mc Nally. email: cnally@tpg.com.au

Brisbane

20 October 2008. Primary Schools Citizenship Awards
 Ross Dwyer OAM Honorary Secretary Tel: (07) 3265 4734

Gold Coast Region

Saturday 11 October 2008 Garden Party
 Bill Collins, AO on 07 5538 7375

Brisbane: AGM and Annual Dinner

Friday 21 November 2008 Mick Davis AM Chairman Tel: (07) 3355 7872
 Ross Dwyer OAM Honorary Secretary Tel: (07) 3265 4734

OAA National Conference

19 – 22 February 2009
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Presentation of the 2008 Senior Student Citizenship Awards

8th September 2008 Time 1:30pm
 Old Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Brisbane,
 Cost: \$10 per person - Afternoon tea.
 Large medals to be worn
 Please RSVP with payment **before 1st September 2008**

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