

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY 2008 RECEPTION

On the Queen's Birthday 2008 the Governor-General announced that 70 Queenslanders had been honoured with appointments and awards in the Order of Australia. Investitures for the recipients of these honours were conducted by Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO at Queensland's Government House on the 3rd, 4th and 5th September 2008.

The Order of Australia Association (Queensland Branch) held a reception for these recipients in the Premiers and Speakers Hall, Parliament House on Friday 5th September. This most enjoyable social function was attended by 27 new recipients, 16 members and 70 guests with the usual fine food and wine provided by the Parliamentary Catering Service. Once again music was provided by member Mr James Rogers-Rudnik CV, OAM, CC, GMC, ICC.



New recipients David Thomas OAM and Tony South OAM, AM

The formal part of the reception commenced at 6:15pm with MC and Honorary Treasurer Mr Royce Voss OAM calling upon Committee Member Mrs Margaret Rankin AM to propose the Loyal Toast. This was followed by a toast to the Order of Australia by National Chairman Mrs Dina Browne AO.



Committee Members Paul Stevenson OAM and Margaret Rankin AM

The Honorary Secretary Mr Ross Dwyer OAM then spoke briefly on the history of the Order of Australia and congratulated all recipients on their various activities that had resulted in them being honoured in this manner. Mr Dwyer introduced all recipients to those present and asked each to read the words of their individual citation.



Dr Marie Siganto AM with Honorary Secretary Ross Dwyer OAM

Dr Marie Siganto AM responded on behalf of the recipients after which those present continued to celebrate and socialise with the awardees.



The New Recipients



**Christine Long, Dorothy Campton OAM,
with new recipient David Thomas OAM.**



**Alicia SOROHAN SC with new recipients
Alan COCHRANE OAM and Gay
FEATHERSTONHAUGH OAM**