



Chairman's Report

The functions hosted by the Queensland Branch and the regional groups continue to be well attended. Most enjoyable was the morning tea on 26 August organised by the Branch at the Queensland Club in the Brisbane CBD with inspirational guest speaker Dr Dimity Dornan AO. Also, regional groups met on the Sunshine Coast, in the Bundaberg Region and in Rockhampton. Thanks to the organisers/conveners for an interesting range of activities supporting and stimulating interest in the Association.

We celebrated the long reign of Her Majesty the Queen by participating in the Thanksgiving Service at St John's Cathedral on 23 August. In addition, I represented the Branch at a function hosted by the Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC and Mrs Kaye de Jersey at Government House on 9 September to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen becoming the longest serving monarch.

The most recent Branch activities have been the celebratory lunch for new Queen's Birthday award recipients on 23 September and the Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards ceremony on 18 September at Parliament House. We were honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, who presented the awards. My thanks to the schools, judges, students and their supporters who all contributed to making this one of the highlights of the Branch's activities for 2015.

Can I remind members to register for the National Conference to be held in Sydney from 11 to 13 March 2016. Registration payment is due before 30 November 2015. Our Association Conferences are an opportunity to meet members and their partners from throughout Australia while enjoying a stimulating series of activities. The planning for the 2017 Conference to be held in Brisbane is well underway. I thank the Conference Committee under the Chairmanship of Mick Davis AM ASM for already securing venues, developing a draft programme and organising sponsorship. This is a major undertaking for the Branch and the Committee.

We look forward to future activities including the regional group function in Cairns on 7 November and the Queensland Branch Annual General Meeting and Dinner on 23 November. I look forward to meeting you there.

This year has been very successful so far and I encourage members to participate in Association activities at Branch, State and National levels. You have already made a major contribution to Australian society and I encourage you to continue to do so.

Associate Professor John Harden AM

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL GROUP DINNER

Thirty members attended our dinner held on Monday 7 September at the Rockhampton Leagues Club and the guest speaker was The Hon Alan Demack AO.

Alan graduated from the University of Queensland as a Bachelor of Law in 1957 and was admitted to practice as a Barrister. He commenced practice as a member of the Brisbane Bar in 1958. In May 1972 he was appointed as a Judge of District Courts. In 1976 he was appointed as a Senior Judge of the Family Court of Australia, and in 1978 to the Supreme Court of Queensland as the Central Judge, resident in Rockhampton. He retired in May 2000. He then served as Queensland's first Integrity Commissioner for almost four years.

He and his wife Dorothy have lived in Rockhampton since January 1978.

He was appointed an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia in June 2000 for service to the community, to the Uniting Church in Australia, and to the law, particularly through the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Everyone present was enthralled by Alan's excellent talk on the topic "Australia – the Path to Nationhood".

Central Queensland Group's next function will be a morning tea on 7 March 2016.

Raymond Young OAM, Convener



L to R - The Hon. Alan Demack AO; Deputy- Convener Eleanor Dean OAM and Convener Raymond Young OAM.

VALE - KEVIN FRANCIS GOULD OAM

Former long standing Bundaberg Regional Group convener Kevin Francis Gould OAM passed away on 19 September aged 91 years. Kevin was a strong driving force for the Bundaberg regional group working tirelessly towards the success of group functions and events and keeping the Group active from 2000 until July 2012.

Kevin received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in June 1982 in recognition for service to the community. He joined the Association one month later. He was a co-founder in 1973, of an emergency housing group which provided short term accommodation for those in need. Kevin was the group's voluntary housing worker and administrator for the next 16 years. Kevin and his wife Marjorie were the first to be made honorary life members of that group which still functions efficiently today. Kevin was active in trade union circles and for 31 years he was secretary of a section of the Australian Railways Union covering more than 600 members. He also held positions on the state council and state executive of that union and represented all Victorian railway workers on the Discipline Board. Upon retirement from paid employment he and his wife moved to Bundaberg.

The Association pays tribute to the life of Kevin and in particular acknowledges with sincere thanks his contribution to the Bundaberg Regional Group over many years. The Association also passes on its sincere sympathy to Kevin's surviving family members.

Geoff Cowles OAM, Qld Branch Secretary.

TWELVE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS SHINE AT THIS YEAR'S QUEENSLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION



In a moving ceremony in the Old Legislative Council (Red) Chamber of Queensland's Parliament House on Friday 18 September, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, presented the Association's Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards to twelve outstanding secondary school students. The Awards showcase some outstanding Queensland secondary school students performing some amazing community service and fostering true Australian citizenship.

Our 2015 Award students – Back two rows from L to R – Tony Lagaia (Woodridge State High School); Madina Inayat (Yeronga State High School); Caitlyn Goodhew (Mareeba State High School); Ben Rada Martin (St Joseph's Nudgee College); His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland sharing a lighter moment with Angus Woods (Brisbane Grammar School); Finley Mijnaerends (Nambour State High School); Mitchell Currie (Glenala State High School); Nathanael Homf (Gordvale State High School). Front Row from L to R – Kaitlyn Read (Toooloa State High School); Chloe Baré (Noosa District State High School); and Emily Barlow (Cavendish Road State High School). Absent: Daniel O'Brien (Moreton Bay Boys' College).

SIXTEEN OF OUR NEWEST AWARD RECIPIENTS HONOURED AT HILLSTONE ST LUCIA CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON

On Wednesday 23 September the Queensland Branch congratulated sixteen of its newest award recipients from this year's Queen's Birthday honours at a celebratory luncheon event at Hillstone St Lucia in the Brisbane western suburbs. These extra special guests were part of the ninety-seven people in attendance and a grand time was had by all.



Our wonderful 16 award recipients – Back row from L to R - Dr Michael Lanigan AM; Dr Ralph Neller AM; John Dredge OAM; Noel Powell OAM; Dr George Rayment AM; Peter McMahon OAM. Middle Row from L to R – Judith Schmidt OAM; Jan Macintyre OAM; Professor Nathan Efron AC; Joyce Bennett OAM; John Brent OAM; Di Perkins OAM. Front Row from L to R - Gwynneth Petrie AM; Gerry Zwart OAM; Isabella Kearsley OAM; and Jan Conroy OAM

SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL DINNER

The independent judging panel appointed by the Queensland Branch Committee met on 6 October to consider the many nominations received for this year's Senior Volunteer Award. The results of the panel's deliberations will be announced at the Queensland Branch Annual Dinner on 23 November when the awards will be made to the three most outstanding persons nominated.

IN MEMORIAM

Deidre Alison Brown OAM
 Kevin Francis Gould OAM
 Russell Cowie Hamilton OAM
 Martinus Marie Jonkers OAM
 Alan James Koher OAM
 Jack Wilson Littler OAM
 Norman Wilson Llewelyn AM
 Maisie McKenzie OAM
 William Abernathy Park AM
 Jeffrey John William (Bill) Siganto AM



QUEENSLAND TENNIS GREAT AFFORDED RARE HONOUR



The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane Graham Quirk with Daphne Fancutt AM during the official naming ceremony.

On Saturday 11 July this year, one of our Queensland Branch members, well-known local tennis identity and former international tennis champion, Daphne Fancutt AM, was afforded the rare honour of having something named in her honour whilst still alive.

On this day the Amphitheatre at the Queensland Tennis Centre at Tennyson, Brisbane was officially named the "Daphne Fancutt Amphitheatre" by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Graham Quirk, in the presence of Daphne and her family, friends and acquaintances, politicians, well-wishers and a number of prominent tennis identities.

Tennis identities present included Evonne Goolagong Cawley AO MBE, Australia's much admired former Australian, French and Wimbledon Ladies Singles Champion; Mal Anderson MBE, a former top-ranking Australian tennis player from the mid-1950s to the early 1970s who won the US Singles title; and Fay Muller who partnered Daphne in the 1956 Wimbledon women's doubles final.

This is indeed a great honour for Daphne which recognises her lifelong commitment to the sport of tennis in Queensland and beyond. The Association congratulates Daphne on this achievement.

The invitation to name the Amphitheatre in Daphne's honour came from Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and Mark Bloomfield, President of Tennis Queensland, who spoke at the event. Sallyanne Atkinson AO, a former Lord Mayor of Brisbane and one of Daphne's strongest supporters, also offered her congratulations.

There were moving pre-recorded tributes from "Rocket" Rod Laver MBE and Rev Dr Margaret Smith Court AO MBE, the only two Australians to have won the Singles Grand Slam. Rod did this amazing feat twice and

Margaret also won two Mixed Doubles Grand Slams (one with Ken Fletcher, whom the nearby park is named in memory of). Roy Emerson, four times Australian singles champion and special family friend, (with Trevor, Daphne's husband, best man at Roy's wedding), sent congratulations from America. As did one of Daphne's first ever pupils, Wendy Turnbull MBE, three times Grand Slam singles finalist and four times doubles winner.

Tennis Queensland, in recognition that Saturday 11 July coincided with the Ladies Singles Final at The Championships at Wimbledon this year, provided a special morning tea treat of strawberries and cream, a long standing Wimbledon tradition.

Daphne Fancutt AM was an international tennis champion who has spent the rest

of her life giving back to tennis and the community by coaching and mentoring thousands of Queenslanders including several Wimbledon Champions.

She was born Daphne Seeney in 1933 on a cattle property near Monto in Central Queensland, the youngest of nine children. Her early tennis lessons were on a dirt court dug out by her father who coached young Daphne from a book. She went on to become Queensland Singles and Doubles champion and then won championships in France, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Wales and South Africa. She reached the 1956 women's doubles final at Wimbledon.

She married South African Davis Cup player Trevor Fancutt in 1957 and together they established Fancutt's Tennis Centre in 1962. With their three sons, Charlie, Michael and Chris, they are the only family ever to have all five members play in the Main Draw at Wimbledon with three of the Fancutts having reached the semi-finals or better. Charlie was co-founder of the famous Hopman Cup competition.

Daphne is proud of her contribution to the coaching and mentoring of young Queenslanders and volunteering her time to work with disadvantaged children and country children, many of whom have lived-in with the Fancutts.

I was thrilled to be there at the gathering to witness this significant event. A bonus highlight for me was to personally meet Evonne Goolagong Cawley AO MBE, a most gracious lady indeed, and her husband Roger Cawley. It was also great to be there just to soak up the incredible atmosphere at an event where Brisbane honoured Daphne Fancutt AM in fine style.

Geoff Cowles OAM

[Material sourced from the official story plate at the Daphne Fancutt Amphitheatre]



Enjoying a lighter moment at the morning tea following the naming ceremony – from L to R Evonne Goolagong Cawley AO MBE; Sallyanne Atkinson AO, Former Lord Mayor of Brisbane; Daphne Fancutt AM; and Dianne Stosur (mother of Samantha Stosur, current Australian women's tennis player).



At the Tranquil Park Lunch – Guest speaker Kevin Oxley OAM (left) with Keith Swan OAM (Sunshine Coast Regional Group Convener).

SUCCESSFUL SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL GROUP LUNCHEON

The Sunshine Coast Regional Group hosted a very successful luncheon at Tranquil Park, Maleny on 23 July. Despite an exceptionally heavy fog for most of the morning, which unfortunately caused one couple to turn back, there were sixty-two guests. Guests were fascinated by the address of the guest speaker Mr Kevin Oxley OAM who related many events of his life – some very imaginative - which led to a very successful life as an artist.

Tranquil Park once again provided a very satisfying lunch and eventually the fog lifted, affording a spectacular view of the Glass House Mountains.

Keith Swan OAM, Convener

GOLD COAST REGIONAL GROUP NEXT EVENT

The next Gold Coast Regional Group function will be a Garden Party style afternoon tea with champagne, corgis and croquet at the Fox and Hounds Country Inn on 21 November 2015. The Inn is located at 7 Elevation Drive, Wongawallen just off the Oxenford/Tamborine Road. The timing of activities is 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm and the cost is \$28 per person which includes one complimentary drink on arrival. There will be a mailed or electronic invitation sent to Gold Coast Regional Group members well in advance. Advice on this event can also be accessed via the Queensland segment of our Association's website.

Bill Collins AO, Convener

DARLING DOWNS REGIONAL GROUP MORNING TEA

More than forty members and their guests attended a delightful morning tea in Toowoomba on 30 October.

Guest speaker for the occasion was a member of our Group, the Hon. Mike Horan AM. Mike was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2013 "for significant service to the Parliament of Queensland and to the community of the Darling Downs." Mike was a member of the Parliament from 1991 to 2012 and was Minister for Health from 1996 to 1998. He is currently Chair of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service.

Paul McNally OAM, Convener

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