



The Order of Australia Association,
Queensland Branch

Communiqué No.2 October 2014

Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland

All postal correspondence: c/- Geoff Cowles OAM, Secretary, 16 Kanturk Street, Ferny Grove Q 4055

Email: geoff.cowles@aanet.com.au Qld Branch website:

Don't miss the Queensland Branch Annual Dinner - A GALA EVENING WITH TIM FAIRFAX AC



It's Annual Dinner time again and we want you to be there. Tim Fairfax AC has agreed to be our guest speaker for the evening. It's sure to be a tremendous night not to be missed.

The Dinner will on **Monday 24 November** at **The Pavilion**, Alan Border Field, 1 Greg Chappell Street, Albion commencing **from 7pm**. Ample parking is available.



Tim is an advocate for philanthropy, a major supporter of the visual arts and a promoter of higher education opportunities. He has numerous business interests and is the current Chancellor of the Queensland University of Technology and a "Queensland Great" in 2013. Tim will touch on his life and success in what promises to be a most interesting and stimulating after-dinner speech.

The Annual Dinner is black tie and priced at \$92 per person. You will enjoy a three course dinner, tea and coffee, a complimentary bottle of red and white wine on each table and drinks and canapés on arrival from 7pm at the "Picket Fence Café". Plus there is the rare opportunity to hear a remarkably successful Australian in Tim Fairfax AC - recognised in this year's Australia Day honours.

A major highlight will be the announcement of the winners of the **2014 Senior Volunteer Awards**. The winners will be presented with their awards during the formal part of the proceedings.

An information flyer with an RSVP form is included as an insert with this Communiqué or can be downloaded from our website.

Prior to the dinner we will maintain past practice and conduct our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the same venue, commencing at 6:15 pm sharp. We hope many of you will come early and attend this important meeting. Initial AGM paperwork (Notice of Meeting, Nomination for Committee positions form and Proxy form) was circulated with the August 2014 Communiqué. It is also available at the Queensland segment of the Association's website

Be a part of the Queensland Branch contingent at the 2015 National Conference

Time to book up your flights to Perth, Western Australia and your accommodation for the next National Conference to be held from **Friday 20 to Sunday 22 March 2015**.

There are interesting pre-conference activities being planned in the period from 17 to 19 March and an exciting opportunity to be part of the Margaret River Anzac post-conference tour from Sunday 22 to Wednesday 25 March.

Highlights of the Conference itself will include the Government House Reception on the Friday and the Conference Dinner on the Saturday evening.

You can download a conference brochure and registration form from the Association's website at http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/news/national_conference.php

At last year's Conference at Melbourne we had 25 Queensland delegates in attendance. It would be nice if we could better that this time round?



Queensland's new Governor accepts patronage of the Queensland Branch of the Association

We have recently received good news from Government House, Brisbane, that His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, the 26th Governor of Queensland, has agreed to be our Patron for the duration of his term as Governor of Queensland. This follows on from the wonderful patronage we enjoyed throughout the previous 6 years with the previous Governor, the Honourable Penelope Wensley AC.

Very early in his term of office His Excellency and Mrs Kaye de Jersey honoured us with their presence at the recent Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards Presentation at Parliament House on Friday 19 September where His Excellency presented awards to 12 outstanding secondary students throughout Queensland, chosen for their outstanding contribution and achievements towards citizenship and community service.

The Queensland segment of our website now includes a section on "Our Patron" where members can read a most interesting biography about the outstanding career and wonderful life that His Excellency has already enjoyed leading up to his becoming our Governor.

The Queensland Branch congratulates His Excellency on his appointment and looks forward to His Excellency and Mrs de Jersey accepting invitations to attend some more Association events in the future.

The Branch also wishes the previous Governor, the Honourable Penelope Wensley AC and Mr Stuart McCosker all the best for their future and thanks Ms Wensley for the wonderful contribution she gave to the people of Queensland during her term as our 25th Governor.

THANKS!

*Teresa Gambaro MP
Federal Member for Brisbane*

For valuable printing assistance with all our event flyers and Communiqués during 2014

Is there someone you know who you think should be nominated for an award in The Order of Australia?

If there is, then why not make a nomination yourself. To start the ball rolling visit the "It's an Honour" website at <http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/nominating/index.cfm> - read the information, download the nomination form and "give it a go".

Some forward advice about our first Brisbane morning tea for 2015

No firm date set yet but we have plans for a visit to the Amberley Air Force Base, 40 kilometres out of Ipswich, sometime in late April or early May.

Our Chairman Tony Webber AM happened to have a chance meeting with the Air Commodore in charge of the Base at one of the Government House Investitures for this year's Australia Day award recipients in May and this has set the 'wheels in motion'.

Our plan is to book a 49 seater bus from a central location in Brisbane to get most of us there. As well as making it a most pleasant excursion there and back it will also greatly assist with entry security arrangements at the Base.

This planned visit to Amberley Air Base follows in the footsteps of some wonderful Brisbane morning teas in recent years. Our last morning Tea in August this year was hosted by Ross McKinnon AM at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha and in April this year we enjoyed the Australian Army's hospitality at the Officers' Mess at Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera. In 2013 we had two equally good morning teas at Ormiston House at Redland Bay in May and a great visit to Old Government House and the state of the art Sciences and Engineering Centre at QUT in August.

The purpose in letting you know about our planned Amberley visit now is to simply "wet your appetite".

It has all the hallmarks for a great event so keep an eye out for the final date and a booking form in the next edition of the Queensland Branch Communiqué or a future edition of The Order or consult the website around early February next year.