



*The Order of Australia Association,
Queensland Branch*

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Book now for the Queensland Branch Annual Dinner - Monday 19 March 2018



It's Annual Dinner time again and we want you to be there. Major-General Professor John Pearn AO KStJ RFD has agreed to be our guest speaker. His topic is *"The Colour Maroon and how it relates to Queensland and the Maltese Cross"*

John is an internationally recognised clinician, author, teacher, and past Surgeon-General of the Australian Defence Force. He speaks with commitment and passion and his topic promises to be very entertaining.

The Dinner will on **Monday 19 March** in the Ballroom, Victoria Park, in the Victoria Park Golfing Complex, Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane commencing **from 6:45pm**. Ample parking is available.

The Annual Dinner is black tie and priced at \$95 per person. You will enjoy dinner, tea and coffee, a complimentary bottle of red and white wine on each table and drinks and dip platters on arrival from 6:45 pm on the Ballroom Balcony overlooking the magnificent golf course. Plus there is the rare opportunity to hear a remarkably successful Queenslander in Major-General Professor John Pearn AO KStJ RFD.

A highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the winners of the Association's 2017 Senior Volunteer Awards.

An information flyer with more biography on our guest speaker and a registration/payment form is included as an insert with this Communiqué or can be downloaded from our website.

Prior to the dinner we will conduct our Annual General Meeting at the same venue, commencing at 6:00 pm. We hope you will also attend this earlier important meeting.

Reminder - Annual General Meeting

6:00 pm, Monday 19 March 2018

[Prior to the Annual Dinner]

The Ballroom, Victoria Park, Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane

A flyer setting out Notice of Meeting, Nomination for Committee positions form and Proxy form was included with the Spring 2017 edition of *The Order*.

Agenda & Notice of Motion for the AGM – please refer to reverse side of the Annual Dinner information flyer enclosed.

WE NEED A NEW TREASURER

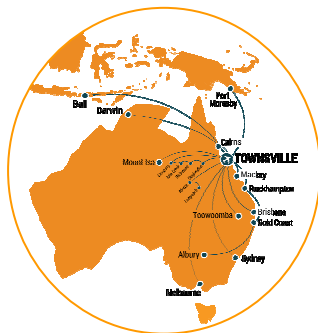
Royce Voss OAM, who has been an excellent Treasurer of the Queensland Branch for many years, is not nominating for the position at the AGM on 19 March 2018.

We therefore need to have someone else elected as Treasurer at the AGM

Are you a person who understands financial matters and is good with figures and has experience with accounting software such as MYOB or QuickBooks or similar and who would like to play an integral part on the Queensland Branch Committee? Or do you know of any member who might be interested?

Feel free to contact Royce Voss OAM (telephone 3410 0348) if you wish to know more about the duties required.

If you are willing to offer your services as Branch Treasurer please contact Geoff Cowles OAM, the Secretary (3351 4991) who will be happy to discuss the nomination process with you.



Townsville Regional Group

Your Queensland Branch Committee has been concerned for some time about the lack of events being organised for members in the region.

The Committee is therefore issuing a call to any member residing in the Townsville region (postcodes 4806 to 4854) who might be interested in being the Convener of the Regional Group.

What does the job entail? We need a person who can maintain member interest in the region by organising at least one but preferably two events each year of a social nature such as Morning Teas, Lunches or Dinners. The Convener would provide reports to the Branch Committee on the regional group's activities. The position need not be onerous and the Branch Committee can provide assistance and guidance to the person who takes on the role in the initial stages. If you are interested please contact Geoff Cowles OAM Secretary (ph: 3351 4991 or Email: secqld@theorderofaustralia.asn.au – he will be happy to discuss the position further with you.

Nomination of the Queensland Branch Director on the National Board of The Order of Australia Association

Nominations are invited for the position of Queensland Branch Director on the National Board of the Association.

The Constitution provides for any member of the Queensland Branch to nominate for this position. A nomination form is enclosed with this Communiqué.

The Queensland Branch Committee at its meeting scheduled for 11 April 2018 will elect from the nominations received, the member of the Queensland Branch it decides will be the Queensland Branch Nominated Director on the National Board. This is in accordance with section 14(c)(i) of the Constitution and the National Secretary will be advised.

Be part of a strong Queensland Branch contingent at the 32nd National Conference in Adelaide from 3 to 6 May 2018

It's not too late to register for this Conference. We would love to have a good number of Queenslanders attending the various excellent events being organised by the South Australian Branch as well as expressing their views at the Annual General Meeting and Members' Forum.

The registration form can be downloaded from the Association's website at http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/news/national_conference.php

If you can't attend please consider sending a proxy form for the AGM downloaded from the Association's website. If you need assistance contact Geoff Cowles OAM, Branch Secretary – email secqld@theorderofaustralia.asn.au

Do you know of an outstanding senior Queensland volunteer 60 years or older who deserves recognition for the great work they do for their community?

Why not nominate them for one of the Association's 2018 Senior Volunteer Awards

The form is simple to complete and can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/branches/qld/QLDSeniorVolunteerAward.php>

Nominations will be accepted up to **31 October 2018**

Did you know...

that as a member of the Association you can attend any event organised by any Branch or Regional Group within Australia or even an event organised by our overseas branches in UK or USA.

You are not confined to just those events run by your Branch or region.

So, if you are planning to travel in the near future why not check to see if a function is being organised at your travel destination, follow the booking process for that function and be part of the fellowship to be enjoyed by meeting fellow members from other areas.