



The Order of Australia Association,  
Queensland Branch

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## Hear Roly Sussex OAM – “*The Lord of the Language*” speak at the 2019 Queensland Branch Annual Dinner




Join us for a wonderful night of fun and fellowship at our Annual Dinner on **Monday 25 February 2019** in the Ballroom, Victoria Park, in the Victoria Park Golfing Complex, Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane from 6:45pm

**Roland (Roly) Sussex OAM: Chevalier des Palmes Académiques** has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker and has chosen as his topic “*Australian English and Australian identity*”? Roly is Emeritus Professor of Applied Language Studies in the School of Languages and Cultures, and the Institute for Teaching and Learning Innovation, at the University of Queensland. He hosts a weekly radio talkback program for the ABC in Queensland and South Australia and writes a weekly column for the *Courier-Mail*. He speaks with commitment and passion about the English language and his presentation is sure to be very entertaining.

The Annual Dinner will consist of two courses, plus tea and coffee, with a complimentary bottle of red and white wine on each table. Pre-dinner drinks and dip platters will be served on arrival on the Ballroom Balcony overlooking the magnificent golf course from 6:45 pm. Cost is \$95.00 per person.

During the evening the winners of the Association’s 2018 Senior Volunteer Awards will be announced.

 A registration/payment form is included 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. Attendees will be fully briefed on the 2018 activities of the Queensland Branch when the Chairman presents the Annual Report. The financial report for 2018 will be adopted and the members of the Queensland Branch Committee for 2019 will be elected. We look forward to your attendance.

### Reminder - Annual General Meeting

**6:00 pm, Monday 25 February 2019**

[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 is included with this Communiqué. 

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

### Interested in joining our Branch Committee in 2019?

Our Queensland Branch Committee comprises an enthusiastic group of Association members committed to organising excellent events for the Queensland Branch membership that uphold the high principles and prestige of the Order of Australia Association.

A number of Committee members have been around for quite a while and at some stage they will want to retire gracefully. For this reason, it is important that there be Committee renewal with new members nominating and bringing their time, talent, skills and their new ideas to the table.

Do you have special skills and talents that you believe would benefit the Committee?

Would you like to be a part of this great team in 2019?

If so, please seek nomination for any of the positions on the nomination form included with this Communiqué.

We meet monthly in Brisbane and Committee members commit to attending most events organised.

If you are interested, but you want to discuss the matter further before making a decision, then feel free to contact our Branch Chairman, John Harden AM, for a chat on

0418 988 659.


**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Changing of the Guard - Queensland Branch  
Nominated Director for 2018**

In the November 2018 edition of *The Order* Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ, the current Queensland Branch Deputy Chairman, is listed as the new Queensland Branch Nominated Director on the National Board. This change is due to Associate Professor John Harden AM resigning as Director in August 2018 and Peter being nominated by the Queensland Branch Committee to replace him. The Queensland Branch expresses its sincere thanks to John for his outstanding contribution as Queensland Branch Nominated Director for the past 3 ½ years.

**Nomination of the Queensland Branch  
Nominated Director onto the National Board of  
The Order of Australia Association for 2019**

Nominations are invited for the position of Queensland Branch Nominated Director onto 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 included with this Communiqué 

In accord with section 14(c)(i) of the Constitution the Queensland Branch Committee at its meeting scheduled for 13 March 2019 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. The By-Laws provide that the person elected, if not the Branch Chairman, is a member of the Branch Committee.



**Be part of a strong Queensland Branch  
contingent at the 33rd National  
Conference in Hobart, Tasmania, from 11  
to 14 April 2019**

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 Tasmanian 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  
<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/tas/national-conference-2019/>

If you can't attend please consider sending a proxy form for the AGM downloaded from the Association's website. When available closer to the date this can be downloaded at  
<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national/agm/>  
In South Australia earlier this year the Queensland Branch provided 28 delegates. Can we better that this time?

**We would love to have your email address to communicate more  
regularly with you!**

Our membership database reveals that we currently have 1074 Queensland Branch members and that 888 have provided us with email addresses. This means that when we send information via email there are 186 members who are missing out.

If you have received this Communiqué in the post then you are one of the 186 members who have not yet provided us with an email address. Your opportunity to do so is now.

- A.** If you have an email address simply send Geoff Cowles OAM, the Secretary, an email to [secqld@theorderofaustralia.asn.au](mailto:secqld@theorderofaustralia.asn.au) with a request for your email address to be added to the database and leave the rest to us.
- B.** If you don't have an email address, perhaps you might consider asking a relative or friend to receive emails on your behalf to their email address. Just get the relative or friend to send Geoff an email indicating they are willing to receive Association emails on your behalf.

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