



*The Order of Australia Association
Queensland Branch*

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The Queensland Branch is honoured to have Bill Kitson as its guest speaker at the Annual Dinner on 24 February 2020.

Bill Kitson is one of Queensland's best known surveyors and a highly respected spatial historian.

Following a 1974 Survey Office investigation of the surviving markers along the Queensland State borders, Bill became 'hooked on history' researching the lives and work of the men that mapped Queensland. This interest in heritage became his vocation in 1980 when he was appointed as curator of the then newly established Lands, Mapping and Surveying Museum.

Even in retirement Bill continues to be a prolific and highly effective communicator. His passion for preserving surveying heritage and his generosity in sharing his unsurpassed knowledge of the spatial industry have become legendary.

His topic will be "Surveying Heritage, Our Glorious Past"



The Annual Dinner will be held in the glamorous Ballroom at Victoria Park, Herston Road, Herston commencing with pre-dinner drinks from 6:45pm. The Annual General Meeting will precede the Dinner commencing at 5:30pm – see separate article to the right of this page.

 A registration/payment form is included with this Communiqué or can be downloaded from our website.

Reminder - Annual General Meeting – preceding the Annual Dinner

5:30 pm, Monday 24 February 2020

Arrive at **5:15pm** to ensure a 5:30pm sharp start.

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


- Hear the Branch Chairman present the Annual Report.
- Participate in the election of Office Bearers and the 2020 Queensland Branch Committee

A flyer setting out Notice of Meeting, Nomination for Committee positions form and Proxy form is included with this Communiqué. 

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Nomination of the Queensland Branch Nominated Director onto the National Board of The Order of Australia Association for 2020

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 11 March 2020 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 34th National Conference in Darwin, Northern Territory, from 7 to 10 May 2020

The theme of The Order of Australia Association 2020 National Conference is *"Future Proof - How Past Experiences Inform Future Challenges"*

As part of the conference, delegates will be treated to visits to two Territory-owned and operated, internationally renowned institutions: Menzies School of Health Research and The National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre.

Delegates are invited to a reception at the historic Government House, and to visit the famous Mindil Beach markets, Parap markets and the Darwin Military Museum.

An oration will be given by Her Honour, the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory.

Keynote presentations will demonstrate how the Territory has overcome many past challenges and is embracing future opportunities.

We hope to see many Queenslanders attending.

Further information including how to register can be obtained at the Association website at

<https://www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au/national-conference-2020/>

We want to keep in touch with you so please tell us your email address.

Throughout 2019 we regularly communicated with our members via email providing useful information about forthcoming events being organised by the Queensland Branch and other news of interest to the membership. We will continue to do this in 2020.

If you have received this Communiqué by post it is because you are one of just 145 Queensland Branch members out of 1143 members who have not supplied us with an email address. As such you are missing out on our email communications.

A. If you have an email address simply send Geoff Cowles OAM, the Secretary, an email to

geoffrey.cowles@bigpond.com with a request for your email address to be added to the member database.

B. If you don't have an email address, 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.

If you received this Communiqué by email then you need do nothing.

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