



**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

# *2021 Annual Dinner*

*[Preceded by the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting]*

*Monday 22 March  
2021*

*The Blue Pacific  
Ballroom, Kedron  
Wavell Services Club*

*"An Evening with  
Georgina Somerset AM  
and  
Presentation of the 2020  
Senior Volunteer Awards*



Annual General Meeting -  
5:30 pm to 6:45 pm in the  
VC Suite

Drinks on arrival at the Blue  
Pacific Ballroom 6:45 pm to  
7:30 pm

Dinner commenced at  
7:30pm in the Blue Pacific  
Ballroom

Occasional guest speaker:  
**Georgina Somerset AM,**  
Successful South Burnett beef producer,  
rural leader  
and accomplished speaker  
Topic: *From the Bush to the  
Boardroom*

# *The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting in the VC Suite 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm prior to Annual Dinner*



## **Top left**

Outgoing Secretary Ross Patching OAM (left) organising the AGM registrations and ballot papers with incoming Secretary Dr Carol Cox AM looking on.



**Top right** - The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting was well attended in the VC Suite before the Annual Dinner .

## **Centre**

Portion of the members in attendance listening intently to the Chairman's Annual Report



**The 2021 Queensland Branch Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting together with the regional group conveners who attended.** From L-R Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ. (Queensland Branch Nominated Board Director); Graham Hyde OAM, Paula Penfold AM, Ross Patching OAM (Committee members); Dr Carol Cox AM (Secretary); Marjorie Voss OAM ( Committee member and Sunshine Coast Regional Group Convener); Ronda Nix OAM (Treasurer); Geoff Cowles OAM (Committee member); Dr Gary Bacon AM (Chairman); David Jackson OAM (Townsville Regional Group Convener); Kathy Wooldridge OAM (Committee member); Dr Mick Davis AM ASM (Deputy Chairman) and Wal Taylor OAM (Central Queensland Regional Group Convener).



# *The Annual Dinner 7:30pm to 10:45pm*

Attendance – 121 guests including 60 members

## **= ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS =**

### **Master of Ceremonies**

*Dr Mick Davis AM ASM*

### **National Anthem**

### **Loyal Toast**

*Dr Carol Cox AM*

### **Grace**

*Pastor Raymond A Chapman OAM*

## **= Main Course =**

### **Toast to the Order of Australia**

*Mrs Dina Browne AO*

### **Queensland Branch Chairman's Address**

*Dr Gary Bacon AM*

### **Senior Volunteer Awards 2021**

*Presented by Michael Rayner AM*

## **= Dessert =**

### **Address by Guest Speaker**

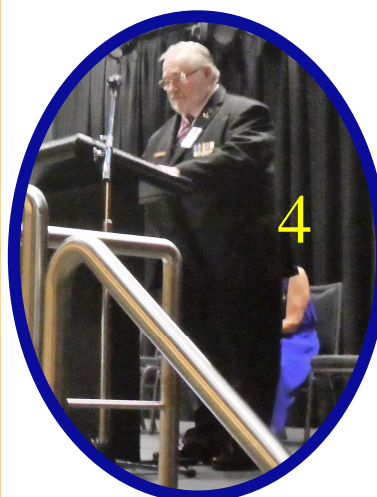
*Mrs Georgina Somerset AM*

*"From the Bush to the Boardroom"*

### **Vote of Thanks**

*Mr Geoff Cowles OAM*

### **Time of Fellowship**



**Photo 1** – Dr Carol Cox delivers the Loyal Toast

**Photo 2** – Dr Mick Davis AM ASM - Our Master of Ceremonies

**Photo 3** – Mrs Dina Browne AO delivers the Toast to the Order of Australia

**Photo 4** – Pastor Raymond A Chapman says Grace

**Photo 5** – Dr Gary Bacon AM, Queensland Branch Chairman addresses the gathering

**Photo 6** – Mr Geoff Cowles OAM during his Vote of Thanks presents Georgina Somerset AM, Guest Speaker, with a gift and Certificate of Appreciation, with Dr Mick Davis AM ASM, the MC looking on.





### **Presentation of the 2020 Senior Volunteer Awards at the Annual Dinner**

From L-R - Mr Michael Rayner AM, Blight Rayner Architects (award sponsor); Janet White, Townsville (Awardee); Christine Houston, Brisbane (Awardee); Kathy Cavanagh, Bribie Island (Awardee); and Dr Gary Bacon AM, OAAQ Branch Chairman.

### **About our guest speaker Georgina Somerset AM**



Georgina (Georgie) Somerset AM is a remarkable Queensland woman, a successful South Burnett beef producer, rural leader and accomplished speaker. Among her many roles, Georgie is current ( March 2021) General President of Agforce Queensland representing 5500 members of the cattle, grain, sheep and wool and Cane industries and founder of the Qld Rural, Regional and Remote Women's Network. Georgie was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2020 Australia Day Honours for significant service to primary industry, to women, and to the community.

*Georgie's talk on the night demonstrated her passionate love of country. It was sprinkled with beautiful extracts of Australian poetry and included interesting PowerPoint slides of pleasing rural scenery.*



Guests at two of the 16 tables that filled the Blue Pacific Room are enjoying great fellowship.



*This highlights package has been compiled by Geoff Cowles OAM, 2021 Awards and Metro Events Coordinator, OAAQ*