



**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

# *2022 Annual Dinner*

*Preceded by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting*



**Monday 21 March 2022**

**The Blue Pacific Ballroom**

**Kedron Wavell Services Club  
Chermside, Brisbane**



Annual General Meeting -  
5:30 pm to 6:45 pm in the VC Suite  
Drinks on arrival in the Blue Pacific Ballroom  
-6:45 pm to 7:30 pm

Dinner commenced at 7:30pm in the Ballroom.

Occasional guest speaker:  
**Mark Knowles OAM,**

Olympic Gold Medallist; a four-time Olympian; a quadruple  
Commonwealth Games gold medalist; former Captain of the  
Australian Kookaburras Hockey Team

Topic: "My Journey - then, now and onto 2032". .





OAAQ Members - very attentive at the AGM

## At the Annual General Meeting [AGM] in the VC Suite



Dr Gary Bacon AM, Queensland Branch Chairman, flanked by Ross Patching OAM (Secretary) on his left and Ronda Nix OAM (Treasurer) on his right, presenting the Annual Report.

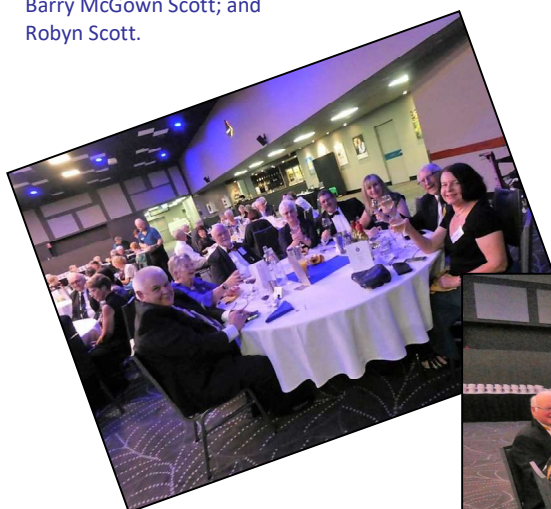


### Regional Group Conveners present at the AGM

L-R – Darryl Seccombe OAM (Regional Groups Coordinator); Carole Miller OAM (Far North Qld.); David Jackson OAM (Townsville) Carmel Daveson AM (Whitsunday Isaac Mackay); Dr Wallace Taylor OAM (Central Qld.); Marjorie Voss OAM (Sunshine Coast) and Prof. Paul McNally OAM (Darling Downs).

## At the Annual Dinner – Three selected tables of happy guests

**Table 1** – L-R – Gary Kleidon; Linda Sivyer OAM; John Hocknull OAM; Morag Hocknull; Darryl Seccombe OAM; Oriana Seccombe; Barry McGown Scott; and Robyn Scott.



**Table 12** – L-R – Sandra Goodworth; Kevan Goodworth OAM; Desley Jackson; David Jackson OAM; John Hardy OAM; Tony Stevenson OAM; Alan Dorber OAM and Janice Dorber.



**Table 12** – L-R – John Arvier OAM; Denise Schellbach OAM; Kathy Wooldridge OAM; Peter Wooldridge; Paula Penfold AM; Kate Copeland OAM; Elaine Unkles OAM and Louise Arvier.







**Our guest speaker – Mark Knowles OAM**

### Mark Knowles OAM at the Annual Dinner

At this year's Annual Dinner we were thrilled to hear *Mark Knowles OAM*, Olympic Gold Medallist, four-time Olympian and quadruple Commonwealth Games gold medallist and captain of the Australian Kookaburra's hockey team deliver a stirring after dinner address on his chosen topic of *"My Journey - then, now and onto 2032"*.

Mark "stole the show" with his bright and breezy style speaking without a lectern and sprinkling his talk with some wonderful nostalgic PowerPoints highlighting his stellar career. His talk was one of never losing sight of a dream, triumphing over adversity and cherishing the "golden" moments. He spoke with pride at receiving the rare honour of being flag bearer for the Australian team at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018.

He concluded his talk by highlighting the opportunities aplenty for today's promising young sporting boys and girls to aim high to become part of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic dream. The audience was captivated by Mark's talk – he had them in the palm of his hand throughout and you could almost hear a pin drop.



Two hockey stalwarts together – *Ronda Nix OAM*, OAAQ Treasurer (right) presents a gift and certificate of appreciation to guest speaker *Mark Knowles OAM*



*Dr Gary Bacon AM*, Queensland Branch Chairman (right) makes Special Presentations to the *Late Emeritus Professor Mary Mahoney AO* (pictured on overhead), accepted by her husband *Patrick Mahoney* (left) and to *Professor Paul McNally OAM* (centre), former Convener, Darling Downs Regional Group.



*Pastor Linda Sivyer OAM* says Grace before the Meal.





**Photo left** - Showcasing the three senior volunteers receiving the 2021 Senior Volunteer Awards (SVAs) at the 2022 Annual Dinner. From L-R – *Dr Gary Bacon AM* (Chairman, The Order of Australia Association, Queensland Branch); *Donna Hedges*, Gaythorne, Brisbane (SVA Awardee); *Kevin Stroud*, Currimundi (SVA Awardee); *Gail Bonser*, Coolangatta (SVA Awardee); and Michael Rayner AM from Blight Rayner, Architects (Award sponsor).

## Dinner Programme

**Master of Ceremonies**  
*Dr Mick Davis AM ASM*

**National Anthem**

**Loyal Toast**  
*Mr Darryl Seccombe OAM*

**Grace**  
*Pastor Linda Sivyier OAM*

**Main Course**

**Toast to the Order of Australia**  
*Mr Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ*

**Chairman's address**  
*Dr Gary Bacon AM*

**Presentation of the 2019 Senior Volunteer Awards**  
*Mr Michael Rayner AM, Blight Rayner, Architects, Awards Sponsor*

**Dessert**

**Talk by Occasional guest speaker**  
*Mr Mark Knowles OAM*

**Vote of Thanks to Speaker**  
*Mrs Ronda Nix OAM*

**Special Presentations \***  
*Dr Gary Bacon AM*

- Presentation posthumously to the Late Emeritus Professor Mary Mahoney AO – received by her husband Dr. Patrick Mahoney .
- Presentation of long service to Professor Paul McNally OAM for 32 years as Convener, Darling Downs Regional Group.

**Time of Fellowship**



**Queensland Branch Committee members attending the Annual Dinner**  
From L-R Geoff Cowles OAM; Ronda Nix OAM; Darryl Seccombe OAM; Dr Gary Bacon AM; Marjorie Voss OAM; Dr Mick Davis AM ASM; Kathy Wooldridge OAM; Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ; Paula Penfold AM and Ross Patching OAM.

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