

The Order of Australia Association, Queensland Branch  
in conjunction with the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland



**PICTORIAL  
HIGHLIGHTS**  
of  
**THE KING'S  
BIRTHDAY  
GALA BLACK TIE  
DINNER**



Tuesday 11 June 2024

The Grand Ballroom, Tattersall's Club, Brisbane

*In the presence of  
Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland  
and  
Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD*



The evening took on a  
**British Theme**



L-R – William Willcocks, Chairman, Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland ;  
Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD; Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of  
Queensland; and Ronda Nix OAM, Chairman, The Order of Australia Association, Queensland Branch.



Guest speaker Young composer &  
monarchist **Alexander Voltz**



**Entertainment** by the  
Chapel Hill Singers

## PROGRAMME

**Emcee** – Mrs Dina Browne AO

### Arrival of Official Party

#### National Anthems

*Advance Australia Fair*

*God Save the King*

#### Address

*Her Excellency the Honourable Dr  
Jeannette AC PSM,  
Governor of Queensland*

#### Grace

**= Main Course =**

#### Address

*Mrs Ronda Nix OAM, Chairman,  
The Order of Australia  
Association, Queensland Branch*

### Selection of British Songs

*The Chapel Hill Singers*

#### Recitation

*"I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"  
by William Wordsworth*

*Dr Mick Davis AM ASM*

#### Loyal Toast

*Mr William Willcocks, Chairman,  
Victoria League for  
Commonwealth Friendship in  
Queensland*

#### Guest Speaker

*Mr Alexander Voltz*

### Selection of British Songs

*The Chapel Hill Singers*

**= Dessert =**

#### Fellowship

Portion of the 126  
guests present



### THE MAIN TABLE



Clockwise from lower left – Mrs Janice Willcocks;  
Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD; Adj. Professor Keith Nix;  
Mr Barry Dineen (President, Victoria League Qld); Mr William Willcocks  
(Chairman, Victoria League Qld); Her Excellency the Honourable Dr  
Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Qld; Mrs Ronda Nix OAM,  
(Chairman, The Order of Australia Association, Qld Branch) and Mrs  
Dina Browne AO (the Evening's Emcee).



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### Photos

1. Our highly professional Emcee – *Dina Browne AO*.
2. *Ronda Nix OAM*, Chairman, The Order of Australia Association, Queensland Branch addresses the guests.
3. "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" – Recitation by *Dr Mick Davis AM ASM*.
4. *Marjorie Voss OAM* delivers Grace.
5. *Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM*, Governor of Queensland addresses the guests.
6. *William Willcocks*, Chairman of the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Queensland proposes the Loyal Toast to King Charles III.
7. The Chapel Hill Singers in "full flight".
8. *Alexander Voltz*, our Guest speaker delivers his inspirational Dinner speech.
9. *Dina Browne* (right) presenting *Alexander Voltz* (left) with a gift and a Certificate of Appreciation.
10. The Chapel Hill Singers receive their Certificates of Appreciation and the richly deserved accolades from the guests.





# THE GUESTS – TABLES 1 TO 8

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TABLE 2



Main TABLE 3



TABLE 4



TABLE 5



TABLE 6



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# THE GUESTS – TABLES 9 TO 15

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TABLE 11



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TABLE 13



TABLE 14



TABLE 15





## Introducing our Guest Speaker – Alexander Voltz



Alexander Voltz is an Australian composer who is also known for his passionate support for the monarchy. He is the founding Music Editor of *Quadrant*, and also writes for Sky News Australia and *The Spectator Australia*. In 2022, he directed The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert, Australia's largest musical tribute during the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II. His music has been commissioned, performed and supported across the country and abroad.

For his presentation at this King's Birthday Dinner, Alexander spoke passionately about the relationship between monarchy and music. He delivered a most memorable speech.



## Introducing the Chapel Hill Singers

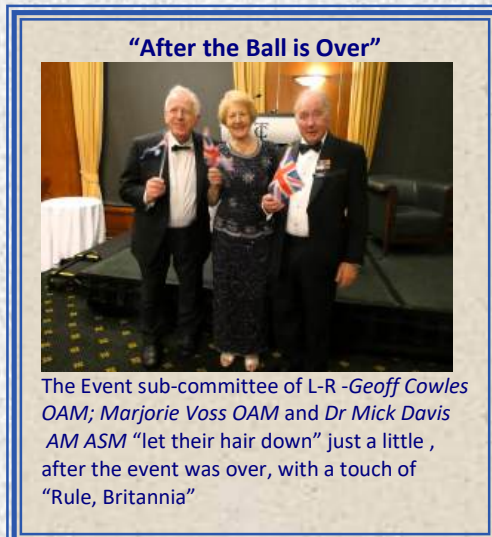
A group of close family friends in Chapel Hill, in the western suburbs of Brisbane with strong musical experience and love of music connected to form the Chapel Hill Singers.

In keeping with the British Theme of this King's Birthday Dinner, the Singers performed two brackets of mostly British songs with a couple of extra ones recognising the British Commonwealth. The performers were *Neil Flottmann*, Choral and orchestral conductor extraordinaire, his father in law *Collin Myers AM*, their family friend *Judy Xavier* and completing the quintet for this evening were *Sophie Richmond* and *Jacob Fowler* (on piano).

The guests were entertained with a great varied selection of songs - patriotic icons such as "*Rule, Britannia*" and "*Jerusalem*"; also "*Danny Boy*", *Loch Lomond*, and *Men of Harlech*; "*Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da*" and "*Money can't buy me love*" (The Beatles); wartime favourites "*The White Cliffs of Dover*" and "*We'll Meet Again*"; and providing a Commonwealth flavour – "*Island in the Sun*" and "*I am, You are We are Australian*". Their two performances were memorable and well received by all in attendance.



L-R – Judy Xavier; Collin Myers AM; Sophie Richmond; Neil Flottmann; and Jacob Fowler (piano)



The Event sub-committee of L-R -Geoff Cowles OAM; Marjorie Voss OAM and Dr Mick Davis AM ASM "let their hair down" just a little , after the event was over, with a touch of "Rule, Britannia"

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