



**THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION
QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

2024 Annual Dinner

Preceded by the 44th Annual General Meeting



Monday 18 March 2024

Blue Pacific Ballroom, Kedron Wavell Services Club

21 Kittyhawk Drive, 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.*

After Dinner guest speaker:

Barry Bull OAM

pictured at right]

Topic - "No Finish Line "

*Reflecting on his amazing music industry career including
over 30 years owning and managing the successful and
iconic music store Toombul Music, at the former Toombul
Shopping Town in Brisbane.*



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



At the AGM *Grant Cassidy OAM* [Central Qld.] (right) is presented with his regional group convener's badge from *Ronda Nix OAM*, Chairman)

The 2024 Queensland Branch Committee elected at the AGM

From L-R *Marjorie Voss OAM*; *Darryl Seccombe OAM*; *Paula Penfold AM*; *Kelvin Brown OAM*; *Robyn Porter OAM* (Secretary); *Dr Mick Davis AM ASM* (Deputy Chairman); *Ronda Nix OAM* (Chairman); *Dr Dennis Young AM* (Treasurer); *Irene Cayas OAM*; *Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ*; *Graham Hyde OAM* and *Geoff Cowles OAM*



Left- Key personnel running the AGM – from L-R – *Robyn Porter OAM* (Secretary); *Ronda Nix OAM* (Chairman) and *Dr Dennis Young AM* (Treasurer) – all re-elected for 2024.



Right- Portion of the OAAQ members in attendance at the AGM.



Regional presence at the AGM and the Annual Dinner – from L-R - *John Hardy OAM*, Far North Queensland Convener; *David Jackson OAM*, Townsville Convener; *Darryl Seccombe OAM* (Qld Branch Regional Groups' Coordinator); *Marjorie Voss OAM*, Immediate Past Convener, Sunshine Coast and *GrantCassidy OAM*, Convener, Central Queensland. [photo taken at Annual Dinner]

AT THE ANNUAL DINNER in the Blue Pacific Ballroom



Our Guest speaker - Barry Bull OAM from the Sunshine Coast, a former musician and national record company executive His topic - "No Finish Line."

For most of his life, Barry Bull has given his heart and soul to his greatest recreational love - music. From a young age he discovered the genetic codewords to success - energy and passion. A former musician and national record company executive, he is best known for his multi award-winning Brisbane business Toombul Music, which he kept in the spotlight of the Australian music industry for almost thirty years, winning over thirty Westfield retail awards and becoming one of the most loved music retail portals of its time.

Barry's desire to share his extraordinary life in music resulted in a foray into the wacky world of public speaking and the publishing of four business books. When cyclone internet devastated retail music, Barry devised and compiled 'Music for Cruizin' to share his special brand of music. This highly successful double CD series released through Sony Music sold thousands, earning him an ARIA gold album award in 2014.

In 2016, Barry returned to his musical roots to perform live musical presentations of his memoirs, culminating in the Gift of Sound fundraising concerts, supporting awareness for hearing impaired children.

An acknowledged community champion for Hear and Say, and an active member of the Mooloolaba Surf Club, Barry was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2019 Australia Day Honours for service to the performing arts, particularly through music. With a passion for early morning ocean swimming and playing his vintage Fender guitar, Barry's latest book Unbreakabull, honours his late wife Kayleen. An inspirational true story that offers a unique insight into the mind of an Australian music business icon and most poignant of all, hope and belief there is **No Finish Line**, as long as you have something left to give.



Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ (left) presents Annual Dinner guest speaker Barry Bull OAM (right) With a gift and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Dinner Programme

Master of Ceremonies
Mr Darryl Seccombe OAM

National Anthem

Loyal Toast
Mr Kelvin Brown OAM

Grace
Pastor Linda Sivyer OAM

Main Course

**Chairman's Address and Toast
to the Order of Australia**
Mrs Ronda L Nix OAM

**Presentation of Certificates of
Appreciation to retiring
Committee members**
*Mrs Kathy Wooldridge OAM
Dr Carol Cox AM*

**Presentation of the 2023
Senior Volunteer Awards**
*Mr Michael Rayner AM,
Blight Rayner, Architects,
Awards Sponsor*

Guest Speaker
Mr Barry Bull OAM

**Vote of Thanks to
Guest Speaker**
Mr Peter McMurtrie AO KStJ

Dessert

Time of Fellowship

AT THE ANNUAL DINNER in the Blue Pacific Ballroom – continued

In attendance at the Presentation of the 2023 awards are L-R - *Michael Rayner AM*, Blight Rayner Architects (award sponsor) – *William Henderson* (Awardee - Bridgman Downs, Brisbane); *Ian Cameron* (Awardee - Ferny Grove, Brisbane ; *Ronda Nix OAM* (OAAQ Chairman) and *Jeffrey McColl* (Bundaberg)



Top Left - Table 9 at the Annual Dinner enjoying the moment– from L-R – *Dr Glenda Powell AM*; *Elaine Unkles OAM*; *Judeen Airey*; *Ian Airey OAM*; *Dr John Cox OAM*; *Dr Carol Cox AM*; *Gwynneth Petrie AM* and *Dr Andrew Petrie*.



Bottom Left - Table 5 at the Annual Dinner enjoying the moment– from L-R – *Gary Golding OAM*; *Frances Golding*; *Gail Christie*; *Laurence Christie OAM*; *Kelvin Brown OAM*; *Christine Brown*; *Charyl Cowles*; and *Geoff Cowles OAM*



Ronda Nix OAM, Chairman (centre) presents *Kathy Wooldridge OAM* (left) and *Dr Carol Cox AM* (right) both retiring members of the Qld. Branch Committee with Certificates of Appreciation



This highlights package has been produced by Geoff Cowles OAM Awards and Metro Events Coordinator – March 2024