



**THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER  
OF AUSTRALIA**  
Order of the Eastern Star

*Nineteenth Biennial Session*

**5 - 9 JUNE 2024**  
**CAIRNS COLONIAL CLUB RESORT**  
**18-26 CANNON STREET**  
**MANUNDA CAIRNS QUEENSLAND**



# From the Worthy Grand Secretary

1 November 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers

The United Grand Chapter of Australia is looking forward to gathering in Cairns to celebrate the 2024 Session with Members of our beautiful Order where we may enjoy the friendships we hold so dear both here in Australia and Overseas.

As I sit down at my desk and commence preparing the brochure for The United Grand Chapter of Australia 2024 Session I am so very thankful that safer travelling options exist, albeit many Australian and Overseas locations may have spasmodic COVID-19 travel restrictions in place.

The City of Cairns is located on the tropical northeast coast of Far North Queensland and affords access to coastal and hinterland activity. June, being the first month of winter, has the attractive average daytime temperature of 25.9c with an average minimum around 17.5c.

The venue for the Session is the Cairns Colonial Club Resort Conference Centre located within the hotel complex. The Resort is 4 kms from Cairns Central Shopping Centre, 5.3 kms from the Cairns Airport and is 4 kms from Cairns Railway Station all of which would take approximately a 10-minute taxi trip. There is free self-parking available at the Resort. All other accommodation listed in this Brochure is but a short taxi trip from Cairns Airport or Railway Station.

Following, you will find information in relation to the 2024 Session and a Registration Form is also enclosed. PLEASE READ THE BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORM CAREFULLY.

**REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:** All Members of the Order are entitled to attend the Formal Opening on Thursday, 6 June 2024 and the Open Installation on Saturday, 8 June 2024. Names of your Visitors to the Open Installation are required to enable seating to be allocated. All Australian members of the Order who register are entitled to attend the Business Session on Friday, 7 June 2024. The Registration Fee is \$50.00 for Members and \$15.00 for Non-Members. The Registration Fee is non-refundable.

**SOCIAL FUNCTIONS** are listed in this Brochure and shown on the Registration Form. Fees paid in advance to secure bookings are refundable up to 30 April 2024 when final numbers must be submitted to the Caterers.

Additional Brochures and Registration Forms are available on the Website [www.oesaustralia.org.au](http://www.oesaustralia.org.au); from our Worthy Grand Sessions Co-ordinator or Worthy Grand Secretary, upon request, or you may photocopy Registration Forms if so desired. **ONE MEMBER - ONE FORM, PLEASE.**

I trust you will support and enjoy the 2024 Session and I look forward to meeting you at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort Conference Centre.

**PLEASE NOTE: Any Registration Form postmarked after 6 April 2024 will be returned to sender. Late Registrations are not able to be accepted.**

Beth Littler  
Worthy Grand Secretary

## Registration

**IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL ATTENDING THE SESSION - PRE-REGISTRATION BY 6 APRIL 2024 IS NECESSARY FOR ALL EVENTS.**

The Registration Desk will be located in the Session Office at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort Conference Centre.

Tuesday 4 June 2024	1.00pm to 4.00pm	Wednesday 5 June 2024	8.30am to 11.00am
Thursday 6 June 2024	8.30am to 1.00pm	Friday 7 June 2024	8.30am to 9.00am
Saturday 8 June 2024	12 noon to 1.00pm		

REGISTRATION FORM with appropriate CHEQUE (in Australian Dollars) made payable to "THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA, OES" must be sent to:-

MRS EVELYN HOOD, 15 Moray Grove, VERMONT SOUTH, VIC 3133, AUSTRALIA  
Telephone: (03) 9803 8727 - From Overseas +61 3 9803 8727  
Email: [countyevelyn@bigpond.com](mailto:countyevelyn@bigpond.com)

OR

Direct Debit Payments made to  
Bank - Westpac Account Name - UGCA Sessions Account  
Swift Code - WPACAU2S BSB - 032-829 Account Number - 249613  
Reference - UGCA Roll Number OR Surname

Please email [countyevelyn@bigpond.com](mailto:countyevelyn@bigpond.com) AND [wgtreasurer@oesaustralia.org.au](mailto:wgtreasurer@oesaustralia.org.au) with receipt of proof of payment and also reference to location of Bank where payment made.

This must be paid before registration is processed.

For information re Local Arrangements for Masonic Lodges please contact:

MR RAJA CHOCHAN, 6 Merrybrook Street, Freshwater, QLD. 4870 Australia.  
Telephone: +61 7 4055 1615

**NOTE: OVERSEAS VISITORS MUST ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE PRIOR TO TRAVELLING TO AUSTRALIA. THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY ATTENDEES.**

**COVID 19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS HAVE NOW EASED HOWEVER IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL REGISTERING FOR THE SESSION BE FULLY VACCINATED AND BE ABLE TO SHOW PROOF OF SAME IF REQUIRED. STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE ADHERED TO**

**PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING THE SESSION MAY BE SHARED ON MULTI-MEDIA.**

# Programme

CAIRNS COLONIAL CLUB RESORT, 18 - 26 CANNON STREET, MANUNDA  
CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND

## Wednesday 5 June 2024

11.00am for 11.30am

Grand Representatives' Luncheon hosted by the Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent and President of the Present and Past Grand Representatives' Association in Australia. Open to all Present and Past Australian and Overseas Grand Representatives, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons, Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons, Worthy Grand Office-bearers, invited Guests and Partners.

To be held in Homestead Restaurant.

Cost \$60

2.30pm

Grand Representatives' Meeting. Open to Members of the Present and Past Grand Representatives' Association of Australia and invited Guests only. To be held in the Homestead Restaurant.

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## Thursday 6 June 2024

1.30pm to 6.00pm

Formal Opening, Grand Representatives' Service, Recognition of Star Points' Service, and some UGCA Business to be held in the Lockhart Room.

**(Note: Members, please bring Session documentation for UGCA Business.)**

All members of the Order **who have registered** are invited to attend this Session.

**NB** Doors will **NOT** be opened before 12.30pm.

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Formal Dinner. Co-hosted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory, the State of the Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Robyn Reily, and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, the State of the Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jonathan Nantes.

To be held in the Homestead Restaurant.

Cost \$60

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## Friday 7 June 2024

9.30am to 6.00pm

Continuation of Business Session, Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation, Service to Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Boxed stand up Lunch held in the Lockhart Room.

Cost \$28

Kuranda Classic Tour

8.30am to 5.30pm

For Overseas Members and Non-Members a day tour has been organised.

Commencing from the Cairns Colonial Club Resort the tour includes riding on Kuranda Scenic train, visiting the Koala Wildlife Park, the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, demonstration by the Pamagirri Aboriginal Dancers, ride in the WWII Army Duck and returning in a Sky rail car. BBQ lunch provided in Treehouse Café. Returning to Cairns Colonial Club Resort

Cost \$310

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## Saturday 8 June 2024

1.30pm

Flag Ceremony, Presentation of Charity Donation, Charity Report and Open Installation. To be held in the Lockhart Room

**NB** Doors will **NOT** be opened before 12.30pm.

6.30pm for 7.00pm

Installation Banquet.

To be held in the Homestead Restaurant.

Cost \$60

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## Sunday 9 June 2024

10.00am

Thanksgiving Service to be held in the Lockhart Room followed by Morning Tea.



# Committee Meetings and Rehearsals

All COMMITTEE MEETINGS and REHEARSALS are being held in the LOCKHART ROOM

## MONDAY 3 JUNE 2024

9.30am to 1.00pm	Supplies / Finance Committee. Lunch served in Thirsty Flamingo Bar & Dining area	Cost \$30
2.00pm to 5.30pm	Finance Committee.	
7.00pm	Rehearsal for 2022-2024 Worthy Grand Office-bearers.	

## TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024

9.00am to 5.30pm	United Grand Committee. Lunch served in Thirsty Flamingo Bar & Dining area	Cost \$30
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## WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024

9.00am	Bye-Laws Committee (if required).	
10.00am	Petitions Committee (if required).	
7.00pm	Rehearsal for Worthy Grand Office-bearers 2024-2026, Incoming Worthy District Grand Matron and Worthy District Grand Patron of Tasmania District Grand Committee, Installing Board and Star Points 2022-2024.	

## THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2024

8.45am	Rehearsal for Worthy Grand Office-bearers 2022-2024 and members assisting in Recognition of Star Points Service.	
9.45am	Rehearsal for Flag Service.	
11.00am	Rehearsal for Australian and Overseas Grand Representatives.	

## SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024

12.30pm	United Grand Committee.	
To be followed by:	Finance Committee.	

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## Suggestions for Accommodation

### CAIRNS COLONIAL CLUB RESORT

18-26 Cannon Street, Manunda, Cairns, QLD. 4870

Telephone: 07 4053 8800  
From overseas +61 7 4053 8800  
[www.cairnscolonialclub.com.au](http://www.cairnscolonialclub.com.au)

### THE LAKES RESORT

2-10 Greenslopes Street, Cairns North QLD 4870

Telephone: 07 4053 9400  
From overseas +61 7 4053 9400  
[www.reception@thelakescairns.com.au](mailto:www.reception@thelakescairns.com.au)

### REEF PALMS

41-47 Digger Street, Cairns QLD 4870

Telephone: 07 4051 2599  
From overseas +61 7 4051 2599  
[www.info@reefpalms.com.au](http://www.info@reefpalms.com.au)

### DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON CAIRNS

121-123 Esplanade, Cairns City QLD 4870

Telephone: 07 4050 6070  
From overseas +61 7 4050 6070  
[www.hilton.com/cairns/doubletree](http://www.hilton.com/cairns/doubletree)

### CRYSTAL CASCADES HOLIDAY PARK

The Rocks Road, Redlynch, QLD 4870

Telephone: 07 4039 1036  
From Overseas: +61 7 4039 1036  
[www.crystalcascades.com.au](http://www.crystalcascades.com.au)

**TO OBTAIN CONFERENCE RATES AT CAIRNS COLONIAL CLUB RESORT PLEASE TELEPHONE OR EMAIL THE BOOKING OFFICE AND ADVISE THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ATTENDING THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE IN JUNE 2024.**