

ACM Toowoomba Branch

Message from John Standley, Secretary, 11 April 2023

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

Saturday 6 May will come more quickly than we expect. I trust that you will be able to gather with friends and neighbours to share in the excitement of this historic occasion wherever you happen to live. I expect the Coronation Service will commence close to 11.00 am in London, which is, conveniently, 8.00 pm in Queensland. Cross check the official timing later this month.

There are two special events to mention.

1. At the Royal Hotel in Toowoomba at midday on Sunday 7 May

The Branch has booked the covered area at the Royal Hotel for up to 40 guests where we will be enjoying lunch to celebrate the Coronation. If you can join us I do need your bookings in advance, so please reply to john.standley@bigpond.com if you are interested. Our President, Dr David van Gend, suggested that it would be appropriate to wear crowns etc. (and I suggest tiaras too!).

The Royal Hotel on the western side of Ruthven Street is located between Bridge and Jellicoe Streets. Park in Newington Street on the southern side of the Hotel, either in the car park or on the open area.

2. At St John's Cathedral, Brisbane, seated by 4.45 pm on Sunday 7 May

I have attached the details of the Coronation Thanksgiving Service from the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship. Bookings are not required and I do hope this once in a lifetime event will be well supported.

You may have seen the 'Hello special collectors' edition entitled "From Prince to Monarch – King Charles III", an excellent souvenir to share with others. It includes a complete guide to his Coronation. We need more of this positive news these days.

Let us celebrate also our system of constitutional monarchy which continues to serve the Commonwealth of Australia so effectively.