PROGRAM & PROTOCOL

For the 33rd Republican of the Year Banquet at the Nota Chef's Feast on 22nd July 2023

7pm: Official Start to proceedings with MC, **Paul Tully,** at the Top Table welcoming The Throng and then inviting ALL to be **UP**standing while He (Paul) proposes a Toast to**:**

"The *EVENTUAL* REPUBLIC – May it Happen *Sooner* rather than Later!"

7.O2pm: Announcement of Apologies…those of Craig Foster; David Muir; Peter Johnstone; Lindsay Marshall; Trevour Hains-Wesson; Jonno Nichol; Rick & Lou Allogia; Colin Stephens; Jean Lin; Scott Peterson; Ted O'Brien & Janine Keating.

7.06pm: RPA National Executive Director, **PETER CONSANDINE** gives a brief overview to The Throng of what has happened to date – over the previous 41½ years – and what is anticipated today, in the continuing scheme of things AND where The Enterprise goes from here.

7.10pm: MC informs The Throng what the 'Question forms' are for and when to pass them back to him.

[approximately] 8.30pm – or following the serving of the 3rd Course (of 5): MC gives the essential reasons why The Guest of Honour is the deserved Winner of The RPA Gong for Oz Republican of the Year, 2023 …*Refer to Media Release which can be found on Page5 of RPA Wattle Day Newsletter #18 of June, 2023. And to follow: MC reads out The Guest of Honour's brilliant Credentials…* Refer to the Top Section of the Official Invitation to The RPA Banquet.

GUEST of HONOUR: Doctor BENJAMIN T. JONES

QUESTIONS of The Guest of Honour (one per Attendee) fielded by the MC.

VOTE of THANKS to the Guest of Honour by GLENN DAVIES of the Queensland Chapter of The Australian Republic Movement

Ca 9.30pm for 10pm: MC wraps UP proceedings by inviting The Attendees to feel free to take **PETER CONSANDINE**'s business card with them as they depart the room.