

## State Library of Queensland foundation dinner



The tough economic times did not deter many of Queensland's top business executives from turning out for the State Library of Queensland Foundation's third annual fundraising dinner on 24 May.

Two hundred and fifty guests including the Chairman and Directors of some of Queensland's biggest corporations and other prominent business and professional people gathered at Brisbane's Hilton International in support of the State Library of Queensland.

The official party included the Governor of Queensland and patron of the Foundation Sir Walter Campbell, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Terry Mackenroth MLA representing the Premier, the Speaker of State Parliament Jim Fouras MLA and Alderman David Hinchliffe representing the Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

Promoted as 'A Night to Remember' the theme of the evening was based on the 30s and 40s era. To achieve the

appropriate atmosphere and decor, producers made extensive use of the State Library of Queensland's collections, particularly the historical material from the John Oxley Library.

The 250 guests who filled the main hotel ballroom, paid \$125 a ticket for the privilege of attending what is fast becoming one of the prestige social nights of the year in Brisbane.

They later showed their generosity and support for the Library Foundation by participating in the spirited bidding at the fundraising auction. Although fundraising was not always the key objective of the annual dinner, it had proved highly successful. A total of over \$200 000 had been raised as a direct result of the three dinners held so far.

State Librarian, Des Stephens, said many of the companies who had sponsored tables at the dinner had had no previous link with the Library. He said the dinner provided the perfect opportunity to

*Left to right: Barbara Cross (wife of Chairman), Manfred Cross (Chairman, Library Board of Qld), Terry Mackenroth, MLA (Qld Minister for Police and Emergency Services), Mary Mackenroth (wife of Minister)*

promote the Library and its many diversified services to the corporate sector and the community at large.

The Chairman of the Library Board of Queensland, Manfred Cross, paid special tribute to the Bank of Queensland which not only very generously sponsored the entire evening but also successfully bid for three of the seven items offered at auction. Even before the evening was over, the Bank's Chairman of Directors had approached the Foundation seeking the rights to sponsor next year's dinner.

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