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The Queenslander

ESA International Queensland State Council & Branches, Inc.

*Share
the
Gift*



*Shape
the
Future*



ESA Australia Chaplain/Jonquil



**Olive
Thompson**



CHAPLAIN/JONQUIL

Hello Everyone! I hope you are able to defrost yourself. I've been really cold. 8deg on quite a few nights! Coldest I've ever been in Townsville. I am spending two weeks in Clontarf from June 29 to look after my sister Nell.

Sad news from Alpha Epsilon is that Anne Hiscox passed away on June 26. She has been very ill for some weeks. Anne has been in a lot of pain for the last week or two, so I guess it was a mercy for her - now no more pain for a wonderful 91 year old.

May she Rest in Peace.

I have just heard that our State President Jenny's husband Matt is very ill in hospital after an accident. I don't know the details but please keep them both in your prayers.

*May the Lord walk beside you all,
bringing His Healing, Comfort,
Strength & Peace. Amen*

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Bonnie Spratt	17th	Alpha Rho
Ann Gauld	25th	Beta Epsilon
Frances Mckenzie	29th	Beta Omicron
Pat Wyllie	30th	Alpha Epsilon

*We wish you a Wonderful Birthday with Family and Friends. To all ESA members wherever you are, **May the Sun shine upon you and give you Peace.** Love in ESA.*

Olive

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Cover Story: The 2019-2020 Queenslander cover illustrates State President Jenny Hendriks' theme with the ESA symbol central. The Gift is in ESA colours, while the Future is both a footprint and a question mark signifying the unknown of what lies ahead, while encouraging ESA members to put their best foot forward as they shape the future. The star border links with the design on the footprint and with Jenny's theme from 1999 – 2000.

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Thought for July



IC President



**Kim
Kummer**

**"ESA ~ A Gift"
Share the Gift.**



My Dear Queensland ESA Friends,

This has truly been the shortest year of my life. It seems like yesterday that we packed up the vehicle and headed back to Kansas in the dry 117 degree heat of Phoenix Arizona to begin the year ahead as the ESA IC President. I am proud of my legacy as the first collegiate member to serve as the IC President; as we celebrate 90 years of ESA! Could the year be any more exciting? Easterseals celebrates 100 years of providing resources for individuals with disabilities and so much more. And the dedicated members of Arkansas are hosting Convention in Memphis, TN near our beloved St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Yes, ESA is A Gift!

I had the great privilege of representing ESA at the St. Jude Recognition Awards Dinner in early June where Royce Walker was honoured as ESA St. Jude Volunteer of the Year. The evening was incredible! I know I am not the first to attend and I won't be the last but the opportunity to share in an evening recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses all working to help Danny's dream that no child should die in the dawn of life is something I will always cherish. Recognitions included parents of a patient who continue to sponsor an event years after their daughter lost her fight; the former patient and spouse who donated to the hospital after the birth of their first child; or the St. Jude Patient, in remission, promoting St. Jude in all he does. Recognized for volunteering over 40 years, driving many miles, donating countless hours to help with Radio-thons, Galas, walks, the list goes on, Royce received the award, but she represented all ESA members and their dedication to St. Jude. Yes, ESA is a Gift.

I have enjoyed sharing a few words with you this year as well as reading and learning about your

chapters and programs. I have tried to share a little of myself in each article because let's be honest, ESA is about the people, and I wanted you to know me. I hope I have touched your heart, encouraged you to share your gifts, and entertained a little along the way.

I am in final preparations for our IC Convention July 17-20 in Memphis, Tennessee. We will miss your presence at Convention this year but look forward to your next visit. Terri Olson will be installed as IC President in mid-July and she will have the honour and privilege to visit your Convention in 2020.

Thank you for your work and dedication for ESA - continue to share your gifts.

Good works. Good times. Good Friends.

XOXO – *Kim*

Kim Kummer
ESA IC President

State President



**Jenny
Hendriks**

Hello to everyone throughout our State. It seems so long ago that we were all in Bundaberg for our wonderful State Convention hosted so efficiently by Beta Epsilon. Thanks to everyone in the Branch who put so much effort into making the Convention such a successful, happy, enjoyable weekend for everyone. Everything was just perfect, which doesn't just happen by chance – it takes good planning, organisation and skill to run such a great Convention. Before we know it, we will be in Redcliffe for next year's State Convention when we will have "Fun Aplenty in 2020".

Since Convention, I was honoured to perform the installation ceremonies for Alpha Pi, Beta Omicron and South East Queensland District Council. This was my first official duty of the year as State President, which was very special. Congratulations to all the newly installed presidents, executives and appointed officers in all the Branches throughout the State. I hope

you all have a successful, interesting and fun year ahead in your branches.

Thanks to the Branches who have been emailing me their minutes. It is always interesting to read what everyone is doing in their local Branches. Let's hope we can all work on getting some more members this year. Maybe some of you might like to give your members the branch survey which I gave you at the Membership Workshop at Convention, to gauge what your branch is doing well and what you can aim to improve on.

Many of you have heard by now that my husband, Matt, had a simple fall at home two weeks ago and is now in a critical condition in intensive care with severe spinal injuries. He will be in hospital for at least twelve months with no eventual outcome known at this stage. So my life is currently consumed with being at the hospital for long days, to support him and for the various medical personnel to keep me informed on his condition which changes on a daily basis. Please understand if I don't reply to your emails and phone calls immediately as I'm not home until late at night. Thanks for all the messages of love and support I have received from many members, which has been greatly appreciated. Let's hope that by next month's newsletter, I will have some good news to report on his progress.

I hope you all stay well, avoid this nasty flu season, and have a great month in ESA.

Best wishes and regards,

Jenny

Introducing new IC President Terri Olson



On July 20, 2019, I'll be installed as your International Council President; it seems surreal to me! I've always felt that if there was an issue that I felt deeply concerned about, I should help be part of the conduit to fixing it versus being the complainer about the issue. And thus, started my journey at running for an elected office at the International Council level. I lost my election but became the IC News Editor and loved the position, which made me quickly forget what issue had made me concerned. That was several years ago and during that time I've learned so

much and made so many wonderful friends all over the United States.

The one thing I've learned about ESA is that wherever you may travel, all the ESA members have one thing in common and that is their love of providing service to others. We've all heard for quite a few years now that our membership is waning and each year there's a "new" vision for raising membership. I truly believe that we have an untapped community that surrounds us who is like-minded in the value and responsibility of providing service to others. We may not look the same, but our hearts are the same; my logo for the 2019-2020 year grew out of that belief.

VISION for the LOGO: To me, the colours within the heart represent diversity. That thought is important to me when thinking about membership... ethnicity, gender, religious beliefs, ages, etc. I also like the "geometry" of the heart in that nothing is equal, i.e., each shape is a bit different in structure.



I want the logo to represent that even though we may be diverse in colour, gender, religious beliefs, etc., we have one thing in common and that is, we're "all heart" when it comes to the values of ESA; i.e., education, service, and association.

I have been corresponding with Jenny Hendriks a bit and am so excited to be the next ESA International Council President that is provided the opportunity to come and visit Australia! I'll be making my flight plans within the next few days and am so looking forward to meeting all of you!

Until next month – have a wonderful July!!

Terri

(IC President elect)

ESA Foundation Overseas Director's Report



**Marianne
Steentsma**

The way we speak and the way we listen is vital for everyone to enjoy living in this world. Understanding the other person and the ability to allow them to speak and have their say is such a vital aspect of everyday living.

Hello all Members and friends of the ESA Foundation,

How are you all? It is unbelievable that two months have passed (since Convention) and when you read this article, the International Convention in Memphis may well be in full swing.

The Scholarship application season and announcements have gone to those who are being awarded ESA Foundation scholarships. The list of scholarship winners can be found on the ESAF website.

The Emily Thomas Scholarship is of great concern to me as there are either very low or even no applications put forward. New applications will be opened very soon and I am asking you to advertise this in all the High Schools in your area. Do you know that adults can apply for the scholarship also?

Till next time,

Love in ESA,

Marianne

Branch Education



**Margaret Kortbaek
State Education
Officer**

Branch: Alpha Epsilon

Education Officer: Patricia Wylie

Topic: Colour Study - Part 1

What do you see in the dark? In the light we see the lightest colours first. Rainbows are a band of reflected light in a curve. Each colour has a different effect on us.

Members gave their colour preference then grouped to the seasons.

Our mood is governed by colour – bright, sunny day versus a dull, overcast one. Nature creates a background of colour in our gardens and outdoors.

Colour features strongly in healing.

Nine members attended this interesting and informative education programme.

Pattie

Education Officer



Branch: Alpha Pi

Education Officer: Rosaline Brennan

Topic: Visit to historic Howard Smith Wharves in Brisbane

On Sunday 23rd June, five Alpha Pi members



Liz, Lyn, Lois, Frances, Ros, and Steve visited Howard Smith Wharves and lunched at Mr. Percival's Restaurant under the Story Bridge.

Ros gives members the following summary:

- The construction of the wharves in the 1930's was the initiative of the Qld Government to provide work during the depression.
- Originally named Brisbane Central Wharves, they were leased by Howard Smith & Co Ltd.
- Abandoned in the 1960's when the port moved downstream.



- The Heritage listed buildings and 3.4 hectares of wharf are being restored to a space to celebrate the best of Brisbane to eat, drink, play and stay.



The buildings are a rare surviving example of early infrastructure in the city.



Ros, Frances, Lyn, Liz & Lois learn and enjoy.

ROS

Education Officer

Branch: Beta Epsilon

Education Officer: Margaret Flanders

Topic: Breast Cancer Nurse Project

The June Education Meeting for 10 Beta Epsilon members and 4 guests took place at Central Queensland University (CQU) Bundaberg Campus. Guest speaker, Dr Pammie Ellem, is a Nurse Educator at CQU and a member of staff at Bundaberg Campus.

Also present was Penny Kilner representing the Breast and Prostate Cancer Association of Queensland Inc. who received the cheque from a successful submission to ESA State Council, which was approved and announced at Convention in May. The submission was to cover the cost of enrolling a suitably chosen nurse in a term of professional study at La Trobe University in the latter half of this year. Penny gave a brief rundown on the work of the Association in the Wide Bay/Fraser Coast Region. She also announced that the Bursary had been awarded to Joanne Chambers, a nurse currently working in private practice who was seeking to better her

qualifications in supportive care and palliative care for cancer patients.



President Jane presents the cheque to Penny.

Penny expressed thanks on behalf of the Association for the generous donation made by ESA. The

Association is managed by dedicated volunteers who are proactive in improving support and services for those living with breast or prostate cancer in rural and regional Queensland. They now have eleven sub-committees throughout Queensland. Their services include the provision of funding for essential services such as:-

- Emergency patient financial assistance grants (provided over \$50,000 this 2018-19 year).
- Funding of specialist nurses
- Scholarships and further education grants for nurses and allied health professionals.
- Conducting annual rural community seminars and
- Investment in research.

Dr Pammie Ellem's talk focused on her experience in being funded by the Breast and Prostate Cancer Assn. to complete her PhD through CQU. She conveyed to those present the real and important need for rural and regional nurses involved in the care of cancer patients to establish a rapport and trust not only with each other but also with other health professionals as they support cancer patients and their families through the arduous journey of treatment and care.

Initially as part of her research she met with a group of clinicians on a Saturday once a month where they all travelled to a nominated regional centre to meet. Towards the end of the research process they were meeting through the Tele-Health network and when Pammie's research process was complete she was happy to report that these nurses in addition to others who later joined, still meet to support and advocate for each other in their professional practice.

Pammie's PhD was entitled "Participatory Action Research: methodological considerations in

bringing clinicians together to improve peer support and stimulate empowerment."

A lovely evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was especially meaningful as those present could see that not only would the donation from State ESA help a nurse in the Wide Bay region to raise her qualifications, but also, from Pammie's talk they could see how funds through this association could be used to give real and meaningful help to assist researchers to find ways for clinicians in rural and isolated areas to better improve and sustain themselves and their practice through better connections.

At the conclusion of the talk Pammie posed wearing her Doctorate cap and then joined members and guests for a meal.



Margaret

(Education Officer)



BRANCH: Beta Omicron

EDUCATION OFFICER: Alba Mason

THEME: Let Gratitude for the Past inspire us with Trust for the Future

TOPIC: Home – a Suburban Obsession

The State Library holds a collection of photographs taken of homes in the Brisbane area in 1960's and 1970's. The pictures were taken as Frank Corley slowly drove his 'pink cadillac' around the streets, then selling the photos door to door for 'personalised calendars or greeting cards'.

Part of the exhibition told how the volunteers had to restore thousands of photos, many stuck together and needing to be carefully separated.

One story was of Johan and Blandine from Germany, who migrated in 1863, settled in Fairfield and after five generations of the family living on the same land, today the 18 year old great-grand-daughter is living in her home there.

Five members enjoyed reminiscing about the old homes and Frances could remember some from her childhood. Old photographs are so interesting to look at, to see how the style of the homes, our fashions, our cars, and how kids played have all changed.

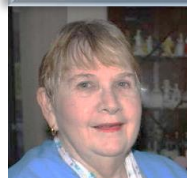
Alba listens to the Stories of Home



Alba

(Education Officer)

Branch Reports



**Alpha Epsilon -
Pat Burns**

As our branch delegate at Convention, Robyn Creighton brought to the meeting a summary of the Convention activities, and by all accounts it was a very successful and enjoyable Convention. The branch received a Gold Link award for education reports. Pat Mengel received her 40 year service pin and Pat Burns received her 55 year service pin.

Some of our members attended a CWA event and also enjoyed our Whitsunday District Council meeting on the 18th May. It was held at Rae's Motel, and it was lovely to welcome our Alpha Rho ESA sisters from Mackay. We held the AGM and also the Installation Ceremony. Grace Hurst is now our WDC President for 2019 – 2020.

Members spent an afternoon at the Proserpine Nursing Home, where we met with Ann and Pattie. Ann presented the branch with Books of

Memories from the times she has been Branch President. These will now be stored in the Archives Room.

Pictured below (from L) Pat B, Sandy, Kay, Pat M & Ann.



No educational programme was held on our usual Social/Education meeting date, as our speaker for the day was unavailable. However members organised our linen hamper raffle then enjoyed a cuppa and a chat.

Our business meeting was held on 12th June and we were thrilled to welcome a new member, Sheree Ward. We are so happy to have Sheree joining us.

We have had invitations to the Rotary Club and Lions and Lionesses handover dinners. Also some of our members will be attending the QCWA AGM which will be accompanied by afternoon tea.

Our Social/Educational meeting was very sad, as our lovely member, Ann Hiscox passed away that morning, 26th June.

Ann has been a keen ESA member for 35 years. She had recently moved to the Proserpine Nursing Home, but had been experiencing ill health since then. We said a prayer for Ann and shared a few anecdotes and memories we have of her.

Ann's funeral was held on 4th July. The service was lovely and a beautiful eulogy was presented by Ann's daughter-in-law, Kay. This emphasised the lovely relationship that Ann had with Kay. Seven ESA Alpha Rho members, including Kel, attended as well as 11 Alpha Epsilon members, including Col. We all formed a guard of honour for Ann and saw her off on her final journey. RIP Ann. You will be so sadly missed.

The funeral was followed by a wake at the Grand Central Hotel in Proserpine.

It was at the wake that we heard the news of Jenny's husband, Matt. So sorry to hear this news. Jenny and Matt, our love and prayers are with you both and we wish Matt a very speedy recovery. Get well soon, Matt.

At our social / educational meeting our speaker was Pattie Wyllie. Pattie spoke on Colour – how colour is needed for warmth, and used to attract emotion and affect mood. The program was very interesting and informative.

That's all for now.

Pat

(Publicity Officer)



**Alpha Pi –
Carmel Mulcahy**

Greetings everyone,

Alpha Pi has had an extraordinary period during our recess. There have been the handovers, at Branch level for us and Beta Omicron along with the SEQDC, beautifully presented by our Jenny in her first duty as State President.

We brainstormed for events for the coming year and have set in place a wide range of educational and social events, along with our philanthropic activities.

We had a Bunnings BBQ mid-week, which was well supported, and on account of member absences and cold nights, we deferred our July meeting until July 14 in the afternoon at Mon Komo which will be our venue for State Convention 2020.

People have been travelling all over. Colleen was away for an extended break in the south, while Liz, Janice, and Lois have been off in Europe and a wonderful time was had by all.

However, in the past two weeks we have been deeply saddened by the accident which has brought untold distress to Jenny and Matt and their family. They face a long and difficult road ahead and will need enormous courage. At times

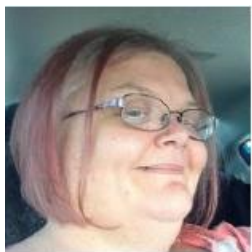
like this we all feel so helpless, but at the very least we can communicate our support.

We look forward to better news next month.

Cheers,

Carmel

(Publicity Officer)



Alpha Rho -
Annette
Wisniewski

Hi Everyone,
Well here we are again, and isn't the year going fast. We have started into the big fundraising events now, local shows, festivals and the like. We had our Mother's Day gift wrapping in May.



It doesn't bring in as much as our Christmas wrapping but we are only there for a week.

**Gale and Elwyn at
Mother's Day Gift
wrapping.**

**The crew hard at work
at Mackay Home
Show Sausage Sizzle**



Next came the Home Show sausage sizzle, and while you are walking around checking out the latest new caravan, bed or tools it creates a hunger and then you are ready to grab a drink and a sausage from the girls. It always goes down a treat and over three days we go through a lot of sausages. I mean a LOT. No rest for the wicked! LOL



Daphne and friend

Speaking of wicked, check out the slippery friend that Daphne is holding at the Home Show.

We have done the Pioneer Valley Show and the Mackay Show selling our Lucky envelopes but unfortunately due to my health I was unable to attend both and therefore no photos. We do



have the Sarina Show to go yet and I am hoping to go to that one.

We have also had our Volunteer Expo where we stand around looking pretty (not me lol) and try and recruit new members.



We still take the time to do the little things like celebrate birthdays.

Joyce's Birthday

Between our big events we are still doing our normal weekly jobs like Care Kitchen and Meat raffles and have taken some time out by going to the movies and we



are going to check out a farm and do a tour next weekend, which should be fun.

That's about it for now.
Signing off from Mackay.

Annette

(Publicity Officer)



**Beta Epsilon -
Jane
Stehbens**

Hello everyone,

The Beta Epsilon girls have had another busy month. Carolyn recently welcomed a new daughter-in-law on the Saturday and a grandson on the Monday morning – very exciting times in the Nielson household.

We have just had our local show, where most of our girls spent time in the kitchen, judging cakes and generally helping out. It was a very successful show with lots to see and do.

Ellen's 'boy', an alpaca, took out Reserve Champion at Agrotrend and is now off to the EKKA to strut his stuff.

Jan has just returned from island hopping on a cruise to Vanuatu.

My son Nic has been posted to HMAS Paramatta, which brings him a little closer to home.

The weather has been a little brisk of late, so we hope all of you are well and staying warm.

'til next time
The Beta Epsilon Girls.

Jane

(Publicity Officer)



**Beta Omicron -
Val Files**

Hello Everyone,

At our meeting on Friday, 7 June, Sheila was presented with her Educational Certificate for her hard work with our educational meetings for the past year. Bill, as our new President, made the presentation.



On Friday, 17 May, Beta Omicron members held their Annual Great Morning Tea and Fashion Parade at Sunnybank Community



and Sports Club, with 84 in

attendance.

Guests enjoy the event.

This was a very successful day. Of course profit is always reliant upon expenses, and as time goes by, we need more help in putting on these functions. A successful function thanks to our few ladies.

The models.



Then, a week later, Beta Omicron members hosted the AGM Annual Changeover with Alpha Pi members at the Sunnybank Community Centre, Sunnybank, with approximately 20 in attendance. The Guest Speaker was Margaret Nugent, from Wig and Turban Service, who had a display arranged at the function.



Frances thanks Margaret



Wigs & turbans display

Our ESA Patron Beverley Mirolo, Chairman of the Leukaemia Foundation, gave the toast to ESA
Until next time,

val

(Publicity Officer)

National Council of Women of Queensland



Kathy Cavanagh
NCWQ News



Bursary Program

Applications for the 2019 NCWQ Bursary Program closed on Monday 20 May. We expected a late surge, and this year probably set a record with about 25% of the applications being submitted within the last 36 hours. A bit of an adrenalin rush all round!



Team Bursary is now hard at work with the individual members of the selection panels making their assessments prior to the moderation meeting on Saturday June 22. All final decisions will then be made then the joy of advising the recipients.

The bursary presentation will be held on Tuesday July 23, at Brisbane Girls' Grammar School with light refreshments from 5:30pm with official proceedings at 6:00pm. It is always a special occasion, with most of our sponsors being able to meet and present the bursary to their

recipient. The invitation will be distributed later.

Along with former valued sponsors, we welcome these new initiatives:

- Quota International who celebrate their Centenary by sponsoring one bursary for Audiology and another for Speech Pathology
- Queensland Medical Womens' Society with a bursary for a medical student
- Saalihah Seedat with a bursary for a female from a culturally/linguistically diverse (CALD) background.
- NCWQ will introduce two new bursaries in its regional/rural category in recognition of current hardships in these areas.

It was a special delight for sisters and previous recipients, Taylor and Madison Birtchnell to speak at the Annual Dinner. They have written the report on that function for the NCWQ Newsletter.

Dates to note:

Tuesday July 23, 2019 - Bursaries Presentation – Barbara Fielding Room, Brisbane Girls' Grammar School

Thursday October 10, 2019 – Bursaries fundraising Morning Tea & Fashion Parade

Kathy (cavsav@bigpond.com)

Wig and Turban Library Report



Frances McKenzie

When I'm doing my volunteer day at the CCQ, I always let the women know that ESA International funds the Wig & Turban Service, (WATS) and has done so from its beginning. I am including some of the responses from women who have been helped with their wigs & turbans.

"It was a very good professional service and I came away feeling confident."

"I was very self-conscious, but after receiving assistance I left with turbans and wigs and was extremely grateful, my confidence was restored."

"You are doing a great job, very grateful to have you all!"

On Tuesday, June 4, I helped a lady who, when she first came into the room, was shaking and very depressed. When she left she had a smile on her face. This is what this service does for these ladies. It is such a great feeling to know we, as ESA members are helping to give them their confidence and dignity back. "Women helping Women."

That afternoon, Jayne, the coordinator of WATS received this email and sent it on to me.

'Susan rang just now to give her heartfelt thanks to the WATS team who assisted her today in Brisbane in choosing a wig. Feels much better now she has a wig and the WATS team member was wonderfully supportive.'

Then there was this amazing message:

I just wanted to email you to say a HUGE 'Thank You' to the Cancer Council for my wig appointment that I attended on the 18/04/17 at Brisbane.

I cannot remember the girl's name who did my appointment with me, but she was a beautiful young girl (possibly Maddie?). I just wanted to extend how special she made me feel while trying on wigs, as she was so much fun and was so helpful in assisting me to find a wig that was close to my normal hair before Chemo.

I know that trying on wigs is special and also an emotional journey for everyone, however mine was very important to me as it was for my wedding that was held on Saturday 13th May.

I just wanted to send a photo of how amazing the wig looked for my wedding! So many guests completely forgot that I had no hair as the wig looked so great!

I just wanted to pass on my most sincere appreciation to everyone at the Cancer Council! Every single one of you was so kind to me since the very first phone call I made to make my appointment.

Please feel free to use my photo and email of appreciation as required

Kind regards,
Kira Waldron (breast cancer)



With thanks to State Jonquil Olive and members for my card received for a hospital visit of 10 days with double pneumonia and some ongoing lung issues. It is good to be back home for some recovery time.

*In appreciation
Kathy Cavanagh*

D.I.A.N.A. 2019

2019 D.I.A.N.A. recipient, Leanne Lawrence, lives in Gin Gin and is the school chaplain at Gin Gin State School and Mt Perry State School.

Not only does Leanne work in her local schools, she plays a vital part in the community. She works with the QLD Fire and Rescue Service, and is often called out to road accidents, house and bush fires. Some of these occur at night and she bounces back into school the next day to continue her work supporting the school communities. She is involved with the Gin Gin Community Church Youth Group and Outreach Programs, and in this role Leanne helps organise and set up community events such as Gin Gin Carols by Candlelight, Bethlehem Live in Bundaberg and the Mt Perry Charity Ball – which raises money for suicide intervention. She is a trainer for the ASSIST Workshop delivering workshops to train community members in suicide intervention. Sadly, suicide is becoming more and more prevalent amongst our young people and in the community. Leanne willingly gives of her time and emotion to teach others how to recognise people in need, and how to intervene when there is a need.

Leanne is a representative on the Gin Gin Community Reference Group with QLD Health and works with Christian Youth Camps and Scripture Union Queensland Camps to provide holiday camps and programs for children during the school holidays. Leanne never shies away from work and spent last September holidays in Longreach volunteering her time to paint the house of a family who, like many others, were suffering from the drought.

She supports an Overseas Mission - Lomani Au Children's Home in Fiji. Lomani Au's English translation is "I am loved" or "Somebody loves me." In 2012, a team of people from Gin Gin swooped on the mission to help paint and build additions onto the new orphanage. Leanne was a member of this team giving up her time to help make this house a home for little Fijian orphans. She has since given her time taking other groups across to support the great work at the mission. Leanne provides leadership development by working with students to further develop their leadership qualities and character traits. She

provides pastoral care for students, staff and their families. Leanne offers social and emotional support to all in the school communities. She supports students and staff through grief and loss, anxiety and self-harming, family breakdown and domestic violence. She also runs the Breakfast Club at Mt Perry School, providing cornflakes, toast and a chat for young students, so that they can start the day with a full belly and happy heart.

Leanne is an integral part of school camps for all year levels at both schools and always provides support during excursions – canoeing being her area of expertise. She often takes groups of school children hiking up mountains to prove to them that when they set their mind to it they can achieve everything. She facilitates programs on grief and loss, which unfortunately has been a need in our community. During these programs, Leanne is able to give students the opportunities to realise and grow in their potential. Leanne is always on hand in the school playgrounds and classrooms to mentor with positive relationships in the school and community.

Leanne is a remarkable woman who is a valuable asset to her community. She is never too busy to help out and is more than happy to get down and dirty, no job is too hard. Most activities Leanne is involved in are voluntary and even when being paid Leanne goes above and beyond her hourly rate.



***Leanne (R)
with Beta
Epsilon
President
Jane***

Congratulations Leanne!

55 years of Service to ESA

At the 2019 State Convention of ESA Queensland, long-serving members **Pat Burns OAM** and **Joyce Fritz** were awarded their 55 years of service pins.

Joyce was present and received her award then, but Pat was unable to attend Convention so the pin was presented to Branch Delegate Robyn Creighton on her behalf, and Robyn in turn presented the pin to Pat at the first meeting after Convention.



What an amazing length of service these ladies have given to their communities and to ESA Statewide!



Here Pat is pictured with fellow Alpha Epsilon member Pat Mengel who was awarded her 40 yrs of service pin,

another fine achievement.

***Congratulations Ladies.
You are an inspiration.***

Attention

Branch Awards Chairs

As State Awards Chairperson for this year, I remind all Branch Awards Chairmen to encourage their members to report their hours so they can achieve all their Palas Athene levels as recognition for their commitment to ESA.

Please note: From 15th July my new address will be

1/24 Absolon Street
South Mackay 4740

My phone and email will be the same.

State Awards Chair
Fay Dennien



Queensland Branch Handovers 2019-2020

Alpha Epsilon

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President Sandy,
Education Officer
Pattie.



(L) President Sandy

Alpha Pi



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(representing
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Lois) Treasurer Leone,
Parliamentarian
Frances, Education
Officer Ros,
Installation Officer &
State President Jenny.

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Bonnie,
Recording
Secretary
Amanda,
Treasurer Judy

Jo, Parliamentarian Judy Je, Chaplain/Jonquil Olive

Beta Epsilon

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Cherryl, Outgoing
President Marg,
President Jane, Vice
President Rae,
Recording Secretary
Rita, Corresponding
Secretary Marg,
Treasurer Carolyn,
Parliamentarian Jan.



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President Marianne,
Secretary Frances,
Alba (standing in for
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Parliamentarian
Margaret.

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