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A note from your editor:

Hi Everyone, sorry this is coming to you a bit later than normal, but I have been very busy and was waiting on reports. I hope you had a good time at the convention, and I have received some photos that I will add at the end of this newsletter.

This is the first newsletter for our newest State President Judy Jesshope so I hope that we have a good year with her leadership in hand.



Queensland State President's Report

Greetings to everyone across the State. It is a privilege to present my first report as State President.

Firstly, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to Carmel on her year as State President. Your dedication, leadership, and vision have been truly inspiring, and I thank you for all you have done.

As I step into this role, I am committed to doing my very best for the branches, members, and for ESA in Queensland.

It was wonderful to see so many of you in Bundaberg for our State Convention at the Sugar Country Motor Inn. A big thank you to the Gin Gin Members for hosting such a successful event. The trip to Monsoon Aquatics was a delightful afternoon, and the workshops throughout the weekend were incredibly inspiring. I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend as much as I did.

I would especially like to thank Grace Hurst for officiating my installation as State President, and for your continued support—thank you, Grace.

Many thanks also to Cheryl and Sharyn for taking myself and the Alpha Members on a lovely tour of the Bundaberg area on Monday. Our lunch at The Waves Club was very much appreciated by all.

Discussions were held over the weekend on several important matters. A Social Media Policy that reflects ESA values was drafted and adopted by the membership. This policy will be shared with branches in the near future. We also began discussions about updating our website and logo. A decision was made for each branch to appoint a member to explore design options and report back to the Half Yearly meeting.

Since returning from Bundaberg, I had the pleasure, alongside Daphne Neilson, of attending the CQ University Graduation Ceremony at MECC for students completing degrees in Medical Imaging and Medical Sonography. Alpha Rho proudly donated a total of \$2,000 in prizes—\$1,000 each to one Medical Imaging student and one Medical Sonography student—to support their continued journey in healthcare.

As I begin this journey as your State President for 2025–2026, I am guided by my theme for the year:

“Knowledge & Wisdom are our Strengths for the Future.”

These words are a reminder that the choices we make today—shaped by insight and understanding—will help build a better tomorrow.

I look forward to working alongside each of you as we bring our shared vision to life. I’m excited to see all that we can achieve together in the coming year.

Please feel free to reach out at any time if there’s anything you’d like to discuss, or if I can support you or your branch in any way.

“Tree of Life: Each branch is a symbol of your love, your strength, your friends, your family, your goals, your hopes and dreams. They all create the tree of your life. Step back and see that you are truly blessed.”

Warm regards,

Judy

State President, ESA Queensland



JONQUIL REPORT

Hello everyone, I hope you're all well and enjoying this beautiful autumn weather. I attended my first Convention earlier this month and I'd like to thank the Bundaberg ladies for a very informative and enjoyable weekend. Unfortunately, dearest Ellen Haydon had to be taken to Hospital but I'm very happy to be able to let you know that's she was discharged the following morning with, I'm told, no lasting effects. Really enjoyed all the activities but I do have one comment - I'll never be able to listen to "You're the Voice" again without our brave attempt to sing it echoing in my mind.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Donna Suter	4 th	GinGin
Kate Shaw	6 th	GinGin
Karen Rogers	17 th	Mackay
Marilyn Provians	22 nd	Online
Margaret Flanders	23 rd	GinGin
Hayley Sumpter	28 th	Mackay

Wishing you all the happiest of birthdays 🎂🎉😊

Sheila

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ESA Australia Jonquil

NCWQ News

2025 NCWQ Bursary Program

Applications are now open, so we are currently coming up to speed with the new process being used for the submission and then selection of recipients.

Remember if you have any female students in your families or contacts, encourage them to check out the website for their eligibility.

www.ncwq.org.au/bursaries

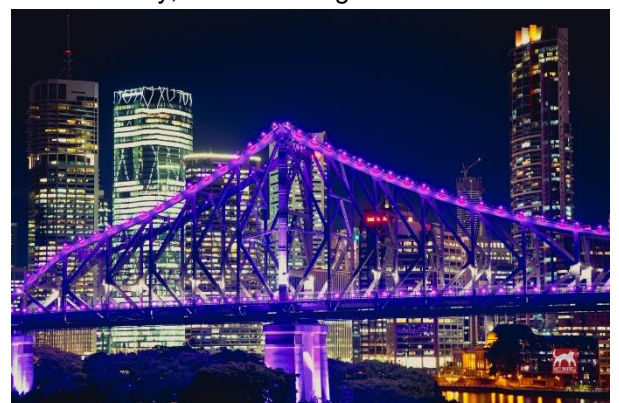
Applications close on Monday 2nd June 2025. Please contact me at my bursary email address bursaries@ncwq.org.au or my personal email cavsav@bigpond.net.au

The Bursary Presentation is set for Saturday 19th July, commencing at 2:30 pm at Women's College, UQ. Afternoon tea will be served after the presentation. We were thrilled to recently hear that the NCWQ patron, The Governor of Queensland, will be attending this function. Her Excellency's attendance just makes the occasion that much more special for the recipients. With the reception at Government House in June, it is a real bonus to for the bursary presentation.

Celebrating 120 Years

Plans are under way for the Government House reception on 19th June. The RSVP information has been sent to Government House, who will issue the formal invitation to those attending. With ESA's involvement as a bursary sponsor, and members as part of Team Bursary, there will be good ESA representation at this function.

With the actual anniversary on 15th June, we have been successful in Brisbane's bridges etc lit up to commemorate NCWQ- that date was already booked so our turn is 16th June. The Storey Bridge etc will be resplendent in purple.



Celebrations will take place on the October long weekend, with further details to be confirmed.

Regards

Kathy Cavanagh AM

Branch Reports

Alpha Epsilon

Back from Convention 2025 with lots of memories and topics running through our heads.

Grace, Tammy and Robyn attended along with Grace's older daughter, Nancy as a guest. Many thanks to Beta Epsilon members and Cheryl Fritz as convention chairman for a wonderful convention of great food, interesting workshops and the scrumptious morning/afternoon tea.

The tables for the Banquet were absolutely gorgeous and the corsages were a lovely touch.

It was wonderful to catch up with all the members and thank you to now past President Carmel and her elected/nominated officers for 2024/ 2025 and congratulations to Judy Jesshope and her officers for a great 2025/2026.

Publicity Officer

Robyn Creighton

An elderly man said to his wife, "Stop buying me those foods that say 'No preservatives added' on the container.

At my age, I need all the preservatives I can get!"

NEVER TOO LATE



Alpha Rho

Hi everyone, As I said in the introduction I have been very busy but so have our girls, between the meat raffles at the Shamrock, sausage sizzles at Bunnings, Mother's Day gift wrapping in Caneland Shopping Centre, Conference and getting ready for our Change Over Dinner on the 30th May, I sometimes think when do we get to do anything else.

Also got a great surprise at our meeting this month as I was awarded my 10th anniversary pin and Joyce also received her 10th anniversary pin.



Cheers
Annette

Beta Delta

After our big Charter Month in March, the last month has seen us settle down into our more usual routine.

The guest speaker for the April education meeting was Charlotte Robinson, from Alpha Pi. For a number of years, Charlotte has been involved with the chaplaincy service at the Women's Prison in Brisbane, where most females on remand wait for their court appearance. It was fascinating to hear about the services provided, and the diverse group of prisoners. "There but for the Grace of God, go I"

It was great that Beta Delta was to be represented at our first Convention after being chartered. Pam Harris was to be our delegate, but unfortunately injured her back, so Val Files, who also attending, stepped into that role.

Carmel conducted a lovely ceremony for the signing of the charter, with Val being the first to sign. We Zoomers face a different way of doing these things, so other members will catch up with their signatures in the fullness of time. We are hopeful that a couple of possibilities translate into new members. One of our advantages is that you can live anywhere.

We congratulate Carmel on her year as State President, and we look forward to Zooming with Judy during her term.

Yours in ESA
Kathy Cavanagh AM
Secretary, Beta Delta



Beta Epsilon

Publicity from Beta Epsilon branch

Each year an International Women's Day Breakfast is held in Gin Gin, and this year our dear ESA sister, Robyn was the guest speaker and was joined by young Molly Jensen (Yr 9) a student from the local high school who also spoke. Robyn gave an account of her experience of being one of 3 generations along with her mum and her daughter involved in teaching.

Bears Bows and Books, our annual Cancer Function on 15th March was well publicised, well supported and overflowing with nearly 100 generous attendees, who appreciated some very fine homecooked food. The venue, the local Primary School Hall was perfect for the afternoon decorated with books, ribbons and cuddly bears, some of which were sold at the end of the day. Rae set up a Teddy Bears Picnic and the stage was adorned with bears of all colours and ages, all well-loved. Some of the attendees brought their cuddliest bear while others tried not to show their own age by displaying their bear in the "oldest bear" competition.



The weather was fine, and the prizes were spread around the crowd nicely. Our annual distribution of funds to local community groups also took place and our Gin Gin High School Bursary winner was also present on the day.

The chair raffle which we have been able to sell tickets for each year has now come to an end and we thank our generous donor, Steve for his skilled craftsmanship and continued support of our Cancer cause in supplying us with a new chair each year to aid our fundraising. We have been fortunate to have had Steve's chair raffle prize for many years, each chair unique in its craftsmanship. There will be many sad folk, especially some of our girls who wanted to win that chair but never could.



Flowers were added just for decoration though the chair needs no adornment at all.

As the rain and flooding continued over late March and into April, our hearts and thoughts went out to those affected and those who've lost property, homes and livestock because of the continuing deluge and the consequential flooding from the river systems. It will take some time for these folk to recover but we wish them well.

Ken and Cheryl recently visited with family and Barb's return from her holiday will no doubt be filled with stories of the great atmosphere onboard the ship as well as the many places at which it stopped. Our attention is now on Convention so see you all there and if this report makes it to the newsletter after the event.... of course it was a great weekend!

Regards

Marg

At left: President Carolyn with the Life Flight representative.



Vice president, Barb helps Carolyn distribute another local donation.

MRS GREY IS HERE



Convention Photos

