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Inc



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

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### ***A note from your editor:***

Welcome to the August Queenslander.

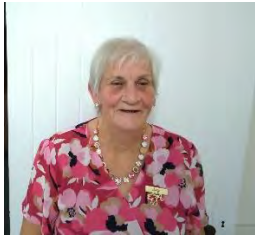
Sorry about the lateness of this Newsletter, still inundated with work and doing long hours. I will try to do better next month.

There is Half Yearly info at the end of this Newsletter for you all.

Thanks

Annette Wisnewski

Newsletter Editor and Correspondence Secretary (Alpha Rho)



## Queensland State President's Report

**Hi Everyone,**

I hope you are all well and managing to stay warm as another cold snap has snuck in. Cold snaps do have a sneaky way of showing up just when you think winter's easing off. Hopefully everyone's got their cosy layers, warm drinks, and maybe a good book or show to ride it out.

**Exciting News!** Our new Australian ESA website is now live: [www.esaaustralia.org.au](http://www.esaaustralia.org.au)! A heartfelt thank you to Marilyn and Greg for their incredible work in bringing this project to life. Marilyn has already sent out an email to all members with the website details, so we hope you've had a chance to take a look.

It's more than just a website—it's a welcoming space for both members and newcomers, showcasing ESA's values, upcoming events, and the vibrant community we're all part of.

If you've explored the site and have any feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out to Marilyn or myself. Your input is invaluable and will help us continue improving the site. We'll be reviewing and discussing updates at our half-yearly meeting.

Let's make this a resource we're all proud of!

### **Logo Update Discussion – Half-Yearly Meeting**

One of the key items we'll be discussing at the upcoming half-yearly meeting is the potential update of our ESA logo. I hope members are already exploring ideas within their branches, as your input is vital to shaping a design that reflects who we are.

**Design Style** We're open to a range of styles, including:

**Traditional \* Modern \* Elegant \* Bold \* Academic \* Playful**

**Colour** - Designs can use ESA's traditional colours or introduce a standout palette that enhances visibility

and appeal.

### **Text Options**

- Full name: *Education Service Association or Epsilon Sigma Alpha*
- Motto: *The Pursuit of Learning can appear on the logo.*
- Or simply: *ESA*

**Symbols & Imagery** Consider incorporating meaningful symbols such as:

- An **open book** – representing knowledge
- A **torch** – symbolizing learning and enlightenment
- **Candles** – tied to ESA rituals and traditions

**Format** Designs can be in a **round emblem** or **badge style** format.

**Submission** Please forward all logo concepts to **Lyn** or **Leone** before the half-yearly meeting so they can compile the submissions for review. Let's make this a collaborative and creative process—your ideas will help shape the future visual identity of ESA!

### **Half-Yearly Meeting – Important Details – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.**

With the half-yearly meeting approaching quickly, here are a few key updates to help everyone prepare:

**Accommodation - I have asked** Annette to attach the accommodation cost sheet for the **Quality Hotel Regent Rockhampton** to the newsletter and I'll also be emailing a copy to the Secretaries of each branch for easy distribution.

**Meals & Registration** Once meal costs are finalized, I'll send out the **registration forms**. The format will be the same as last year:

- **Lunch** – cost included on the registration form
- **Dinner (Friday & Saturday)** – choose from **Fernando's menu**
- **Morning and Afternoon Tea** – kindly provided by **Alpha Rho**

### **Agenda Items**

If you have any items you'd like to discuss during the weekend, please let **Lyn (Recording Secretary)** or myself know so we can include them in the agenda.

### **Art Union Tickets**

Don't forget to keep selling those **Art Union Tickets**! If your branch needs more, please contact **Judy Johnson**, who can send additional books your way.

Let's make this half-yearly gathering smooth, productive, and enjoyable for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

### **Branch Highlights & Celebrations**

It's been wonderful to see our branches out and about this month, enjoying each other's company over **lunches, dinners, coffee catch-ups, desserts**, and even **plays**. These moments of connection and friendship are at the heart of ESA, and it's lovely to see them thriving.

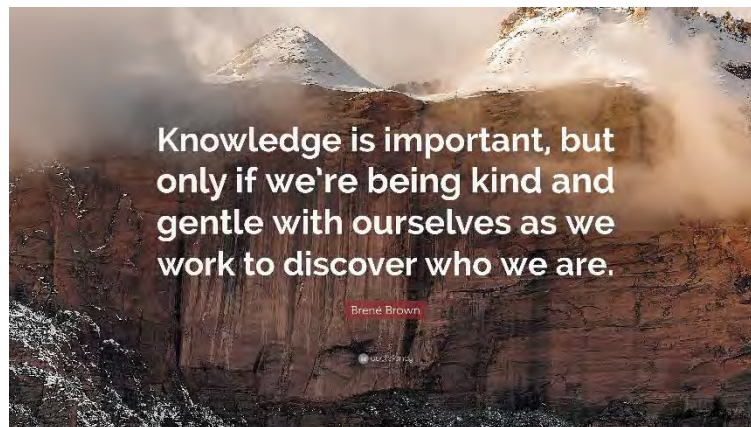
A special congratulations to **Gin Gin Branch**, who are preparing to celebrate **50 years of service in the community**! What an incredible milestone and testament to the dedication, compassion, and impact of your members. We're so proud of everything you've achieved. Here's to many more shared memories and meaningful moments ahead!

I'd also like to thank Leone for attending the NCWQ Bursary presentation, where she had the pleasure of meeting bursary recipient Chelsea Wood from Tannum Sands.

This month, I had the pleasure—along with some of our Alpha Rho members—of attending a couple of special events hosted by organisations our Branch has proudly supported over the years. These included the 40th birthday celebration of Kalyan Youth Service and the 20th birthday of Dragons Abreast Mackay's DAM Oarsome team.

Until next month, take care, stay safe and remember:

Judy Jesshope





## JONQUIL REPORT

Hello everyone, I hope you're all keeping well and haven't succumbed to the dreaded "winter flu" but if you or any of your family have been unlucky, I hope you're better now or well on the road to a full recovery.

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Elwyn Cameron	5th	Mackay
Gale O'Brien	7th	Mackay
Alison Smith	11th	GinGin
Trudy Adams	16th	Online
Barbara Chapman	25th	GinGin
Nola Smith	31st	Redcliffe

Wishing you all the happiest of birthdays

Sheila  
Email ([thegrove49@gmail.com](mailto:thegrove49@gmail.com))  
ESA Australia Jonquil



## NCWQ News

### 2025 NCWQ Bursary Program

The highlight of the bursary program is always the presentation, when the recipients can be recognised. Of the 38 bursaries, we got to meet about 23 at the presentation, but all were acknowledged.

With the presentation at the Playhouse, Women's College UQ, followed by afternoon tea in the foyer, we had the opportunity for much mingling. NCWQ Patron, The Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland was gracious in the time she spent chatting with attendees and taking part in photos.



*Recipients and sponsors with the Governor*



*Recipients with the Governor*

*Leone Ryan represents Judy in making the presentation to ESA  
recipient Jemima Davis*



Regards

Kathy Cavanagh AM

## 2025 Half Yearly Information



Quality Hotel Regent Rockhampton  
192 Bolsover Street Rockhampton  
Phone: 07 4927 2729



"Code to receive discount"

"ESA International Room Rates 31<sup>st</sup> Oct & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov"

Can you please quote this when you are booking your rooms with reception?

Standard Queen - \$185.00 per night – 2 people

Standard King/ Twin Share - \$195.00 per night – 2 people  
(Can 1 King Bed or 2 Single Beds) Up to 4 people

1 Queen Bed and 1 Single Bed - \$210.00 per night – 2 people  
Up to 3 people

1 Queen Bed and 2 Single Bed - \$235.00 per night – 2 people  
Up to 4 people

Additional \$20.00 per night for 3<sup>rd</sup> and/or 4<sup>th</sup> person  
(Where applicable)

### Features

Elevator (s)

On-site Parking

Disability Rooms

Café/Coffee Shop/ Cocktail Lounge

