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The Queenslander

ESA International Queensland State Council & Branches, Inc.



Everything



is



coming up

roses.



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Thought for February

BEING CREATIVE MAKES
YOU A WEIRD LITTLE
BEAST BECAUSE
EVERYTHING SEEMS REALLY
INTERESTING FOR SOME
STRANGE REASON.

ESA Australia
Chaplain/Jonquil



Olive Thompson
CHAPLAIN/JONQUIL



Hello Everyone on behalf of Olive. She is hoping you are well. She, like many in Townsville, is very nervous about the terrible flooding which is occurring there with the opening of

the dam spillway never done before, the result of which is unknown. She is above flood level and has a highset house, but she can walk a short distance to the river which is raging. In the light of disasters unfolding across our nation - floods in the north and bushfires in Tasmania and Victoria, I am sure Olive would like us to join in her Prayer for those involved.

Oh, Lord please put your loving arms around all people concerned at this awful time. We ask that you tame the fires down, and ease the rain, to bring these tragedies to an end, so people and the land can return to normal. We put this into your capable hands Lord. Amen.

Olive advised that Ann Hiscox, Alpha Epsilon, has moved into Proserpine Nursing Home for greater care. We wish her well.

ESA members' thoughts and prayers are with Colleen Proudlock, Alpha Pi, whose mother passed away in December. May she rest in peace and her family be comforted.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

7 th	Pearl Christensen	Beta Epsilon
7 th	Val Files	Beta Omicron
14 th	Pat Mengel	Alpha Epsilon
16 th	Heather Kohring	Beta Epsilon
17 th	Vicki Maddicks	Alpha Rho
22 nd	Mariannne Steentsma	Beta Omicron
22 nd	Carmel Mulcahy	Alpha Pi
28 th	Colleen Proudlock	Alpha Pi

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.

Carmel (on behalf of Olive)

olivetthompson@bigpond.com



Flooding near Olive's home – trees becoming submerged and a structure under threat.

IC President



Kim Kummer



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

My Dear Queensland ESA Friends,

As I think about what I want to contribute to your newsletter my eye is drawn to a decorative sign I won. I haven't decided if I am keeping it or gifting it. Regardless, it makes me think of each one of you as well as ESA members all over.

**"Good friends are like stars.
You don't always see them but you know they're always there"**

There are so many gifts we receive from ESA! Have you ever thought about which one is the best? I know, that is a loaded question and depends on the day. Education, Service, Association...I love learning new ideas, sharing information; attending workshops...hmm I think education is most important. Oh but wait, stitching baby blankets to donate to the health department, volunteering at the St. Jude Marathon, and Prom at Heartspring* are some of my favourite service events. Yes, service is the best part of ESA. Good Works ~ Good Times ~ Good People. It is the good people that make ESA. Because of my involvement in ESA I have friends from coast to coast. Not just friends but friends that have become family;

people that I call because I want to hear their voice, share in joys and sorrows, people I can't wait to see when I know Convention is coming. Yes, each piece is important...but combined, ESA has it all. We are an amazing organization, one I am glad to be a member of, and I hope you feel the same way.

I hope you will plan your holiday to attend IC Convention in Memphis, TN this July. The Welcome Party will kick off July 17, workshops will fill Thursday, July 18 and the Flag ceremony and First General Assembly will be Friday, July 19. Earlier in the week will be tours to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There is more information on the ESA website in the member centre. Anyone who has interest or additional questions please email me at skummer@cox.net.

I will think of you when I look in the night sky and see the stars.

Xoxo – *Kim*

Kim Kummer
ESA IC President

*in Kansas, our State project is Heartspring, a world-wide learning centre for children with disabilities. Each Spring, we host a Prom for the students. Sometimes the students will dress formally. For the parents, this event is a gift. They never imagined their child would be able to attend such an occasion.

Kim



State President



Daphne Neilsen

Happy New Year to all ESA members and your families.

It is hard to believe that Christmas has been and gone and that it is 2019. I hope you all had a well-earned and relaxing break and are ready for another great year.

Thank you to the Branches that sent me Christmas cards or emails. It was greatly appreciated. I spent Christmas with my granddaughters which was a very enjoyable day.

I have been busy putting together our Convention Agenda with Cheryl and I know that the Beta Epsilon girls will be busy putting final touches for a great Convention in the next couple of months.

Please consider support for our Incoming President, Jenny, by volunteering to take on an Appointed position or accept an Elected position. They are very rewarding and enjoyable.

It will not be long before our Workshop Coordinator will be sending out the report forms, so please return them by the due date as it makes it easier for Pat to put the workshop book together on time.

Take care until next month

*Bloom where you're planted,
Grow, take root, mature and flower,
Make the place you're in, right now,
your paradise.*

Daphne



ESA Foundation Overseas Director's Report



Marianne
Steentsma

Happy 2019 to all.

This greeting is nearly too late as the first month of the year has already passed, but there are still eleven months left, to shine in ESA.

As Queensland's State Council Disaster Fund Chairman I often think of the numerous ESA

members, who received help through the Fund over the years.

The purpose of the ESA International Disaster Fund is to assist an ESA member whose home and/or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged extensively by one of nature's causes - fire, flood, etc. Assistance may also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness which may strike them, or an accident.

For my forthcoming project as your current Chairman I will raffle a \$100.00 Woolworths voucher, drawn at State Convention in Bundaberg. In the coming weeks each Branch will receive a book of Raffle tickets for sale prior of Convention. I do hope you will support this raffle.

Love in ESA,

Marianne



ESA Disaster Fund Chair's Report



Marianne
Steentsma

Hello All,

I hope you had a great Festive Season and are ready for an exciting year ahead.

Below is some information about this year's scholarship moneys to be paid out. The Chairman of the ESAF writes:

"Because of our very generous Endowers, we are able to offer 179 scholarships this year. If all scholarships receive an application, we will be giving US\$281,700. This will certainly make a difference in the lives of many people. We hope to continue to share the stories of so many of our scholarship winners. These are our future leaders and are truly remarkable individuals. Please help us share the information about the ESA Foundation Scholarships."

Just a reminder: The ESA Foundation's major emphasis is service to others, which is illustrated in its motto:

**Serving the World Community
Because We Care.**

Till next month,

Love in ESA,

Marianne



State Vice President



2018 - 2019

Jenny Hendriks

2019-2020 STATE EXECUTIVE &
GENERAL BOARD POSITIONS

Happy New Year to everyone throughout the State. I hope this is a great year for everyone in their personal lives and for ESA in Queensland.

Nomination forms have been sent to each branch as well as included in this edition of the Queenslander, seeking nominations for our State Executive for 2019-2020. The positions we need filled are:

- **State Vice President**
- **Recording Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Parliamentarian**
- **Liaison Officer**

Please consider volunteering yourself for one of these positions, or nominate other members in your branch and throughout the State. Taking on an Executive position is a great way to learn more about ESA and there are always many people to call on for support who have done these positions previously.

Also, I need to fill my General Board positions, the list of which is in the Directory. If you have had a general board position this year, please let me know if you would like to continue with the same position next year. For other members who don't have a general board position and you would like to take on a particular general board position next year,

then please let me know. My email is mjllhend@bigpond.net.au or phone me on 0403 024 067.

Please do consider taking on a position. We can't leave it to "Someone Else" to do as "Someone Else" may have done a position for many years and would like a break. It is healthy to get new faces on our State Executive and General Board, as everyone adds something special to the role.

I look forward to a great year ahead.

Jenny



Branch Education



Lyn Buckley

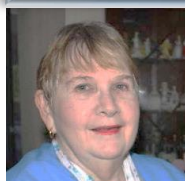
State Education Officer

As Branches were in recess during January, the Education Report will resume in March.

Lyn



Branch Reports



*Alpha Epsilon -
Pat Burns*

I hope everyone has enjoyed a Happy Christmas and a relaxing recess.

First of all, on behalf of President, Rae, and all our members, a great big

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Judy Johnson** on receiving her award for **Community Volunteer**. What a great honour – and very well deserved. Even though volunteer work is not done to receive accolades, it is certainly wonderful to be recognised and rewarded for work well done in the community. We are all very proud of you, Judy!!!

Our members did not do Christmas gift wrapping last year as no suitable venue was available. Anyway it was good to have "time off".

Ann Hiscox has now moved permanently to the Proserpine Nursing Home. In her nineties now, Ann is in need of more nursing care. She has trouble walking as she has fluid retention which causes her legs and feet to swell. As she has only one kidney she is unable to take more medication for this problem.

Pattie Wyllie has been moved from Bowen to the Proserpine Nursing Home. She cannot walk and is still in a wheelchair. This is because she is waiting for a knee replacement. She is teaching art lessons, with the help of her friend, Allan, and says she does not have enough hours in the day to do everything she wants to do. She says the staff treat her like a queen. So you can see that Pattie is still keeping her positive attitude to life.

Well, we will soon be back into meetings and events for 2019, so let's hope we all enjoy a productive and successful year.

Happy 2019 everyone!

Pat

Pat Burns,
(Acting Publicity Chairman (for Pattie Wyllie)



Alpha Epsilon Christmas Party



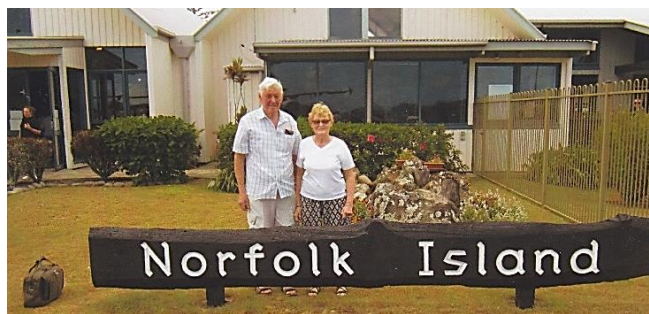
Sandy and Susan wonder what is in their secret packages.



Robyn, Ivy and Beryl are happy with their gifts.



Mrs Claus (Pat Burns) with Turley and Lindsay & Robyn Creighton



Pat and Col holidayed on Norfolk Island, and took time to research a former doctor from Proserpine whose grave is there.





Alpha Pi - Carmel Mulcahy

Happy 2019 Everyone, and all good wishes for a vibrant and enjoyable year.

We extend our condolences to our President Colleen whose mother passed away in December. May she rest in peace and may her family share many happy memories.

Alpha Pi began the year with a BBQ at Bunnings on January 12 - a hot one, but very profitable. Being on a Saturday, that meant the some members who normally cannot assist because of work commitments were available and their involvement was greatly appreciated.

Nancy hands over the apron to Ros while Steve cooks sausages in the background



Just over a week later 16 members gathered for lunch at the new Sebel, Margate to share stories of their holidays and get-togethers with family and friends.



Several members have been cruising and taking road trips to all manner of destinations. We welcomed one prospective new member Jan, (left) at lunch, and another at our first 2019 meeting.

Our first event of the year will be our Trivia Night on March 23 and plans are beginning to fall into place for that. Then there is a Bunnings BBQ on April 17, so no rest any time soon. Therefore, we continue to *encourage* and *support* each other to *achieve*.

Remember: *Losers quit when they fall, winners fail until they succeed.*

Cheers,
Carmel
Publicity Officer



Alpha Rho - Annette Wisniewski

Well, here we are again, at the start of yet another year of gift wrapping and fun times.

We were going to have our Christmas Party and last meeting for the year on the 16th December at Judy Johnson's place, but it had to be postponed until January 17th and I had



to miss it due to jet lag.



But I do have some



photos to show how much fun and food



was had on the day. And of course, dessert is our favourite.

We had such a busy time at Gift Wrapping this year that we have made an incredible amount of \$35,000.00 to be donated to CQ Rescue this year. We even got a segment on the local news which was good. Well done everyone.



We had a cheque hand over on Wednesday Feb 6th – as you can see in the photo.



I hope that all our ESA sisters in Townsville are managing all right with the flooding and that our other sisters in Proserpine don't have any problems in the next week or so. Our thoughts are with you all.

That's about it for now.

Signing off from Mackay.

Annette (Publicity Officer)



Beta Epsilon -
Jane
Stehbens

Hello Everyone,
Welcome to a great year ahead.

We are busy planning Convention and our Cancer night. We have a new meeting room for this year.

Welcome back to Jan who has been away for a while. Everyone has had lots of little trips away and grandchildren visits over the Christmas break.

Although we are hot and muggy and hoping for rain, our thoughts are with the folk in the north.

We hope you have all come back happy, healthy, and recharged for the New Year.

The Beta Epsilon Girls.

Jane

(Publicity Officer)



Beta Omicron -
Val Files

Christmas has come and gone so quickly and we are once again into the swing of another ESA year. Happy New Year to all members. Many Christmas parties have also come and gone, and the festivities are now over for another year.

It has been worrying time for members up north, from Cairns to Mackay.

**Burnt out
National
Park near
Mackay**



The rain, although welcome in places out west, has created havoc to properties, and we hope that all members are safe and dry from the flooding rains.

Sheila has been catching up with family and friends from England over the break. She attended an 80th birthday for an English cousin. Cousin Peter had his children at the function, and Sheila hadn't seen the children, who were babies last time, for 50 years! What a celebration.

We celebrated Marie's birthday as well at Indigiscapes in mid-January. Ten Beta Omicron and partners had a delicious lunch (and cake) to celebrate. I'm sure that Marie enjoyed the occasion.



Many Happy Returns to Marie on her birthday! We all enjoyed the celebrations.

Alba hasn't been well over the break, so wasn't too active, but we were happy to see her at our meeting on 1st February at Garden City Library.

Joan is also now looking well after her health problem. She is waiting for the day when she will be moving to the northside to live with one of her sons.

Marianne's daughter, Heidi, has been home schooling her children. Her eldest son, Matthew, is going to TAFE three days a week.

Time for another party as Frances and her family celebrated her granddaughter's engagement party. Family travelled to Toowoomba for the celebration.

Margaret, being a tennis tragic, has been watching all the tennis over the break. She

has done lots of reading and gardening as well.

Marianne and Bill had a great time celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Alpha Rho, Mackay. It was a great function and the ladies were fantastic the way they all looked after them. Their special thanks go to Judy Johnson, who took them into her home and even showed them the burnt-out hinterland. Well done on the trip, Marianne and Bill! The trip back home had to be made by "Double Decker Bus" as the train engine showed mechanical faults.

Marianne and Bill's family all celebrated Christmas Eve in German fashion at Heidi's. This was a very enjoyable evening and now it is full on into 2019.

Marianne and Bill are again much involved with Toastmasters, ESA, and the Bremer Catchment meetings.

Jack and Val have had their usual break with the family at Hastings Pont in January, which was a lovely and relaxing time. Ten family members were in attendance. Grandchildren can make it so enjoyable, especially the new three year old Mackenzie who came to Hastings as well. There was choir and orchestra for church – even a Christmas dinner. With seven or eight parties to attend, we are happy that it is all over for a year! Now back to normality going to Bribie each fortnight and meetings as usual.

val (Publicity Officer)





MACKAY AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

A WORTHY VOLUNTEER

When ESA member Judy Johnson gets behind a cause, she is getting involved because it is the right thing to do. Judy has been the backbone of ESA Alpha Rho Gift Wrapping for the past 15 years, making sure that the gift tags are complete, and bows and ribbons are ready, to help raise much needed funds for the RACQ Central Queensland Helicopter Service which members have supported since they started the wrapping project.

Judy has supported the members in everything they do in ESA and is also involved in other worthy causes including Cootharina and Scouts.

She is a District Scout Leader who helps run activities for the regional youth. She became a volunteer in the Scout organization when her children were involved.

Judy is described as a true inspiration. She does everything with integrity and grace and certainly inspires all her ESA sisters.



Judy is a very worthy recipient of the Lori Burgess Community Volunteer Award for 2019.

Congratulations Judy! We are proud of you.

National Council of Women of Queensland



Kathy Cavanagh



NCWQ News



Trusting that the Christmas and New Year season was a time for family, storing new memories and some 'reboot' and

recharging relaxation. It seems incredible that a month has already passed. The speed from 2018 doesn't look like changing anytime soon. Here's to a time of both personal well-being and a successful 2019 ESA year.

2019 Bursary Program

It is now 'next month' that applications for the 2019 Bursary program opens.



Sponsorship is still being finalised, but we do welcome two bursaries on offer this year from Quota International, to mark their Centenary year. One bursary is for a student in the field of speech pathology, the other for audiology.

ESA led from the front as a sponsor from an affiliated organisation.

The addition of the Quota bursaries increases the bursaries sponsored by such organisations from four last year to six in 2019.

It is expected that the total number of bursaries on offer will be similar to the 33 on offer in 2018.

Senator Claire Moore Function

A great supporter of NCWQ and a bursary sponsor for the last few years, Senator Claire is not standing for re-election this year. A function is being held on Saturday 16 February to honour her work. To be held at Miegunyah, Jordan Terrace Bowen Hills, in conjunction with Queensland Women's

Historical Association, it is already booked out, with attendees representing her diverse range of interests. It is expected that one of the recipients of her bursary will be there to speak. Senator Claire's bursary is for a student in the field of special education – a speciality teaching area that probably touches most of us through our families, friends or networks.

Date Claimer: Tuesday 30 April – Annual Dinner



To be held at the United Services Club, Wickham Terrace, NCWQ Annual Dinner allows for the networking of affiliated organisations and members. Details of the guest speaker and other information will be available later, but for anyone in Brisbane at that time, it will be a great function.

Until next time, Take care in our beloved country of extremes.

Kathy

Kathy Cavanagh (cavsav@bigpond.com)



Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and caring.

It could be platonic love between friends, family love from a child to a parent or romantic love between partners.

Even if it's only for a single day, many people pull out all stops to share this as a special day by any means possible. Poetry has been exchanged between lovers since the Middle Ages. For centuries, lovers scribbled love notes to one another on the Day of Saint Valentine. In the nineteenth century, with the establishment of a postal service, more and more wishes were sent alongside flowers and hearts. Even schoolchildren send Valentines.

Heart-shaped candies and silly-sweet Valentine cards are manufactured for the very young at

heart. Today, over a billion cards are sent out on Valentine's Day around the world full of sweet Valentine's Day wishes.

A Valentine is a gift to the heart,
a friend to the spirit,
a golden thread to the meaning of life.



In the light of Valentine's Day, some words of wisdom or not . . .

For those of you old enough to remember Red Skelton, I think you will enjoy this. For those of you not old enough you will see what you missed. Either way, he was a great entertainer. A re-run of great 'one liner's' from the man who was known for his clean humour. I hope you get a chuckle or two reading them once more.

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.

2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California, and mine is in Texas.

3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.

5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburettor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."

8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"

10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.

11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it. These were the good old days when humour didn't have to start with a four letter word. It was just clean and simple fun.

And he always ended his programs with the words,

"And May God Bless You" with a big smile on his face.



Lunar New Year

Pig 2019 亥



Lunar / Chinese New Year starts on February 5th of **2019** and ends on January 25th of 2020 and is the **Year of the Pig**.

Chinese New Year starts on the second or third **new** moon, after the winter solstice (depending on the number of **new** moons between the two winter solstices). At least one-fifth of all people celebrate the Chinese New Year.

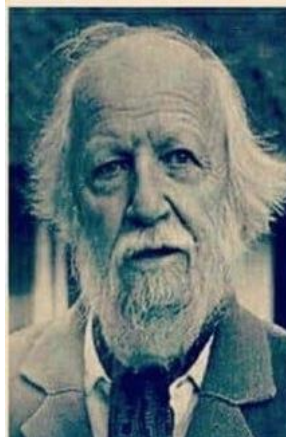
According to Chinese astrology, the Year of the Pig allows those born in the Year of the Pig to make full use of their creativity.

Things evolve rapidly and new situations appear which allow them to shine. They know what they have to do and they are the type of people that don't stop until they accomplish what they have set their mind to.

They manage now to easily find solutions to older problems. They are open to various sources of inspiration and they feel as if they are living at full capacity again.



Now here's a man who understands women.....



William Golding
British Novelist, Playwright & Poet
1911 --1993

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her.



Rum City Rhythms

Sugar Country Motor Inn
220 Bourbong St, Bundaberg

3-5
May
2019

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 220 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg
 Phone 0450 927 367 0741 111 622
 3rd – 5th May 2019

Breakfast available
 in Restaurant at
 your expense.
*Not available
 Monday.*

NAME..... BRANCH.....
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MEALS	No.	
Friday Night Dinner	\$20.00
Saturday Morning Tea	\$ 5.00
Saturday Lunch	\$12.00
Saturday A/noon Tea	\$ 5.00
Saturday Banquet	\$36.00
Sunday Morning Tea	\$ 5.00
Sunday Lunch	\$12.00
Sunday Night	<u>\$20.00</u>

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 TOTAL MEALS
 FULL REGISTRATION \$60.00 \$30.00 ONE DAY REGISTRATION
 \$ _____

DEADLINES

Early bird Registration is 1st April 2019 for a chance to win your Registration back.
 Registration fees must be received **NO LATER** than 19th April 2019

Payment Options

Make cheques payable to ESA International Beta Epsilon Gin Gin Branch Inc.
 Post to PO Box 233, Gin Gin Q 4671 or Direct Debit BSB 633000 A/c No. 141854828

TRANSPORTATION

TRAIN ARRIVAL DATE TRAIN DEPARTURE DATE.....
 TIME..... TIME.....

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PLANE ARRIVAL DATE..... PLANE DEPARTURE DATE.....
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IT IS UNLIKELY BETA EPSILON MEMBERS will be able to PICK UP OR TRANSPORT MEMBERS TO
 TRAINS OR PLANES.

This information will only be used if members do not arrive at the Convention Venue.

ESA INTERNATIONAL QUEENSLAND STATE COUNCIL AND BRANCHES

NOMINATION FORM

I,.....of.....Branch,
(Name)

Nominate,.....of.....Branch

for the position ofon the Queensland State Council of ESA
International for the year 2019/2020.

Seconded.....of.....Branch.

Accepted:..... Date

PREVIOUS HISTORY:

Positions previously held at **State** level –

Executive,,,,
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Appointed.....
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Positions previously held at District level –

Executive,,,,
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Appointed.....
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Positions previously held at **Branch** level –

Executive,,,,
Appointed.....
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Please return to Jenny Hendriks, 19 Tullylease Place, Chermside West 4032.