

HAPPY EASTER

April 2019

The Queenslander

ESA International Queensland State Council & Branches, Inc.

Everything



is



coming up

roses.



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Thought for April

AGE IS MERELY
THE NUMBER OF
YEARS THE WORLD
HAS BEEN
ENJOYING YOU

ESA Australia
Chaplain/Jonquil



**Olive
Thompson
CHAPLAIN/JONQUIL**



HELLO Everyone! I hope you are all well. Maybe one isn't feeling quite so chirpy. I don't know how Joyce of Beta Epsilon is. Last I heard she was

in hospital with a broken hip. Let's hope she is feeling much better, and getting physio. We are all thinking of you, Joyce.

I have been talking to Pat Burns and know that having a loving family around you is a real blessing, just to get you over that feeling of being alone, because you are really, and you have to accept that, make peace with yourself and learn to stand on your own two feet. But we all cope - some better than others.

I am flying to Brisbane on Tuesday, 2nd. All the family are coming to celebrate my sister Nell's 80th Birthday on 3rd April so a big catch-up will be lovely.

"May every day of your life bring you fresh Hope for tomorrow--- because Hope gives all of us our reason for living."

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Helen Mathewsen	2 nd	Alpha Epsilon
Carolyn Neilsen	4 th	Beta Epsilon
Grace Hurst	5 th	Alpha Epsilon
Debra Sumpter	12 th	Alpha Rho
Charlotte Robinson	15 th	Alpha Pi
Tammy Hurst	16 th	Alpha Epsilon
Jane Stehbens	21 st	Beta Epsilon
Cheryl Fritz	23 rd	Beta Epsil
Judy Jesshope	27 th	Alpha Rho

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 (olivetthompson@bigpond.com)

PS Olive has been struck down with shingles while she was away. Recovering at home.(Editor)

Next Deadline for The Queenslander
May 7

IC President



**Kim
Kummer**



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

My Dear Queensland ESA Friends,

What would your life look like without ESA? My house might be cleaner, my schedule less hectic (especially the past couple years), and healthier meals might be served and my heart... not as full.

I am so thankful for the women that came together in 1929 for a book club but saw the importance of continuing education, fellowship and social interchange which evolved into ESA. With Founder's Day right around the corner my thoughts fill to those early pioneers.

Let's jump to the late 1980s. Had it not been for the pioneers of the '80s introducing ESA on College Campuses I may have never joined this great organization. Whether you have been a member for 60 years or 2 years, take time to think about those who shared the gift of ESA with you. Let them know what an impact ESA is in your life. For me, some are in another chapter, some have moved out of town and some have passed from this earthly world but I think I will write them all a note thanking them for sharing ESA with me.

Founder's Day or the month of May is the perfect time to share ESA with a new member. I know you have looked under every rock, asked every neighbour But we all know there is still someONE we haven't yet asked.

Think about the age you were when you joined ESA. Do you know someone that age? Why not share the Gift of ESA!!! Too often we think it is someone else's responsibility or 'I will do it next year'. I am asking you to do it this year! Let me hear your success stories.

Tracy Swanson from Headquarters had a wonderful presentation at the President's Leadership. Think of a project that you love to do or would love to implement. Who do

you need to make that happen? Make a list of the "people" or the WHO to accomplish or DO your project. When we think about the WHO instead of what we need we are drawn to people. People are also who we need in ESA. Think about the WHO and share the gift of ESA.

Xoxo – *Kim*

Kim Kummer - ESA IC President

State President



**Daphne
Neilsen**

Hello to all ESA Members,

Well, it is hard to believe that it is April, and I hope that you all have had some welcome rain. I know that we have had some.

This month, on Saturday, 13th April, I will be attending Alpha Epsilon's Changeover with my Alpha Rho sisters, and then on 27th, Alpha Rho will be having theirs.

I would like to thank our Newsletter Editor, Carmel, for the excellent job she has done producing our Directory and our wonderful newsletter; also the time that she spent designing the cover for both. Thank you so very much Carmel from the bottom of my heart.

And a special big 'Thank you' to each and every one of my ESA fellow members for your excellent work and the hours that you have put in for the amounts of money you have raised. WELL DONE.

I hope you all have registered to attend Convention in Bundaberg next month as I know it will be a great weekend.

This year has just flown by and a big thank you to all of you for your continued support and guidance to make my State President Year so enjoyable and successful.

To our Incoming President Jenny, and your Board of Officers, I wish you all the very best for another successful and rewarding year.

Thank you all.

Take care until next month, *Daphne*

ESA Foundation Overseas Director's Report



Marianne
Steentsma

Hello all Members and friends of the ESA Foundation,

How can you help get ESA Foundation Goals out to schools and organisations in our State?

1. Urge your Branches to find a worthy person in your community to receive a ***Humanitarian Award***.
2. Suggest your Branches contact a couple of local high schools and choose an ***Outstanding Senior High Youth Award***
3. For those Branches wishing to donate specifically to the ESA Foundation there is a ***Stewardship Award*** which specifically honours someone who has helped people you know in all walks of life.
4. The most important concern is the Emily Thomas Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is only open for Australian Students, which means the chance of winning \$1,000 is rather great. Please encourage the High School students in your areas to apply.

The above are some suggestions to bring the ESA Foundation more into the public eyes.

Love in ESA,

Marianne

Old age – the time of your life when you can hide your own Easter Eggs and then try to find them again.

ESA Disaster Fund Chair's Report



Marianne
Steentsma

Special greetings to all my ESA Members, I cannot believe that the year has gone so quickly and I am looking back to an enjoyable year.

We often put others before ourselves and spend a lot of our time giving back to others. The Disaster Fund is established to support ESA members whose homes and/or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged by a natural disaster, such as a fire, flood, or tornado. Some of our Members have experienced these sad situations and received a helping hand.

Assistance can also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness or accident which involves the ESA member or someone in their immediate family who resides in the member's home. Any active ESA member, member-at-large, life-active member may submit a claim to the Disaster Fund, the validity of which will then be determined by the International Council Disaster Fund Chair in agreement with the International Council President and First Vice President/President-Elect. It is a gift and is not expected to be paid back by the receiver. Please do not forget to support the raffle at Convention. Prizes are: First: a \$50.00 Woolworths voucher & Second: a \$25.00 Woolworths voucher.

Up to this point I am happy to report that I have not received a claim form asking for help during the year and I am very glad all our Members have been safe as there have been some tumultuous weather situations during the year.

See you all at Bundaberg.

Till next month,

Love in ESA, *Marianne*

State Vice President



2018 - 2019
Jenny Hendriks

ARE YOU OUR NEXT VICE PRESIDENT?

Hi everyone. Convention is coming around fast and while it's great that we have nominations for most of the State Executive positions for 2019-2020, unfortunately we still don't have a nomination for Vice-President. Please consider nominating for this position or encouraging another member who you think would be a good Vice-President. You have lots of experience to call on for advice from our past State Presidents.

According to By-law 2 (d), this is the criteria for being State Vice President:

"The Vice-President shall have served as District Council President for one year, as Branch President for one year and as a member of the State Executive or General Board, having held one of the following positions: Workshop Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Merchandise Officer, Education Officer or Awards Officer, for one year during her association with ESA International. The Vice-President shall have attended at least one State Convention."

The future of our organization relies on having a President, so put your thinking caps on, fill in a nomination form (Page 17) and send it off to your chosen nominee. If you receive a nomination, don't think "I couldn't do that" as obviously the member who has nominated you, believes in your ability. I would love to receive at least one nomination before Convention.

While we can accept nominations from the floor on Friday night at Convention, it isn't ideal to have a last minute nomination from the floor, as it really puts the pressure on people to accept on the spot.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Convention.

Jenny

Branch Education



Lyn Buckley
State Education
Officer

Branch: Alpha Epsilon

Education Officer: Patti Wyllie

Theme: Living the Dream

Topic: 'The English Word' – 'Up'

Our Social/Educational Meeting was held at the local Coffee Farm where members enjoyed the Whitsunday Gold Coffee with lunch.

Our speaker for the day was Pat Mengel, who spoke on "The ENGLISH WORD". Pat's talk highlighted the idiosyncrasies of the English language.

The word for the day was "UP". This word can be used as a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition. It has more meanings than any other two letter word.

A very interesting programme, which gave us a good laugh!

Upcoming events were discussed, including Alpha Rho's Handover, the WDC Handover and our own Branch Handover.



A lovely apricot flavoured cake was enjoyed by all to celebrate my birthday. Although I did not feel like celebrating my birthday this year, my ESA sisters sang

"Happy Birthday" and I did enjoy their company and support.

Our mystery auction was held with members being competitive, trying to out-bid each other.

Ten members were present. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Pat (for Education Officer, Pattie Wyllie)

Branch: Alpha Pi

Topic: Working with refugee students from Iraq and Syria

Education Officer: Ros Brennan

An interesting and thought provoking presentation was given by Jenny Hendriks assisted by Ros Brennan about the EAL/D



([English as an Additional Language/Dialect](#)) students and their families. Jenny mainly focussed on the refugees who come from Iraq and Syria as the school where Jenny and Ros teach has approximately 50

students from these countries.

Areas discussed in the presentation:

The TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE that many of the refugee families have been through before they leave their countries:

- fleeing their country to survive
- sudden departure – leaving almost everything behind and only carrying what they can fit into a bag
- having to walk long distances to a new country – Iraqis to Jordan, Syrians to a 'safe' part of Iraq, Jordan or Lebanon. If they drive, borders are hostile and dangerous.
- some have had family members killed
- day to day life is extremely difficult – fear of going to work, school, etc.
- fear of sleeping at night - bombs.
- so much violence our students and their families have witnessed

What ASYLUM IN A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY was like for the refugee families:

- some may be housed in rough refugee camps along the borders in makeshift tents
- some camps have over 1 million people in them
- very unsafe: different ethnic and religious groups crowded together

- dependent on aid agencies for food and shelter - not enough food and water
- unsafe at night: raided, targeting unaccompanied women and 8-9 year old boys (kidnapped and forced to fight).

Finally, Jenny explained how these children and their families are warmly welcomed into our school community and how much assistance, love and care they are given. It is such a gift to be able to teach and care for these precious children and their families who have had to endure so much.

Alpha Pi group was truly grateful to Jenny and Ros for their enlightening informative presentation.



Branch: Beta Omicron

Theme: Sometimes we win, sometimes we learn

Topic: Australian South Sea Islanders

Venue: Queensland State Library

Education Officer: Sheila Zarri



Seven members visited the display entitled 'Plantation Voices' on February 15. South Sea Islanders refers to Australian descendants of Pacific Islanders from more

than eighty islands in the South Seas. Some of the islands include Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Fiji, New Island etc. Today's Australian South Sea Islanders have a special place in Queensland's cultural diversity and history. They are descendants of South Sea Islanders brought to Queensland from 1863 to 1904 from 80 Melanesian Islands to work the State's cotton and sugar plantations. The 62,000 men, women and children were considered a cheap source of labour with many being kidnapped. By 1908, many had been deported under the White Australia Policy.

On display were some very confronting black and white photographs revealing multiple layers of Australian South Sea Islanders' experience during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Now 150 years on, we realise the significant contribution of these people to our collective heritage.

This State Library is amazing - so full of interesting subjects, a beautiful building and well worth spending a day there. We stayed a few hours and had lunch at a very busy café absorbing all that we had learned.

Sheila



Branch Reports



Alpha Epsilon
Pat Burns

At our March meeting, arrangements were discussed regarding the planning of our Branch Handover. This will be held on 13th April at the local "Whitsunday Gold" Coffee Farm. Branch positions were organised.

Some of our members are making plans to attend Alpha Rho's Handover as well as our WDC AGM and Handover. Looks like a busy month ahead.

On the 27th March we held our educational / social at the Coffee Farm. My birthday was celebrated with a delicious apricot flavoured cake. Pat Mengel was the speaker for the day, delivering amusing information on "The English Word" - an entertaining talk on the use of the word "UP".



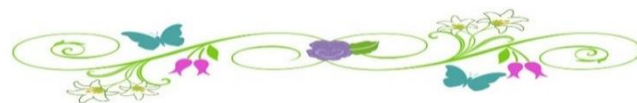
Pattie, Robyn, Ivy & Pat enjoy the event



Tammy & Grace cut their birthday cake

Lunch was followed by the mystery auction.

Pat (Publicity Officer)



Alpha Pi -
Carmel Mulcahy

At our March meeting Lyn mentioned that her granddaughter Kayla would be the hairdresser Shaving for a Cure at a nearby school, so we opted to give them our support. Lyn presented our donation to Reghan Clarke, a student at Morayfield State School, who shaved her hair in memory of a school friend from Prep who had leukaemia and passed away. The first photo is Reghan with flowing



hair with her family, the second Reghan has her hair done by Lyn's granddaughter Kayla, and the third photo is Lyn with Reghan after the event.



The school raised a total of \$2000, with Reghan raising \$700. Other students and teachers had their hair shaved and coloured.

The hair was collected from every shave and will be sent to Sydney to make wigs. Nothing is wasted.

Our Trivia Night, themed 'A Blast from the Past', was a huge success, socially and financially. We have donated the profits to Give A Child A Chance, a group formed and funded by St Vincent de Paul, which assists needy families with items such as uniforms, books, excursion fees etc.

Prizes for the winning table were brown paper bags of old fashioned lollies.

Raffles were well supported with a wide variety of prizes on offer, and as always, the food provided by the Alpha Pi members was plentiful and scrumptious!

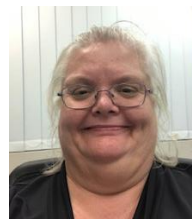


As usual, the members had fun with the Trivia Master Michael.



Next week, we're off to Bunnings for another BBQ. No rest for . . . maybe a visit from the Easter Bunny? Who knows! Or maybe we're just too wicked.

Cheers,
Carmel
Publicity Officer



Alpha Rho -
Annette
Wisnewski

Hi Everyone,

Well we have recently been having a bit of quiet time. That is because we are getting set up for Handover at the Shamrock again. They look after us, so you stick with what you know - Half Yearly, Great Community Car raffle, Mothers' Day

The girls are still doing their normal weekly jobs like Care Kitchen and Meat raffles. We have also taken some time out by going to the movies.

We recently hosted the Proserpine Branch for the Whitsundays District Committee. That is always fun getting together and catching up.

I hate to say this, but I don't have any photos this month to show as I have been under a lot of pressure at work and in my personal life. Hopefully next time I will have lots of pictures to show.

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

Annette
(Publicity Officer)





Beta Epsilon - Jane Stehbens

Hello Everyone,
Welcome to a beautiful time of year. After the recent rain everything is green and fresh, the sky is blue, the weather warm – perfect.

A few of our ladies attended the International Women’s Day Breakfast at the Bowls Club. They had a delicious breakfast and enjoyed the company of some inspirational women.



Rita, Tina and Cheryl (the three in the middle) enjoy the company at breakfast

Our Cancer night “Sea and Sound” was a great success. The decorations in the hall looked magnificent and Margaret’s vision for the night all came together for a great night of singing, laughter and chatter.



Members and guests enjoy the fun.

President Marg presents the Bursary to winner Luita Cislowski (R)



and donations to representatives of local groups.



Planning continues for Convention in May, with the girls working hard to make a memorable weekend for us.

The high school musical for this year is Grease. Sharon was the choreographer when they last did the musical so we are all keen to relive some memories of the school musical.

That’s all for now, stay safe, enjoy life, see you at Convention!

Hope all is well.

The Beta Epsilon Girls

Jane

(Publicity Officer)





Beta Omicron – Val Files

Our meeting was a small one yesterday but we achieved quite a lot.

Not a lot of news from Beta Omicron this month, but I went up to see Marie Adams at Rehab at Greenslopes Hospital, where she has been for quite some time. Marie is nearing the time when she will be home though now. She has two new great-grandsons. Their names are Augie (short for August), and Fin. They are in Melbourne and Wollongong. Though they are a distance away, Marie has had a cuddle.

Alba has been involved in a Leukaemia Day at her Village. They raised a great amount on the day. They seem to be very involved as a whole when something is on in the village.

Frances' daughter has moved out of home, which means that the house is very quiet for Frances and Bob, and like all seniors, they seem to spend quite an amount of time at doctors' surgeries.

Margaret and John are overseas at present in Japan, and I don't know their schedule, but I am sure they are seeing plenty of cherry blossoms. They are truly a wonderful sight in full bloom.

Sheila has had quite a few visitors lately, and now is expecting more visitors from Switzerland on 9th April, so we don't think we will see much of her in the next few weeks. Two teenagers arrive on the following Sunday, and another group from England in May. Sheila's 40 year old nephew, Rino's brother's son, and Sarah, will also arrive. I'm sure Sheila and Rino will have a great time with family.

Val and Jack are attending Convention in Bundaberg in May. Jack has organised a couple of short skits for the Past Presidents' Association, so I hope everyone enters into the spirit of the occasion. The skits are not terribly long, and shouldn't impose too much trouble. We will be at Bribie soon for about 10 days looking after the cat and house while our daughter's family are in Adelaide for Madi

to compete in the National Swimming Titles. Kylie has been asked to look after the team while they are away, so no rest for the family. This means that they will be at swimming every day.

Marianne and Bill are enjoying a while down the coast at the moment, so the weather should be perfect. They are also going to Convention.

Joan seems to have made the move to her son, Russ' home, over the other side of town, as she has had quite a number of falls, so we may not see her as regularly. Joan still has some health issues.

Our Educational, Plantation Voices, was an interesting morning.

Until next time,

Val (Publicity Officer)



National Council of Women of Queensland



Kathy
Cavanagh



NCWQ News



2019 Bursary Program

We are now three weeks into the opening period of Bursary applications, with 34 bursaries on offer, and about 30 members of Team Bursary 2019 to manage the promotion, coordination, selection and other administrative processes. Applications close on Monday 20 May. With the requirement for applicants for the ESA bursary to live away from the South East region, I would encourage all members in the regional branches to actively work with their local cancer groups, as they may well have the contacts to assist in identifying female students within the families they are supporting.

Annual Dinner

We are delighted that ESA will be represented at the Annual Dinner on Tuesday 30 April, with the presence of NCWQ Patron His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC and Mrs de Jersey. Speaker is Brigadier Susan Coyle, CSC, DSM, Commander 6th Brigade Australian Army. Our only sibling bursary recipients, Madison and Taylor Birtchnell will also speak.

News of Grant Success

Recent notification of success in our grant application, has triggered instant action planning. To be used for the re-development of the NCWQ website, the first steps will be to improve the current website on mobile phone and tablet platforms. The present website doesn't work well on these devices, and a number of the queries I take re the bursaries are on this issue. Further development will improve the website design and the ease with which our webmaster can manage new information. The first planning meeting takes place before Easter.



Comings and Goings

Acting President Erin Cunningham has taken leave of absence due to a great temporary work opportunity but based in Townsville. Erin has passed on her role in the Young Women's sub-committee to three of its members. With serendipitous timing, NCWQ has welcomed Chiou See Anderson back to the Management Committee.

I wish you a wonderful Convention, with thanks to Daphne for her year as President, and a warm welcome to Jenny as she commences her role as President.



Kathy

(cavsav@bigpond.com)

What a comfort you have all been.



Thank You.

On the 11th March I lost my dear husband, Turley.

I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful support from my ESA sisters.

ALPHA EPSILON and ALPHA RHO members formed a Guard of Honour at the church and they have been so supportive to my family and to me. I wish to thank you all, my ESA members for the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and the love and caring that has surrounded us.

Turley was buried with his "Man of ESA" pin on his lapel. He has always been a supportive ESA son to my Mum, Dorothy, and a really helpful husband to me over the last 55 years of my association with ESA.

RIP Turley.

Pat

Pat Burns OAM



State Credentials Reminder

Hello E.S.A Members,

By now I hope all Branches have received a letter from me requesting the names of the Delegates who will be voting for their Branch at State Convention to be held at Bundaberg on the 4th to 5th of May.

If you are voting by proxy fill in Section 1 of the Credentials form or if you have delegates attending fill in Section 2 of the form and return to me by the 19th April 2019

All the branches that have paid I.C. dues, State Affiliation and Insurance are entitled to one vote for every ten (10) Jewel Pin members.

Therefore:

- 1 – 10 members receive 1 vote
- 11 – 20 members receive 2 votes
- 21 – 30 members receive 3 votes

Thank you

Bonnie Spratt

Credentials Chairperson

MERCHANDISE REPORT

Just a little reminder to all branches. Now is the time to order your President Pins and any merchandise needed for your Branch and District Handover Meetings.

I will be ordering pins shortly for Convention, so any other orders that are needed may be collected by the branches at Convention in Bundaberg. (Saves on postage)

Looking forward to seeing you in Bundaberg.

Cheers from

Sharyn

Merchandise Officer

14 Health Benefits of Singing



1. Reduces stress
2. Improves mood
3. Lowers blood pressure
4. Improves breathing
5. Reduces perceived pain
6. Boosts immune system
7. Improves sense of rhythm
8. Promotes learning in children
9. Forges comforting memories
10. Promotes communal bonding
11. Provides comfort
12. Motivates
13. Empowers people
14. Promotes well-being

*ANZAC Day - April 25,
2019*

*At the going down of the
sun, and in the morning, we
will remember them.*





Easter memories - Alex Preston

Novelist and broadcaster, on the mysteries of the Easter Bunny

I first put on the pink bunny suit when I was 27, the year after I married my wife. Previously it had been the preserve of her older cousins – the fathers of the children who'd swarm across the long slope of my mother-in-law's Shropshire garden on sunlit Easter Days. The bunny's program was simple: hide in a pre-arranged spot, wave at assorted children, distribute chocolates from a wicker basket.

After lunch, I made my way to where the costume was laid out: the pelt pink, the ears flopped, the powder-puff tail a grubby grey. I stepped into the legs, pulled on the fluffy arms and attached the Velcro of the head with a sense of solemnity – being the bunny was a rite of passage for males of the family. I was also keenly aware as I scurried to the traditional hiding-place – a gnarled and ancient oak, hollow at the centre – that the suit would always be associated with Alastair, my wife's father, who'd died of lung cancer the year before we met.

Alastair's presence still filled the rooms of the very English home he'd built on the bones of a dilapidated farmhouse. My wife, Ary, was 19 when he died, and even almost a decade later, as I crouched in the cleft of that tree, his absence was palpable. I'd never met Alastair, and yet I felt that he'd only just left the room I was in.

It was cosy in my woody hide, and I found myself drowsy, half-dreaming back to my own childhood Easters, spent in Italy and always sunlit and golden. My grandparents lived in a rambling hilltop palazzo in Piedmont, and I was packed off there solo for most of my holidays, where I'd be met by my grandmother or my aunt. It was an eccentric and ramshackle house with a dozen dogs and as many horses, a garden that stepped in unkempt terraces down the hillside.

On Easter Day, my grandmother would serve up overcooked lamb and undercooked new potatoes, then I'd be let out into the warm afternoon to search for the Kinder eggs hidden by my aunt that morning and now slowly melting, or being torn open by dogs. Some years I'd find eggs from previous Easters deep in the bamboo at the bottom of the garden and I'd eat them

without complaint, then sit in the cool green light and open the toys within.

I was woken from my dreams by high voices, the swishing of legs and sticks through long grass. I was seized by a sudden surge of panic. I grabbed the basket of chocolates and darted from my cover, a pink streak through the meadow. The children paused briefly, then they were after me, letting out yelps of outraged laughter as they ran. I galloped wildly towards the house, diving beneath a fence and leaping a hedge.

I hurled chocolates over my shoulders, as much weapons as diversions, and barrelled through the garden. I was thundering between trees frothy with blossom, the pink and white petals falling around me like rain, and I thought I was in the clear, before the tennis court fence reared up out of nowhere. I was cornered. The children advanced, their eyes on the chocolates left.

I thought of Lord of the Flies and made a desperate charge through their closing ranks. One last frantic sprint to the lawn in front of the terrace, where I collapsed. My mother-in-law and her guests watched as the children fell upon me, snatching up the last of the chocolates and leaving me a wheezing, bedraggled bunny, near tears. Ten minutes later, when she'd finally stopped laughing, Ary came down with a Ventolin inhaler and a glass of water. I took off the costume, rolled it under my arm, and slunk into the house through the back door.

At the end of the day, we sat on the terrace in shawls and jumpers as the last of the sun came pouring down from the Welsh hills. The children were inside, exhausted in front of the telly. Ary and her mother reminisced over Alastair in the costume on Easter Days past, initially reluctant, then increasingly attached to the floppy ears and fluffy onesie. We laughed and drank and watched the sky fade to a smudge of pink.

I had a sudden strong sense of Alastair up there, looking down on us. The following Easter Day – March 23 2008 – it snowed, and my son was born, and we named him Alastair. As I held him for the first time, a sprig of a thing with a wizened, old-man's face, I remember looking forward to the moment when he, on pudgy toddler's legs, would scamper after me as I wheezed and scattered chocolates, and then, decades hence, to when he'd pull on the suit himself, another Alastair in pink velour.

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HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



Rum City Rhythms

Sugar Country Motor Inn
220 Bourbong St, Bundaberg

3-5
May
2019

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 Phone 0450 927 367 0741 111 622
3rd – 5th May 2019

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

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 ADDRESS.....
 EMAIL..... MOBILE PHONE.....
 DELEGATE..... OBSERVER.....

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>

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

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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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.

Theme for Sunday Night

"RHYTHM OF THE 80'S"

80's fashion was all about color, size, and experimentation. We wore blue mascara and yellow eye shadow, we had hair to the skies and shoulder pads not far behind it, and the lines between men's and women's fashion blurred. Many of the biggest fashion trends of the 80s were unisex.

*Songs - What's love got to do with it? Tina Turner
I wanna dance with somebody. Whitney Houston
Beat it. Michael Jackson
Physical. Olivia Newton John*

**COME DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION
READY TO ENJOY A NIGHT OF FUN.**

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

Accepted:..... Date

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