

# LUTHERAN

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### LWQ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021

Back L – R: Pam Flessner (N/L /editor) Shirley Klinge-WMZ, Judith Smyth-BN&SCZ, Naomi Marks-BS&GCZ, Colette Mangan-extra memb.

Front L - R: Avalon Hall –Secretary, Leanne Warbrooke-Treasurer, Shirley Horrigan-President, Meryl Rosenberger-DDZ.

Absent: Heidi Lane-WBBZ, Dianne Krenske-CQZ, Lynette Weise-Vice President.

**Save the Date – LWA Convention Horsham Church of Christ, Horsham, Victoria**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**Theme: “BEING Strong in the Lord” Eph. 6:10-18**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9.am..... Closing Church Service & Installation**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 22 McPherson St., HORSHAM  
Registration details in the April – May, June - July LWA Magazine

## LWQ Retiring President Report

Today is a day I was beginning to think may never happen. With 2 cancelled conventions the business of LWQ has been in abeyance for an extended amount of time. My term as your President is almost 8 years. All of these years have been a time of blessings and opportunities to grow in faith and friendships. The recruitment of Pam as Newsletter Editor has opened up an opportunity to move forward and attend to the business of Lutheran Women. Thank you Pam I know you have put a lot of work into getting our Newsletter viable and newsworthy. I also thank Inari Thiel for I think 6 years as our Editor. Her contributions was valuable and the Newsletters always of interest. I have cleaned out filing cabinets and boxed up all that I think is worthy to hand over to our incoming President Shirley Horrigan. As well as the Banner.

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I am overwhelmed with the response to the ballot paper we included in the last Newsletter. The 300+ replies indicate that Lutheran Women does have members who want to continue in this organisation. I congratulate the new Executive we have formed and welcome the new members Colette and Lyn. I trust your time on this committee will be rewarding and enjoyable and you are challenged with keeping LWQ viable. A big thank you to our Nominations Committee for the work in recruitment and especially to Lois Schultz who received all that extra mail during the Christmas period.

There has been a couple of issues that have come up since the last meeting and all dealt with via quick responses emails. One outstanding issue I leave to incoming Exec is the matter of the WEB page and host requirements. Also the matter of Lutheran Women being slated as providing the next President of World Day of Prayer. Esther Jones has sent a request to the LCAQD Office to deal with this as we do not see it as a specific role for LWQ. Esther is happy to continue to be on the WD of P committee.

I will miss my involvement in LWQ Exec as it has been a major part of my life these past 8 years as President. 6 yrs. as Vice Pres. and 5 yrs. as Zone Pres. I have been blessed with a life style and husband who have made my attendance at the many functions and retreats etc. a pleasure. What am I going to do now??? Covid could be a problem but I am leaving from this meeting to make my way to Victoria to attend the Barefoot Water Ski Nationals they my family a heavily committed to and then joining another couple to travel in the high country. We are travelling in our 4WD with slide on camper and much to my chargin the motor home will be nicely parked up in the shed at home. Maybe the motor home can come into use as we travel to Horsham later in the year for LWA Convention.

May you know the peace that comes from our Lord Jesus..... **Retiring President - Karen Bryce.**

*We say farewell to Karen and thanks for a job well done. **We welcome Shirley Horrigan** as she takes up her new role as President of LWQ. We allow her time to settle in as she is straight into LWA Convention year and we look forward to her President's page in the next Newsletter.*



## Annual Financial Statement | Year ended 31 December 2020

<b>Profit and Loss Statement</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations per attached schedule	22,903.55	37,151.00
LWA Membership 2019	210.00	3,670.00
LWA Membership 2020	3,295.00	0.00
LWQ Membership 2019	168.00	2,889.00
LWQ Membership 2020	2,644.00	0.00
Newsletter 2019	126.00	2,163.00
Newsletter 2020	1,878.00	0.00
Bursary Fund	2,200.00	4,592.50
LYQ Luminate	50.00	0.00
Maroochy Waterfront Reimbursement	1,502.00	0.00
Luth. Services Hospital Chaplaincy	40.00	0.00
Luth. Services Mary & Martha's	40.00	0.00
Lutheran Women Subscription	0.00	12.00
LLL Interest	751.90	1,133.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,808.45</b>	<b>51,611.22</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Project expenses per attached schedule	22,903.55	37,481.00
LWA Membership 2019	210.00	3,670.00
LWA Membership 2020	3,295.00	0.00
Newsletter 2019	1,162.00	819.28
Newsletter 2020	1,696.52	0.00
Travel Expenses	30.00	450.00
Hall Hire and Catering	296.04	389.04
Audit Cost	26.45	0.00
Bursaries	1,600.00	3,100.00
Lutheran Services Hospital Chaplaincy	2,040.00	0.00
Lutheran Services - Mary & Martha's	40.00	1,500.00
LYQ Luminate	50.00	0.00
Bank charges	7.73	0.00
LWQ Donation - Overseas students to ALC	1,000.00	0.00
LWQ Donation - LYQ Kid's Camp	4,000.00	1,500.00
LWQ Donation - Finkel River Mission	1,000.00	0.00
LWQ Donation - Far North Qld	1,000.00	0.00
LWQ Donation Lutheran Services Hospital Chaplaincy	0.00	1,500.00
LWQ Donation - LCAQD Disaster Fund - Townsville Floods	0.00	1,500.00
LWQ Donation - Bethany House	500.00	0.00
LWQ Donation - Home of Praise	500.00	0.00
LWQ Donation - LCA Mission International- Cambodia	500.00	0.00
LWQ Donation - ALC Women's Auxiliary	500.00	0.00
Reimbursement to BS&GC - Retreat fees	0.00	200.00
Payment to BN&SC	0.00	2.00
Lutheran Women Subscription	0.00	12.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,357.29</b>	<b>52,123.32</b>
<b>Net surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>(6548.84)</b>	<b>(512.10)</b>



## Balance Sheet

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank - LLL General	43,707.41	50,256.25
Deposit (To be reimbursed)	0.00	1,752.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,707.41</b>	<b>52,008.25</b>

## Schedule of Project Donations and Expenses

	2020		2019	
	\$		\$	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
<b>LWA Projects -</b>				
Far North Queensland	971.00	971.00	2,508.00	2,508.00
Finke River	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,475.00	1,475.00
ALC Women's Auxiliary	1,120.00	1,120.00	1,671.00	1,671.00
ALC Pastoral Ministry Students assist Fund (Gift)	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,037.00	4,037.00
Australian Lutheran World Service	3,127.55	3,127.55	4,570.00	4,570.00
ALWS - Gifts of Grace	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>LCA Mission International -</b>				
ALC Scholarship for Overseas Students	1,185.00	1,185.00	1,870.00	1,870.00
PNG Women's Training - Meri Wok	2,402.50	2,402.50	3,104.00	3,104.00
PNG Solar Panels	1,520.00	1,520.00	4,130.00	4,130.00
LCA Mission International - Cambodia	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
Bethany Home - Malaysia	1,485.00	1,485.00	2,567.00	2,567.00
Debora Orphanage - Indonesia	1,917.50	1,917.50	2,534.00	2,534.00
Home of Praise - Thailand	1,870.00	1,870.00	2,660.00	2,660.00
<b>LWQ Projects -</b>				
LYQ - Luminate	0.00	0.00	495.00	825.00
LYQ - Kid's Camps	2,035.00	2,035.00	3,655.00	3,655.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,903.55</b>	<b>22,903.55</b>	<b>37,151.00</b>	<b>37,481.00</b>

## To the Users of this Statement

Lutheran Women of Queensland are responsible for the preparation of the financial statement. I have checked the accuracy of the financial statement to supporting documentation and enquiry with those charged with Governance of Lutheran Women of Queensland. I believe that the financial statement provides a true and fair position of Lutheran Women of Queensland for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Cameron Jaggers



## A Trip Around Qld. Fellowships And Zones

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BEAUDESERT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 1951-2020.

Where were you in 1951? I (Shirley Hardke) was a little kid then, running off to the local school across the road from our church - St Paul's. Lunch times I'd sometimes spend at my grandparents' house. Up the back steps in time to hear my grandmother's favourite radio serial - 'Blue Hills' and the smell of some freshly cooked sultana cake. But that wasn't her only passion. She was a regular church member - a leader in her time. How fitting that she should be the very first President of our Ladies Guild. It was something that I was totally oblivious to back then but she, along with some of the other women were making a move in the church. A special meeting was arranged and St Paul's Ladies Guild came into being on November 7<sup>th</sup> 1951.



*H.E. (Wilhemina) Badke- First President)*

In those days it was very official with all the women being mentioned in the minutes as 'Mrs', and their husband's initials. The ladies did Hospital visiting, sewed dresses, loin cloths and shirts for missions. Boxes of 'Christmas Cheer' were packed each year and money sent off to various projects of the church. St Peter's College received dozens of eggs (19 dozen were sent from one Harvest Thanksgiving). Financial support was given to many projects, Brisbane City Mission, New Guinea, Hope Vale and Coolum Youth Camp.

Cleaning and beautification of the church was a priority. Numerous things were bought and placed in the church building. When the hall was built, the task of improvements there was addressed. The first guild meeting held in the hall was in 1957 and in 1958 Bible Study was introduced and conducted by the Pastor. Even before the hall was built, the guild organized many socials for the congregation providing ice-creams and soft-drinks for many of these functions.

In the sixties and seventies, the ladies continued to work, raising funds for the set projects. Sewing continued for the Brisbane City Mission and New Guinea. Second-hand clothing was sent off to Hope Vale. Trinder Park Rest Home became a focal point with cooking and window cleaning along with support for the annual Fete. It is recorded in the minutes that '*Each lady working in the stalls is to have a card marked 'STALL WORKER' pinned to her frock*' (Obviously no slacks or jeans in those days!) Younger members joined in the late sixties and early seventies with a number of them being in their twenties of which I was one. (Something that isn't the case these days.) In those years some things changed. In our meetings, more members took an active part. In 1974 each member took turns leading the devotion before Pastor conducted the Bible Study and from 1976 we even led the prepared Bible Study when the Pastor was away. The women were still referred to by their husband's name until 1980 when we finally used Christian names. In August Of 1981, we ventured into uncharted waters with the introduction of a fellowship luncheon with hot dishes. Money raised from the Annul street stalls helped provide many items for the church and the hall. The list seemed endless.

In 1987 Day Care began in Beaudesert and our guild joined the volunteer roster.

The nineties – the years seem to have flown by. The guild had a name change towards the end of this era. The word 'Guild' was discontinued and 'Fellowship' came into being and things became even more informal. Imagine! Our pastors now had Christian names! The meetings had not changed all that much although a course in Bible Study preparation, enabled a couple of us to prepare our own Bible studies in various forms. Members baked furiously for our annual street stall until the last one in 1998. In 1999 we had fun putting a recipe book together with the proceeds going to the parish funds. We sold around 200 books. Into the new millennium - our membership increased with it reaching the highest in 2006 with 17 members. Members were busy raising funds as well as taking time out to make birthing kits for PNG and Shoe Boxes for the Christmas Child Project. By 2011 our members were beginning to age and membership had fallen to 10. Our fund raising was reduced to one major event a year instead of two but still we managed to continue to support the congregation and provide more equipment in the hall etc. even replacing the old water tank. Various LWA, LWQ, Zone and local projects have been supported each year and with the help of women from the congregation, we were able to supply pamper packs for our drought affected sisters in western QLD in 2019. The last few years, we have managed without a pastor but our Heavenly Father has been there throughout our whole journey.

Our final year has been in uncharted waters, with the Covid19 virus wreaking havoc across the world, we have had to find alternate ways to do things. With our numbers further depleted we found we were unable to continue as a fellowship and it was with much sadness that we sent off our final donations to our much-loved projects in November 2020. Through the many years, the Lord has certainly blessed us richly and whatever we have done and what we do in his service, it can never come close to what we owe.

**He tells us that the debt is paid - how great it that! Praise the Lord!!**

*Shirley Hardke (President St Paul's Women's Fellowship - Beaudesert)*

## **90 YEARS OF ST. LUKE'S NAMBOUR LUTHERAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 1929 - 2019**



Sunday afternoon 7<sup>th</sup> April 1929 a group of ladies met in the Nambour Town Park and resolved to form a Ladies' Mission Guild. The first meeting was held at the manse on 10<sup>th</sup> May and was attended by 10 members. Pastor F H Schmidt was elected President. Over the years the ladies have made considerable contributions to many projects and equipment

acquisitions of the congregation. In addition they have supported numerous mission and needy causes overseas and in Australia. As well as supporting the projects of Lutheran Women of Australia.

In 1969 a group of 6 – Mr. & Mrs Con Dates – Mr and Mrs Alec Jackson- Mr. Alwyn Stollznow and one other, ventured to Etep in New Guinea and built an Administration building for the leprosy mission there. Which was much appreciated by the Matron at the time. The friendship made there lasted many years. Phyllis Jackson Corresponded with the Matron .until her death. A child born at the time the group was there was

named Alec after Alec Jackson. Alec sent a birthday card and money to this baby until he thought the baby 'Alec' was teenage years and stopped sending the card. Alas a letter came back asking "Where was his card and money"?

Week by week the ladies tended to the cleaning and supplying and arranging of the flowers for Worship services. They are always there to make the cuppas at working bees, and cater for church functions from time to time. Always doing their finest work with their heart and hands using the gifts God gave each and every one.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1979 saw the celebration of 50years with afternoon tea at which Pastor F H Schmidt was the guest speaker. Pastor Schmidt served Nambour 1928 – 1932. Was President of LCA Qld District and held that position for 20 years. He married Erica Zander in 1932. Erica being a member of Nambour, Pastor Schmidt always had a special family bond with Nambour.

St. Luke's Fellowship mornings of Ecumenical gatherings with a guest speaker from the Bible Society, each year was well attended and looked forward to with other fellowships from all around the Sunshine Coast. St. Luke's Ladies excelled with their baking skills and a well-stocked trading table was a feature. Money raised each year was donated to the work of the Bible Society.

Unfortunately age and losing a number to ill health, deaths, and the (COVID year) has forced the Ladies to make the decision to close as Members of LWQ. & LWA. Just a gathering for a cuppa to keep in touch now, is the hard decision they have made. After many years of faithful and dedicated service to LWQ & LWA past members must be applauded for their commitment to the aims and projects of Women's Fellowship and for a job well done. Many wonderful and lasting memories have been shared over the years.

Proverbs 31:31 "Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Written by Pam Flessner whose Mother was a Member of St. Luke's Nambour.

## **BRISBANE SOUTH & GOLD COAST ZONE**

Greetings to all LWQ members. I have enjoyed attending Zone functions and reconnecting with friends, and count it a blessing to serve with the LWQ Executive team.

As very little happened in 2020, we are hoping to gather with members and friends this year. Planning has been done for our Rally Day 2020 and we are revamping the program for this year. Bethania will be host and lunch will be BYO. Invites have been sent and God willing we will have Rally Day on the **20<sup>th</sup> April**. Our theme is '*Days of Your Yore*' \_with guest speaker 'Margaret Kowald' speaking on the history of Queensland

May God bless the incoming Executive and we give thanks for the retiring team of LWQ.

Humbly submitted Naomi Marks (president) LWQ BSG C Zone

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

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## **BRISBANE NORTH & SUNSHINE COAST ZONE**

The discipline of Spiritual Perseverance. "Be still and know that I am God....."Psalm 46:10.  
If our hopes seem to be experiencing disappointment right now, it simply means that they are being purified. (Oswald Chambers.)Zone Executive have meet after many months on Feb.18<sup>th</sup> this year. The passing of Lorraine Stiller, along with resignations of long serving members have made it difficult to plan for the coming year. Rally Day cancelled last year will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Immanuel Buderim Hosted by St. Mark's Caloundra ladies. With perseverance we look forward. St. Luke's Nambour have made the decision to close as a Fellowship. Elderly dedicated members who have contributed greatly to Zone and LWQ and also local mission work for many years have now decided to they are unable to form a committee and continue. We applaud their Contribution to Lutheran Women. Fellowships are back meeting together again and during Covid prepared Samaritan boxes, New Guinea Birthing Kits and projects where possible. All celebrated Christmas with lunches outside of their premises. Current membership is 109. God's Blessings to our new LWQ Executive as they guide us into the future. Thanks to the outgoing Executive who worked tirelessly to keep Lutheran Women connected.

Judith Smyth (President)

## **FAR NORTH QLD**

Although not an affiliated Zone we should not forget, because of the distance in-between our Sisters in the North. Tuula Contarino, (former LWA President) reports that (Times are changing and fast!!). I always worried about what would happen to our projects when the money stops coming in. Obviously it is going to run down very fast now that we have to start using accumulated funds, as LWA have done this year, to mission projects in need. We are blessed to be able to help and I believe in the saying "for a time such as this".

I believe we earnestly need to pray for God to guide/lead and give Victoria LWA wisdom in how to move forward in the difficult times ahead. Wishing them every success as they plan to hold the LWA Convention in September 2021.

## **WIDE BAY BURNETT ZONE**

Firstly thanks must go to the Darling Downs Team for their enormous effort they have endured during this pandemic; I can only imagine the disappointment they have endured so many times.

Romans 5: v1-5 - verse 3. "And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us". Amen. RALLY DAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY. F/ship day TBA M/ship Approx. 81. 3 Ladies celebrated 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays.

**Heidi Lane ....Treasurer**

## **CENTRAL QUEENSLAND ZONE RALLY/RETREAT 27-28 March 2021**

Praise God! The ladies of LWQ CQ were released from the constraints of COVID-19 and permitted to gather around the Word of God and to fellowship at Calvary Lutheran Church in North Rockhampton for the Annual Rally/Retreat hosted by Calvary/Living Waters Ladies Fellowship. It was wonderful to have a carload from Mackay, another from Brisbane South Gold Coast, and other attendees from places in between. Under the theme ***Apron Strings and Other Things*** 32 ladies were literally taken back in time to when some of us and many of our mothers/grandmothers regularly wore aprons. Aprons adorned the worship centre walls and were tied to the inside ends of pews – so many different styles to admire and ..... Those memories.

The **Zone meeting** was conducted by Dianne Krenske.

**Heather Behrendorff** relayed communications of thanks from recipients of donations from 2020 Gladstone Rally – Sandy Prizeman who was Chaplain at Gladstone Trinity College, ALWS - advised of difficulty with COVID-19 providing water and sanitation to assist needy, and Redeemer Lutheran College Biloela - assisted a family in which the father had three months in hospital in Brisbane following an accident.



Dianne spoke of the year that had been since the 2020 Gladstone Rally with the fortuitous theme FROG (Fully Rely on God) from which **APRON (Apply Prayer Regularly On Needs)** continues on. There were no meetings or get-togethers for several months, worship services etc. on-line, and very little fundraising.

Zone Projects are School Chaplaincy in Rockhampton and Yeppoon, and Religious Instruction programme in Rockhampton. The LWQ Project is PNG Lutheran Health Services Solar Panels. It was decided to continue donating to Redeemer Lutheran College with the College Principal to decide on the recipient student/family most in need of assistance. Rally 2022 will be held in Biloela.

The **memorial hymn** 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) was in memory of Gloria Hoad (Gladstone), and Joyce Goos and Rosa Pfeiffer (both Biloela). Felicity Bradford, a former Vice President of LWQ Executive, and Naomi Marks reported on meeting of LWQ Executive a fortnight before, and Felicity reminded of the **LWA Convention** to be held in Horsham 24 – 26 September 2021. Information in the April/May Lutheran Women Magazine.

**Bible Study** led by Pastor Peter Noble introduced the *Lutheran Doctrine of Vocation* and Martin Luther's thoughts on secular work. In being so intent on serving God, we can cease to serve others.

God does not need our good works – our neighbour does. "What you do to the least of these you do unto me." Pastor Peter referred to the "Apron" being a visible symbol of service by the wearer. God calls us to serve others.

**Yvonne Strauss** shared her story – she wanted to be a teacher - circumstances changed with the death of her father when she was 15 years old. She married and had six children, worked in schools with primary and secondary students teaching religious education etc. She got to do that desired job in a different way.

*Here I am Lord* was a very fitting song to follow Pastor Peter's sharing.

**Ute Graz** spoke on her vocation as a Paediatric Occupational Therapist and related the Rally theme of Aprons as putting on the full armour of God... An apron is used in Ute's workday for communication with some of the young people seeking her assistance. It contains a Velcro strip with pictures able to be pulled off to help share messages. Ute spoke of the many forms of communication used to help with understanding by young ones with autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, and other conditions. All of those she assists can perceive situations differently, with differing reactions. Her work involves assessing a young person's situation and deciding how to best communicate and support the child to manage difficult situations.

**Samantha** spoke of speaking hope into young people's lives with positive behaviour learning and a reward system being used, and with intervention programmes such as anti-bullying. Samantha encourages students to believe that what happens now can affect their futures.

**Raelene Robinson** – Co-ordinator for the Religious Instructions Gift Fund and Guidance Officer. About 3,000 children per week are hearing the Word in the Rockhampton region through R. I. The R.I. programme is provided to students by volunteers and paid instructors. Volunteer Mrs Blakeley showed a video with puppets, of the R.I. programme. Raelene advised more funding is required to continue the programme and encouraged tax deductible donations to the R.I. Gift Fund.

Closing devotion by Pastor Peter was on the Gift of Prayer for blessings of others/neighbours and confirmed there are many biblical verses referring to praying. We are called to a vocation of prayer – pray for family and all in our circles. The references are not to IF you pray but WHEN you pray as in Matthew 6:5 .... The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect – James 5:16. *Shirley Hardke advised of a misnaming attached to a photo in the latest Lutheran Women magazine wherein he Grandmother should be shown as Mrs. HE (Wilhemina) Badke.*

The installation of Office Bearers was conducted by Pastor Peter and Dianne Krenke thanked the Zone Committee and her team for assistance in organising Rally. Following Dinner Lyn Patterson and Don McCall (Rockhampton-Yeppoon SMP) conducted a very competitive Trivia Night- No one was able to twist Lyn's arm on trivia questions though we all tried. We were very blessed with great company, great food, hearing the Word, and interesting guest speakers. Our bag of goodies included an **Apron-adorned** water bottle – sewing ladies must have had some late nights.

Many attended Sunday morning worship with Communion led by Pastor Peter, followed by a sharing from Jeff Greene, Everyman's Soldiers Welfare Ministry.

**Sue Hebel – Reporter.**

## LUTHERAN WOMEN DARLING DOWNS ZONE

### RALLY April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021



What a joy it was to awaken on April 20<sup>th</sup> to a lovely autumn morning and to know that today we were going to meet as a Zone for our Annual Rally at Our Saviour's Toowoomba. It has been a long time since we could have fellowship with our sisters outside of our individual Ladies Fellowships.

44 sisters, Pastors and visitors met under the **Theme 'Day By Day'** based on the Bible Text, Romans 14:5-8. One person thinks that a certain day is more important than other days, while someone else thinks that all days are the same.....None of us lives for oneself only, none of us dies for oneself only. If we live it is for the Lord that we

live, and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. **So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord...**

Sue Donges explained the lovely display. We start our journey with our Baptism, learning more about God's love and guidance from our parents, Pastors, Sunday school teachers and other people we meet. As we get older we learn more and as we see new and wondrous things we can keep praying 'You'll be looking along with us'. The display showed shoes placed on shelves but some shelves were empty, as sometimes we walk away and forget about God. Maybe this is when the world is rough and tough BUT we can keep praying for courage to keep us going. Two other parts of the display were the word of God as in the Bible and the Sacraments – Holy Communion and Baptism. All this we experience 'Day By Day' as we walk with God.

In her welcome, our Zone President Meryl Rosenberger read a poem by Helen Steiner Rice.....

#### **Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**

**The Devotion and Bible Study** lead by Specific Ministries Pastor, Ken Von Pein from Dalby was based on the previous Sunday's Gospel reading, Luke 24: 36b – 48. God is present, we are his children...I am the Lord your God. WE need to keep hearing this Good News. 'I AM' - 'Jesus'. He then told us the history of how he came to be an SMP to the people in isolated towns out west, St George, Roma, Dirranbandi, Charleville, Glenmorgan. He works in with the Anglican and Uniting churches. He can cover up to 600 kms. in one trip and also does the odd home visit. God has allowed him to share the love and Good News.

**Guest Speaker** Joanna Bender on behalf of Drought Angels told how the organisation was started by two ladies in Chinchilla in 2014 after hearing heartbreaking stories of drought from farmers. It started in a Café and grew and grew. **'Drought Angels** provides a unique service for which it has become well known within the rural sector. They are a charity run by big hearts who offer a listening ear, a warm hug and personalised support to farming families who are impacted by natural disasters such as drought, fire & flood. 'We like to tell our farmers we don't deliver charity – but rather a thank you.' **"Thank you for all you do to put the food on our tables and clothes on our backs"**. Through their direct personal contact with farmers, Drought Angels has earned a respected reputation for providing personalised, practical, heartfelt, and discreet assistance, sensitive to the needs of each family. Tangible assistance is delivered in the form of food hampers and care packs. Pre-Paid Visas and IGA & BP Gift Cards that bear no reference to their charitable source, empower farmers to provide for their families with dignity. This form of direct assistance allows families to purchase supplies from their local businesses, ensuring not only the family farm remains operational, but the economy of these vital rural communities is also kept viable for future generations. We assist those who would not normally reach out, but would prefer to battle it alone, which all too often can lead to mental health issues. One-on-one support aides in breaking down the barriers of this proud demographic, many of whom have never received a hand up in the past. They are often the first generation of many contemplating walking off the land. These are the people of most concern and often forgotten – Drought Angels will always be there to deliver hope and respect, easing the strain caused by drought and natural disasters. They assist 4,000+ families.

The usual formalities also took place during the day. New LWQ President Shirley Horrigan gave a report and told of plans for LWA Convention in Horsham Victoria in September. Praise Time was enjoyed with some lovely hymns/songs being sung.

After prayerful consideration by our sisters, Val Kath agreed to stand for Zone President for one year as no names had been put forward and Jenny Stollznaw 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. We thank these ladies from the bottom of our hearts for taking on these roles. The Extra Member positions were also filled by ladies volunteering from the floor. So thankful.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Bishop Mark Vainika read a Report on behalf of Bishop Paul Smith. He then installed the new Darling Downs Zone Executive. **President** - Val Kath. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Jenny Stollznaw **Secretary** - Hazel Weis **Treasurer** - Avalon Hall **Extra Members** - Joy Wurst, Cheryl VonHoff, Beth Toomey, Gloria Hamilton - **Spiritual Advisor** - Pastor Mark Demmer

Pastor Mark led an inspirational Closing Devotion. On Epiphany day in January, he was struck by lightning. He remembers seeing a whitest of white lights, then felt pain down his arm. For three days after he experienced a great peace. It is for the Lord that we live or die. You are safe in the arms of the Lord. Nothing to fear. We are not as much in control as we think we are..... God is.... as in Pastor Mark's experience, a lightning strike. He closed with prayer. We sang 'When the roll is called up yonder' and everyone's favourite, 'May the feet of God walk with you' to close the day.

Thank you to the Cornerstone Parish (Our Saviour's / St Peter's Warwick) for hosting the day.

**With Christian Greetings..... Lois Schultz**



***DD Exec. L-R:*** Hazel Weis (Sec) Avalon Hall (Treas) Val Kath (Pres) Beth Toomey (Ex.M)  
Jenny Stollznaw (1<sup>st</sup> V.P.) Cheryl VonHoff (Ex.M.) Joy Wurst (Ex.M) Cloria Hamilton (Ex.M.)  
Rev. Mark Vaninika (1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Bishop)

## ***LWA Convention at Horsham fri - Sunday 24 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sept***

Next page is a modified version of the bus trip the South Australia ladies (Tracey Smith) have put together to travel from Adelaide Airport to Convention and return. Some sight-seeing – Fellowship - along the way, and of course the all-important **Convention of Lutheran Women of Australia**. If you require detailed information about this travel to Convention Please contact Tracey Smith whose details are at the bottom of the sheet.

All information regarding Convention will be in the Lutheran Women Magazine ---April / May already has a lot of information and more about the speakers will be in the next (June /July) Magazine.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN OF SA-NT presents a 7 day tour to the  
LUTHERAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA CONVENTION**

Tuesday 21 Sept - Monday 27 Sept 2021



***BEING STRONG IN THE LORD***

Church of Christ , Horsham, Vic.

**Day 1: (D)** Queenslanders arrive in Adelaide. **(Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.)** Hotel Stay (**Dinner at hotel**) O/night in Anticipation of next 6 days full of fun and fellowship.

**Day 2: (BD)** ;Adelaide to Horsham--- **(WED 22 Sept)** (lunch at own expense)

Interstate passengers meet the rest of group that will be travelling to Convention. Stop for lunch near SA/V border. Arrive Horsham in the afternoon stay at Best **Westlander Hotel Horsham**. Dinner & Breakfast at Hotel, (Lunch at own exp).

**Day 3: (BLD)** ; **(Thurs 23 Sept)** A day in the Grampians visiting **MacKenzie falls –Brambuk Cultural Centre** . Lunch and tastings at **Pomonal Estate**. Next a visit to studio of **James McMurtrie Glass Blowing**. Meet and greet organisers of the Convention at the Church of Christ Horsham. Dinner at the Hotel.

**Day 4: (B) : CONVENTION DAY 1 : (Fri 24 Sept)** Registration at 8.30am (Lunch & Dinner at Convention)

**Day 5: (BD): CONVENTION DAY 2 : (Sat 25 Sept)** LWA Convention until 4 pm. (Lunch at Convention)

**Day 6: (BD) : HOMEWARD BOUND (Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Sept)** Service 9am at Horsham Lutheran Church. After morning tea we transfer to Hotel for down time – pack bags say goodbyes for afternoon travel back to **Adelaide**. Stop along the way to purchase lunch.

**Day 7: (B) : QUEENSLANDERS – Adelaide to home (Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept)** What a wonderful getaway and Time of fellowship. Transferred to airport for flight home to Brisbane today.

**B.** Breakfast – **D** Dinner – **L** lunch .. these are included in package.

**TOTAL PACKAGE (GST INCLUSIVE) Twin share - \$1,408.00 per person**

Deposit \$508 due 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Balance \$900 Due 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (or in full \$4<sup>th</sup> June.)

**Single supplement (354.00 extra) - \$1,762.00 per person**

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- Coach tfr. from/to Adelaide Airport to Adelaide Rockford hotel
- 6 nights accommodation (2 Adelaide-4 Horsham) + 5 dinners at hotels
- 6 cooked hotel breakfasts
- Coach transfers to/from Convention Venue
- Travel insurance
- Coach charter – Grampians (Day 3)
- MacKenzie Falls – Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre – James McMurtrie Glass Blowing – Pomonal Estate (lunch platter + wine, beer or cider tasting).

**NB: COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

Return air travel Bris – Adelaide – at passengers own expense  
Convention Registration.

1. Obtain booking form from contact below
2. Fill in booking form and return to Tracy no later than 4<sup>th</sup> June.
3. Deposit payment due by 4<sup>th</sup> June -- by cheque payable to LWSA (Marked Vic travel)  
Send to Ruth Kaesler, 4 Johns Lane, Hahndorf SA 5245.  
OR Direct Deposit (Ref: Vic travel) BSB 704942 A/c No. 100944302

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