

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Newsletter
September, 2018

Welcome to your new Newsletter of the ESU Queensland. This quarterly newsletter will keep members up-to-date with what is happening at your ESU.

ANN GARMS



2018 has been a difficult and unsettling time for us all. Our beloved and dynamic President Ann Garms is no longer with us. Some people leave a large gap when they leave, and in Ann's case this gap is exceptional.

We will aim to continue her model of dynamic leadership, though doing this with anything like her charm and presence will be difficult.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Acting President: Emeritus Professor Roly Sussex has been elected Acting President until the AGM in November.

Secretary: The Board is delighted to welcome Jan Heffernan in the role of Secretary. Jan's experience and wisdom will be invaluable in this key role in the ESU.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board is interested in attracting energetic new members who are ready and able to make a dynamic contribution to the ESU. Prospective members are encouraged to contact the Acting President, Roly Sussex, on sussex@uq.edu.au. Board membership typically involves an average of 10 hours per month of work and activity related to the ESU.

ESU MEMBERSHIP

Members are encouraged to recommend the ESU and its work to friends, family and colleagues. Membership information and application forms are available on the website:

<http://www.esu.org.au/membership/>

Members are also reminded to renew their memberships promptly. Members must be financial to vote at the AGM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dialogue: ESU Queensland is starting a new event called "Dialogue", where two speakers address a theme relevant to the mission of the ESU. The first Dialogue will be held at ESU House at 6pm on 21st October, with the title:

Will Britannia rules the waves again?

We intend that there will be a number of Dialogue events in 2019, interspersed with lectures,

the Churchill lecture, and other events.

Public Speaking Competition: Emeritus Professor Caroline Hatcher is coordinating the Intermediate and Junior classes. The heats and finals for the Intermediate and Junior categories will be held at ESU in October and November. The dates are listed below under “For your diary”. Members are warmly encouraged to attend.

Roly Sussex Short Story Competition: Judging is underway in the competition, under the direction of Emeritus Professor Peter Little as Chief Judge. The Governor has generously agreed to host a reception at Government House on 20 November for the presentation of the awards (by special invitation only).

AGM AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

The AGM will be held at ESU House at 4pm on 25th November. All members are urged to attend, and if they cannot, to assign their proxy vote to an appropriate member. You must be a financial member of the ESU to attend and vote. The agenda will be on the ESU website very shortly, together with nomination and proxy forms.

The AGM will be followed by the annual Christmas Party, which will be a dinner event. Members will be circulated when arrangements are completed.

MOMANI RESTAURANT

The Momani restaurant has opened on the ground floor of the ESU. The owner, Ashley, welcomes ESU members to his new initiative. ESU Members will receive a **discount of 10%** on food. The Board has already enjoyed the menu, and warmly recommends Mamoni to members:

<http://mustdobrisbane.com/eat-drink-restaurants-cuisine-middle-eastern-west-milton/momani-s-milton>

2019

For next year the new Board will be looking to continue the key events of ESU Brisbane, and to develop new initiatives in the dissemination of English language and culture. Members who have suggestions, or who would like to offer their services and input, should contact the Secretary, Jan Heffernan: mrsjmheff@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR DIARY: EVENTS AT ESU HOUSE

October 21st, 6pm:	Dialogue: “Will Britannia rule the waves again?”
October 15th, 5.30pm and 7.30pm (2 heats)	Public speaking competition, Intermediate Heats
October 29th, 6pm:	Public speaking competition, Intermediate Grand Final
October 23rd, 5.30pm and 7.30pm (2 heats):	Public speaking competition, Junior Heats
November 5th, 6pm:	Public speaking competition, Junior Grand Final
November 25th, 4pm:	AGM
November 25th, 6pm:	Christmas party

On behalf of the Board,
Emeritus Professor Roland (Roly) Sussex
Acting President, ESU
26 September, 2018