



ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

Queensland Branch

Promoting International Understanding and Human Achievement through English
The English Speaking Union (Queensland Branch)
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An independent not-for-profit community organization
Queensland President: Emeritus Professor Roland Sussex

Newsletter

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AGM 2018

The 2018 AGM was held on 25 November, and was attended by 24 members. The meeting elected a new Board of nine, including two new members:

President: Roland Sussex
Vice-President: Richard Macedo
Secretary: Jan Heffernan
Treasurer: Ray Heffernan
Continuing members: Ross Brodie, Robert Goes, Caroline Hatcher
New members: Gary Gardiner, Majella Stevens

The minutes of the AGM, and other documentation from the meeting, will be made available to members once the minutes are approved by the incoming Board. Key events from the past year are documented in the [President's Report](#). The AGM was followed by the annual Christmas Party.

The new Board had its first meeting on 6 December 2018, and has agreed to a major program of events for 2019.

WEBSITE

We will be making extended use of the Website. Members should bookmark the URL:

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

Members should check it regularly for advice on upcoming events, information on activities held and general information of interest. The quarterly Newsletters will have lots of information but the website will be updated more regularly.

ESU MEMBERSHIP

The previous Board extended 2017/18 memberships to December 2018 to allow members to attend the AGM and vote. The new Board will be considering how best to handle memberships and membership renewals in future.

Members who have paid their 2018/19 membership dues will have the membership rolled over into 2019. Other members will receive requests for renewal and payment as appropriate.

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/>

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Announcements of the 2019 Public Speaking Competition, and the 2019 Roly Sussex Short Story Competition, will go out early in 2019.

MOMANI'S 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 Momani to members:

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

Please put the following dates in your diaries, 5.30 for 6. The social events will be shared between dialogues and lectures / presentations. Details of each event will be communicated by email and in the quarterly Newsletter.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

February 10

March 10

April 7

May 12

June 9

July 7

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

November 24: Christmas Party (5pm)

There may be other dates as the program for 2019 develops.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Members are very welcome at all events, but particularly for the finals. Times will be announced in the quarterly Newsletter and by email.

Senior competition

Heat – Monday 13 May 2019

Final – Monday – 27 May 2019

Intermediate competition

Heat(s)– Monday 14 October 2019

Final – Monday 28 October 2019

Junior competition

Heat(s) - Tuesday 22 October 2019

Final Monday 4 November 2019

CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

The ESU wishes members a joyful Christmas and a safe and rewarding New Year.

On behalf of the Board,
Emeritus Professor Roland (Roly) Sussex
President, ESU Queensland
28 December, 2018

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