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2018 NCWQ Bursary Program – watch this space!

With applications for the 2018 bursary program opening mid-April, plans are now well under way.

The critical dates for the program are:

Monday 16 April – Applications open

Monday 4 June – Applications close

Wednesday 25 July – Bursary presentation function; 5:30pm at Brisbane Girls Grammar School

At this stage, there will be 32 bursaries in this year's program. (31 bursaries in the 2017 program.) So, the range of bursaries is similar to that of last year.

We know what a difference the bursaries make for the recipients. This year, over International Women's week, a number of responses from recipients were shown on the NCWQ website. These messages are inspiring and reinforce the value of the bursary program. These responses will continue to be available on the website and will feature over the next few issues of this Newsletter.

Given that the applications will be closed before the next newsletter, I would encourage all to use your networks to spread the word of the 2018 bursary program. Information will be progressively available through the website – www.ncwq.org.au/bursaries Alternatively, please email me at bursaries@ncwq.org.au for further information.

Please contact Kathy Cavanagh, Bursary Program Coordinator, for further information or if you would like to be involved.

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Quota Woman of the Year

Quota International Brisbane City Inc. honoured Dorami Keyt as the Woman of the Year at an event held at the Women's College.

Dorami has contributed many years of volunteering to Girl Guides and Mothers Union Australia Brisbane Diocese. She has filled many roles and continues on with her work today.

QI Brisbane City were honoured to invite Shelley Brown, a current Vice President of Quota International, to speak to the assembled members and friends about just what Quota does in the community, and to assist in the presentation to Dorami.

Quota was formed in Buffalo, in New York, in 1919. Their work focusses on advocating to empower women, ensuring child development, funding deaf resources, inspiring future leaders and delivering world service in 264 communities around the world.

Dorami was congratulated by Marilyn Oulds, Dr Laurel Macintosh OBE (WOY 1984 & 1997), Noela O'Donnell AM (WOY 2015) and Sallymatu Kuyteh (WOY 2016)

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Sandra Hyde Page - QWHA President
Miegunyah - the Home of The Queensland Women's Historical Association

A Home to Love, to Explore, and to Enjoy.

MIEGUNYAH HOUSE MUSEUM, 35 JORDAN TCE, BOWEN HILLS

Tucked away in Bowen Hills is an enchanting Victorian era home, that invites visitors to enter, to explore, and to marvel at the collection of furniture, textiles, costumes and house hold items of a very nearly forgotten era. Wide verandas edged with wrought iron lace work, high ceilings, cool interiors, a grand dining room reflecting the status of the first owners, and a kitchen that most visitors identify with by exclaiming 'oh, my grandmother had one of those'.

Miegunyah was built in 1886 by Mr William Perry, for his son Herbert, newly married to the former Miss Leila Markwell.

Who was William Perry? William Perry, arriving in Brisbane from Sydney in 1860, was the founder of Perry Bros Ironmongers, and land holder. He was a director of the Queensland Insurance Company, a member of the Fire Brigade Board, and a director of the Brisbane gas Company. He was a Justice of the Peace, a foundation member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Brisbane General Cemetery Trust and by 1890, a Member of the Legislative Council. William purchased 5 lots of land in Jordan Terrace, adjoining his home, *Folkestone*, by 1876 – he added nearby Perry Park to his portfolio by 1886. William and wife Annie wished to have their family settled around the *Folkestone* – Herbert at *Miegunyah*, and sister Florence at *Murwari* opposite. Brother George also lived in Jordan Terrace for a short time.



Above: In the bedroom, a late 19th century mahogany dressing table displays items that were in frequent use by ladies of that era.

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Miegunyah remained in the Perry family until Herbert's death in 1922. Subsequent owners were Dr Andrew and Mrs Menzies, Mr and Mrs William Hayes, followed by their son, the architect, Eddie Hayes. Sold to the Enright Brothers of Beaudesert, the house was again offered for sale for removal, when the President of the Queensland Women's Historical Association seized the day, galvanized the members by calling for donations towards a deposit, and arranging the successful purchase in 1967.

The Queensland Women's Historical Association was formed in 1950, at Newstead House but by the mid-1960's, both the membership (around 1,000) and the collection of donated artefacts needed a place to call home. From the outset, the intention was to restore Miegunyah with the assistance of heritage architects, and to operate as a House Museum, dedicated to the early pioneer women of Queensland. This year marks 50 years as a House Museum, a remarkable achievement as we are still a largely self-funded, and 100% volunteer organization. Grants from all levels of government enable us to continue with conservation and preservation work but the day to day running costs are met by visitors coming to learn more about the collection, about early Queensland history, and most importantly, enjoying our famous Devonshire teas on the veranda.

Membership is open to all, and we are looking for people to help in a variety of roles, ranging from tour guiding, helping in the archives, helping with functions, undertaking some research projects, gardening. Please contact us on 3252 2979, or by email on qwha.miegunyah@gmail.com. *The Queensland Women's Historical Association is affiliated with NCWQ.*



Above: In 1857, this parrot sailed to England, along with his mistress, 15yr old Sophia Jones of New Farm, Brisbane.

Celebrating Brisbane Social Enterprises!

NCWQ Member and Bursary Selection Panellist, Elise Stephenson has been selected as one of 15 Brisbane Social Enterprises for Impact Boom's Acceleration Elevate+!

The dream of Elise and her sister, The Social Good Outpost (SGO) is pioneering new ways that the design industry interacts with social concerns and organisations.

SGO focuses on addressing and understanding the needs of those organisations highlighting a social purpose. Combining graphic designers and community leaders under the one roof, SGO works with non-profits, social enterprises, and start-ups to provide graphic design, web design and strategic development. Operating on a sliding scale model of business, SGO offers clients accessible, leading edge design, which may otherwise be out of their reach in traditional design studios.

At the intersection of creative and the community, SGO is driven to be the go-to designer for social impact in Australia.

Congratulations SGO Co-Founder Elise Stephenson!



Service to the Multicultural Community

Congratulations to long-term NCWQ Management Committee member Irene Cayas who has been acknowledged for her service to the multicultural community, to women and the aged in the Australia Day Honours listing. Irene has received a Medal (OAM) in the General Division.

Irene has been a member of the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ) since 1998. She is a Past President and Treasurer of the Greek Orthodox Church of Mt Gravatt Ladies Auxiliary; Vice-President of Older People Speak Out (OPSO), founder Senior Citizen's Group, member of the Queensland Council of Grandparents and of ESTIA Disability Support Group of Queensland. Recognised as a spokesperson within these groups, Irene has actively worked within ethnic groups, especially in supporting women establish their new lives.

Irene's involvement with OPSO has been instrumental in their being a sponsor in the NCWQ bursary program.

Well-deserved Irene Cayas OAM!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SERIES!

In conversation with NCWQ Bursary Recipients: [Lucy Connolly](#)

what were the benefits to you in being a 2017 NCWQ bursary recipient?

Receiving the NCWQ Regional Bursary in 2017 gave me both financial security that enabled me to pursue my university degree and attend The Women's College, whilst also provided me with several networking opportunities and allowed me to meet other likeminded women. On a personal note, being awarded this bursary validated my ambitions, and greatly boosted my self-esteem, as I now have a community of women who supported me.

What are your goals for this year?

In 2018, I plan to continue studying a Bachelor of Science (Biomedical) and Education (Secondary), with the intention of attempting the Gamsat medical entry exam. I will continue to live at The Women's College, and fully immerse myself in college and university life. I will take part in several university programs, including becoming a tutor for first year Biology students, teaching learn to swim at the UQ pool and volunteering as a mentor in the UQ Young Scholars Program. In addition, I hope to continue my journey as a scuba diver and learn to surf. I have also been accepted as a volunteer at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and am looking forward to the many opportunities and experiences this will afford me.



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What is your personal mantra or self-talk that you use to keep yourself on track in pursuing your aspirations?

There have been many times when I have doubted my abilities and have often believed that I was not as intelligent as others around me or did not deserve the same opportunities. During these times, I developed a personal mantra, which I continue to use to this day. In times like these, I will repeat to myself 'I am enough'. This serves as a constant reminder to stop comparing myself to others, and instead believe that I am just as strong, capable and worthy, and that I do have the talents and tools to succeed in whatever I choose.

Who have been your most significant woman role models?

My mother is the most resilient, kind-hearted and intelligent woman I know, and she is my most significant role model. She has been through many struggles in her life which I have personally witnessed, and she never fails to surprise me with her strength to overcome. She constantly reminds me that we are not defined by our circumstances, and that we ultimately have the power to choose happiness.



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In conversation with NCWQ Bursary Recipients: **Rebecca Masterton**

What were the benefits to you in being a 2017 NCWQ bursary recipient?

Well, firstly and foremost it gave me the opportunity to meet and network with other amazing women through NCWQ and the Soroptimists which I have now become a member of. My bursary also gave me peace of mind knowing I could pay some bills and take my son on a little holiday, a luxury we couldn't afford in the past. I want to be a good role model for my son and by showing him what you can achieve and also win from hard work and dedication was the best example of success at the time for me to show him.

What are your goals for this year?

My goals for 2018 are to continue being an active volunteer within my community; in particular with my Soroptimist work, to continue passing my subjects at university (so far 0 fail rate), and continue improving mine and my family's health & well-being.

My sister and I are also fighting for law reform, and if successful will positively change the lives of women going through international family law cases.

Griffith University News wrote an article about my sister and I and our crusade to help victims and survivors of domestic violence:

<https://app.secure.griffith.edu.au/news/2017/09/29/sisters-aim-for-law-reform-to-fight-domestic-violence/>

Lastly, we will also be in the Gold Coast paper 'Sun' tomorrow regarding this cause too.



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In conversation with NCWQ Bursary Recipients: [Rebecca Masterton](#)

What is your personal mantra or self-talk that you use to keep yourself on track in pursuing your aspirations?

Well, I have a few personal mantras but some are:

I have been given endless talents which I must utilize every day.

My ability to conquer my challenges is limitless; my potential to succeed is infinite.

I wake up today with strength in my heart and clarity in my mind.

What goes around, comes around, always pay kindness forward.

I am grateful and blessed every day for good health, a happy heart and the love and support of amazing family and friends.

Who have been your most significant woman role models?

My role models are my best friend and big sister Gina, after overcoming bullying at high school and dealing with health issues more recently, she has become a Lawyer, has been employed in some of the busiest law firms in the world in Las Angeles, and is on her way to receiving her PHD in the Law.

And my mother Christina, who began as a young mother of 17 and without much help, raised 5 children while dad worked long hours. She had 5 kids under 8 and gave us all the love, support and kindness that 5 children could ever need and continues to do so.



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In conversation with NCWQ Bursary Recipients: Tiffanie Turnbull

What were the benefits to you in being a 2017 NCWQ bursary recipient?

The bursary was an enormous financial help for me and was put towards my tuition and living expenses while on exchange in Indonesia in early 2018.

What are your goals for this year?

I graduate from my degree at the end of this year, so my goal for 2018 is to get as much experience as I can and enjoy my last year of study!

What is your personal mantra or self-talk that you use to keep yourself on track in pursuing your aspirations?

I have two mantras that help keep me on track towards my goals: “You never know if you never try” and “the harder you work, the luckier you get”. My best advice is always throw your hat into the ring and be willing to work harder than those around you.

Who have been your most significant woman role models?

There are so many strong women I admire, and who have contributed to the way I see life today; Turia Pitt's persevering attitude, Michelle Obama's grace and wisdom, and Malala Yousafzai's passion and drive are all qualities I aim to replicate in my own pursuits.



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In conversation with NCWQ Bursary Recipients: [Christina Bakker](#)

What were the benefits to you in being a 2017 NCWQ bursary recipient?

The 2017 NCWQ bursary has provided me the encouragement and resources necessary to hold my first solo exhibition in Australia!

What are your goals for this year?

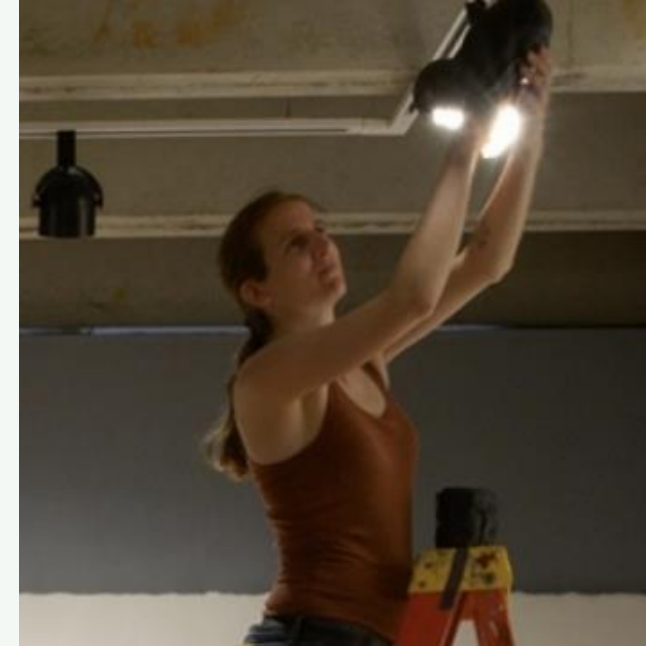
My key goals for 2018 are to finish my university studies and to become a qualified yoga teacher, all the while enjoying and being grateful for these amazing opportunities.

What is your personal mantra or self-talk that you use to keep yourself on track in pursuing your aspirations?

I don't have a mantra to keep me going towards my aspirations – rather I just try to be kind to myself in the face of challenges, check in with friends and family when I get stuck or need to celebrate, and I give time each day to slow down and reconnect to my values.

Who have been your most significant woman role models?

I look up to women who embody their true essence, intelligence and big-heartedness without conforming to societal expectations.





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International Women's Day 2018

Learn more about the theme 'Press for Progress' for this year's International Women's Day via the website..... [to read more, [click here](#)]



Welcome to our new members!

Welcome to Debra James, Alexandra Martin and Amy Henderson.