

# OWNQ Monthly

Newsletter No 2 – May 2024

**Welcome to issue No 2 of our monthly news from Older Women's Network Qld.**

This month's quote – "You cannot change YESTERDAY, but you can RUIN Today by Worrying about Tomorrow!"

## Welcome Mt Gravatt Branch

We have a new branch at Mt Gravatt. We would like to welcome you to OWNQ and look forward to meeting you all.

## Housing Support

If you know of a lady who is having issues finding suitable and affordable housing, or needs assistance, you can get help from the Housing Older Women Support Service. Their office is in West End, but you can phone them to arrange assistance. Phone 1800 366 877.

Did you know that this project is funded by the Queensland Department of Housing?

## Visit to Miegunyah House

Miegunyah House is a historic house and museum in Bowen Hills which is owned and managed by The Queensland Women's Historical Society. The House was built around 1886 and it is a wonderful display of the way people lived in those days.

OWN members and friends are invited to attend an **Afternoon Tea at Miegunyah on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 1.30 pm, and a guided tour of the House is offered as well. The Afternoon Tea and tour will be \$25. Details on how to pay will be advised soon.

The House is at 35 Jordan Terrace, Bowen Hills and there is parking available in the street. It is near the Bowen Hills train station, and we can arrange pick-up from the station. It is only a short walk but uphill. So make a note in your diary – and soon more details about booking will be available.

This is a good opportunity to invite ladies who are unable to get to regular OWN meetings due to working hours or similar. So, why not bring a friend? It should be a fun and interesting afternoon.

For more information, you can contact President Di Hill – [president@ownqld.org.au](mailto:president@ownqld.org.au) or 0411 099 848.

## Website and Facebook

Our website is about to undergo complete "rejuvenation". The website is where you can read updates and certain details of the other Qld branches and see what they are doing. Go to <https://www.ownqld.org.au> Check it out. You will hear when the new one is ready!

Next month we hope to have a list of the branch websites/Facebook pages in this newsletter, where you can read more about branch activities. If your branch has a major event coming up in the next three months, please let us know.

## **Learning Computer Skills**

We certainly need to keep our computer skills updated and there are many ways to do that. Some libraries offer support programs, so check with your local library. There are online courses or lessons via Youtube.com, and we have our own program with member Karen Baker who runs a regular lesson and support program with the help of BeConnected online.

As this is a program just for members, we ask that members wishing to join in contact the office or contact Marianne our OWN Administrator on 07 3358 2301 or email [admin@ownqld.org.au](mailto:admin@ownqld.org.au) with your name and contact details and information will be sent to you.

The next lesson is on May 10<sup>th</sup>

## **What does the OWNQ Management Committee do?**

The Older Women's Network Queensland Inc. is an incorporated body, receiving funds from the Queensland Government to assist with the running of the organisation. The Management Team is a group of members who make the decisions on the running of the organisation including financial management, employing and managing staff, and working to the rules of the Queensland Office of Fair Trading and our Constitution and OWNQ rules/policies.

Currently, the MC consists of Di Hill (President) Lisa Signorini (Secretary) Rosemerry Paidley (Treasurer) and Lee Hodgson, June Donnelly, Deb Brown, Ruth McLean and Marianne Wright, and meets monthly (often via an online program called Zoom).

The Management Committee is elected at an Annual General Meeting each year (probably in November 2024 this year), and we welcome new members – so if you have skills that you feel would benefit the organisation – please consider nominating yourself or someone from your branch to help us continue to make progress with the organisation that is so helpful to senior women in Queensland.

This year, we have some major challenges, from changing our Constitution (maybe in June to comply with new Office of Fair Trading Qld rules), running a National Conference in Queensland (which you will hear more about soon – but likely to be in October), and our AGM (which is often in October, but due to the Conference may be in November.) You will receive updates on these events shortly.

## **Writers?**

Are there any members with writing skills who are interested in assisting with this monthly newsletter? Writing? Editing? If you can assist please contact Di at [president@ownqld.org.au](mailto:president@ownqld.org.au) with your name and info about your skills.