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QHVSG Annual General Meeting.

The QHVSG Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 7 December. The newly elected Board of Directors for 2020 are: Chairperson - Samara McPhedran, Deputy Chairperson - Leanne Pullen, Secretary - Monique Ferrario, Treasurer - Scott Furlong, General Board Members - Ian Rowan, Stephen Tillett and Julie Waters.

Congratulations and thank you to the Board for donating their time and skills to serve the QHVSG members.

Annual Report 2019



The QHVSG Annual Report for 2019 will be available on the QHVSG website (www.qhvsg.org.au). This document highlights the work of QHVSG, provides an overview of our finances and identifies our key outputs. We encourage you to take some time to read through the report. We welcome your feedback.

A welcome donation to QHVSG

A report on the event is included in this edition of Newslink, but it would be remiss of me not to sincerely thank CETNAJ, Clipsal and Schneider Electric for this wonderful support of QHVSG.

As charity of choice at the 2019 Electrical Industry Luncheon, QHVSG were given a cheque for \$12000.



Farewell to Elaine Henderson.

Since commencing her role as Family Support Coordinator in 2012, Elaine has supported hundreds of families, developed research papers, presented at conferences and been a panel member as a part of a QLD Sentencing Advisory Council Review.

Elaine's skills, work ethic and comradery will be missed, and we wish her well on her journey back into the world of physiotherapy.

Children's Christmas Party

Sincere thanks to two of our wonderful Peer Supporters for another **successful Children's Party. Around fifty eager children attended to play, eat and of course see the big guy in red.**

Gai and Monquie Ferrario do a wonderful job in arranging this event, one that we hope can be replicated in other parts of the state. We also thank the other volunteers who contribute to this day; it is a credit to all concerned.

Incredible volunteer contribution

As is shown the 2019 QHVSG Annual Report, there has been another enormous contribution from our wonderful volunteers. In 2019 volunteers have contributed over ten thousand hours of support across a wide range of tasks. In dollar amounts this equates to over \$400,000.

Thank you to the thirty Peer Supporters and twenty Community Volunteers who gave their time to help others. Your support is priceless.

Christmas 2019

For many our members, Christmas can be a difficult time, and I hope that you can find comfort with family and friends this season.

Please know that our office is open as usual over the Christmas period as is our 24/7 phone support line 1800 774 744.

I hope that 2020 brings you good health and prosperity.

Take care

Brett Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



You're invited to
Queensland Homicide Victims' Support Group's
25th Anniversary Celebration

A Splash of Silver

6:30pm, 8 February 2020
Moda Events Portside
Level 2, 39 Hercules Street, Hamilton

Three course meal including drinks package
\$120 per person
Dress code - Evening Wear

Purchase your tickets at qhvsg.org.au
Tickets are limited. Please book by 24 January 2020 to avoid disappointment.

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE
email events@qhvsg.org.au or phone 0421 603 957

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Join us on 8 February 2020 as we reminisce over the last 25 years of friendship, support and courage while we also pay homage to our incredibly selfless founding members and the foresight they had for future members.

Master of Ceremonies for this event is the wonderful Doris Zagdanski who is an amazing supporter of QHVSG. Doris has a genuine compassion for our organisation and has an extraordinary balance of genuine empathy and quick wit, which will ensure that everyone has an enjoyable evening.

Please join us for drinks and canapes on the balcony overlooking the iconic Brisbane River from 6:30pm with the official event beginning at 7pm.

This event consists of a beautiful 3 course sit down meal with included drinks package for just \$120 per head. You can also book tables of 8 (or tables of 10 on request).

Dress code for the event is evening wear.

Tickets are limited, so to avoid disappointment please secure your booking by 24 January 2020. Tickets can be purchased at www.qhsg.org.au/events

This event will be held at the beautiful Moda Events Portside. All Moda guests receive 4 hours complimentary parking, with reduced rates thereafter.

Alcyone Hotel and Apartments have generously offered all of our guests a 10% discount on their best available price for accommodation.

Alcyone is located at 35 Hercules Street, Hamilton Brisbane and is just a one minute walk from the event venue. Complimentary parking and Wi-Fi is included with all of their accommodation. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please call Alcyone Reservations on 1800 252 966 or email them at here

Undercover car parking is available for Portside Wharf patrons as well as overflow and street parking.

For further information on this event or to inform us of seating or dietary requirements, please contact events@qhvsg.org.au

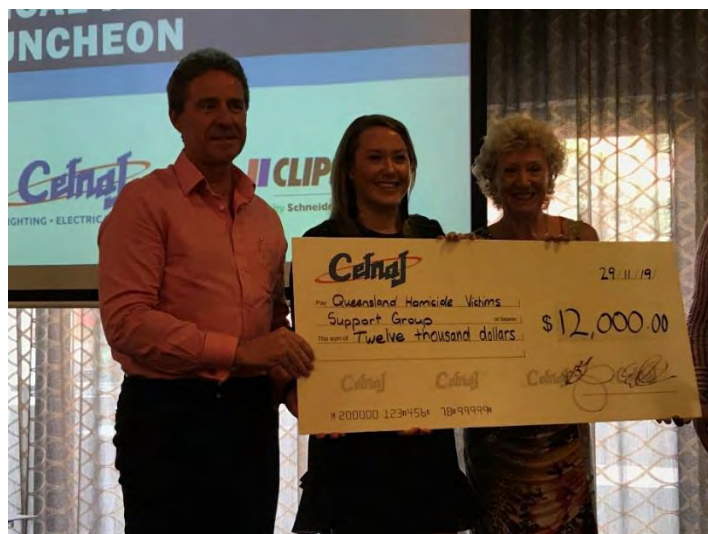
We look forward to seeing you there!

Cetnaj Fundraiser

On Friday the 29th of November QHVSG was invited along to the Cetnaj, Clipsal and Schneider Electric 2019 Electric Industry Function as guests, but more importantly as the nominated charity to receive money raised **throughout the afternoon's** raffle sales. Treasurer Jonty Bush was invited to speak on behalf of the QHVSG and delivered a moving and powerful speech. An extremely generous, \$12 000 was raised by the guests of the function and through a matching donation by the hosts. A very special thank you to Brad Tully, Cetnaj General Manager and Ed Arendt, Clipsal and Schneider Electrical Queensland State Manager, for their continued support of QHVSG and its programs, to Jonty Bush for her dedication and passion speaking on behalf of homicide victims, volunteer Niamh and last but not least, Jenny Stirling and Tara Parnell who continue to network and fundraise for QHVSG.



QHVSG Treasurer Jonty Bush



Cetnaj General Manager Brad Tully, QHVSG Peer Supporters Tara Parnell & Jenny Stirling

QHVSIG Children's Christmas Party

And just like that, it's December and our Children's Christmas Party is over for another year!

A very special thank you to Santa and all of the helpers for making it such a special day for the children!

Thank you to [Switcharoo Face Painting](#) and [Balloon Art](#), [Brisbane Jumping Castles](#) and [Brisbane Pony Parties](#) for making it such a great event again!

And thank you to everyone that came to celebrate Christmas with the QHVSIG family - thankfully the weather was kind to us!

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas!





Farewell

It is with a very heavy heart that I announce that I have made the extremely difficult decision to resign from my position as Family Support Coordinator with QHVSG.

I have had 7.5 years in what I see as a most privileged position with the group, and as a result, I have many, many most beautiful and precious memories and stories that have been shared with me by the families I have connected with, firmly embedded in my heart. It is this for which I feel truly blessed. And it is this that has made the decision to leave one of the hardest I have ever had to make.

The courage and resilience that our families find whilst enduring the worst possible circumstances of loss has never ceased to amaze me and I will always be in awe of this. Thank you to so many of our members for opening your hearts to me, for sharing your pain with me, and for trusting me to help in any way that I could.

Please rest assured you will always be in my thoughts.

I would like to thank our most wonderful team, under the current leadership of Brett, as well as those who have been part of previous teams, for their support, comradery and guidance which without doubt, nurtured my own role of Family Support Coordinator over my time with the group.

Thank you also to the many other stakeholders that have assisted me over the years, and in particular, the QPS for their tireless work and dedication in working with homicide.

I wish everyone continued strength and courage,

Elaine

Thank You

QHVSG would like to offer a huge THANK YOU! To the wonderful people who have offered their time to help us out this year. The generosity and help from our volunteers is invaluable.

We are indebted to those who offer their time to give us a hand. Thank you everyone; from our talented board of directors, to our event planners, to our fundraisers, our court supporters, those making support calls to our members, and to those assisting with community education programmes such as detective training.

Thank You



From Brett, Elaine, Deb, Berni, Leanne, Renee and Michelle

One Minute Mindfulness

Practising gratitude is an important aspect of being mindful. The practice of gratitude helps us acknowledge the positive in our lives. Being mindful of the good helps us appreciate things that we tend to take for granted.

This Christmas season you can practice gratitude by creating a Thankful Tree:

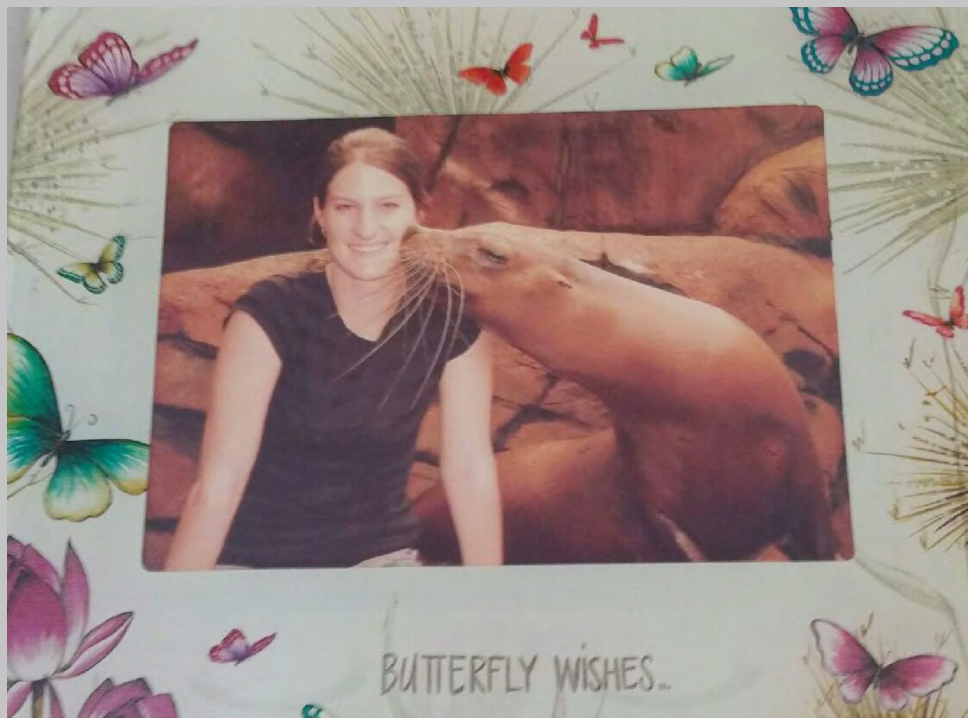


1. Firstly, cut out some colourful pieces of paper.
2. Attach string to the colourful pieces of paper to make them easy to hang.
3. Write down things you are grateful for on the paper
4. Have family, friends and visitors participate by writing things they are thankful for too.
5. Hang decorations on your Christmas tree or create your own Thankful Tree.

38th Birthday tribute to
Sabrina Louise Bremer
27-12-2019

Missing you everyday.

Love Mum, Dad & Jarrod



To Mummy in Heaven

Love & miss you to the stars & back.

Love from

Bianca & Kayd xx



December Calendar

Ipswich *Saturday, 14th of December 2019*

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Time: *12:00pm*

Where: *TBA*

Please contact Elaine on 07 3857 4744 to RSVP by the 7/12

Mackay *Please contact Leanne on 0458 242 969 for any queries*

Please note that there are no peer support meet ups in December for Brisbane, Sunshine Coast or the Gold Coast.



QHVSG CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



We know that the Christmas and New Year period can be a difficult time. We have made the decision to keep the QHVSG office open. Whilst there will be less staff in the office, we hope it is comforting to know that we are here. The office hours are below:

Tuesday 24th December: Office open from 8:30AM to 4:40PM.

Wednesday 25th December [**Christmas Day**]: **Office closed.** (24/7 Phone Line Open)

Thursday 26th December [**Boxing Day**]: **Office closed.** (24/7 Phone Line Open)

Friday 27th December: Office open from 8:30AM to 4:40PM

Wednesday 1st January [**New Years Day**]: **Office closed.** (24/7 Phone Line Open)

Please note that our 24/7 line will remain open and you can contact us at any time on

1800 774 744.

Gold Coast Peer Support Meeting: January

Due to the Australia Day long weekend the Gold Coast Peer Support Meeting for January will be held on the 18th of January instead of the 25th of January at the Nerang Neighbourhood Centre. If you have any queries, please contact **Monique on 0421 603 957**.

Gympie Peer Support Meeting: February

Date: 1st February 2020 **Time:** 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Where: Gympie Historical Car Club, Cnr of Rose St and Hyne St Gympie.

Light refreshments will be available. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Michelle at QHVSG on 3857 4744** or **Marg on 0417 755 075**

Gold Coast Peer Support Meeting: February

Date: 29th February, 2020 **Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Nerang Neighbourhood Centre

Please contact **Monique on 0421 603 957**.

Other Peer Support Reminders

January 2020

Mackay Support Group please contact Leanne Pullen on **0458 242 969**

February 2020

Ipswich Support Group TBC please contact Michelle on **3857 4744** Mackay

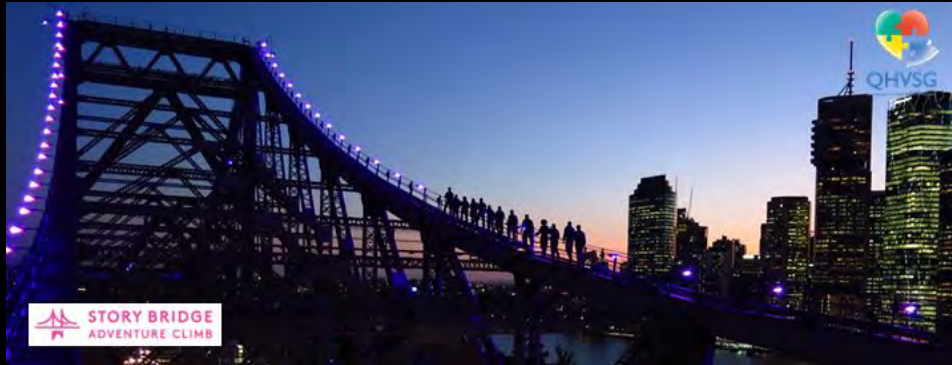
Support Group please contact Leanne Pullen on **0458 242 969** Brisbane

Support Group TBC please contact Michelle **3857 4744**

QHVSG Story Bridge Climb

25 Years of Support 'Lighting up for Love'

Book Now!



It takes resilience to provide 25 Years of support.

It takes resilience to overcome adversity, so we are 'Lighting up for love!'

Friday 7 February 2020 marks **25 Years** to the day that our founding members met to discuss the need for support in Queensland for victims' of homicide.

Join us for an incredible twilight Story Bridge Climb to honour our loved ones and recognise the incredible achievement from QHVSG.

What is happening?

- The Story Bridge will be '*Lighting up for Love*' as we commence our walk
- Specially reduced rates for all QHVSG Supporters
- Meet and thank some of our founding members
- The Brave can also abseil!
- \$20 from each person goes to QHVSG
- You can also choose to fund raise (and we can show you how)

Prices

- Story Bridge Climb \$119 (normally \$159)
- <https://storybridgeclimb.rezdy.com/344953/qld-homicide-victims-support-group-twilight-climb>
- Story Bridge walk and abseil \$139 (usually \$199)
- <https://storybridgeclimb.rezdy.com/344962/qld-homicide-victims-support-group-twilight-climb-and-abseil>

NB - there are strictly limited numbers for this event.



December Anniversaries

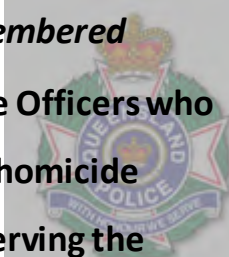
<i>Colin Woodhouse</i>	<i>24/12/1992</i>
<i>George Strooband</i>	<i>18/12/1993</i>
<i>Jessikah Williams</i>	<i>02/12/1997</i>
<i>Julie Turner</i>	<i>28/12/1998</i>
<i>Craig Smerdon</i>	<i>23/12/1999</i>
<i>Peter Michael Doorne</i>	<i>15/12/2000</i>
<i>Terry John Watts</i>	<i>06/12/2002</i>
<i>Sharon Clark "Shazzy"</i>	<i>23/12/2002</i>
<i>Donald Halse Rogers</i>	<i>15/12/2003</i>
<i>Daniel Paul Beck</i>	<i>27/12/2003</i>
<i>David Stevens</i>	<i>05/12/2005</i>
<i>Joanna Scriha</i>	<i>27/12/2005</i>
<i>Lily Keji</i>	<i>14/12/2006</i>
<i>Christopher Hiles</i>	<i>06/12/2008</i>
<i>Michael Palmer</i>	<i>06/12/2008</i>
<i>Michael Betts</i>	<i>07/12/2008</i>
<i>Jacqueline Silvester- Ellison</i>	<i>04/12/2009</i>
<i>Ronald Anthony Ellison</i>	<i>04/12/2009</i>
<i>David Barry Halson</i>	<i>19/12/2009</i>
<i>Haley Elizabeth Maureen Allison</i>	<i>19/12/2009</i>
<i>Colin Robert Lavaring</i>	<i>31/12/2009</i>
<i>Lisa Rae Jackson</i>	<i>04/12/2010</i>

<i>Carl Robert Upson</i>	<i>15/12/2010</i>
<i>Norman Desmond Cheney</i>	<i>20/12/2010</i>
<i>Michael Smith</i>	<i>16/12/2011</i>
<i>Kim Smith</i>	<i>16/12/2011</i>
<i>Jordan Matehaere Tukaki</i>	<i>01/12/2012</i>
<i>Mark Anthony Hemmings</i>	<i>17/12/2012</i>
<i>Anne Catherine Cheek</i>	<i>01/12/2013</i>
<i>Crysis Cummings</i>	<i>07/12/2013</i>
<i>Shaun Matthew Barker</i>	<i>09/12/2013</i>
<i>Angelina Thaiday</i>	<i>19/12/2014</i>
<i>Shane Martin Merrigan</i>	<i>01/12/2015</i>
<i>Trevor Ronald Duroux</i>	<i>14/12/2015</i>
<i>Ian Robert Jones</i>	<i>14/12/2015</i>
<i>Nathan Lewis Wiseman</i>	<i>27/12/2015</i>
<i>Jason Colin Boyd</i>	<i>02/12/2016</i>
<i>Josiah Penman Sisson</i>	<i>25/12/2016</i>
<i>Darren Cleigh Pullar</i>	<i>26/12/2016</i>
<i>Rhonda Alice Daniel</i>	<i>06/12/2018</i>

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Also lovingly remembered
Queensland Police Officers who
have been lost to homicide
whilst selflessly serving the



January Anniversaries

<i>Scott Wallace</i>	<i>26/01/1990</i>
<i>Gabe Meyer</i>	<i>12/01/1993</i>
<i>Kane Thorpe</i>	<i>04/01/1996</i>
<i>John Daley</i>	<i>25/01/1996</i>
<i>Roy Caulfield</i>	<i>25/01/1997</i>
<i>Glen Reay</i>	<i>02/01/1999</i>
<i>Ann-Maree Kropp</i>	<i>30/01/1999</i>
<i>Gregory Alcock</i>	<i>02/01/2001</i>
<i>Paul Ashfield</i>	<i>06/01/2002</i>
<i>Barbara Sellin</i>	<i>12/01/2002</i>
<i>Angelo Castano</i>	<i>26/01/2002</i>
<i>Kerrie Edward Palmer</i>	<i>27/01/2003</i>
<i>David Hansen-Gaut</i>	<i>22/01/2004</i>
<i>Craig Antony Ball</i>	<i>31/01/2004</i>
<i>Nigel Lee</i>	<i>07/01/2005</i>
<i>Shane Robert Nielsen</i>	<i>01/01/2006</i>
<i>Graham Alexander</i>	<i>02/01/2006</i>
<i>Jody Lee Anne Galante</i>	<i>07/01/2006</i>
<i>Bradley Evans</i>	<i>08/01/2006</i>
<i>Brian Heathcote</i>	<i>21/01/2007</i>
<i>Craig Hill</i>	<i>28/01/2007</i>
<i>Wayne Williams</i>	<i>06/01/2008</i>
<i>Aaron Smith</i>	<i>23/01/2009</i>
<i>Omega Ruston</i>	<i>26/01/2009</i>



<i>Peter Wayne Duncan</i>	<i>19/01/2010</i>
<i>David Michael Clarke</i>	<i>26/01/2010</i>
<i>Paul Anthony Karran</i>	<i>30/01/2010</i>
<i>Bradley Ranville Burns</i>	<i>16/01/2011</i>
<i>Jonathan Charles Turner</i>	<i>17/01/2011</i>
<i>Kylie Anne Hitchen</i>	<i>21/01/2011</i>
<i>Aaron Dale Macfarlane</i>	<i>04/01/2012</i>
<i>Craig Stewart Field</i>	<i>31/01/2013</i>
<i>Joel Lucas Walters</i>	<i>31/01/2013</i>
<i>Eeva Dorendahl</i>	<i>11/01/2014</i>
<i>Emir Mesanovic</i>	<i>06/01/2015</i>
<i>Corey Glen Croft Krawtschenko</i>	<i>20/01/2015</i>
<i>Renee Sacha Kuch</i>	<i>20/01/2015</i>
<i>Cole Edward Miller</i>	<i>04/01/2016</i>
<i>Mark Wilkes</i>	<i>20/01/2016</i>
<i>Luliana Tabita Triscaru</i>	<i>29/01/2016</i>
<i>Cory Breton</i>	<i>29/01/2016</i>
<i>David Nanai</i>	<i>04/03/2016</i>
<i>Teresa Marie Bradford</i>	<i>31/01/2017</i>
<i>Robert Charles Frescon</i>	<i>18/01/2019</i>

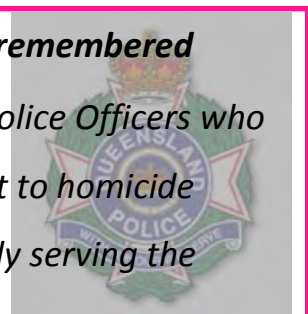
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Someone Is Missing this Christmas

*Let this be a loving reminder
That someone is missing today
Someone our hearts hold onto
As we travel along life's way
Someone who made life so special
For all the gather here
Someone who won't be forgotten
But cherished year to year
And now as we pause to remember
Let us fondly recall
How dearly each of us loved them
And how they loved us all*

Thank you to all our Supporters



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