



Section 16

2019 Convention of Synod

Lutheran Women of Qld Report

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF QUEENSLAND

Report to Synod 2019

Greetings

Lutheran Women of Queensland has a reputation for being a great group of women who younger women do not want to join because it is something their mothers do. I would like to challenge the younger members of our congregations to investigate Lutheran Women and pay attention to our aims and mission. We do not require you to change how your groups operate but to invite you to join as a group and enjoy a body of fellowship that extends beyond your congregations. You can read about our events and Retreats on our [website](#).

Last year, Lutheran Women contributed \$27,094 to projects of the LWA and LWQ. Included in this were bursaries of \$500 each to 3 final year Lutheran Strand Education Students and \$800 to 2 final year Pastoral Students. Our women are also active in their churches and local communities and enjoy many ecumenical fellowships

Our last retreat at the James Byrne Centre had 102 women in attendance and an offering of \$2,300 was received for the Townsville Flood appeal. A further 45 women gathered in Emerald for the Central Queensland Retreat. We look forward to a new format retreat for 2020 with a Combined Convention / Retreat to be held at the Maroochy River Waterfront Camp and Conference Centre. This centre offers us the desired level ground and ensuited twin single rooms. We will also offer a programme for our gentlemen partners who like to accompany us when we travel to these weekends.

All zones continue to host Rally and Fellowship Days. The attendance is encouraging.

In consideration of our elderly members who like to join us, many of these functions are now run on a half day programme finalising with a fellowship lunch. On these days we meet under the banner of a theme. The ladies so enjoy the studies and praise that follows the theme. The theme is usually set with appropriate decoration or banner.

The wonderful thing about Lutheran Women is belonging to a group of women whose head is Christ, and whose ideal is his love and service. You are welcome to join us at any of our events, functions and retreats. You do not need to be a member to visit.

Karen Bryce
President LWQ