

**SOCIETÀ DANTE ALIGHIERI GOLD COAST INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18/02/19**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT
FINANCIAL YEAR 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank the committee for their continuing support and efforts to keep our Society here on the Gold Coast running and for all the activities the committee organizes. We had 12 regular courses per semester plus 20 mini courses during the year. There were 154 student members and 90 non student members.

2018 was another busy year promoting the Italian Language and Culture. Thank you to our teachers, our wonderful students and non-student members. For the first time, in our nearly 30-year history we had visitors from the Sede Centrale, Rome, visit our centre. It was good that they could see the reality of our centre here on the Gold Coast in comparison to the larger centres they visited. There was a possibility that we would need to find alternative rooms, however the proposed retirement village development did not go ahead. For the future who knows?

I was pleasantly surprised in November last year when the Italian Consul for Qld. and Northern Territory, Ludovico Carlo Camussi, presented me with a Certificate, medal and pin to declare I am now a *Cavaliere Ordine della Stella d'Italia*.

I would like to thank our web and newsletter sponsors: Canale Travel Service, Solicitor Gino Moro from Collas, Moro Ross and Accountant Gerard Wilkes from Gerard Wilkes & Associates.

A big Thank you to our non-committee members, Ester Ceron, Vilma Andriani, Robin Cook, Yen Musgrove, June Moro, Franco Domaneschi, Tony Carnovale, Adolfo Matthews, the Dante Choir and last but not least my husband John for their support.

We have a good relationship with the Sede Centrale, the Italian Consulate, Com.It. Es., the Italian Chamber of Commerce, The Gold Coast Multicultural Society, the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club, Co. As. It., the Brisbane Dante Alighieri Society and other Dante Societies in Australia.

List of 2018 activities are attached.

Once again, I thank all of you.

Giovanna Santomauro