



# Zonta Club of Warwick Inc

Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

**Zonta Club of Warwick Inc  
Club No 1565  
Area 4 District 22**

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**March 2014**

**District 22 Governor: Judith Anderson Area 4 Director: Kath Everett**

## **Zonta Websites:**

**International:** [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

**District:** <http://zontadistrict22.org/>

**President:** Karen Shepherd  
**Vice President:** Mary Goyne  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Sally Carr  
**Minutes Secretary:** Jenny Loy  
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**Treasurer:** Leanne Olsen  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Rhonda Betts

**Directors:** Jenny Eldridge  
Rhonda Betts

**Archivist:** Mary Goyne  
**Newsletter:** Jacinta Fromm

## **Committees 2013/2014**

**Service:** **Rosa Hardy (Chair)**, Rhonda Betts, Faye Marley, Jen-Rose Holmes.

**Membership:** **Mary Goyne (Chair)**, Lois James, June Stewart, Dee Mayo, Louise Cox.

**Advocacy:** **Mary Johnston (Chair)**, Lyn Prowse-Bishop, Jenny Eldridge, Sally Carr.

**Nominating Committee:** Jacinta Fromm, Dee Mayo, Louise Cox

(Karen Shepherd, Leanne Olsen, Jenny Loy, Jacinta Fromm to assist committees as required).

**NEXT DINNER MEETING (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month): 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014, at Café Jacqui's, Cnr Albion and Victoria Streets Warwick, 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm start.**

*Please contact Sally on [daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com](mailto:daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com) or text message to 0421 782 962 by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, to advise if you are bringing guests, or if you cannot attend. Please note that it is too late to change bookings if you contact Sally on Monday!*

**NEXT BOARD MEETING (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month): 1<sup>st</sup> April, at 5.30 pm (approx 5.30-7pm). Board Meetings are to be held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).**

*Guest Speaker for March Meeting: Ans Van Erp*

*Ans is the Director of Cunningham Centre, which offers high quality training, education, research and support for health personnel. Ans is also a fellow Zontian.*

## ***Forthcoming Events***

### **Zonta Area 4 Meeting: 15 – 16 March 2014**

Venue: Concordia Lutheran College, Toowoomba  
Theme: Lifting the Cloak of Visibility – Reaching our Biennial Goals  
Dinner: Gipps Restaurant (on Saturday night)

Karen and Jenny Loy are attending, and we look forward to hearing their report (and sharing this in a future newsletter).

### **Montrose Access Charity Concert: 23 March 2014**

It is a small world! Unbeknown to Judith Anderson that our Zonta Club was already involved with this event, Judith has advised that she is a member of the Queensland Kodaly Choir which will be singing at this concert. As previously advised, this choir will perform with Mark Vincent (former Australia's Got Talent winner), and conductor is former local, James Cuskelly.

Venue: Warwick Town Hall  
Time: 2.00 p.m.  
Cost: \$25, or concession \$15  
Tickets available: Warwick Tourism and Events / Info Centre, Albion St



Zonta Club of Warwick Inc will prepare and sell afternoon tea at this concert (tea/coffee/ slices/ cakes/ sandwiches etc) for a gold coin donation. Zonta will donate ½ proceeds to Montrose Access. Mary J is coordinating this event, and is requesting members to make scones / pikelets / slices etc. It is planned that sandwiches, scone and slice etc will be plated ready for sale at the concert.

At March meeting, members will be asked if they will be available to attend on the day to sell refreshments.

### **Book Fest: 5 April 2014**

Venue: Betta Bilt, Albion Street (next to Daily News)  
Time: 0900 start

Members are asked to

- Donate books – we need a wide variety and lots of them! (you can start dropping off to Rhonda at Betta Bilt any time from now!)



- Set up book tables on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- Sell books on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### **Cooking for a Cause: 3 May 2014**

**(this event is organized by Zonta Club of Toowoomba)**

Venue: Highfields Cultural Centre

Chefs: Jarvier Codina (Moda Restaurant)  
and Josh Lopez (Go Ma Restaurant)

*(Editor's Note: I attended this event in 2012, and thoroughly recommend it to anyone who loves cooking! We will look out for more details)*



### **Compilation of Birthing Kits: 17 May 2014**

Venue: Presbyterian Girls' College, Locke Street

Sally will be coordinating this event, and will advise more details closer to the date.

We recently received a letter from Hilary Carruthers, Assembly Day Coordinator of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) who advised that the number of women in desperate need of our help to improve clean and safe birthing conditions in remote and marginalized parts of the world is ever increasing. As an example of one of the Foundation's partner's work, Hilary provided this link:

[http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au/lib/pdf/News20130912\(PygmyTrainingDRCongo\).pdf](http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au/lib/pdf/News20130912(PygmyTrainingDRCongo).pdf)

(This doctor has distributed over 70,000 kits in Democratic Republic of Congo, and has trained over 850 traditional birth attendants).

## ***Past Events***

### **International Women's Day Breakfast: 6 March 2014**

This was a very successful event – reports at March meeting, and included in the next newsletter.

### **Dinner Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Our Guest Speaker at the February meeting was Cheryl Bullion, Warwick State High School Principal. Cheryl was accompanied by Michelle Ferndinad, who is Head of Department of the Student Well Being Team. Cheryl provided an overview of her career spanning over 40 years, with her first teaching position at Stanthorpe and returning to the area as Principle of WSHS 3 years ago. Cheryl and Michelle are keen to build stronger association with Zonta Club of Warwick, and there was discussion about how to forge this relationship:

- Each year, WSHS distributes information about the Zonta Bursary to Grade 10 students. Michelle has indicated that for 2014, students will be assisted with the application process.
- Girls at WSHS will be invited to participate in the assembly of Birthing Kits; Zonta committed to providing Certificate of Participation for each student (which could then be integrated into their CVs)
- Zonta will forward information on the Young Woman in Public Affairs award, and WSHS teachers to promote / encourage applications.
- WSHS suggested potential project for Zonta Club of Warwick Inc, namely donations of formal uniform/s to be loaned to students (eg for award ceremonies). Members are keen to pursue this option.



We were very pleased to meet Mary J's guests: Gladys from Burkino Faso and Rachel from Kenya, who are sorghum breeders who had been working at The Hermitage Research Station.

### **Australia Day Breakfast: 26 January 2014**



Thanks to Mary G for forwarding this photo of Zontians / Friends of Zonta who attended this great event. This was taken during the 'debrief' after the guests have left and Zontians have a chance to sit down and relax!

## ***Committee Notes/ Jottings***



**February Raffle: won by Sue Hamlet**  
Sue will donate the raffle prize for the March dinner meeting.

### **Nomination Committee:**

Dee, Louise and Jacinta have been approaching members to encourage them to share their talents within the Club by taking on a position on the Board. While it may seem onerous, all current and previous Board members will tell you that you learn much about Zonta by being on the Board, and that all Zonta members are so keen to assist with every event, that all tasks are shared (and not at all onerous). So we are keen to hear from members who would welcome the opportunity to be Zonta Board member in 2014-2015. Members can be re-nominated to a position they have previously held (as long as not longer than 2 consecutive years), or to another position on the Board.

At this stage, there are no nominations for President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, or newsletter editor.

### **Service Committee:**

Jen-Rose received a request via Frontier Services (formally Flynn of the Inland Service which is administered by the Uniting Church) for personal items to go to the families suffering in the present drought as a reminder we are thinking of them plus a 'treat' for the women and children. Jen-Rose instigated compiling 30 adult and 20 children's pamper packs, and these were forwarded to Frontier Services in Charleville for distribution.

### **Advocacy:**

Karen had written to Southern Downs Regional Council Media Advisor Sonia Wood requesting information about council initiatives to improve women's safety within our community. Zonta received a response (dated 10 February) advising that the SDRC Community Plan 2030 has a number of goals and directions related to women's safety. SDRC highlighted these initiatives:

1. Increased CCTV network in Warwick and Stanthorpe
2. Increased lighting along Quart Pot Creek (Stanthorpe) in response to request from young women who use this area for recreation / exercise
3. Partnering with Qld Police Service to stage several Crime Forums, which include information on women's personal safety
4. Partnering with Qld Police Service to present self defence sessions for women
5. Councillor Denise Ingram is on Domestic Violence Committee
6. White Ribbon (Not Violent Not Silent campaign) stickers are placed on SDRC vehicles
7. Councillor Neil Meiklejohn is White Ribbon ambassador
8. Domestic Violence helpline contact details are placed at public toilets and council facilities
9. Mayor Peter Blundell participated in the 2013 CEO Challenge – this is an Australian wide campaign to help reduce domestic violence in workplaces, communities and homes. Cr Blundell raised \$8,800 in

fundraising as well as raising awareness of domestic violence. As part of the Mayor's campaign, SDRC purchased a training package that helps organisations to identify and support staff members who may be dealing with domestic violence issues.

## *Member's News*

Jen-Rose has returned to China for another semester teaching Early Childhood Studies.



Jacinta's daughter, Ellen, graduated in December from RMIT with Bachelor of Communications (Advertising). Ellen lives in Melbourne, and is looking for that elusive Junior position! Fortunately, since graduating she is adding to her experience through creative internships at agencies such as JWT and GPY&R.

## *General Information*

Southern Downs Youth Network is meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. at Warwick Library Meeting Room. This Network is for all service providers who work with Young People in the SDRC area. If you are interested in attending this network meeting, please contact: Hailey Cosh (Youth Development Officer) on 1300 697 372, or by email: [hailey.cosh@sdrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:hailey.cosh@sdrc.qld.gov.au)

## ***Birthdays***



*March: Sally (13<sup>th</sup>) and Karen (14<sup>th</sup>) – Many Happy Returns!*

*April: Lois (2<sup>nd</sup>), Rhonda (7<sup>th</sup>)*

*- Our very best wishes for a very happy day!*

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Next issue: sent to members by 8<sup>th</sup> April

