



Zonta Whitsundays Newsletter August 2019

President's Report

July and August are some of the best months in the Whitsundays as the days are lovely and warm and sky is the quintessential blue from horizon to horizon. Don't even get me started on the sea and how it changes to a different shade of turquoise and teal every day. These were the halcyon days last weekend when Airlie Beach let its hair down and showed Australia where we were on the map.



The torchlight procession was so pretty and imaginative with fabulous sea creatures swimming through the night sky. Zonta ladies were, however, watching it all happen from the luxury of Christine's balcony where food and wine flowed in equal measure. Then we were treated to a ringside view of the best fire-



works EVER! We Zonta ladies know how to party!

This must be partying season as both Ann and PJ had superb birthday bashes last week at Hogs and La Marina, both of which were great get togethers.

On Saturday Zonta ladies were out again flying the flags and getting into the partying spirit! With outfits that came straight from Air Hawaii tourist brochures we hoola'd and waved our way down the High Street to much clapping and cheering on. One group of ladies were especially pleased to see up and kept shouting, 'Good on you Zonta, been there, done that!'

2 members of the public wanted to know more about Zonta and come to our meetings!! I shall introduce them to you all when they come.

Patsy





Membership Report



Firstly I want to welcome Sharon and Judy as our newest members. This brings our membership back up to 39. We are always pleased to see you bring along guests and potential members to the meetings.

Just a reminder that Cath has now taken over the apologies and meals for our General Meetings. So please make sure you let her know by midday the Tuesday before the GM of any apologies or guests or you will be invoiced for your meal.

Lauren and I will be bringing along any Zonta shirts we have to the August GM so if you are interested in purchasing one please look out for them.

Lunch at Hogs Breath 25th July: As per the Zonta standard we had fun and even a man friend of Zonta attended, Jack and Amy Close. (Ann Cleghorn)

Our next lunch 12noon (4th Thursday) will be on Thursday 22nd at Mira (upstairs above the tattoo parlour) in the Main street. Delicious \$15 specials. Come along and enjoy the great view over the new Parkland while eating a great meal and socializing.

Don't forget our morning tea at the Rainbow Cafe 10am the 2nd Thursday of the month. August 8th / September 12th

Judy Brown



Advocacy Report



Spotlight on the Whitsundays.

Ironically, it's exactly 12 months ago that the first Whitsunday Festival of Motoring Campaign began. Started off as an idea and meetings on how we can be involved. Who knew how far it would go??

Many thought it was not a Zonta project and many didn't understand what it was all about. After all, what is Advocacy? Something I struggled to understand for a while.

However, the official definition is:

Supports, improving the status of women & women's rights and advocates to influence the laws & attitudes that effect women's lives at the club level, district and international levels.

How did we accomplish this through this campaign?

Step 1 – Find likeminded, strong women who believe in the same cause. Zonta members, Council Project Manager Lauren Penny and a female rally team Melinda Bergmann and Larisa Biggar.

Step 2 – Find a platform and medium to advocate on. Whitsunday Festival of Motoring, Domestic Violence Prevention Month, Qld Rally Championships and a region wide community event.

Step 3 – Reaching as many people as possible. Be seen, be heard, share the message and repeat.

When we started talking, we had no idea how far the campaign would go nor how many people we would reach with our message. What I do know now is we were heard that weekend, we definitely were seen, and we definitely got the message out there that Domestic Violence is not tolerated in our community or in the Queensland Rally community. ***We continue to be heard because we have been invited to showcase our club's achievements from this campaign at the District Conference in Brisbane in September.***

What does this actually mean?

The 2019 District Conference is an inter-District Conference with Zontians from Districts 16, 23 and 24 from 6-8 September 2019.

Advocacy cont

How many clubs is this? Let's break it down please correct me if I'm wrong

District 16 – New Zealand 28 clubs

District 22 – 44 clubs

District 23 – 38 clubs

District 24 – 26 clubs.



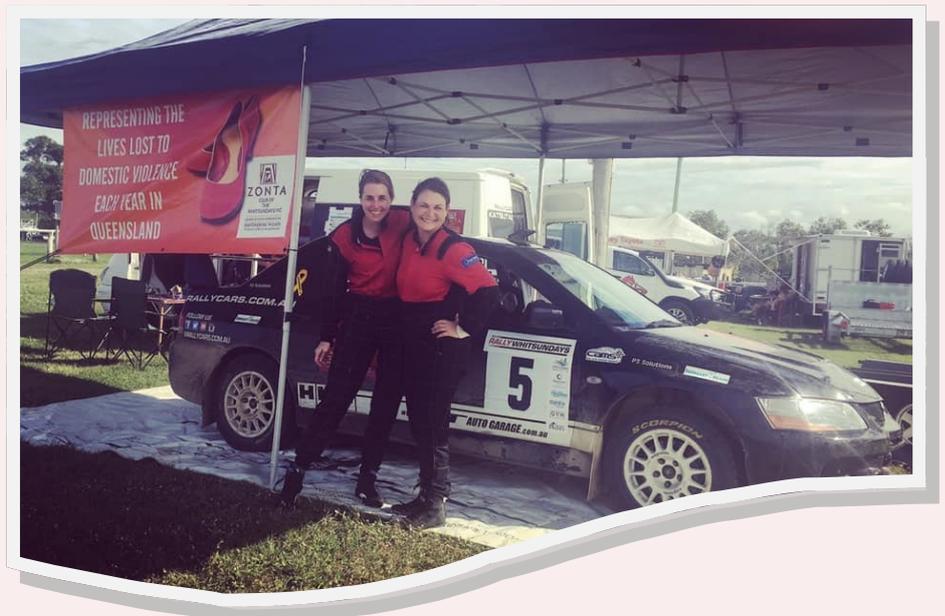
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That's a total of 134 clubs! Only 3 clubs are invited to represent and showcase an event or project at the inter district conference. 3! We are one of them!!! Let that information sink in? It took me a while to comprehend that. Not only that, over 800 tickets have been sold to this event. I am honoured and humbled that I get to represent and be a delegate for our club, members voting and showcasing our achievements.

If anyone has any preferences on our slate of candidates for this biennium, please let me know.

Director of Advocacy

Amanda Walter.



Congratulations to you and your team Amanda. Your enthusiasm is electric and you certainly are putting Zonta Whitsundays on the map!!



District Conference



Wendy, Laura and Amanda are off to Brisbane 6-8th September for the (what will be) amazing Zonta District 22 Conference. This one will be VERY special as it is not just D22: it is Zonta Australia and New Zealand Centennial Conference. This will be very much like an International Conference with about 800 delegates --- so many new friends to make.

A bit of “name dropping” here just to get you thinking that you should be coming too:

With our very own **D22 Governor, Sandy Venn– Brown** who will be joined by special guest **Zonta International President Dr. Susanne von Bassewitz** and guest speaker **Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO**; plus the opening Ceremony by **Qld Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk** followed by the keynote speaker **Dame Therese Walsh, DNZM, Chair of Air New Zealand**. This is going to be totally amazing and this is just naming a few.

Of course there will be workshops of empowerment, Leadership, Membership, Advocacy, PR and Media; and who better to be presenting on one of the days but our own Mandy on WFOM!!! And of course the usual business sessions and elections to D22 Board 2020/22.

Oh, and by the way, Zontians and guests will be celebrating my birthday on Day 1 (hehe) with a Cocktail Party--- great birthday gift from me to me!

You are really going to wish you had signed up!! I am sure there is still room and Laura and I have room in our lovely apartment for one more as Ann has had to withdraw due to a clash between Zonta and her flitting around the world in a private jet!! Poor Ann had a very difficult decision to make!! Hmmmmm



Wendy Downes

D22 Nominating Committee



Service Report

The rosters for Bunnings BBQs: August 18th and 24th.

As you can see Marlene is in desperate need of workers for the 18th so if you can lend a hand please call her ASAP.

No workers: no BBQs: more raffle tickets to sell!!



	<u>Sunday</u> <u>August 18th</u>		<u>Saturday</u> <u>August 24th</u>
Coordinat- tor	Marlene to Set up	Coordinat- tor	Marlene to Set up
8:00- 10:00	Marlene Reiffel	8:00- 10:00	Marlene Reiffel
	Betty White- horn		Dawn Green
	Annie LL		Cath Fernbach
10:00- 12:00	Carole Lindsay	10:00- 12:00	Carole Lindsay
			PJ Halter
			Judy Brett
			Max Thiele
12:00-2:00	Laura Morrison	12:00-2:00	Laura Morrison
			Carol Bolton
			Lauren Haack
2:00-3:00	Marlene to pack up	2:00-3pm	Betty Whitehorn
			Carol Bolton to pack up

Z Club News

Our Z Club at St. Catherine's College is having it's annual Trivia Night on Friday August 16th. Come along, join in the fun and help the students raise money for Birthing Kits. They do a wonderful job under the leadership of Susan Beale. Let's support them.



ST CATHERINE'S



TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH

SECONDARY CAMPUS - MPH

TABLES OF UP TO 6 - \$10PP

DOORS OPEN 5.30 FOR A 6PM START

BYO drinks and snacks
Prize for the best dressed table (Musical Theme)
Gold Coin Games
Rolling Raffles

All money raised will purchase Birthing Kits for women in developing countries

Contact Secondary Campus on 4945 1630 or email sbeale@prspne.catholic.edu.au to book your table.



Birthing Kit Foundation
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Zonta International



P.J. Halter submission for newsletter (we are all welcome to submit as it is OUR newsletter!)

Zonta District 22 Quarterly Newsletter: I know we get a lot of information and emails from Zonta and we don't always take time to read the District or International newsletters, as we all have busy lives! Everyone is time poor but a quick look once in a while will "light your fire" about what Zonta is all about! Good ideas come our way too! I have picked out a few REALLY important bits to bring to your attention and hope to do so in the future. See our Whitsunday Zonta Facebook to keep up to date too.

We belong to Area 5: Barb Coleman is our Area 5 Director: Barb attended our Christmas party so most of you met her. **Email: zontad22area5director@gmail.com**

Club Centennial Celebrations: If your club is planning a Centennial Event please let me know and I will make sure that it goes onto the D22 website and Facebook page. It is not necessary to have a special Centennial Event but the Board would like all 2019 club activities to celebrate the centenary. Please do not hesitate to invite Board members to your event(s). Please make sure that your advertising, documents and brochures include the Zonta 100 logo. It is on the footer of this Newsletter. If you need a copy, right click on the logo and save it as a picture.

Other Important Dates for Your Calendar: · Centennial Anniversary Inter-District Conference 6-8 September 2019

- Zonta's 100th Birthday Weekend 8-10 November 2019
- Next Area Meeting 21st March 2020

I hope you found the information in this newsletter of interest. If you have any items of interest from your club, please send me an article so that I can include it in the next Area 5 Newsletter. **Barb Coleman, Area 5 Director**



Great Barrier Reef Festival



Our Zonta girls “spreading the word” in the annual Airlie Beach Great Barrier Reef Festival Street Parade. Always a great opportunity for us to showcase Zonta and have some fun at the same time!

Photos: Ann and PJ



Great Barrier Reef Festival

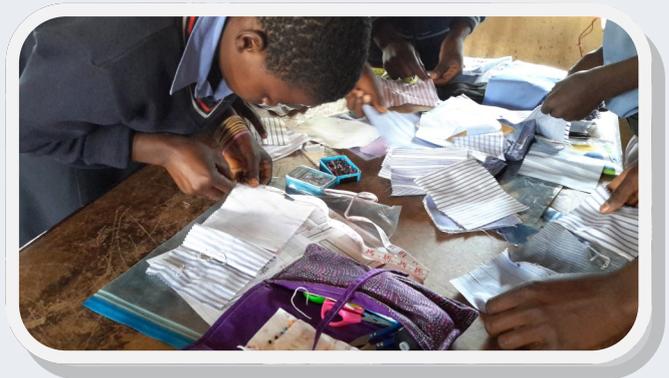


Advocacy Spotlight

Leanne Abbott is well known to our members. She is friends with several of our members and on visits always comes along to our meetings. This time last year Leanne was guest speaker at our GM. She spoke about her work teaching African students to sew and in particular, to make their own hygiene needs. Leanne is currently in Africa and sent this letter (email) to Pammie Harrison (who incidentally is also in Africa at the moment).

Hi,

Yesterday I began teaching at the school. I had a long talk with the teacher. She said there had been a lot of tears in her classroom. I have only been sending kits (*hygiene kits*) to the scholarship holders. Girls who are not receiving scholarships are asking why they don't qualify for a kit. Hence the tears. I should never assume. I just thought that if parents have money for fabric for their children to attend class, they would have money for hygiene products. I must have pre-empted this problem because I had asked the Headmaster the number for all of the students. Thanks to the girls at Gosford High School and my sewing friends I had enough to give kits to all the girls who hadn't already received one.



The teachers mentioned that their inspection went really well. The Inspectors saw the photos, text books and kits as positive incentive for the education of these children. It's about keeping the girls particular at school-- not married and having babies. The support from Australia is helping to achieve this. The students also scored very well in their practical exam garment. The garments are marked externally.

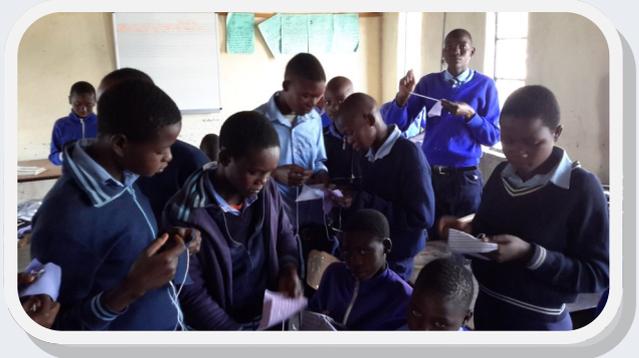
I did have a major accident. When setting up the battery I accidentally touched the black to the red---- or was it red to the black?? A big "OH NO!!". This meant that the inverter was fried and had to be sent 150km to be fixed!! Well, not quite. They couldn't fix it there so it had to be sent to Harare--- another 9hrs drive. I still don't know if it is fixed!

The lesson for the day became "black to black"; "red to red". I really believe there will not be a student at the school who will ever make my mistake.

For the rest of the lesson, the students embroidered their initial onto a piece of fabric that will eventually be a part of their needle case that they will make on the machine. The interesting thing is that they have never done any embroidery. A simple chain stitch became an exciting lesson. Now there is talk of putting some embroidery on their examination garment. Some good may have come from my accident.

Advocacy Spotlight Cont.

Next day I turned up with inverter from the Orphanage. Every learner (as the students are called here) had a go machining with no thread on paper. Lots of laughter and many were scared of the machine. Learning to control the machine with their foot was foreign to them. Before I left, I demonstrated threading the machine. The simplicity brought many oos and rrrs.



The students were given kits and photos of the high school girls in Australia had helped cut the kits.

The solar panel is already on the roof. Fortunately, the teachers are experienced with electric machines and I feel that when the inverter arrives they and the students will be turning out even better garments.

Mrs Leanne from Australia (*as she is called by her students*)



Students with their kits cut by Gosford High School students

Leanne and her "learners"

Knitting Group: Friends of Zonta

On the first Monday of each month, April to November, a group of Zonta friends meet up to sew together knitted and crocheted squares into large blanket sized rugs and into knee rugs. Zonta member Carol Lindsay hosts the group who make the rugs (as gifts) for people that can use them, both locally and overseas. Last year 30 blankets were distributed to different organizations.

Between monthly meetings group members use their spare time to make knitted squares. The group is made up of interested Zonta members and friends of Zonta

This year being the coldest winter for many years the rugs have been sought after. This week Carol Lindsay and Dawn Green delivered rugs to the Proserpine Meals on Wheels depot. Those rugs will be given out to Meals on Wheels recipients that may need the extra warmth provided by the rugs. Rugs were also delivered to the Proserpine nursing home where two residents “Gillie” Ross and Muriel Johnstone were given two of the rugs. The nursing home reciprocated by donating some wool to the group to help continue the knitting.



Carole Lindsay and Dawn Green presenting William “Gillie” Ross and Muriel Johnstone with beautiful knitted blankets at Proserpine Nursing Home .

Betty Whitehorne

Media liaison

Member's Moments



Dawn has celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends. Dawn's beautiful cake was made by long time friend, Kay Harris



And Maxine and Kevin celebrated their 70th birthdays in Brisbane with family. One a little late— the other a little early!

A special surprise was a video chat with grand daughter Rhianna in Canada.



Meanwhile in Oamura, New Zealand, Carole's Mother in law celebrated her 95th birthday. Norma had two celebrations: lunch with 38 family members who travelled from UK, USA, Australia and all over NZ and a second with 20 direct family members. Of course that meant two beautiful cakes. Norma has attended many Zonta meetings with Carole when she has been visiting from NZ and she is well loved among our group. *Congratulations Norma and Happy Birthday.*



Was she doing it right, Peter??



Member's Moments Cont.

Our intrepid travellers, Sandii and Neil have been held up in Darwin with a bit of car trouble and so while that is being sorted they have continued to enjoy the sights of Darwin and have taken a trip overseas— to the Tiwi Islands! Sandii says that the trip was amazing and the people warm and friendly.



A spot of screen printing by Sandii



Vale: Pam McLean

Remembering one of our local ladies and past member of Zonta.



Pam McLean passed away in June this year and will always be remembered as a staunch supporter of women's rights, providing support to those who were struggling.

Pam was a member of Whitsunday Zonta from Sept 2002 until May 2004.

Prior to joining Zonta, she was also part of the team that officially opened the doors of the Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre in 1990, followed in 1992 by the Whitsunday Crisis Care and Women's Support Group (now known as Whitsunday Counselling and Support).

During her time there, she also co-opted a few other Zonta members to join the board.

Pam was also instrumental in establishing the Whitsunday Sexual Assault Service through the establishment of the Whitsunday Housing Assoc and the Tenancy Information and advice Centre. Through her dedication and tireless lobbying, services were funded and expanded into domestic violence support and counselling.

Pam retired in 2003 after 13 years working and striving for women's rights and making life for women and children in our community a safe and supportive place for all to belong.

With Whitsunday Counselling & Support, the Neighbourhood Centre and Whitsunday Housing, the enduring effect of her tireless work is ever-present, with the above organisations continuing to grow to include the Emergency Relief program for people in crisis and in 2005 the Youth Mentor Program. By 2015 the Emergency program had received 888 applications and the work for the Dole Program was introduced at the centre.

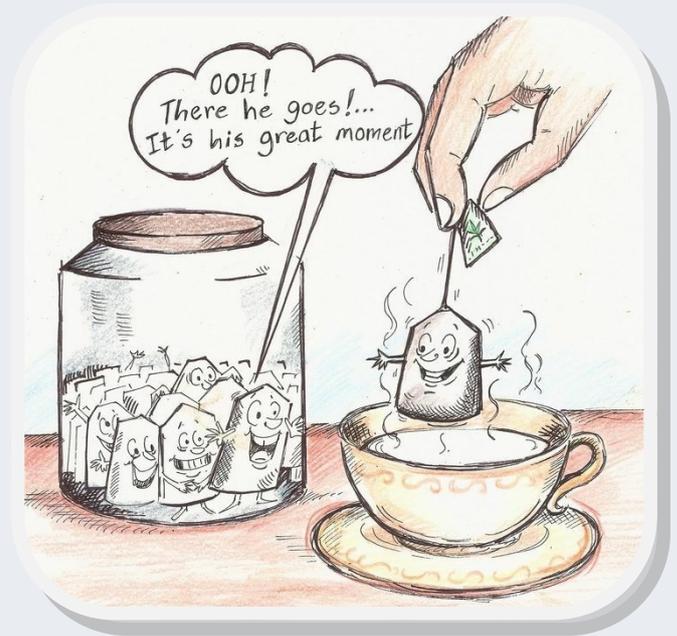
An amazing lady who will be sadly missed by the community at large.

Vale Pam McLean.

Wendy Downes

Dates to Remember

Aug 15th:	General Meeting
16th:	Z Club Trivia Night St. Cath's College
18th:	Bunnings BBQ
22nd:	Lunch @ Mira 12 noon
24th:	Bunnings BBQ
Sept 6th:	D22 Conference
12th:	Morning Tea 10am Rainbow Cafe



Birthdays for August

11th	Betty Whitehorne
13th	Liz Robinson
15th	Jan McKinnon
25th	Laura Morrison
25th	Sandii Hansen

Life's Lighter Moments

Remember those wild parties we used to go to in the 60's?



Oh my gosh yes. I still have the Tupperware!!

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