



APRIL 2018

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Rain, rain go away, I thought we would be lucky this year and escape the cyclones, but no, we were so close to the end of the season and then Iris rears her head. As I am typing this report the rain is coming down and the wind is starting to howl, our palms are losing their fronds and I heard branches of trees crashing in the paddock next to our house but we are dry and hoping Iris stays off the coast and doesn't decide to turn inland.

It seems like ages since I have seen most of you, thank you Sandii for taking the last General Meeting for me I am looking forward to the AGM this month.

Did you all have a good time at our the President and Board before taking the position of President the following year, it can be a 1 or 2 year presidency her choice, and that time will fly by. Think International Women's Day Lunch, it certainly looked like it, now we look to how we can make it better. I know that the money raised will enable us to help where needed.

District 22 Area Conference is on this month and our club will be represented this year by PJ, Judy, Dawn, Laura and me, please think about attending next year the fellowship is fantastic, the guest speakers are inspirational and the food is always good.

We are still one short on our slate of candidates for the AGM we need a name for President Elect. The President Elect has 1 year to work with the President and Board before taking the position of President the following year, it can be a 1 or 2 year presidency her choice, and that time will fly by. Think about it and approach the Nomination Committee (Sandii, Ann and Laura) if you are interested.

I hope to see you and your partners at the Presidents Breakfast on Sunday 22nd April a tradition started by Roz I think, a great way to relax at the end of a very busy Zonta year.

Stay safe and dry

Kerrie Adam

President



OH WHAT A DAY...IWD



WELCOME NORMA







Can I thank Maxine for her kind words at the last meeting regarding the work done on the Showcase of Grant Recipients which was shown at the IWD luncheon.

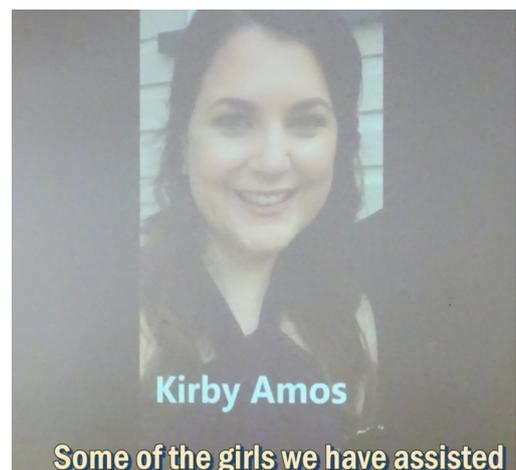
It was a lot of work finding out what some of these young women were now up to in their lives. Naturally I was unable to contact them all as most of them left town to go to university and pursue their aims.

For a small country town there have been some wonderful stories and they can only continue. I am a great believer in a good education and it seems the schools here are delivering that.

For me it was something I really enjoyed being part of. A huge THANK YOU to Meagan who prepared the wonderful power point.

Following the IWD I got an up date from the mother of one of the girls mentioned in the presentation—Alexandra (Alex) Davey. She started a new job recently with Virgin Australia as Brand Marketing Specialist based in Sydney. She is really looking forward to a great career with Virgin Australia after a good groundwork with Westfield.

Thanks Noelene



MEMBERSHIP

Membership held an information morning tea at Ann's on Saturday 24th March, as a follow up for interested ladies from IWD. Thank you to all the members who went along and took a plate. It was another successful event.

We are looking forward to welcoming new members at this month's General meeting, and hopefully new guests that went to IWD. We have been very fortunate in having lots of guests at our General meetings.

Judy Brown (Membership Director)



SERVICE

Please let Cath Fernbach (Coordinator) know when you can help at Bunnings BBQ Sunday 6th May. The timetable will be available at the April General Meeting

Seeking Bunnings BBQ Coordinator for Saturday May 12th..



ADVOCACY

As we approach Anzac Day 2018, I would like to tell the story of one of Australia's bravest wartime women.

In the Soldier Settler Irrigation Area of Loxton in Sth Australia (where I grew up), the roads are named after VC awardees. However, there are a couple that are different. Bullwinkle Road in Loxton Nth is named after a Military Nurse, Lt. Col. Vivian Statham (nee Bullwinkle). Vivian couldn't be awarded the VC but was awarded the highest nursing honour-- the Royal Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal. However, it has been stated that Vivian showed the courage and bravery of any VC awardee.

Vivian Bullwinkle, a military nurse, was among nurses, soldiers and civilians evacuated from Singapore during its fall to the Japanese in February 1942. They were on the SS Vyner Brooke which unfortunately was torpedoed and sunk four days later after coming under Japanese attack. There were 65 nurses on board-- 22 nurses survived the attack and made it to shore--- on Radji Beach, Bangka Island, Dutch East Indies (Indonesia). They lit fires as beacons hoping that it would lead them to safety. It didn't. They attended the wounded and sick-- many of whom were civilians and wounded soldiers who had also made it to shore. Eventually, Matron Drummond (another road name in the Loxton Irrigation district) suggested that the civilians walk to the nearest town, Muntok and surrender-- which they did. Earlier, one of the ship's crew had walked to the town of Muntok to surrender the group to the authorities but had encountered a Japanese military patrol. This patrol came back to the beach where the nurses and the wounded survivors were. They separated the soldiers from the group and massacred them. Then they lined the nurses and one civilian woman (who had stayed to care for her wounded husband) along the beach and ordered them to march out into the sea. The Japanese soldiers shot them in the back. They then shot and bayoneted the wounded. This action was one of the worst military atrocities of WW2.

Nurse Bullwinkle was shot --the bullet going through her abdomen, miraculously missing all vital organs. She managed to survive by feigning death. She eventually made it back to shore and hid in the jungle for 12 days attending her own wounds and those of a British soldier hiding with her.

Vivian eventually had to give herself up to the Japanese and became a POW for the remainder of the war. Like many other POWs, she had to hide her diary; couldn't speak of her ordeal to anyone, she hid her bullet ridden uniform.

During her time as a POW she tended fellow prisoners, caring for them with whatever she had. One can hardly begin to imagine the conditions in which she survived. When Lt. Vivian Bullwinkle was released in 1945, she weighed 4 stone (25KG).

In 1947 Vivian gave evidence at the Tokyo War Crimes Commission Trials. She resigned from the military that same year.

On her return to Australia, Vivian was determined to improve the recognition and standard of nursing training in Australia. From this, the current Nursing Degree evolved. She has also been the main instigator for the Nurses Memorial Centre in Melbourne, Nursing Scholarships and as mentioned, the advancement of educational standards for Australian nurses. She introduced the Nurse Aid role to nursing and the Palliative Care Nurse. She was also involved in the evacuation of orphans during the Vietnam War.



Lt. Col. Vivian Stratham (Bullwinkle) has been described by Dr. Brendan Nelson as "one of this country's most remarkable Australians".

Vivian died in July, 2000 aged 84yrs.

Maxine Thiele

Advocacy Director

ADVOCACY

Food for thought

"This is all my fault"

These were the words tearfully spoken by Candice Warner when referring to the incidence of ball tampering in which her husband, David Warner is currently embroiled.

Why does Candice think it is her fault? Did she tamper with the ball? I doubt it.

No. The reason that she thinks it is her fault is the bullying that her husband received on the field when a totally insensitive and naïve Sth African player referred to Candice's night out with a rugby player many years ago--- even Sth African officials joined in the bullying by wearing masks of the said rugby player. One can only imagine what was said about Candice. This happened years before she knew David Warner. And is she not allowed to have a night out? She was a grown woman. She didn't break any laws-- neither did the rugby player.

This made my blood boil. It was no doubt done to put David off his game-- which it did. But it was nothing less than bullying toward Candice--- an innocent, beautiful wife and mother. Not to mention her own world renowned sporting ability.

This brings me to a domestic violence myth:

"It's my fault that he hits me"

No it's not and it's not Candice Warner's fault that her husband decided to engage in premeditated ball tampering. I hope someone has told her that.

I doubt that it will happen but the Sth African players and officials involved in the bullying of Candice Warner should be brought to, account too. They actually, in my opinion, need counselling!

One good thing to come out of this incident is the start of dialog re the whole incidence of sledging in sport and in particular cricket. There is no need for it. It is purely and simply bullying-- especially when it involves a player's loved ones. There is no place for it in in 2018. Surely we have evolved enough to realise this and the first team to stop it should be us-- the Australian team, as it seems we are the best in the world at sledging. It is a disgrace and does nothing to help any anti-bullying campaign. Other sporting codes have made moves to stop this kind of thing-- now it is time for the "gentlemanly" sport of cricket.

What hope do we have of eliminating violence when our sporting "heros" can get away with it.

"Zonta says No to Violence Against Women" Maxine



This is the little girl we had a baby shower for. They were doing it tough. Alone. Her first girl. Kaia is now 4 years old.

They are now living in the gold coast area where dad Tim's family is and he got more work. He has a fabulous boat skipper job now.

Mum Lib is happy, well and working too.

Her family are all in Columbia. A happy healthy girl. I keep in touch and she thanks the zonta ladies for all they gave so generously...

Annie Cleghorn



On Thursday 29th March, St Catherines Z-Club participated in Colour for a Cure which raised funds for the Leukaemia Foundations. The club set up stations on both Manresa and Loyola Campuses. The cost was \$2-\$4 dollars depending on length of hair and the students could choose multiple colours/designs for their hair. With the school donating the hairspray, we raised \$420 for the cause. The shirts we received from the Mackay Conference were a big hit, and the principle commented on how good we all looked together.

Susan Beale



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Zonta - Bridging Communities – Sweet!

28th – 29th April 2018

Ayr Anzac Memorial Club

101 Burke St, Ayr

(Registration & Accommodation options attached)

Speakers

**ZONTA - Anns van Erp, Sandy Venn Brown,
Bridget Mather, Jill Lucht**

Rise Up Be Yourself Programme – Jackie Kiloh & Lee Bruhn

Leadership - Moya Steele

Embody Love Movement - Kristy Shannon

Community Engagement – Mayor Lyn McLaughlin

Enhance your Zonta and personal knowledge and skills. Meet old friends and make new ones.





Lesley Pratchett 21st April

Sue Hansen 27th June

Catherine Moscato 30th June

No May birthdays

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Date Claimers

Thursday 12th MayBooks from Birth..Laurens house 2667 Shute Harbour Rd

Thurs 19th April.....General Meeting, AGM, VMR 6pm for 6.30 start

Sun 22nd April.....President's Breakfast, 125 Camm Rd, Mt Julian

Sat/Sun 28th/29th April...District 22 Conference, Ayr

Tues 1st May.....Board Meeting, Kerrie's House

Sun 13th May....Mother's Day

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