



## NEWSLETTER

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### **BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER**

Patricia Clunes (19/10); Siti Constable (31/10)



### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN**

Thank you to all the members who travelled to Mackay for the District 22 Area Conference. I thoroughly enjoyed everything about the Conference especially the guest speakers. Edith has written a very comprehensive report regarding the speakers.

I was absolutely delighted that the Motion regarding Child and Forced Marriage that was put forward by the Advocacy Committee was passed, albeit narrowly. I believe that it is now time for the hard work to begin. I would like to see all members become involved, and not leave it to just the Committee members. I am sure that the Committee will now be working together to put a strategic plan forward so that we as a Club can move forward to hopefully see this terrible practice eradicated one day, probably not tomorrow or next week, but one day in the future.

### **Date Claimer: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

This year we are going to celebrate United Nations Day. It has been some years since we did, and I believe that it is time we had another celebration. It will be a social get together for members and partners.

### **Venue:**

The home of Edith Fogg. Edith has a beautiful property and farm at Mt Samson. A lot of our members have not been to Edith's home and have been hoping that one day we will have a good reason to go.

### **Time:**

It will be a lunchtime function - 11.00 for 11.30am.

### **Food:**

Because of the celebration, I will be asking all of you to bring a dish. The food is to be from a country, beginning with your initial. Can be your first or surname.

Also, can you make a flag of that country, as I don't sew, I will be making mine from cardboard and coloured in.

### **Good News:**

Finally, we received official confirmation that we are moving from the old storeroom to a new shed.

like many official departments, the wheels are turning slowly. I have been told that it will be before the end of October (hopefully).

When we receive a date, I will be calling on you and partners/Honzons to have a working bee. It will be a big job, so please don't leave it to just a few.

The Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia has called for nominations for "Champions". As the Bribie Pink Dragons are our great supporters, we have nominated them, and Rosemary Leahy an HonZon, another wonderful supporter.

See you all at our Dinner Meeting next Wednesday night 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**Date Claimer:**

Planning Day Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

*Sue Droughton*  
**President**



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Prospective Members**

Prospective Members Shelley Keehn, Trish Dunne, Meleitta Lowrey and Kerri-Anne Mineham have been invited to our September dinner meeting. Trish and Meleitta will be attending.

The Membership Committee will invite both Trish and Meleitta to a coffee morning that suits everyone in the coming weeks to invite them to become members of our club.

**Memorial Service at District Conference**

The memorial service that was held at our District Conference was a very moving service. There was a Powerpoint presentation of all the District 22 members who had passed away in the previous 2 years including our member Diana Wallman. They did mention our past member Marie Brady at the service, which was lovely. A yellow rose was placed into a vase as each member was mentioned.

**Orientation**

The membership committee will arrange an Orientation meeting with our last five new members sometime in October. A time that suits each person will be arranged. This is to discuss any queries and concerns they may have since joining. As well as any issues they may have navigating around the Zonta International and District 22 website.

**Classification Numbers**

We have only found out that as of February this year Classification Numbers are no longer being used for members. Just their job description will be used instead. The Marion De Forest Manual is now obsolete.

**Prospective Member Form**

We are going to update our Prospective Member form to include *Language Spoken* and *Social Media Accounts* in line with the Newest Membership Application received from District 22.

**Red Dress Shirts**

Lynda Galway's mother has made her a red shirt from the pattern and material supplied by our club. We will find out from Lynda if she is willing to make more shirts for newer members and at what cost. Our club has paid for the material etc so the cost for a red shirt would be \$25.00 per member. This doesn't include the cost of making it. It only covers the material costs that have already been spent by the club.

## **2023 National Police Remembrance Day**

The Police Remembrance Day Service will be attended by Sue Droughton and Carole Tomvald on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm at St Eugene College Burpengary. They will lay a wreath on behalf of the Zonta Club of Caboolture. The wreath was made by Karen Whalan with the help of Pam Berkett. Karen will bring the wreath to the dinner meeting for everyone to see.

### ***Membership Committee Chair***

***Pam Berkett***

## **Service Committee Report September 2023**

The past few months have been incredibly busy for all members of our Club, including the Service Committee. We have not had a meeting since July.

However, Karen Whalan and Lyn Howells have been delivering breast cushions to the Caboolture Hospital. There always seems to be a never-ending demand for this wonderful project of ours.

The Committee has been approached by the Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia Ambassador Simone Ricketts asking if we would like to nominate a group/ volunteer to be a Birthing Kit Champion.

We have nominated the ladies from Bribie Pink Dragons and also one of our HonZons Rosemary Leahy to hopefully receive an award from BKFA.

Bribie Pink Dragons are always on hand to help and support us as is Rosemary.

There is a possibility that we may be helping Sister Veronica from St Michaels to pack a small number of Birthing Kits. I think that they want to do a "trial" run under our guidance and next year, with the assistance of the school community, will do a many more.

I will know more by our Dinner Meeting on Wednesday night.

### ***Sue Droughton***

***Chair***

***Service Committee***



## **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

With Patricia in Canberra again enjoying grandma's duties, we didn't have an Events meeting this month. We will have a meeting to wrap up the Fashion Parade and look at the fundraising events coming up:

- Bunnings BBQ on 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Christmas giftwrapping in December
- IWD on 8 March 2024.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting which will be held at Glenda's home (7 Bellwood Court, Bellmere) on 10 October at 10 am.

***For Patricia Clunes***

# ADVOCACY REPORT

September 2023

The Advocacy Committee members met via Zoom meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

1. Congratulations were given to Edith Fogg, Carole Tomvald, Cecil Nielson for reporting on the Motion into Forced Marriage and Child Marriage which was passed at State Conference 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Cecil Nielson and Carole Tomvald gave a brief verbal account of the passage of the Motion, including a minor amendment to simplify it. The Motion was passed 25 to 23.
- Lawrence Ezedinma confirmed he would contact Marie of the Zonta Club, Redcliffe to confirm members agreed to sharing resources and experience, subject to retaining ownership of our materials developed and recognition of our club's creation of the Gym initiative.
- Carole updated the Advocacy group on the progress of the 16 Days of Activism. Caboolture is one of 8 clubs involved in preparations. The Story Bridge Walk is planned for Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> November meeting by 6pm in King George Square. Each club will contribute \$65. Walkers this year are asked to bring their dogs if they wish. Walkers will meet back at the Pig and Whistle afterwards.
- Carole also confirmed Patricia has booked a spot outside Target to display Orange Figures for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> (9am -5pm) and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> (10am – 4pm) December. Assistance from members is needed to man the figures and supporting brochures during these times.
- Pam will provide members with a list of organisations where orange figures were displayed last year. These organisations need to be contacted to request if they will display figures this year.
- Jobs to complete in October include:
  - Arrange for the banner to be displayed (27<sup>th</sup> November – 10<sup>th</sup> December),
  - Check materials and brochures for displays,
  - Plan for publicity – local newspapers, Federal/State/Local Government newsletters, community radio and our Zonta Webpage/Facebook,
  - Prepare daily web posts to promote awareness.
- Jobs to complete in November include:
  - Erect Banner,
  - Contact members to deliver and pick up Orange Figures and display literature,
  - Follow up on publicity of the 16 Days of Activism.
- Jobs to complete 25<sup>th</sup> November – 10 December include:
  - Members check on figures to top up brochures,
  - Members to collect figures 10 – 11 December,
  - Return of figures (to new storage facility to be advised),
  - Removal and storage of banner.
- Jobs to complete December - January include:
  - Thank businesses/organisations – Card or Certificate of Appreciation
  - Publish list of participating businesses/organisations on Club's webpage and Facebook page.

**Susan Lepper, Lynda Galway**  
**Co-Chairs Advocacy Committee.**

## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT, JULY 2023

Committee members: Mitra, Carole, Cecil (with input from Pam B.)

This report is brief, as at the September Dinner Meeting, discussion of Constitution Amendments is on the agenda.

The focus of the committee was to ensure we included the approved recommendations from the ZI Convention 2022. The task took a little longer than expected, and at a meeting earlier in September we thought we had covered everything, then found more changes.

The plan was to discuss constitutional changes at the Club meeting in October, but as a guest speaker had been arranged for this meeting, we needed to bring the discussions forward to September.

A notice of a Resolution (as per constitution) about the revisions for our September Dinner Meeting 27 September, was sent to members 15 September. A draft copy of the Constitution showing the changes was emailed to members on 20 September. Even with this Draft, there still could be some changes, which can be discussed at the dinner meeting.

The Constitution Committee's next task is to draft a Policy Statement about an Internal Grievances Procedure, based on the Office of Fair-Trading Document, and another resource which Mitra has supplied. There is no need to include the detailed procedure within the Constitution, but we need to include reference to it, which we have proposed in the Draft Revised Constitution, which members already have.

During the process of inserting amendments, we have consulted with Petra, presently Lieutenant-Governor, and Governor-to-be in 2024 on a couple of issues.

*Cecil Nielson, Chair Constitution/Bylaws Committee.*

*Cecil Nielson - Chairman*

### **ZOOM MEETING FOR ZONTA SAYS NO (ZSN)**

**August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 commence 7.30pm**

**Carole Tomvald represented our club.**

**Present:**

Zonta club of: Brisbane North, Redcliffe, Brisbane ?, Wynnum Redlands, Brisbane River, Brisbane East, Maroochydore and Caboolture.

I joined a zoom meeting with the Brisbane group of Zonta Clubs, "Zonta says No" (ZSN) hosted by Jo Diesel from Zonta Club of Brisbane East.

Discussed was the 16 Days of Activisms. The Story Bridge will be lit up in orange. To have a banner erected on the bridge will cost \$408 dollars. Jo is asking for each Club to donate \$50 to cover the cost. The price has increased from under \$200.

A walk through Brisbane will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, meeting 6pm for 6.30pm start. It is anticipated that ZI officials will join the walk as they will be in Brisbane organizing details for the 2024 Convention. Jo Diesel has asked if we could use Eventbrite to register for the walk. It was also suggested that we take our dogs on the walk.

Ros Kinder from Brisbane would like us, Caboolture, to submit to her the dates and places of what activities we as a Club are organizing over the 16 days. So far, we are to approach:

- 4 libraries to host families of orange figures in Woodford, Burpengary, Caboolture, and Bribie Island
- Mark Ryan, State MP office
- Terry Young Federal MP office
- Morayfield Medical Hub. Numerous venues within the Hub
- CADA

- Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre
- 2 Council swimming pools
- Burpengary Police Station
- To ask Council to light up Caboolture Square
- To man a display at Morayfield Shopping Centre 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.
- Bunnings Morayfield

**Carole Tomvald**

**Advocacy committee**

The next zoom meeting for ZSN is September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

## REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE AS PREPARED BY EDITH

Our Motion passed narrowly, and we were asked not to finish the presentation as we had not addressed the question specifically. The information given was excellent.

*Even though the outcome was 25 to 23 no one got up and opposed our motion.*

We were asked to reply with **How** District 22 could help and **what** we were asking them to do to help. **Here are some ideas. Discuss and amend as needed and pass it on to Carole.**

### **Problem 1**

Laws: - Can District help by making sure information relating to Child Marriage is circulated, perhaps included in the Newsletter. This would keep Clubs up to date with what others were doing. Perhaps inform other Districts in Australia and relevant Politicians about information we need to keep up to date with the question. Ask for feedback as to where money is being spent and current success stories.

### **Information**

Laws need to be upheld within Australia. This pertains to all violence against women and girls. It includes "Bullshit" Defence which is deemed to be "traditional" or "cultural."

### **Problems**

1. Laws must be meaningful.
2. Statistics are not readily available or current.
3. Literacy is a problem for many girls and women – Australia and overseas- English must be mandatory in education.
4. Proposed Objectives need to align with National Plan 2022 – 2032. We need feedback from responsible Ministers as to effectiveness and where money goes.
5. Support systems need to be available to those who need them, and they need to know how to access them.
6. Child and forced marriages remain pressing issues that threaten the rights and wellbeing of girls and women globally. Information to assist them must be easily accessible and in language that is understood.

## **How to increase involvement in Communities**

Educational Programs are the only way to engage with women and girls in communities. Zonta could assist by having speakers and/or members from diverse backgrounds to improve our knowledge and understanding. We must involve more men and boys within Zonta to promote gender equality. Confirm through appropriate language that it is illegal to insist on a child or forced marriage in Australia and is punishable by law. It has to be factored into Educational programs.

## **Statistics**

Statistics are the missing link of assistance in any community group. Most forced or child marriages are not recorded so statistics are not available, and the activity is very secretive. Making sure that all members of various groups understand that child marriage is illegal under Australian Law will take co-operation from members of that community, with information available to explain it. This will involve people with expertise and an understanding of norms and cultural practices.

## **How can we Help?**

Clubs and District need to highlight the topic at their events and share information Australia-wide, so the focus is throughout Australia. If information is passed between clubs, it will become more up to date and relevant if circulated to everyone. Pine Rivers has been very supportive of the Caboolture Club. There must be an expectation in Clubs that the information will be shared between Districts so any programs and their relevance can be shared. If we find out what works, let's share it.

## **How can we use technology?**

Most clubs would now have members that are Technology trained so we can use them to publicize gender violence and forced marriages. End the secrecy about it in Australia using TV, radio, and written articles and papers so matters are out in the public domain. The presentation done by **4 Corners** on the deaths of Indigenous women in Australia certainly lifted the lid on gender-based violence there.

## **Educational Programs that we know about?**

### ***Report***

Most things at Conference were "Procedural," so I will only deal with our Motion, Speakers, and Elections. There were 48 clubs that were represented at the Conference at the initial Roll Call. Eight of those had Proxy votes.

### ***Annika Branstrom – Zonta Represented – International Board of Directors.***

She remained for the entire Conference and spoke on various topics as they arose during the meetings. She has a Law Degree and works with many European countries in her role with Zonta. Her motto is "Stronger together." She hopes to simplify Bylaws, modernise Zonta and to be more inclusive. She presented the Strategic Plan under which Zonta is currently working.

### ***Mayor of Mackay – Greg Williamson – Speaker at the Welcome on Friday Night.***

He is local to Mackay and spoke of Local Government in the area. He was at the helm during Cyclone Debbie 2017, bushfires in 2018 and the Pandemic 2020. He was an interesting speaker and passionate about his job.

### ***Pip Courtney – Journalist***

Her speech was the highlight of the Conference for me. She has worked for the ABC for 31 years and Landline Program for the last 23 years, winning many awards for her work in journalism. She grew up in Tasmania and studied politics and English at University, then she changed to Agricultural Science. She joined the ABC Hobart in 1986.

She spoke about climate change and its effect on agriculture and the environment. With her vast background in agricultural facts, it is easy to see that we are having a profound effect on our environment in many ways. I was interested in seeing if carbon credits can be used to mitigate the effects of big business and powerful companies on agriculture and mining.

Pip was a fantastic speaker and was very down to earth in everything she said. It was a privilege to have her at our conference.

***Jane Milburn OAM – she addressed us both at the Welcome on Friday Night and on Sunday morning.***

Jane spoke on our need to change the way we dress and shop to cut down on the horrendous waste in the world, especially in clothing. She wants us to reshape what we wear to simpler garments and use secondhand materials and clothes to make them. Most sewing is done by hand; she spoke at the dinner and on Sunday as a Keynote Speaker. *(I can't see me taking it up)*. Jane was very passionate about what she spoke about and showed us some of her creations. She wore three different styles while at the conference. The message she was making was to be mindful of what you purchased and try to buy clothes that would last a long time and not cheap throw away items that would eventually end up in landfill somewhere.

***Mahsa Nabizada YWPA Winner***

Nominated by the Zonta Club of Toowoomba – final year at Fairholme College, Toowoomba – works with a volunteer group who prepare “Welcome Packs for students entering the University. She is studying a Bachelor of Science and Mathematics at the University of Melbourne,

***Charlotte Gillies Qld YWPA*** – nominated Brisbane Club – did not attend but is one of 31 who received \$5000 Scholarship for her International Award – student of Hillbrook Anglican School and key member of school's Z Club.

Both young speakers were very inspiring,

***Clare Issac JMK***

International Scholarship, studying at Brisbane Queensland University of Technology – nominated by the Brisbane Club and is married with children, so must be admired for taking on such a challenging course. She was very energetic in her presentation as she tried to get everything that she is achieving and has achieved during her allocated time slot.

The conference in two years' time will be in Mt Isa.

*Annika Branstrom Zonta International Representative spoke about our Convention in Brisbane in 2024 and showed a video welcoming us all to Brisbane in 2024*

*She hoped that all District 22 clubs would be represented at this event.*

***Edith Fogg***





*Pam, Edith, Patricia, Karen and Carole at Conference.*

*Sue was busy voting and Cecil was busy learning her lines for the motion.*

Just prior to attending the conference I noticed the funeral notice in the paper of one of our past members MARIE BRADY. Below is a photo of Marie for your reference. We were able to get Marie mentioned at the Zonta Conference but despite our best efforts she was unable to be included in the electronic booklet. However, a yellow rose was placed in the vase on the stage in remembrance of her.

Marie Brady was born in New Zealand, so she spent her time between the two countries because of her children. She became involved with Zonta about the early 90s when she was working in Real Estate around the Moreton Bay area, especially Samford. She became a member of Redcliffe Zonta and later moved to Caboolture Zonta Club. She was instrumental in furnishing the Mothers and Babies Room at Deception Bay Learning Centre for young girls with babies who were continuing their education.

She was very passionate about education for girls as she saw it to improve life expectations. After she retired, she still volunteered at Deception Bay Learning Centre helping with girls having difficulties with literacy. When the Zonta Club of Caboolture began the Banksia Awards to a girl within all the schools in our area, Marie decided to add another award and the Club wanted it to be in her name. The Banksia Award was \$50, and Marie's was \$100. It continues to this year.

Marie was a member of Zonta for around 30 years.

***Patricia and Edith***



## TECHNOLOGY REPORT

During September there were 46 page views, 20 unique visits and the average pages per unique visit was 1.1034 pages.

The ranking has improved with Google. Zonta Caboolture search on Google now results in zontacaboolture.org.au on the first page of listings ranked number 3. 1<sup>st</sup> is Zonta District 22, Zonta Club of Caboolture Facebook followed by the website.

It is important all correspondence relating to the club now lists the new website address.

All emails should also include a link to the website.

**Lynda**

## MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

### Fashion Parade and Morning Tea

3 September 2023



**left:** Patricia checking off lists of attendances.

**Centre:** MC Lynda Galway

**Right:** Patricia and Kathy Sweeney on Facebook with caption: "Very rewarding and fun volunteering your time with amazing humans like Patricia Clunes, doing amazing things. Being a part of Zonta fills my cup."

**Kathy**

#### **Message received:**

"Red Hat girls complimented our Events team for the food and running of the day. It was said how obvious it was a lot of effort had gone into the preparation.

They asked "what is Zonta? Tell us what you do and so on, so throughout lunch that was the conversation".

**We should all feel proud of our achievements.**

**Annette**

Thank you to all who attended, dressed up and/or contributed in any way to another successful day of fundraising!

**Glenda**