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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



**BIRTHDAYS:** Glenda (14/2), Cecil (23/2) and Olga (27/2)

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello Caboolture Zontians and welcome to a brand-new year.

Thank you to Pam Berkett and the Membership Committee for organising our first social morning tea for 2024.

It was a good venue and central for us all. I am sure that our Honzons enjoyed it and they were able to catch up without the pressure of a Bunnings BBQ.

The Nominating Committee has started calling for nominations for our 2024 AGM, to be held in April. If you are approached to be a Board member, please seriously consider accepting a position.

From experience I can guarantee that being a Board member is a privilege and an honour.

This month we welcome back Siti, who has been on leave for the past twelve months, if you are a new member who has not yet met Siti, please make yourself known to her.

I am very sorry that I am not going to be at our IWD function and to see our very first awardee of the Sandra Cooke STEM Award.

I have read her criteria, and she is most certainly a deserved winner, and I hope that we can encourage her to go on and apply for the district 22 STEM Award. Wouldn't it be wonderful if she won that!!!!!!

Have fun at IWD and hopefully win a wonderful raffle prize.

Thank you to all members and Honzons who worked tirelessly at the last Bunnings BBQ, probably one of the hottest days and one of the busiest. I am so proud of you all. A HUGE thank you.

As I am away for the next five weeks, please remember our Zonta Spirit.

Why are we in Zonta?

Be kind.

Be respectful.

Take care of our fellow members.

**Sue Droughton**  
**President**



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

### Induction of Meleitta Lowrey

As of January 31<sup>st</sup>. 2024, Meleitta is an official member of our Club. We welcome her and look forward to working with her in all our club activities. Welcome Meleitta.

### Transfer Mitra Khakbaz

Mitra Khakbaz had a meeting with Robyn Liddle from the Gladstone club on 9<sup>th</sup> February re her transfer to their club. Mitra is hoping to attend their February dinner meeting. I will let you all know once the transfer has been completed.

### Prospective Members

Julie Schrag attended our January Meeting and will also be attending our February meeting. Julie was a guest speaker at our club many years ago before she went to Cambodia.

Sue Droughton has a friend from her village who is interested in joining our club. She will be attending our March dinner meeting.

### Club Dress Shirts

It was decided at the January dinner meeting that members who don't have the initial red dress shirt pick a style of their choice in a similar colour to wear. At this stage we haven't decided what to do with the red material we brought a few years ago.



Carole introducing new member Meleitta



Cecil Nielson being presented with her 40 year membership certificate. Congratulations Cecil.

### Fellowship Morning Tea

Our first fellowship morning tea was attended by 17 members and Honzons at Café 63 Morayfield. Everyone had a chance to catch up and chat with each other. We don't always get a chance to talk with our fellow Zontians and their partners at our monthly dinner meetings. The next Morning Tea will be in April so could someone put their hand up to arrange this function.

### Membership Committee Chair

Pam Berkett





## SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you, all members of the Zonta Club of Caboolture, for endorsing all projects submitted by the Committee at Planning Day. When the Committee met in January and discussed our 2024 projects, we always hope that all members are enthusiastic about what we present, as we are.

The Service Committee did not meet in February, however, Lyn Howells and Karen Whalan delivered breast cushions to Caboolture Hospital on Tuesday 6 February.

Lyn & Karen are not sure as to how many breast cushions are left in the shed, but once we move, they will do a full stocktake. We will be ordering stuffing soon, as we have our breast cushion stuffing day on Saturday the 18 May at my home in Beachmere.

Thank you to Lynda, Susan and Pam T/S for the final assessment of our Inaugural Sandra Cooke STEM Award.

I am so sorry that I won't be at our IWD celebration to see the presentation to the winner. Sandra Cooke has been invited to the lunch and is delighted to be presenting the award. Next Service Committee Meeting: TBA

**Sue Droughton**  
**Service Chairman**



*Carole delivered to the officer in charge of domestic violence at Burpengary Police, blankets made by Beachmere Sewing Group along with small pillows, colouring in books and pencils. Children who come to the police station experiencing DV in their family will be given these items to help support them while at the police station.*



## EVENTS COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 2024

The Events Committee did not meet in February.

The IWD lunch is coming along nicely. We have approx. 150 attending with a few others yet to confirm their attendance. We may still need a few more raffle prizes if anyone is able to help. Some ask what? Fruit in a basket, breakfast/lunch/dinner voucher to the value of \$xxx; candles (soy or similar). In fact, anything would be great.

Next Events Meeting TBA

**Patricia Clunes**  
**Events Chairman**



It was getting hot and steamy in the BBQ tent

## ADVOCACY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

Letter of invitation to Jessica re International Women's Day Lunch - Details completed and Lynda Galway finalised draft for emailing to Sue Droughton  
Projects and dates for implementation (planning day budget)

- It was decided that toilet signs will be A5 size and include a QR barcode and Caboolture Zonta web address. Zonta may need to pay for the Perspex covers. Lynda made changes and members attending with those.
- Carole Tomvald confirmed she had delivered a further colouring book, 6 blankets (half size for younger children) and 6 pillows to the Burpengary soft room. Carole has outlaid the following sums of \$15, \$22.80 and \$10 for colouring books and colouring pencils for the safe/soft room on Zonta's behalf (to be reimbursed).



Annette and Lynda at the DV display in Morayfield Shopping Centre during the 16 Days of Activism

- Carole will purchase a stamp to mark cotton tape to affix Zonta details on soft room blankets and cushions and will confirm the cost.
- Cecil Nielson suggested a list be prepared of shopping centres in our region who may be interested in displaying the toilet signs.

#### Women's Wellbeing Expo - ideas and structure

- Confirmed Patricia Clunes has purchased a replacement banner \$116.88.
- Discussion of pullup banner to remove the 100 years logos and create collage / information. Lynda will forward suggested designs to members for feedback to include club details, website and QR code).

#### Billboards

- To be discussed in next meeting as more information is required.

#### May DV month social media campaign and Women's Wellbeing expo

- To be discussed in next meeting
- Agreed to display banners along Morayfield Rd and possibly McKean Street rather than Sheep Station Creek
- Suggested date for Women's wellbeing Expo to be 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Advocacy members to suggest some ideas for a Forum focused to meet needs of victims. Next advocacy meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 6pm

***Susan Lepper & Lynda Galway***  
***Advocacy Co-Chairman***

## **CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT**

### **Constitution & Bylaws Report February 2024**

The Office of Fair Trading has now required all not-for-profit incorporated associations/organisations to include an Internal Grievance Procedure in their constitutions. Following suggestions by the Board in January, and President Sue's participation in the February Constitution Committee Meeting, the Committee considered changes to a former draft of the procedure. Among the suggestions, there was an agreement at the Committee meeting to use the name, Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure, and submit a 'compliant procedure' in place of the model grievance procedure from Office of Fair Trading.

The Office of Fair Trading requires this task to be completed by April 2024, for implementation July 2024.

Notice of a Resolution to consider and approve the latest draft was given 10 days before the February Dinner meeting, and a copy of the draft procedure was emailed to members Monday 19 February to review.

The draft 'Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure' will be discussed for approval at the Club Dinner Meeting, 28 February.

***Cecil Nielson, Chairman Constitution/Bylaws Committee.***



## DATE CLAIMERS:

**MYSTERY BUS TRIP:** Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers for our bus trip it has been postponed until July/August.

**EVENTS MEETING/GIFT BAG PACKING:** 02 March at Glenda's home to pack gift bags and any last-minute issues for the lunch on 8 March.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCH:** Friday 8 March

**BREAST CUSHION STUFFING DAY:** 18 May 2024. At Sue's home - Villa 55/194 Bishop Road Beachmere. BYO small plates to share Morning Tea & Lunch.

**BUNNINGS BBQs in 2024** - Saturday 09 March (**WHO** can get the supplies from the shed on Saturday morning?)  
Sunday 21 April and Sunday May 19 May

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Brisbane 28 - 30 June 2024.**

Members should try to attend as it is very rare for the Convention to be held "Down Under" thereby saving us Airfares and accommodation as we can travel in and out each day by train or carpool.

## OTHER:

### MEMBERS AWAY IN 2024

**DEB** - 11 February to 07 April **plus** all of June, July, and August

**LYN**- 13 to 26 February **plus** 09 March to 01 April.

**SUE** - 13 February to 19 March (sailing around Australia and NZ)

**PAM** - T-S - 4 March to 24 March **plus** 16 October to 4 November

**LYNDA** - 29 March to 16 April (Mexico)

**PATRICIA** - 3 May to 17 May **plus** 7 October to 21 October (Canberra grandchildren's birthdays).

ARE THERE OTHERS THAT WE CAN ADD TO THIS LIST?

### OUT AND ABOUT AND ON HOLIDAYS



Lyn at Hervey Bay on their caravanning tour



Honzon Arthur in Penquin, Tasmania  
(Arthur and Deb are touring this month)