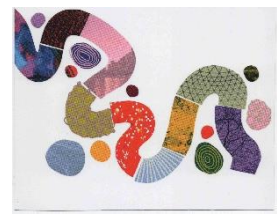




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*"Caboolture" is derived from the Kabi words meaning
"Place of the carpet snake".*

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

President's Report for July 2025

We are almost into August, and it is hard to believe that more than half the year has gone by so quickly. Thank you to all members, partners, and friends for all your help and time spent during the past 7 months advocating for Zonta Caboolture. We have been remarkably busy in our Area using our Credible and Visible Voice. Well done everyone.

Just to recap on what we have achieved, I have noted several events below:

- We started out with our Planning Day to decide our budget for the next twelve months
- We celebrated the marriage of Lawrence and Tabitha
- Held our IWD event where we presented the Sandra Cooke Stem Award to two very worthy young ladies
- Held 4 Bunnings BBQs
- Attended our Area Meeting hosted by Zonta Pine Rivers
- Laid a wreath at the Anzac Day Dawn service
- Domestic Violence Awareness month we collaborated with Funfitness4Females and put up two banners in the Caboolture/Morayfield area as well as joining Zonta Redcliffe at the Kayo Stadium for the QRL Respect Round
- Attended the Police Assemblage at the Deception Bay PCYC
- Stuffed Breast Cushions and delivered Cushions and turbans to local hospitals
- Delivered blankets and colouring books and pencils to Caboolture and Burpengary Police stations
- Held a farewell Lunch for two of our long-time members
- Attended Helping Hope Happen to support our school chaplains

Besides all this, members attended club dinner meetings and committee meetings.

Our Area Director Marie Stewart will be inducting Susan Lepper as our Vice President at our July dinner meeting. Karen McNab still needs to be inducted as our Treasurer but unfortunately Karen will be away for the July meeting.

Lawrence Ezedinma has registered for District 22 Conference in Mt Isa. He will be our Delegate. We also need to appoint an Alternate so I have asked the President of Zonta Redcliffe if they have a member who is willing to be our Alternate. They will get back to me after their meeting at the end of this month. I have also asked if someone from their club will second our Motion re Zonta International Bylaw Object (A) Article 11.

We have twenty-four members, partners, and friends of Zonta attending our 32nd Birthday lunch at The Little Lamb Burpengary on 3rd August 2025 at 12.00. Let us make this a celebration full of fun and fellowship.

Karen McNab and I completed and sent our Clubs Self-Assessment to the ATO for the 2024-2025 tax year earlier in the month so we are up to date with this task.

Looking forward to seeing what exciting events the next five months bring.

President Pam

Service

Birthing Kits:

The 9th of August is fast approaching for our Birthing Kits Packing Day.

Even though we are not hosting this event, we still have the obligation to be there, to assist Sister Veronica and her merry band of workers.

We have paid for and ordered 800 kits I believe that Sister Veronica has ordered 1200 kits so we are going to be very busy. She has also organised 3 pre-packing afternoons Wednesday the sixth, Thursday the seventh and Friday the eighth of August. All pre-pack days are from 2.30 pm until 5.30 pm.

I plan to be there on the Wednesday as I believe that they will need assistance with learning the folding of the plastic, and the gauze and the cutting of the string.

So please put this in your diaries as very important events.

For those of you who have the contact details of Tia and her school friends and family, could you please advise them of this Birthing Kit Packing Day, and any other interested people.

STEM Awards:

The interview I did with Sheree Hoddinett has now been published (see below), so I hope that we receive some positive applications for our Awards..

Breast Care & Police Stations:

The craft ladies here at Beachmere Bay have been very busy making cushions, drainage bags and seat belt buddies for us. Thank you to Lyn and Karen for delivering the goodies to the Hospitals.

Meleitta bought beautiful material for the children's blankets and that now has been made up ready for delivery ready to go to the police stations.



Karen delivering more breast pillows to Caboolture hospital

The Service Committee is meeting on Tuesday the 29th - a little late this month, due to the Chair being overseas.

Empowering the next generation of women in STEM

By Sheree Hoddinett

Are you a future female scientist, engineer or even an inventor with an amazing idea?

The Zonta Club of Caboolture is now accepting applications for the 2026 Sandra Cooke STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Award—a \$2500 boost for a woman in the City of Moreton Bay studying STEM and ready to change the world.

Whether you're studying in-person or online, if you live in the City of Moreton Bay and are enrolled in a STEM program at an approved tertiary institution, you could be eligible. Open to women of all ages and nationalities, this award is more than just financial assistance—it's fuel for your future.

The award is named in honour of Sandra Cooke, a passionate advocate for women's education and also aligns with the broader mission of Zonta International's Women in STEM Award, which aims to increase female representation in critical and historically male-dominated fields.

Sue Droughton, who has been a member of the Zonta Club of Caboolture now for 27 years, said the award was about so much more than just financial support—it's about empowerment.

"It's a big investment for our small club—but it's worth every cent and one we're incredibly proud to make," Sue said. "An educated woman has choices. She has the freedom to build her life, make her



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own decisions and stand strong if ever faced with adversity."

The award has already proven its impact. Sue recalled a past club guest speaker, a STEM award recipient who studied engineering at the University of Rockhampton.

"She has worked on major infrastructure projects, including a new bridge in Rockhampton," she said. "Her education has taken her around the world—from Australia to London. She's building bridges, quite literally and figuratively.

"This \$2500 can go towards textbooks, a laptop or just give a student a bit of breathing room. It's about giving her the power to choose her own future."

Putting their supporting behind women pursuing careers in STEM, the Zonta Club of Caboolture hopes to create lasting change, not just for individuals, but for the wider community.

"Zonta is all about advocating the status of women through health and education," Sue said. "We believe that education for young women is their freedom and their power. And with that freedom and power comes choices, choices for their lives, their future lives."

Applications for the 2026 round are now open and will close on November 30. Women in the City of Moreton Bay who are ready to take the next step in their STEM journey are encouraged to apply. For this next round of the STEM award, the club will be giving \$2500 to two successful applicants.

Applications must include proof of enrolment in a STEM program at an accredited tertiary institution. The full eligibility criteria, application form and award details are available on the Zonta Caboolture website zontacaboolture.org.au/awards.html?#sandracoolestemaward.

Sue Droughton
Chair, Service Committee

EVENTS

Fashion Parade is on 5 September at Morayfield Community Hall with a Butterflies and Bling Theme. Cost will be \$25.00 pp with catering by Kay's Catering (at \$15.00pp) which she will plate for us.

Numbers are limited to 100 (including any Zontians who may be able to attend), so RSVP is needed ASAP.

I will ask Kay if she can pre-plate the food so that everyone gets the correct amount.

The fashion house is Pina Colada at Burpengary. I will need to check how many models she requires and if she will have clothes to sell on the day.

Phil Lovering has agreed to be the MC for the day.

Glenda prepared a flyer. Cost will be \$25.00 for everyone.

We need a lucky door prize as well as a few raffle prizes.

We will use the Lantern (in the shed) to put butterflies on for decorations.

Patricia is collecting little bits of 'nonsense' for lucky dip prizes. Nothing over the value of \$5.00 and everyone will pay \$5 per lucky dip.

Next Meeting should be 16/17 August at a venue TBA.

Patricia Clunes, Chair, Events

There is no Advocacy report this month



Above: Glenda, Lyn and Pam B at the Bunnings BBQ
Right: Fashion Parade and Morning Tea



MEMBERSHIP

The membership Committee now only consists of three members: Pam, Cecil and Glenda. If anyone else would like to come to a meeting to discuss how we can try to increase our membership feel free to join us or let us know of any ideas you may have for promoting Zonta and encouraging new members to join.

We have had a few enquiries this month via our email address. I have contacted them and invited them to attend a dinner meeting but I haven't heard back from them this week. I will send more enquiries in coming weeks and invite them to attend our meetings or to find out more about our club.

Perhaps you know of newly retired people who are looking for something to do and ways of helping in their community.

This committee will look at reprinting our business card, the bookmark and the pull up banners which are getting a little outdated.

Another plan is to have printed a Selfie Board for photographs at functions. I will ask you to vote for one of your choice at the dinner meeting on Wednesday night.

The good news this week is that the rebuilding of our website is now completed by Desley, from Noytech. Noytech have sponsored the work done by Desley and will also pay for any on-going costs for maintaining the website.

It is looking fabulous and you will have a fun time finding your way around the many links and information provided. It has taken Desley many hours and lots of emails back and forth to get it all together.

We extend our gratitude to Desley and Jono from Noytech for their generosity to help us with promoting Zonta Club of Caboolture.

See you at the Birthday lunch together with our long-term past members Edith, Waltraud, Sandra and Honzon Peter Cooke.

Glenda Moor, Membership chair