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

## JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

### President's Report

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you are all looking forward to a wonderful Zonta year ahead.

Our planning day was held at the Morayfield Health Hub on 18th January where all committees decided where the funds raised last year was going to be spent. Our funds were down considerably from the previous years.



It is almost the end of January, and we are planning for International Women's Day. The events committee will update you as to how this is progressing.

The nominating committee have recently sent out Nomination forms for members to fill in for our AGM in April. Looking forward to seeing who will be on the board for 2026-2027.

It has been three months since we have had our last dinner meeting because our November meeting was cancelled due to the stormy weather and we don't meet in December. It will be good to get together once again to discuss the coming year.

Karen McNab will be installed as Treasurer and Lawrence Ezedinma will be installed as Vice President at our January meeting.

As per previous years we have been very busy during November with the 16 Days of Activism and gift wrapping. Thank you to members, Zontians, family members and friends for stepping up at our gift wrapping stand from mid-November to Christmas Eve. We thank the Morayfield Shopping Centre once again for the opportunity to participate in this fantastic fundraising event. Thanks also to Patricia Clunes for all her time spent organising the roster and finding people to fill in when someone could not make their shift.

We also congratulate Patricia on reaching her milestone of 35 years with Zonta. Patricia was presented her certificates at our Planning Day.

As January celebrates Amelia Earhart it is wonderful to see that South Australia's Nominees for Australian of the Year is Katherine Bennell-Pegg who is making history as the first Australian to qualify as an astronaut under Australia's space Program.

**The ZI signature of the month is: -**

**1 January- 31 January 2026: From geologists to astronauts, our Amelia Earhart Fellows are changing the world. This January, we invite you to join Zonta International as we 'Take Space' for Amelia Earhart Month. Learn more about our Fellowship that expands the horizons for women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences at: [www.zonta.org/AEFellowship](http://www.zonta.org/AEFellowship)**

Please note that the Area 1& 3 meeting will be hosted by Zonta Redcliffe on 28th March – venue to be advised.

**Important Dates:**

- **1-31 January: Amelia Earhart Month**
- **24 January International Day of Education**
- **20 February: World Day of Social Justice**
- **1-3 March International Yellow Rose Campaign**
- **8 March: International Women's Day · 15 March: Last day for Early Bird Registration Rates for Convention**

*President Pam*

## **Service Committee Report**

Happy New Year to all Zonta Caboolture members. May 2026 be a great year for us all. Thank you to the members who organised our yearly Zonta Planning Day at The Hub last Sunday. It was a great venue, with easy access for us all. Thank you Karen for facilitating the day.

The Service Committee put forward the 2026 budget to be ratified at our January meeting.

I have written to the two young women who are to receive our Sandra Cooke STEM Award to advise them of their successful applications and also to Jessica Davidson to also advise her of not receiving the Award this year.

At this stage I have only heard from one of the girls.

Tia Adan wrote to us, to ask if she could speak at our IWD luncheon.

At Planning Day, it was agreed that she could have a strict 10 minute window to speak, with no time for questions and answers. I wrote to her and she is very happy to do this.

Last year our member Siti requested financial help for a woman who Chisholm is assisting. At Planning Day it was agreed that we would donate \$1000.00 to Chisholm, to assist this woman with a TAFE course.

The Beachmere Craft Ladies have been busy all through the Christmas and New Year holiday period making lots a breast cushions, seat belt buddies and blankets. My front room is becoming VERY crowded.

This year the Service Committee will be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm at my home in Beachmere.

If any member would like to attend a Service Meeting, you are very welcome to come.

**Sue Droughton**  
**Chair**

## ADVOCACY

At Planning Day, Siti Constable was nominated to take on the role of Advocacy Chair after the resignation of Susan Lepper in 2025. Siti accepted and was thanked by President Pam and the members of the club for taking on the chair of Advocacy. There is no report this month as Siti is travelling.



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As our numbers are dwindling, this year we are going to make an effort to find new members to join Zonta Caboolture. We have the names of a few people who are interested in finding out more about our club and they have been invited to attend a dinner meeting in coming months.

The membership team of Pam Berkett, Cecil Nielson and Glenda Moor will be revamping the membership files and the process of member orientation, starting with upgrading the membership folder.

As the new chair, I have gone through all the folders of records and sent some to the shed for archiving. At our January Meeting, we welcomed board Members Annette Lovering and Patricia Clunes to our meeting who gave us some connections for prospective new members.

We will be trying out new ways of recruiting new members and maintaining them. We all need to be part of this process by inviting friends and neighbours to a meeting in the hope of getting some new members.

Advertising via newspapers, radio, social media etc is encouraged whenever the chance arises.

(see attached)

**Glenda Moor**  
**Chair**  
**Membership**

Are you looking for something new to do or wanting to help women and girls in your community - both locally and globally?

Are you interested in women's and family issues..

Advocacy of issues regarding:

- Family and domestic violence
- Child and forced marriage
- Equality in education and employment for females
- The effect of climate change on the family?

Would you be interested in joining a group of like-minded people who care about the issues mentioned above?

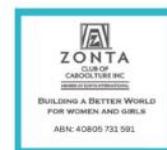
### Then Zonta is for you

Zonta Caboolture is a group of compassionate people who care about the issues affecting women and girls.

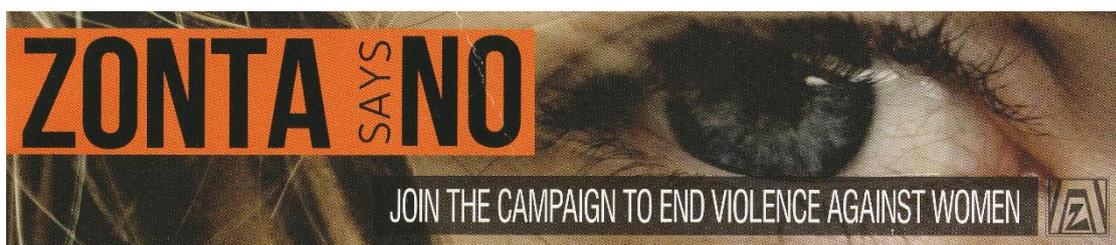
To learn about Zonta International see the website [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

To join the Zonta Club of Caboolture see the website -[www.zontacaboolture.org.au](http://www.zontacaboolture.org.au)

Or email [zontaclubcaboolture@gmail.com](mailto:zontaclubcaboolture@gmail.com)



**New members are welcome**



# Save the Date:

Zonta Club of Caboolture celebrating International Women's Day

Friday 6 March 2026

At Norths Leagues & Services Club  
Anzac Ave Kallangur



Enquiries: secretary Patricia Clunes zontaclubcaboolture@gmail.com

Annette at the Morayfield Shopping Centre for the 16 Days of Activism



Lyn and Karen W delivering gift cards at Christmas



Karen W and Lyn delivered 20 breast cushions to Caboolture McGrath breast care nurses. Also our first delivery of 15 Turbans, 5 each breast cushions, seat belt buddies and drainage bags to Moreton bay cancer centre . These will be ongoing places to supply.

(We have plenty of sbb, drainage bags and unstuffed cushions and turbans in store. 39 stuffed cushions.)

Thanks Karen and Lyn



*President Pam and vice President Lawrence presenting Patricia with her 35 year Certificate as a member of Zonta. Congratulations Patricia*



**GIFT WRAPPING ALL WRAPPED UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR**

