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

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

President's Report

All the wheels are in motion for our Annual International Women's Day event on 6th March at Norths Leagues and Services Club. Patricia has been sending out emails to all her contacts who normally attend this function. Hopefully we will have the fantastic attendance we normally have each year. Numbers are down as per last year but that could change.

I have received an email from our District Governor Petra Ladwig re Credentialing Timetables for elections at Convention in Vancouver Canada. As our club won't have anyone attending, we must nominate someone to vote prior to convention. This the same procedure that happened for convention in Brisbane. This is normally the President.

I have put my name down as we don't know for sure who will be our new President. In the coming weeks we need to nominate a Proxy to vote for us at Convention. Petra has given me a name who I will speak to at the Area 1 & 3 meeting.

So far Glenda Moor and I will be going to the Area meeting. It would be great if more members could attend.

Patricia Clunes, Glenda Moor and I will be attending the CADA Grand Opening of their new premises on Tuesday 24th February.

Several members from each Committee as well as Honzon Richard Droughton turned up at the shed to tidy up a bit and dispose of anything we thought was not needed. We didn't get to go through all the events boxes so that will have to be another day. The shed is looking great.

Patricia Clunes will represent our club at the BPW Candle Lighting Event on 2nd March 2026.

We received an email from the Caboolture Warplane Museum asking if our club would be interested in a special collection of their "Women in Aviation" stories. The Caboolture Warplane Museum sadly closed its doors in December 2025 and the majority of their memorabilia has since been allocated to like-minded museums across Queensland. We discussed it at our board meeting but thought we wouldn't have a suitable place to store the display. I then emailed Marie Stewart and Petra Ladwig to see if district would be interested but they both replied that storage would be a problem. I thanked Jaye Thomas the Marketing Manager of the War museum for their generous offer but had to decline as we had nowhere to store them.

I sent the necessary paperwork to the Twinning Program with a few details about our club last week. We now have to wait to see who our Twinning Club will be.



President Pam inducted Karen McNab to the Board as the treasurer



President Pam inducted Lawrence Ezedinma to the Board as vice-president, and presented Patricia Clunes with her 35 Years in Zonta certificate. Congratulations Patricia, Karen and Lawrence.

Important Dates

Month of March Yellow Rose Campaign

1st March Bunnings BBQ

6th March Zonta Caboolture IWD function

8th March International Women's Day

14th March Breast cushion Stuffing Day

28th March Area 1 & 3 Combined meeting

25th April Anzac Day

11th May 2026 Police Assemblage PCYC Deception Bay

11th – 14th July Zonta Convention

President Pam

Service Committee Report

February 2026

REMINDER -

Breast Stuffing Day

Saturday the 14th March

at my home

Villa 55

Beachmere Bay (WHITE GATES)

194 Bishop Road

Beachmere

Our breast cushion stock is very low, so, if we could have as many members as possible that would be great.

Young Women in Leadership

I have written to Tia Adan, expressing that members of Zonta Caboolture are excited that she is considering applying to ZI for this award.

Her deadline for us is February 27th, so I am hopeful that her application will arrive this week.

Courageous Girls

The Service Committee has invited Sam Bell the founder of Courageous Girls to our IWD celebration, she has accepted and is bringing two friends.

We will present Sam with a Certificate. As we donate \$500.00 to Courageous Girls every year, I will also present that to her.

I have the 2 big cheques to present to our STEM Award winners at IWD..

Sue Droughton

Chair

Service Committee

Next Service Meeting is Wednesday 4th March at 2.30 pm at my home in Beachmere.

Membership

We have two guests this week to our dinner meeting: Jenny Waters and Julie Spencer. Sandy and Julie are interested in joining as members so welcome them both on Wednesday night. Jenny is a good friend of Lyn's and will be an asset to our club. She volunteered for giftwrapping in December.

There is another contact Bella – a careplan nurse who I have been trying to contact to see if she would like to come to a meeting. Annette has suggested she be invited to be our guest speaker at a meeting.

Who Am I?

5 things you don't know about me...

- My middle name is Fay
- I once slept on the ground where a dinosaur was discovered
- I am a middle child
- My first job was KFC
- I have 2 dogs



The new members folders are just about ready for an influx of new members (hopefully). Instead of printing large volumes of paper copies (we decided not to put it on a usb), so I have sent the files to Desley to put in the membership section of the website. Have a look at what is there and if there is any sensitive material on there it can be removed.

Glenda Moor
chair

Constitution and By-Laws

No report for February

Cecil Nielson

Advocacy

Due to work commitments, Siti has decided not to take on the role of Advocacy chair.

Events

Events Committee met at Pam B's home on 31 January to sort out some issues for the IWD Lunch on 6 March.

We decided that we needed to have a working bee to roll all the sheet music that was to be used for the table decorations. We just had to work out how many of each size was needed and which was the best method for rolling the sheets.

We will have White table clothes and red serviettes.

Other items discussed were the possibility of having any/some of the events below:

- Music Bingo – Jesse Davis to be contacted to see if he is available in June. We then need to find a location to hold this event.
 - Karen McN, Deb and Arthur, Sue/Richard, Dominic/Angela and myself are attending the Trivia Night for Zonta Redcliffe to see if 'Scott (MC)' was a better choice than an unknown Jesse.
- Annette has booked the Morayfield Community Hall for our Fashion Parade if we can find a boutique who would be interested. I am to approach Ange from the Coffee Patch re catering for the fashion parade like we did last year. We are looking at a boutique that has moved from Beachmere to Bribie to see they would be interested.
- Discussed if it is cheaper to purchase trays of sausages (21 per tray) or a 5kg bag. We are going with the trays as they are easier to handle.
- Raffle prizes are still required. We will need to have a wrapping day at the shed to wrap the ones that are in the cupboard. Suitable time TBA.
- Patricia to approach Ocean View Estate Winery and Restaurant to see if they will give us a lucky door prize (yes they did)
- 3 of the councillors are also supplying a raffle prize. Thank you Certificates will be presented to them.

Patricia Clunes
Chair

Zonta Club of Caboolture celebrating
International Women's Day

Friday 6 March 2026
At Norths Leagues & Services Club
1347 Anzac Ave Kallangur

International Women's Day

GIVE TO GAIN

#GiveToGain | #IWD2026

For a Two course Luncheon

\$70

Time: 11 am to 2 pm Doors open 10 am
Scan for tickets or search Humanitix.com

RSVP 27 February 2026

Entertainment by Bayside Divas

Enquiries: secretary Patricia Clunes zontaclubcaboolture@gmail.com



PROUDLY CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

STORY KAREN BLEAKLEY

With International Day of Women and Girls in Science being marked this month, the spotlight is on the vital role women and girls play in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Observed on 11 February, the day highlights women's contributions, encourages girls to pursue scientific careers and works toward closing the gender gap.

Despite progress, science has historically been a male-dominated field. Women bring diverse perspectives but remain underrepresented, making days like this especially important.

Katie, a Narangba local, is a multidisciplinary medical scientist at Sunshine Coast Hospital, working across biochemistry, haematology, transfusion and microbiology. She holds a four-year degree in Medical Laboratory Science and completed the Pathology Queensland graduate program before securing her permanent role.

"Science hasn't always studied the female body as closely as the male body," Katie said, "It's important to have girls in science to advocate for women's health, to increase workplace diversity and to bring fresh ideas.

"Days like this are important as they highlight the wide variety of careers in science – from medical roles to research – and encourage girls to consider it as a career option."

Katie's interest in science began when she



was a student at Mueller College, where she studied chemistry and biology and completed a Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance. This allowed her to gain early hospital experience and inspired her move towards a career in laboratory science.

"I love the versatility that comes with a career in science," she said. "Every day for me is different. I am able to hone and improve my skills whilst also being exposed to new problems and experiences each day."

Young female students continue to be encouraged into STEM, including current Year 12 Mueller College student Lienkie, who is studying chemistry, aerospace, physics and specialist maths.

"I see very few girls in aerospace," Lienkie said. "During work experience at Aviation Australia and General Electric, I saw around 50 AMEs and they were all men."

"I think encouraging girls towards a career in science is good because it can be intimidating, and having more diverse perspectives approaching a problem leads to better solutions."

To find out more about Women and Girls in Science Day, go to un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day



There will be presentations at IWD for 2 STEM Awards.