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

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Presidents Report April 2026

Hi Fellow Zontians,

I will start my report by thanking everyone for the time they have spent doing all things Zonta this month. The work is sometimes done behind the scenes, and some are not aware of all the time that members spend volunteering.

The month of May between 20-26 is National Volunteers Week, I thought it was a great opportunity to raise awareness of this great celebration. This year's theme is "Something for Everyone." It recognises the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering. It is about people doing things for others, their community, and the planet. It is just what our Caboolture club is all about.

By the time you receive this report I will have voted online on behalf of our club for the Slate of Candidates for the International board for 2026-2028. Election results will be announced by Zonta International on 7th May 2026.

Since my last report Glenda and I attend the Area 1 & 3 Combined Area meeting organised by the Zonta clubs of Brisbane Sunrise Inc and Redcliffe at The Como at Redcliffe.

Here is a brief summary: -

22 Clubs attended the Area 1 & 3 meeting. Only 1 club couldn't make it. The theme was **Be Visible and Brilliant**.

Lee Dawson from the Zonta Club of Redcliffe was MC for the day. Lee did a wonderful job. Nicky Brazzale President from Brisbane Sunrise and Jenny Osborne, President from Zonta Redcliffe welcomed all clubs and their members to the Area meeting.

Zonta Sunrise introduced 3 female members of the Z club who were from the Mitchelton State High School. The girls spoke briefly on what being a member of the Z club meant to them. The Z club has about 12 members including 3 male members.

Dr Petra Ladwig Board member of Zonta Australia and our District 22 Governor were in attendance.

Alex Grove Zonta International Foundation for Women Ambassador D22 spoke about the Foundation for Women.

Guest Speakers: - Margaret King Director of Broken to Brilliant.

Margaret spoke about the key issues.

- R Responses to domestic violence e.g. Police**
- E Economic Instability**
- B Burden of long-term health impacts of Domestic Violence**
- U Unaccounted for Post-Separation Abuse**
- I Instability in Housing**
- L Lengthy, Costly Legal System**
- D Disregarded dismissed voice of survivors**

There are four books out now and another on coming soon. These books can be purchased on their website.

BROKEN TO BRILLIANT
TERROR TO TRIUMPH
SHATTERED TO SHINING
COERCED TO COURAGEOUS



Keynote Speaker: - Bob Atkinson Co-Chair DFV Prevention Council.

- Order of Australia Media 2013
- Former Police Commissioner – royal Commissioner to the Australian Government, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Bob spoke about the issues re DV while he was in the Police Force compared it to what is happening today.

He is very passionate about his role as CO- Chair DFV Prevention Council. He also likes to tell a lot of jokes -a very down-to-earth gentleman. Glenda and I had our photo taken with him.

Workshops included

- **Grow your Zonta Club Profile** – Roslyn Scott Area 3 Director
- **Zonta Core Values and Membership** Lt Gov Robyn Liddell
- **Zonta Says NOW to Climate Action** – Marie Stewart Area 1 Director

What can we do? I have a sheet to hand out to members re the items below.

- 1. Gather the Facts**
- 2. Lead by Example**
- 3. Use your Voice**
- 4. Advocate**
- 5. Collaborate**

- **Stem Changemaker** Nshara Kingston Area 2 Director

Petra spoke about the District 22 Young Women in Leadership Award and how the scoring process worked. It will be announced soon who will be the 2026 Young Women in Leadership winner. We are hoping our candidate Tia Adan will be the one. Fingers crossed.

Karen McNab has started communicating with Jennifer our auditor re our annual Treasurer's report. All will be good to present at our AGM.

Thank you to Karen Whalan for making our lovely Anzac Day wreath which Annette and Phil Lovering will be laying at the Anzac service at Wamuran.



Lyn and Glenda once again went to the Burpengary Police Station to make sure our Zonta garden was alive and thriving. Thanks ladies.

We will be inducting our new member Sandy Waters at our April dinner meeting. Sandy will be a great asset to our club. She has helped us with Gift Wrapping, stuffing breast cushions and has attended several meetings. We welcome her with open arms.

President Pam