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

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2026

Volunteer Week was from 18th – 24th May 2026. I will take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers from our club as well as our Honzons, family and friends who tirelessly help us throughout the year with various tasks. I think you are all wonderful. The theme was "Your Year to Volunteer". As we all know we have been volunteering for many years. I found this little poem about volunteers. I think I may have sent it before.

I completed the voting for the International Board online on 27th April and we were happy to see the President elect for 2026-2028. We now have to make our choices for the amendments for the Bylaws of Zonta International. Cecil and I have been through them and will bring it to the May dinner for the club to decide. As you all know the Zonta Club of Blackall Range will be our Proxy at convention in Vancouver Canada.



Tia Adan was second place winner in the District 22 Young Women in Leadership Award. The first-place winner was from the Brisbane East Club and the third place from the Gold Coast club. All three presidents and another member from the Brisbane East Club met via Zoom on Thursday 21st May to decide when and where the presentation of their awards will be. It was decided that the event will be in the first week of the June/July school holidays. The date will have to suit each winner. The venue will be the Suncorp Building Ann Street Brisbane. The time will be 10:00an – 12 Noon. There will be about 30+ invited to the presentation. This includes winners, parents of winners, the referees, District 22 board representatives and about 5 members from each club. We have another meeting on Thursday 28th May to follow up on a few details. An official invitation will be sent to everyone.

Our Change Over Dinner will be held at our normal dinner meeting on Wednesday 27th May where the new board for 2026-2027 will be inducted. Cecil Nielson will induct the new board. We will be having a few guests attending our change over. Thanks once again to the outgoing board and welcome to the new board. Thank you Glenda for organizing the change over at the last minute.

Every month the ladies from the Service committee are busy distributing breast cushions, seat belt buddies, drainage bags, and turbans to their various location in Caboolture. This month has been no exception. Some of the ladies have even displayed our breast care items at their Biggest Morning Tea functions. What a fantastic way to show the public who has made them and where they go.

Our donation to Helping Hope Happen has been paid to Scripture Union and I am sure the members who are going will enjoy the night. They will also see where our donation is spent. They usually have great speakers on the night and lots of raffles and auctions.

President Pam

ADVOCACY REPORT MAY 2026

The Month of May is “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

On the 11th of May 6 members from our club attended the Moreton DFV Assemblage 2026 at the Deception Bay PCYC. We were joined by the Zonta Club of Redcliffe. We all proudly wore our Orange and Black polo shirts displaying Zonta Say No to Domestic Violence.



The theme was “Together Queenslanders can prevent Domestic and Family Violence”. DFV Prevention month aims to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and for the community to come together and say NO to violence. The first item on the programme was a Virtual Case study where the panel took us through the steps once a Domestic Violence situation was reported to police. It was mind boggling as to how many people and case workers are involved.

Senior Constable Keith Morris from Queensland Police Service was the facilitator for the day.

Guest speakers were Louise Skidmore a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner from Relationship Australia. Speakers were also represented from MATSICHS family wellbeing service Morayfield and Women and Girls Health Hub from MICAH Projects.

One of our banners was put up at Centenary Lakes by Honzon Steve on 18th May. There was supposed to be two but there was a problem with the banner pole in Wallace Street. Thanks Steve.

Six Members of our club will be attending the walk for Moreton Bay Says NO to Violence on Friday 29th May commencing at Rotary Park Redcliffe and ending at the Redcliffe Amphitheatre.

The Zonta Walk in Brisbane is to be held on 26th November 2026.

We are still deciding where the signs behind the doors of female and male toilets are to be situated and what the actual sign will say.

I saw a report from UN Women in the last which stated that 29 women and 9 children have already lost their lives to violence in Australia this year. In too many of these cases home is the most dangerous place.

Events: The BBQ roster is being filled now for the Bunnings BBQ 6 June. Names needed!



Service Committee Report May 2026

The Service Committee met at my home at Beachmere on Wednesday the 6th of May with all members present.

Birthing Kits:

As our packing day is in August, the kits have now been ordered, and I have sent the invoice of \$4000.00 on to our Treasurer for payment.

We have 3 pre packing dates Monday the 3rd, Tuesday the 4th, Wednesday the 5th of August, to be held in the hall at The Abbey 3.30-5.00 pm every day. Packing day is Saturday 8th of August, but this year the packing will take place in the School Assembly Hall.

Sister Veronica has ordered 800 kits this year, so we will be busy packing 1600 kits in total.

Breast Cushions:

To keep ahead of demand, the Committee has set another breast cushion stuffing date, which will be held at my home on Saturday 29th August 2026.

Please put this date in your diary.

Emergency Toiletry Bags

The Beachmere Bay craft ladies have now completed 200 toiletry bags. Committee ladies are buying/sourcing items to fill the bags. A date is yet to be set for the packing of these bags.

CCA:

We have received a request from CCA to assist with groceries and other items. The Committee agreed that we should allocate \$500.00. The proposal will go to the May Dinner Meeting for approval.

Blankets N4N:

We have a lot of stock of large blankets that aren't suitable for the Police Stations, but perfect for homeless women, the Committee agreed that we should donate these to Sherry the coordinator on N4N.



Above: Sandy and Lyn with a display of cancer related items that we supply at Cancer morning tea

Left:
Karen W and Lyn delivered breast cushions, seat belt buddies drainage bags abs turbans to Caboolture hospital, Caboolture private hospital and Moreton Bay Cancer centre.

Sue Droughton
Chair
Service Committee

MEMBERSHIP

Seeking new members, we are looking at ways of increasing membership. Letters of invitation to find out more about Zonta were sent to all the schools in our area to distribute to staff, but so far we have no enquiries. Facebook, the website, word of mouth and being seen in the community is our best chance of finding new members.

Happy birthday

Deb 31 May
Meleitta 12 June
Karen W 21 June



Who Am I?

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| 1 | MY PARENTS LIVED IN THE SAME HOME FOR 44 YEARS. |
| 2 | DISLIKE EATING PASTA |
| 3 | WENT TO THE SAME PRIMARY SCHOOL AS MY DAD ONLY 32 YEARS APART |
| 4 | HAVE JOINED THE LOCAL GARDEN CLUB. |
| 5 | ONE OF MY CHILDREN WAS BORN IN NZ |

A blue card with the text "Who am I?" in large yellow letters. To the left of the text is a cartoon illustration of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a blue shirt and a dark skirt, standing with her hands on her hips.