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OCTOBER 2026 CABNEWS

PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2026

I hope everyone stayed dry and safe the past week or so with the torrential rain we have received. I also hope no one had any water damage during this time.

I am pleased to say that our new District 22 Area 1 director Emily Laverie will be attending our October dinner meeting. Emily is also the President of Zonta Northside.

We will speak to Emily re the Area Meeting in April that our club will host next year and let her know what we have decided so far.

I look forward to meeting her and making her feel welcome. I have spoken to Emily but haven't met her personally.

We have 5 apologies from members this month due to travelling within Australia and overseas. Happy travelling to you all. I hope you all have a wonderful time and safe travels.

I would like to thank all members for the many ways you have represented our club this past month.

Here is a brief look at what and where you all have been and done: -

Sue Droughton and I attended the District 22 AGM via Zoom on 28th September.

Sue, Glenda and Karen Whalan represented our club at the Police Remembrance Day on 29th September.

Cecil Nielson and I attended the District 22 Advocacy zoom meeting on 7th October where we found out what all the other clubs have planned for the 16 Days of Activism for 2026.

Sandy has been in contact with City of Moreton re our planned Walk for Change.

Lyn and Karen have supplied breast cushions and seat belt buddies to Caboolture Hospital. Sandy has been completing Event forms for the City of Moreton re our Walk for Change.

Several members have presented Banksia awards to local High schools on their Award night this month. We have more to be presented in November and December.

Thanks to Patricia for contacting and liaising with the schools and Glenda for printing the awards and purchasing the gift vouchers.

Important Dates: -

25th November - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
25th Nov – 10th December - Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence
10 Dec - Human Rights Day
27th Nov – 24Th December - Days delegated for Zonta Gift Wrapping Morayfield Shopping Centre

President Pam

"Zonta" comes from the Lakota (Sioux) word *zónta*, meaning "honest" or "trustworthy," and reflects the organization's values of integrity and service.

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Advocacy Report October 2026

Advocacy Committee met 21 October, 7pm to 8.30pm Via TEAMS
Attendees: Sandy Waters (using phone contact), Lawrence Ezedinma, Cecil Nielson, using TEAMS
Apologies: Siti Constable (presenting Zonta Club Banksia Award at Bribie Island High School), Pam Termont-Schenk

Planning for 16 Days of Activism (*Pam TS and Sandy)*

- **Orange ribbons** to be purchased online by Sue.

Caboolture 'Walk for Change'.

- Confirmation from the Public Liability Insurance Company that the Walk for Change will be covered;
- Date is confirmed, 30 November 2026;
- Route of walk was agreed at September Club Meeting – meeting outside Caboolture Square at 5.30pm near Beachmere Bakery to walk east on King Street, cross at pedestrian lights and continue west on King Street to Caboolture Town Square;
- Sandy and Lyn trialled the walk, and believe it will take no more than 30mins.
- Sandy will prepare a generic letter and organise an A4 poster (with Glenda's help?) to deliver to businesses along route inviting the employees to join the walk;
- Sandy prepared the Council 'low risk event registration form' and delivered it to the Council office. Since our Advocacy meeting, the Council have confirmed that the walk event is approved;
- No decision yet about who to invite to speak at conclusion of walk at Caboolture Town Square, and who to ask to lay a wreath near an orange figure in memory of women who have died from effects of domestic violence.

Safety Card placement in cafes/libraries.

- Could all members of our Zonta Committee, when next in their local café, ask if the café would agree to placing some Safety Cards on the counter for the 16 Days of Activism?
- Our Club needs to look at supplies of safety cards. We may need to arrange for more copies.

Arrangements in October and November will include:

- Contacting locations regarding the placement of orange figures. Cecil will send a standard letter if members need one and present it personally, or if a member knows the management personally.

Constitution Report October 2026

President Pam and Cecil Nielson met Monday 12 October, and studied any changes from International Convention that related to the Constitution/Bylaws. As it was nearing the end of the present year, it was decided to leave making any change until early 2027.

Cecil Nielson
Chair
Constitution and by-laws

- Checking on the orange figures and what message to place on them.
- At least a week ahead of the 16 Days, arrange for collection by members and keeping a record of members involved, where the figures are placed and how many. (*A copy of the recording form for 2025 has been sent to members as an example).*

Publicity for the 16 Days of Activism in local media.

- Before Pam went away she left contact details with Cecil about some local publications and who to contact. It appears that there is a YES from the Sentinel for the 17th November for a photo plus an article.

Other publications include:

- ‘The Local News’ covering Bribie Island, Sandstone Point, Ningi, Beachmere, Caboolture Toorbul and Donnybrook. Copies can be picked up from IGA and other businesses in these areas.
- ‘My community Magazine’ mainly for Ningi, Beachmere and Godwin Beach.
- ‘The Bribie Islander Magazine’ (free fortnightly).

Other suggestions include a daily posting on our FB page, the front page of our website to cover the 16 Days of Activism, and What’s on Noticeboards on the Council Website.

Stand in Morayfield Shopping Centre

- The stall is booked for Saturday 28 November.
- Cecil will send out a roster outline sheet.

Letters of Advocacy to Politicians (Local, State and Federal Levels).

- A list of political representatives their contact details for the Caboolture and surrounds was sent out to members by Cecil some weeks ago. She will send it again.
- A suggestion was made previously to include the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP Minister for Social Services and the Hon Ged Kearney MP Assistant Minister of Social Services. As well as the opposition spokesperson for Families and Social Services, Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP.
- The main reason would be to inform them of the displays of orange figures, and other activities our club is doing, and perhaps invite them to the walk.

- There are some matters in this report which are still unresolved, but the Advocacy Committee would like club members to offer suggestions.

Sandy Waters (Co-Chair)
Cecil Nielson (Co-Chair)

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2026

The Committee met on Wednesday the 7th of October at my home in Beachmere, with apologies from Sandy and Patricia.

Breast Care Products: We have approx 70 cushions in stock, but seat belt buddies, and drainage bags are low in stock.

Sue to check with the Beachmere Bay Craft Ladies about stock.

Lyn & Karen delivered 20 cushions and 20 seat belt buddies to Caboolture on the7th of October. We will need to do a breast cushion stuffing day in February 2027. Date to be set at the November meeting.

Caboolture/Morayfield Homeless Situation:

The Committee discussed at length about the homeless people in our area. We even discussed the possibility of delivering blankets ourselves, however, we felt the best option was to keep supplying C.C.A. with as many blankets as possible. Meleitta delivered 2 large bags of blankets.

Patricia contacted Rosies, to see if they needed blankets, but they have a supplier.

Christmas Vouchers:
Sue has bought $1400.00 of food only vouchers for the Service Committee to distribute before Christmas.

STEM:
We have received an application for our 2027 STEM Award. The applicant is very worthy of our Award. Hopefully we will receive more.

Young Women in Business Award:
President Pam has passed on an enquiry to me regarding this award. I have emailed to lady in question, explaining that 2026 applications have closed but we would love to hear from her in 2027. Our deadline is 30th April 2027.

National Youth Science Forum: We have received a funding request from a science student who is a Glasshouse High School student. I have asked President Pam to include her request on the agenda for Thursday night's Dinner Meeting.

Birthing Kits: We are still waiting to hear where our kits have been delivered to.

On behalf of the Service Committee I have nominated Sister Veronica from The Abbey for a Birthing Kit Champion Award. I think you all would agree that she will be a worthy recipient.

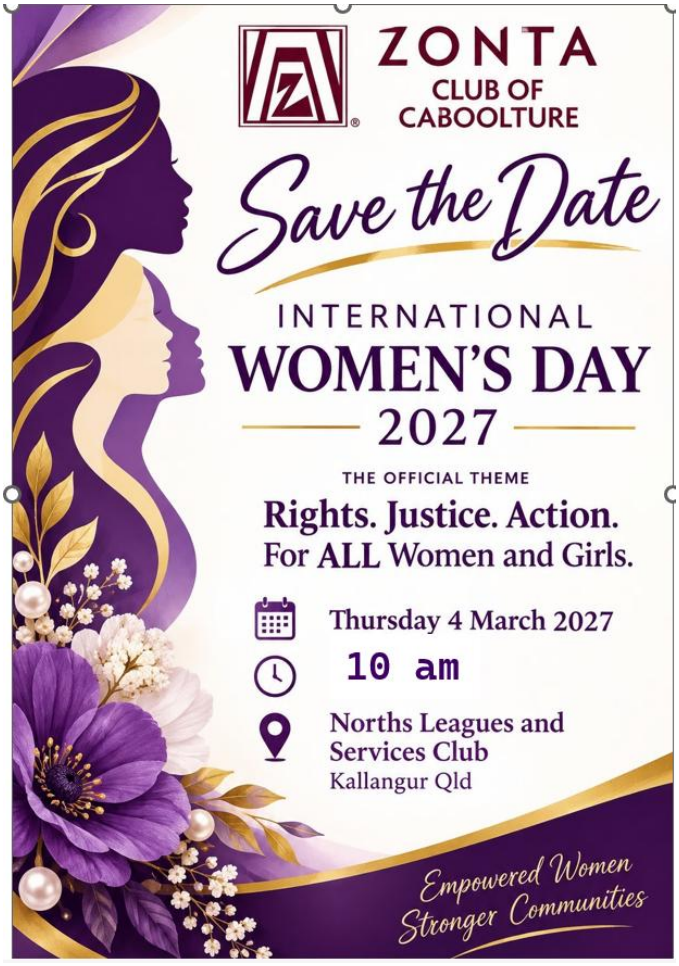
Next Service Meeting: To be held at Beachmere Wednesday 4th of November 2026 at 2.30pm. This will also be our Budget Planning Day.

Sue Droughton
Chair Service Committee

Karen delivering breast cushions and seat belt buddies to McGrath nurses -Caboolture hospital

EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to present the Banksia Awards this year. It is generally a good night.
It is now time to get your roster organized for the Annual Christmas Gift Wrapping Campaign.
The next events meeting will be Sunday 8 November at Pam B's home at 10.00am.



Patricia
Events Chairman
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Membership report October 2026

Meeting at Caboolture Park Shopping Centre
7 October 2026 2.00-3.30pm
Attendance: Glenda Moor, Pam Berkett
Apology: Cecil Nielson

Discussion items	Decisions	Actions to follow up
1. Prospective new members	That a mentor\sponsor program be initiated	1. Invited guests can attend meetings 2. A mentor or sponsor will be appointed to follow up guest 3. After say 3 meetings, the guest can be invited to join and will then be given a Prospective member's folder containing club information
At present there are 4 interested persons coming to our dinner meetings:		4. The Mentor\sponsor will assist to answer any questions, and follow up
	Lyn Howells is bringing 2 guests	Sponsors\Mentors:
There are two ladies from Wamuran Women's sheds who are interested in coming to a meeting.	Glenda or Pam will make contact with them this week to let them know when and where the October dinner meeting will be	Sponsor\Mentor:
2. The folder for a Prospective new member will contain:	• A letter of introduction • A district and club's newsletter • The club's brochure • The business card • A prospective new member's form • Summary of Zonta Club information (for meeting with the Committee) • Contact details of the Membership Committee and mentor\sponsor	Questions can be answered by the sponsoring Zontian before Induction, and after induction. The membership committee will be monitoring the preparation of the prospective new member through meetings, and report to the Board for confirmation of membership. Glenda is making up the folder to show the board on Wednesday
3. A new pull-up banner is needed	Start with the membership committee to find some examples	Quotes and ideas to be found
4.	Next meeting: Date Time venue	To be decided

Encourage a neighbour, a friend or a sister to a meeting! Ask them to volunteer for our next fundraising event too.