

Southern Gold Coast Tweed ZONTA NEWS APRIL 2024

BUILD A BETTER PLACE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



Birthday Wishes
Barbara 3rd May

Thought for April

"I think we'd be a better country if women were at the tables where decisions were made about our country."

Samantha Mostyn 3 April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner

15th April

**6.00pm Secret Garden
South Tweed Sports Club**

**District 22 Welcome to
Convention – Charming
Squire South Brisbane
26 June**

**Zonta International
Convention Brisbane
Convention & Exhibition
Centre
27-30 June**



President's Message

It is wonderful news that Samantha Mostyn will be Australia's 28th Governor-General, being the second woman in the position and giving a voice for women. Improving the representation of women in the ranks of Australia's biggest companies has been a focus of her career.

Rosemary and I attended the Area 1 & 3 meeting at Beaudesert on 16 March, hosted by the Zonta Clubs of Beaudesert and Caloundra. It was interesting to hear of many innovative ways various clubs do fundraising and advocacy. The theme was Achieve More in '24 and it was great to meet and network with members of other clubs.



On International Women's Day 8 March, some of our members attended a breakfast at Murwillumbah Art Gallery. It was led by the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, NRCF, [Women's Giving Circle](#) which is driven by Northern Rivers women and girls creating local change. Guest speakers were Carmen Stewart from [It Takes A Town](#), explaining the place-based approach of NRCF supporting meaningful, ongoing change in our local communities. And to Leina Broughton from [Made It](#), who shared her passion for connecting people together and the power of the NRCF Women's Giving Circle's collective giving model. givingcircle@nrcf.org.au It was inspiring to know that a local, younger group of women are supporting women and girls.



Many thanks to our members and the many 'Friends of Zonta' who assisted at our recent Bunnings sausage sizzle at South Tweed on Easter Monday 1st April. It was a slow start, though after the rain cleared, we had a very rewarding and successful day.



Thank you to Merle Stephen, Ros Kinder and Susan Bamford for organising the supply of cushion stuffing for the breast cushions.

Many of our members have returned from holidaying in various parts of the country and the world. We look forward to welcoming them back, sharing our fellowship and hearing about their travels.

Next Monday 15 April we will hold our Annual General Meeting, followed by our dinner meeting. Please bring along any interested friends or family, as financially it is a great time of year for new members to join.

Looking forward to seeing you at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start at South Tweed Sports Club.

Warm regards

Yvonne

Editor's Note

Hi

I am sorry to tell you that this will be my last Newsletter, as I am moving to Port Fairy in Victoria to be near Family and will have the backup we all need as we get older.

It will be sad at leaving Zonta after 34 years, what a friend Zonta has been to me. I will never forget the help and care that Zontions gave me over the years and the amazing women I met who became friends.

Yours in Zonta

Merle





Zonta International Convention, 27-30 June 2024:

Although Early Bird registration has passed, you can still register to attend convention – Zonta International | Brisbane 2024 | Women's Rights Convention (zontaconvention.com) You will need to know your Zonta Membership Number – this was included in the email that members received from Zonta International on 18th January. Remember that the ticket prices are in US dollars, and GST will be added at online checkout. Book into workshops, and social events and tours. Note tour – Recipe for a Circus in a Teacup on 26th June 0800 – 1200; \$60 per person.

Welcome to Convention Dinner for District 22 members.

26th June 2024, from 6:30pm – 9:30pm at The Charming Squire, 3/133 Grey Street, South Bank, Brisbane. This event is open to all D22 members (even if not attending the convention), partners and friends. Purchase tickets at this site: [ZI D22 Welcome to Convention - Sticky Tickets](#)

Convention Keynote speakers:

Rabia Siddique - Australian criminal and human rights lawyer, retired British Army officer, author, professional speaker and hostage survivor. Rabia sued the British Government for sexism and racism – this was a catalyst for policy change for fairer workplace for women and cultural minorities in the British military. Rabia is a sought-after coach and mentor. She has provided equality and diversity training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Her first book is Equal Justice.

Lisa Blair - First woman to sail solo around Antarctica with one stop after surviving a dramatic dismasting at sea. Her yacht named Climate Action Now – this reflects her commitment to a sustainable future and inspired others to act through her post-it note campaign.

Numerous sailing accolades:

2017: led the first all-female team to compete in the 2017 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race in 16 years.

2018: sailed solo, non-stop and unassisted around Australia.

2019: first double-handled female team to finish the Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race.

2022: fastest person to sail solo, non-stop, and unassisted around Antarctica, shaving 10 days off the previous record.

She has continued to amplify her message of Climate Action Now and collaborated with the Bureau of Meteorology, the Australian Institute of Marine Science, and the Seabed 2030 project. In partnership with Ocean Ops, Lisa's expedition to collect round-the-clock ocean health readings and gather 180 microplastic samples, earned recognition as a United Nations Decade of Ocean Science initiative. Author of Facing Fear, and Speaker on Resilience and Mental Agility.



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Directed by Gary Johns
By arrangement with David Spicer Productions

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Auditorium
21, 28 June & 5 July @ 7.30pm
22, 23, 29, 30 June &
6, 7 July @ 2pm

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Adult: \$20 Table of 6: \$18 each



Our next Fundraiser is a Theatre Evening at the Tweed Civic Centre to see the Play Crazy Ladies.

This will be in early July, with date to be decided at our meeting on Monday.

Please ask friends and family if they would like to join us, raise funds and be entertained. Friends of Zonta are very welcome



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