

# FEBRUARY 2022



## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.

George Elliot

## Upcoming Events

### Dinner meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
6 for 6-30 Pm Qld Time  
Secret Garden  
South Tweed Sports Club

### Area Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

## International Conventions

2022

25<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> June

Hamburg Germany

2024

Brisbane Australia

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT – MARCH 2022**

I hope all of you have recovered from the past two weeks. The past couple of years seems to be one thing after another. But as usual our members have always stood up and assisted as much as possible as you have in our local community during these devastating floods. Thank you to Kay for organizing care packs and women's sanitary items in the Lismore District and Northern Rivers, and thank you to all the other ladies who have been helping out with meals and care packs in the local area of Chinderah, Tumbulgum, Condong Murwillumbah, Byangum, Uki , and also delivery of groceries to the Tweed Refuge.

I have sent an email to the Zonta Club of Northern Rivers, their president has advised that all the Lismore members are safe and dry. I have asked for them to advise us as to what is needed and when.

We will need to replenish our stocks for the care packs and nickers, as these were also distributed after the floods, but we still need these for our ongoing support of Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence victims.

At our dinner meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> (back at the Secret Garden), we have a lot to discuss. We need to have a clear plan as to how we can assist women and children in our local area with the ongoing problems that will arise after the flooding. Please bring your thoughts and any ideas/plans so that we can make informed decisions as to how we can assist.

We will also be discussing the nominations for the International Board. And don't forget we have the Area 1 & 3 Meeting on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022. This is really important to learn more about Zonta and to meet and learn from other club members in our Area.

Looking forward to being back in our normal meeting venue, and we have so much to catch up on in everyone's lives.

Lesley-Anne Marsh

### **Nominating Committee**

Pauline & Merle

All members think about joining our board, a great way to learn about Zonta and become more involved, be prepared to say yes!

## From Carol

Busy month, Susie established a contact at DV Tweed Hospital and we delivered 30 new ladies undies of various sizes and 28 toiletry bags.

The ladies at the Broadwater Village have been busy sewing breast cushions and this week I collected 58 completed cushions from them. I took along a tea cake for their morning tea break. They deserve it and appreciated the gesture.

I have now delivered to the Tweed Refuge non-perishable groceries for their pantry along with laundry detergent this is very much appreciated and very much needed the Manager expressed. She discussed with me the need for prepacked single meals which you just add boiling water, also coffee tea and a biscuit, all of which I had included in the groceries. She said that the laundry detergent was something hopefully members would continue to commit to providing and also asked if we would consider a few non-perishable groceries on a monthly basis as well. I said that we would discuss at our next meeting and get back to her. Something to think about.

I touched base with the Gold Coast Hospital DV team and they are not at this stage in need of any further toiletry bags.

I did mention to Momentum about the toiletry bags but they said CWA Coolangatta was supplying them and they also had plenty.

I did send about 25 to the evacuation centre at Kingscliff but they already had a supply. I had a friend who travelled to Lismore and she took 30 toiletry bags to one of the evacuation centres for me.



# Presentation of Governor's Award - Dianne Leggo Honour Roll To Merle Stephen



## Certificate of Appreciation – The Tweed Refuge

