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Newsletter August 2015

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President's Report

Jacinta Fromm

Hi Ladies,

I recently forwarded to Sandy Venn-Brown snippets for the Area 4 Newsletter, and was impressed by the number of events that our members have arranged or supported over the past 5 months. I reported on Birthing Kits Assembly (the number we pack is significant for the size of our club, and the partnership formed with local schools with students supporting this event); Change Over Dinner; Art Gallery Exhibition (\$800 donated to progress research into ovarian cancer, and the opportunity to promote Zonta Club of Warwick to local community; fellowship activities and support of other organisations functions (Qld Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea and Walk for a Cause), and the upcoming Prospective Members Night. You have received the Area 4 newsletter and will see that Sandy could not include all our events!

We look forward to the Prospective Members Night next week, and welcoming the 13 women who have been invited. Thank you to the Membership Committee for their promotion of this event and for contacting these prospective members, and to June and Rosa for catering for our Mexican Night!

Last meeting, Kayleen Wallace, Indigenous Health Worker at Warwick Hospital,

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presented information on NAIDOC, and some of the local community engagement activities with indigenous women. The 2015 theme for NAIDOC week 'We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate' highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. As part of the celebrations for NAIDOC week in Warwick, there was a bush tucker tasting at Warwick Hospital, and the Family Fun Day in the park. Kayleen has advised that Family Fun Day is to be held again in 2016, and has invited Zonta Club of Warwick to participate. We were also interested to hear of the Warwick Indigenous Network Group (WING) and Yarning Circle – a current project being undertaken is cooking classes for young indigenous girls. Kayleen is keen to have stronger community involvement, and I will continue to liaise with her and present information at forthcoming meetings.

Over the past month, I have enjoyed the fellowship of members: sharing many laughs during the Afternoon with Denise Scott, and walking with Janet and Mary around Maryvale for the Walk for a Cause event. I will forward information on the Peace Films being featured in August and September – perhaps another opportunity for fellowship.

See you at our Mexican Night, Amigos!

Regards
Jacinta

Zonta Rose Garden

Nola and Faye are continuing with the Zonta Rose Garden Project for our 20th Anniversary in 2017.

If you have driven past the existing garden, you may have noticed that the SDRC have removed our sad little 15 year old roses and are in the process of rejuvenating and replacing the soil in the bed.

Our good friend, Emily, from Parks and Gardens intends to re-pot the old roses, so we may end up with some spares.

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The 42 new roses have been ordered and should be here in late August.

We are hoping that "the sign" is going to be the second part of the project as money becomes available.

A Council survey indicates that more than 9000 vehicles pass the Zonta Garden each day. If you multiply that by 15 years, you will see that we have missed many opportunities for publicity.

The next step is to get quotes on some of the signs that have appealed to members and seek Board and Club acceptance. The real challenge will then be to go through three levels of approval and hope that the Planning and Development Department and the SDRC meeting and the Main Roads Department will smile kindly on us. We hope that the end result will be one of which Zonta members and the public of Warwick can feel proud.



Zonta District 22 Events

Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc is holding a Fashion Parade at Blue Illusion in Oxford Street, Bulimba on Saturday 12 September 2015. Jacinta has contacted for further information.

Current Campaigns

These are the

Forthcoming Events

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<p>campaigns our district and club are currently involved with:</p>	<p>Young Woman's Scholarship</p>	<p>New Member Meeting - 18 August:</p>	<p>Members are asked to invite women who are interested in Zonta and may consider joining. To be held at June Stewart's home.</p>
<p>Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Scholarship from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a girl who may be considering leaving school due to financial pressures.</p>	<p>Young Women in Public Affairs</p>	<p>District 22 Conference - 9-11 October 2015:</p>	<p>Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach, Qld - early bird registration closes 31 July.</p>
<p>The goal of Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The program works at the club, district and international levels.</p>	<p>Birthing Kit Assembly</p>	<p>Zonta Area 4 Meeting - 19-20 March 2016:</p>	<p>To be held in Roma.</p>
<p>The club continues to fundraise for and assembles 1000 Birthing Kits each year. These are sent by the Birthing Kit Foundation to areas of</p>		<p>Catherine Marriott - Empowering Rural Australia - 27 August 2015</p>	<p>Presented by Influential Women tickets \$20. 8.30am-2.30pm at the Warwick Golf Club. See flyer below for more info.</p>

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need throughout the world.

Breast Care Cushion Project

The club works with Queensland Corrective Services, giving the materials needed for breast care cushions to women prisoners who then sew the cushions as part of their community service work. The cushions are then provided to the Toowoomba Hospital for their breast care patients and they provide immense relief to patients who have lost a breast to cancer.

Fundraising Projects

Our club also has ongoing involvement in local projects we support via fundraising efforts including **Warwick Safe Haven, Olive McMahon Cancer Lodge**, and the **International Women's Development Agency** to promote sustainable cottage industries run by women in Timor.



Thursday 27th August 2015
8:30am – 2:30pm
Hawker Rd Function Centre at Warwick Golf Club

Normally costs \$200 per person. Thanks to funding provided by FRRR & Tim Fairfax Family Foundation, tickets are only

\$20

Catherine Marriott – Empowering Rural Australia

Creating confidence and clarity to drive better communication

- Value based communication
 - How language shapes perception
 - Building trust in conversations
 - Effective communication for collaboration
 - Understanding social media ... Different platforms
- How to best use it - is it for you?**



Catherine might come from a long line of farming families but this is one woman who knows how to act locally and think globally.

- In 2012, Catherine was named the RIRDC Rural Women of the Year for Western Australia and was the National Runner up.
- Catherine is the founder of Influential Women, a group established with the goal of creating strong resilient and sustainable rural communities.
- Catherine is passionate about effective communication & collaboration - to speak and act with a united voice.

Catherine is committed to encouraging rural men & women to celebrate the roles that they play in agriculture and their communities. Her workshops aim to empower farmers and individuals to have a voice that is articulate, engaging and most importantly heard.

Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group & Tie up the Black Dog Committee are able to bring you this workshop at such a low cost, as a result of funding received from FRRR & Tim Fairfax Family Foundation.

RSVP to: Condamine Headwaters Landcare
 Catherine Travers - phone: 07 4661 9909
 QR email: headwaters@ddrlandcare.org



Happenings on Facebook

Since our last newsletter:

We shared **Strive Masiyiwa's** [article](#) on African social entrepreneur Dr Sipho Moyo from Zimbabwe mobilising global leaders to take action on issues affecting women and girls in Africa.

Zonta Says No shared a [YouTube video](#) for hotels and travellers on the #DoesYourHotelKnow

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campaign to educate people on sex trafficking in hotels.

We shared an [article](#) from the Daily Kos on **outspoken Catholic Nun**, Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, who explains the current pro-life debate in America in a way that will stun many.

Zonta International shared the [seven warning signs of human trafficking](#) (modern day slavery) at airports. The UN says every year more than 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders.

Zonta London Southbank shared a [Huffington Post article](#) on how happiness can transform your body!

Zonta Clubs of Rockhampton and Redcliffe shared an [article](#) from the Sydney Morning Herald estimating that 90% of children in violent homes have witnessed violence perpetrated against their mother, and urging Family Court reforms in the interests of child safety.

Birthdays

August:

20 - Lyn PB
23 - Jenny E

Our best wishes for a very happy day!

September:

12 - Leanne
29 - Faye and Valerie Rose



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Member News

Jenny Loy and husband Alex recently visited their eldest son Daniel in New Zealand. Here's an update on their travels.

Daniel left Aus Land at the end of February to go and do harvest in the Marlborough Wine Region which is in the north of the South Island. He had a guaranteed 6 weeks working at a large winery (St. Claire Family Winery). Once that was finished he went seeking further work and found it pruning vines at "Te Whare Ra" Winery and so he left home with a small suitcase and has not returned to Australia again.

It is a fascinating area that he is a part of. We stayed in Blenheim where he lives with the same family that took him in as a 6-week boarder when he first went there. For this reason we rented a small unit in a Motel complex so that our stay would be comfortable. Because Daniel was trying to get more permanent work where he was working he did not take time off work so each day Alex and I headed off in our hire car on an adventure to look at the countryside. In our travels we went North, South, East and West of Blenheim and also looked all around the Blenheim area. On the weekend we got the full wine tour with Daniel as well as a trip to Nelson.

The whole area directly around Blenheim is vineyards and I think in some way most of Blenheim is connected to the wine industry. The man of the home where he lives is a chef at the vineyard he went to work in originally. St. Claire Vineyard makes as much wine every year as what the whole of the Stanthorpe area makes in a year. The vineyards have sheep that graze through the grounds to keep them tidy and as well chickens to eat insects.

Apart from all of the adventures it was just so lovely to see Daniel and to now know visually where he is and what he is doing. I returned a sad mother at having to leave him but a happy mother because I can now picture him in his environment and know it is all legitimate and above board.

One photo is vines for as far as the eye can see. I found a Fromm wine and couldn't resist a photo for Jacinta and the other photo is general landscape everywhere you go. Snow capped mountains and green pastures and rugged hills.

- Jenny Loy

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Committee Notes

Membership Committee

Members of the Membership committee met on Thursday 30th July. The purpose of the meeting was to draft a suitable letter to send to prospective new members. Also a list of prospective members was compiled. Past members were considered also but after the meeting Committee Chair, Jenny Loy felt there were too many people on the list for the Prospective New Members night and have left past members off the list. These past members will be considered for invitations to dinner meetings as the year progresses.

The list of prospective new members and the drafted letter have been circulated to all Board members.

Advocacy Committee

Our bursary applications have been distributed to all Secondary Schools in the area and are due in on 21st August. We will meet after this to review all applications.

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

18 New Members Meeting - June Stewart's Home

Members are asked to invite women who may be interested in Zonta and who may consider joining

OCTOBER

9-11 District 22 Conference - Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach: [Registration link](#)

MARCH 2016

19-20 Zonta Area 4 Meeting - Roma

JULY 2016

2-6 Zonta International 63rd Convention - Nice, France

Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

18th August - New members meeting at June Stewart's home - 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

July Raffle: won by June Stewart will donate the prize for the August dinner meeting.

*Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Friday 14th August**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.*

15th September - Cafe Jacqui's - 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

*Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Sunday 13th September**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.*

Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

September: 1st September at 5.00pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at **Betta Bilt Showroom** (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).

October: 6th October at 5.00 pm

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

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Nominating Committee:
 TBA

District 22 Governor: Judith Trevan-Hawke

Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown

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