



# NEWS

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc  
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District 22 ... Area 1  
Club Number 1428

## JULY 2014

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This year is certainly travelling along very fast. Once again Zonta Caboolture has had a busy month.

As President, I attended the Changeover Dinner for the Lions Club of Morayfield and District along with the Morayfield and District Lioness Club. It was a very pleasant and entertaining evening. I met quite a few enthusiastic people. I also learnt some interesting facts about the Lions Club and Lions International.

The sausage sizzle at Bunnings was once again positively successful.

The bag and shoe stall at the Sunday Markets put a deposit into our Service Account.

Hopefully we will meet and greet a couple of new faces at our new venue for our Dinner Meeting.

*A reminder that payment for the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday luncheon is to be made tonight.*

President Carole

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TREASURER!!!

Treasurer's report should have been received by now.

Please note the venue for dinner meetings is now *Robbio's Restaurant (St Columban's College training restaurant) entry via Pettigrew Street. All numbers have to be at the college by Friday prior to the meeting.*

The cost per member for our dinner meetings is \$30. They charge us \$25 per meal with the other \$5.00 being for club expenses ie guest speakers dinner, guest speakers gift, stamps etc

**If you miss a meeting** regardless of apology, you need to pay \$5.00 at the next meeting you attend.

If you are **unable to attend a meeting** please call Patricia. If she **doesn't hear from you by midday Monday PRIOR** to the meeting she will presume that you are attending. If you then unable to attend after this time **you will be liable for the cost of the meal - \$30.00.**

Treasurer, Karen McNab



### BIRTHDAYS for August

Waltraud - 7 August

Sue - 13 August

Karen - 17 August

### ANNIVERSARY

Patricia and Neil - 44 years on 8 August



### SERVICE

The new committee held its first meeting at the Coffee club at Central Lakes. In attendance was Edith, Waltraud, Glenda, Patricia and myself.

I thanked Edith for a smooth transition from the old to the new, and because of this we are very much on track for the projects planned for this year.

We will be looking forward to seeing how successful the courses 'Fight like a Girl' will be. I will be going along to the school to check on the course and the progress of the girls.

If we feel confident that the course is worthwhile and good value for our money, we will look at recommending that we introduce it into other schools within our shire in 2015.

Richard & I are members of the Caboolture Regional Car Club, they are very big financial supporters of Friends of the Street. The club recently held a Show 'n' Shine and Swap Meet at the Caboolture Showgrounds. I am aware that a lot of money was raised, so, with the consent of the Board and the Service Committee I have written a formal letter requesting a donation so that we may purchase articles for our emergency packs.

I will be going along to the next car club meeting on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> August and I will take an emergency pack with me and explain our work to their members, so hopefully we obtain some extra funds.

I had an email from Ros Kinder seeking urgent assistance for breast cushions for St Andrews Hospital. She is trying to find a club in the Brisbane that will supply cushions to the hospital on a regular (and hopefully) monthly basis.

As we have many cushions in stock I have agreed that we will give them 40 cushions that they are desperate for. Thank you Edith for offering to deliver them

Sue Droughton  
Chairman



### **MEMBERSHIP**

Sandra and I have held a planning meeting for our Club fellowship event - the celebration of 21 years of service to the community, District 22 and Zonta International.

With cooperation from the Board and members, the Birthday Luncheon will be held at Caboolture Golf Club on Sunday 3 August. Achievements over the years will be displayed, and members will receive a souvenir booklet containing their contributions to Concept 21.

The Membership Committee would like to thank all members who have contributed so far and to Glenda for conversion of plain text to a booklet formation and subsequent printing.

Thanks go to Sandra who has liaised with the Golf Club re menus, contacted members regarding their menu choices, spent hours obtaining table decorations, and planning the program. Thanks also go to members who have supplied their menu choices beforehand.

Any members who may be at Golf Club a little early are invited to help Sandra and me in finally setting up - table decorations, helping with the display board.

Just a reminder to members to each bring a photo of yourself at your 21st celebration OR sometime when you were 21.

Cecil Nielson  
Chairman



### **FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING**

Thank you to Sue for running the July BBQ, it was another successful day. Our next one is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August and the roster will be circulated at the meeting if you are able to help.

Feedback from our recent High Tea and Fashion Parade was extremely positive. It was a pleasure to watch our

Treasurer hand over a cheque for \$5,000 to DABI President Mary as this represents half of the boat they are fundraising for. Thank you to all Zontians for your participation and beautiful food, as always.

Our Shoe and Bag sale will be at Caboolture Markets on this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July so please tell friends and family.

If you are interested in volunteering in the upcoming Redcliffe Festival on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September then please email me your Volunteer Expression of Interest form (2 pages) by Monday and I will then forward to Our Village Foundation. Remember, our club will receive \$40 for every 4 hours you volunteer so it is an easy way to build our service funds. I already have received a few members' forms so thank you.

Sara Allard  
Chairman.



### **PUBLICITY**

A short article was included in the Caboolture free



newspaper following our High Tea (attached). Unfortunately they didn't print the photo of the cheque being presented.

Thank you to all those who mention us on Facebook and Lorraine for looking after our FB page and Sue for her monthly promotion on Radio 101.5.

Also a huge thank you to Waltraud who is always ready with her camera to record meetings and fundraising ventures.

Glenda Moor  
Chairperson

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

No report until after convention - Sandra Cooke Chairman

### **ADVOCACY**

No report for June - Lorraine Samaraweera Chairman

### **UNITED NATIONS**

**Who has a problem with women? Australia, actually.**  
By Georgina Dent Jul 28, 2014 12:03PM

No matter the substance of the issue admitting there is a problem is a small but critical step on the road to remedying it. Australia has a problem with women. In a nutshell the problem is this: we're not really sure what role

we want women to play. Our problem is compounded and complicated by our collective failure to recognise, or accept, the problem exists. Some of this refusal is motivated by innocent ignorance, some by something more malevolent. Regardless of the roots of our denial its impact is the same. It distorts the picture and takes the focus off the fact there is a problem.

And, for completeness, there is a problem, a problem that manifests in verifiable symptoms. The problem is not merely a vendetta harboured by angry women. (The temptation to couch it that way only reinforces the existence of the problem). Australia's problem with women is evident in the enduring pay gap, the disproportionate representation of women in senior roles in every sector, the [casual sexism](#) women face, the harassment and [violence that women are subject to](#) and the [overwhelming discrimination](#) women face.

It is evident by the fact Australia's workplace participation rate of women's drops off more than the average for advanced economies. It is evident in that stark gap that the World Economic Forum has highlighted: Australia educates women better than any other country in the world but the workforce participation of these females, educated though they might be, ranks 52nd in the world and is slipping backwards. How can this be, you might ask?

Think about it. In Australia in 2014 we educate girls in the same way we educate boys. It's difficult to imagine the reaction would be anything short of aghast if anyone suggested otherwise. In some ways we absolutely expect that girls and boys are equal - capable of whatever they choose.

But at the end of their education, whether they leave school or university, Australian girls will enter a world that is not nearly as egalitarian as they will, often unquestioningly, expect. On paper, and in theory, the workplace is as free as a classroom. In most fields males and females are likely to comprise equal numbers as they take the first steps on their career ladder. In many cases women and men will enter workplaces oblivious to the threat of inequality. And why shouldn't they?

It's 2014 and they live in Australia so surely gender equality is a given. They may have heard about the glass ceiling and they can see there are fewer women up the chain but things are changing and it's their choice. If women choose to leave work to have a baby, or a family, that's their choice. Younger women of today will make different choices and avoid that fate.

The trouble is, as the [Pregnancy Review](#) revealed last week, that fate is hard to avoid. In light of the damning research that shows one in two Australian women are discriminated against whilst they are pregnant or returning to work, it's impossible to evaluate a woman's career "choices" through a prism of free will. In many cases women didn't choose to leave, so much as they were forced to leave.

Ultimately, and increasingly, the problems like the pay gap, the underrepresentation of women in senior roles and the discrimination women face, perpetuate because of an

unwillingness to recognise the cause and the intricate causal relationships between the symptoms. The truth is Australia doesn't really know what it wants.

We like the idea of women being equal in the workplace but we also like the idea of women being mothers and homemakers.

We like the idea of women being paid equally but we also like women who are polite and less willing to ask for more money. We like the idea of telling women to lean in and up their confidence but we support workplaces that ultimately make leaning in an exhausting and often fruitless exercise for women.

We like the idea of merit but we fail to question whether merit is truly being assessed or is it the status quo? We like the idea of mothers working but we reserve the right to judge them for doing that - or their jobs - badly or differently.

We like the idea of fathers being involved parents but when discussing issues like paid parental leave and childcare policy we only talk about mums. We like the idea of childcare in some regards but we also like to speak disdainfully about those who use it as if it's tantamount to neglect.

We like the idea of stamping out sexual harassment but we also rather like [defending](#) a person's right to offend and "be funny". We agree that sexism is wrong but then depending on the target or the perpetrator we can't help but argue that it's all a big ruse; a problem feigned by angry feminists to catch out "their opponents". (The day a feminist has to feign frustration will be welcome.)

Until we recognise the inconsistencies between what we expect and value in women, and the effect those expectations have, the problem will flourish. If we want to rectify it, admitting Australia has a problem is the first vital step.

Lorraine Samaraweera  
UN Chairman

### ARCHIVES

Could ALL Committee Chairman sort through their 2013-2014 Zonta Year's records and retain what is required with the 2012-2013 Zonta Year (in other words keep for handy reference the past two years of records) and give me anything to file in the Archives from 1993 up to the end of 2011-2012.

Sandra Cooke  
Chairman

### OTHER

Waltraud asks that members bring shirt/blouse that you think would be suitable for a club shirt, a sample of material (if possible), colour, a possible dressmaker, possible costs of material and cost of making.