

East-enders

FEBRUARY 2016



Next Meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016

NB This is third Monday of the month

Bulimba Library, Riding Road, Bulimba

6.45pm for meeting 7.00 pm for supper

Cost \$5 per head to cover coffee, tea and sweets

Conviction, Commitment, Courage

President's Patter



As I indicated in the last newsletter, our February meeting is a time for reflection on our strategic plan, future directions and activities. Our recent survey told us that members were satisfied or very satisfied with:

- being a member of the Club,
- meeting our goals , and
- achieving the outcomes we set in early 2015.

Whilst membership growth and recruitment was seen as a good achievement, members indicated that it still remains a major priority for us and that we need to continue to grow our membership.

The February meeting was a good start for us in realising our goals for 2016. It was great to have Carol join us and her subsequent application for membership. We also have a couple more women interested in joining and I thank you all for being welcoming of our new members.

The other major issue is how we engage all members in setting our directions, projects and fundraising activities where members feel included and feel their contributions worthwhile, workload is balanced and we consider members circumstances ie work and time commitments.

Our discussion session gave us some good ideas on possible projects or areas we may explore further, some fellowship activities and possible fundraising ventures. I look forward to continuing this discussion at our upcoming March meeting.

A reminder that project proposals are due to Lynn Callander by 10 March. Please do not feel daunted by this. If you have an idea I am only too happy to talk with you as is Ros or other Board members.

Many of us have celebrated and continue to celebrate International Women's Day in early March. The Zonta International Foundation celebrates Rose Day on 8 March in honour of International Women's Day. A number of Clubs have organised celebrations over these two weeks and information has been forwarded to you.

How will you mark the day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women?

In 2016, the focus by the Australian National Committee for UN women is - *Together we can stop violence against women and girls*. Violence against women and girls is a serious problem, is entirely preventable and we all have a role to play to end violence at home and around the world.

Board Members 2015—2016

Jo Diessel
(President)

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(Vice-President)

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President's Patter (Cont)

Did you know:

Around the world, 1 in 3 women will experience violence in her lifetime.

In the Pacific, as many as 2 in 3 women will experience violence in their lifetimes.

In the highlands of Papua New Guinea, as many as 100% of women report experiencing sexual or physical violence.

So join a lunch, a breakfast or a dinner and celebrate the successes of women past and present and make your commitment to eliminating violence against women.

Jo

2016/2017 Service Projects

We will be determining these at our March meeting when we will have a fairly good indication of just how much we have raised through our fundraising in the past Club year.

Put forward your suggestions using the forms Lynn C emailed to you and ensure they reach Lynn by 10 March so that she has time to collate and forward to you for your consideration prior to our March meeting. When identifying a suitable project keep in mind our Zonta mission, CEDAW and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Membership



A very warm Zonta welcome to Jane Gray who was formally inducted in February. Jane has been a regular attendee at Club meetings and functions for some time and is well known to our members.

We also welcomed Carol Jelley to our February meeting. Carol has expressed an interest in membership and we hope to induct her in the coming months.

Charter of New Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Brisbane City Heart received its Charter on 22 January 2016 so congratulations are in order to all involved with the formation of this new Zonta Club.

It has been allocated to our Area - Area 3 - and we look forward to meeting Club members at various Zonta functions. The date of their Charter Celebration function is still to be determined.



LoveBites



Discussions have been on-going with the Department of Education and Training, NAPCAN and some Area 1 and 3 Clubs regarding this project. A submission has been made for a grant through EPIC and with the agreement of interested Clubs we will submit a further application to the Community Benefit Fund for funding to extend the program to other interested schools.

Breast Cushions

Jo has been busy delivering Breast Cushions and Drainage bags this past month but we still need to have a working bee in March to replenish our supply (see Date Claimers below).

There is something for everyone to do so you don't need to be a seamstress to help out and it is a great way to get to know your fellow Club members in a very informal setting.



Fundraising



We have had two sausage sizzles this year so thanks to all those who helped with these.

Our next one is scheduled for Friday, 11 March and again we are looking for helpers on the day. These are good fundraisers for our Club, so if you can put in a few hours to help, please let Jo know ASAP so we can do up a roster.

Blue Illusion

As in previous years, we will be having a Blue Illusion fashion showing. Date is set for 30 April with the Fashion Parade (Loris and Kerstin to star) commencing at midday.

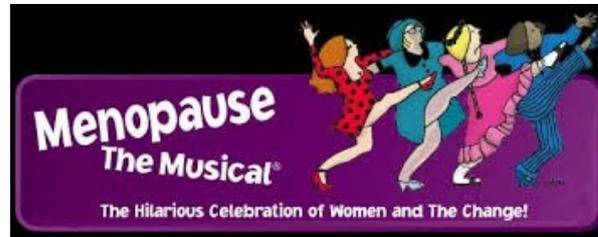
Bring your friends and remember the Club receives a percentage of all sales made between midday and 3.00pm. More details later, but mark the date in your calendar now.



Menopause the Musical

Tickets are now available for this fundraiser on Sunday, 22 May at 4.00pm at Twelfth Night.

Cost is \$49.90 per ticket available from Loris. Payment to be made into our Fundraising Account or at the March Dinner Meeting.



Area Meeting

Registration is now open for the combined 2016 Area 1 and 3 Meeting hosted by the Zonta Club of Maroochy Inc.

The meeting will be held at the Nambour RSL Club. Details on the District website <http://zontadistrict22.org> or contact Jo or Ros for a Registration Form.



International News

International Women's Day



March is the month we celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day. Many Clubs hold a function to celebrate IWD – check out the District website for details – and hopefully some members will be able to support one of these functions.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialised world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. Many organisations declare an annual IWD theme that supports their specific agenda or cause, and some of these are adopted more widely with relevance than others.

International Women's Day is all about celebration, reflection, advocacy, and action - whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, International Women's Day has been occurring for over a century - and is growing annually from strength to strength. So make a difference, think globally and act locally! Make every day International Women's Day. Do your bit to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

From the international Women's Day website:

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com> and Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc Newsletter "Zonta on the Rocks".

Zonta Rose Day



The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for decades. The yellow rose has adorned many Zonta items from stationery to clothing and has been used in many Charter and anniversary celebrations. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day.

Since the 1980s each decade has seen a new Zonta Rose. In 2007 the well known Dutch rose breeder LEX+ developed a new yellow rose, and through the efforts of Ingeborg van't Hooheruijs, Chairman of the 2008 Convention Committee, the rose was registered with the name Zonta+. It was introduced at the 2008 Convention Opening Ceremony in Rotterdam.

The *Zonta+* rose is a bright yellow T-Hybrid rose developed by breeder LEX+ in the Netherlands and introduced to the Dutch market in February 2007. It was formally named *Zonta+* in June 2008. *Zonta+* roses have large buds, a stem length of 24 to 32 inches, and a vase life of 12 days. *Zonta+* roses will be available all year round. They are traded at the six FloralHolland flower auctions in the Netherlands and exported worldwide.

Zontians are encouraged to celebrate Zonta Rose Day via a contribution to the ZIF Rose Fund which is a fund established to "top-up" donations as needed for the other ZIF projects. Donations to the ZIF Rose Fund enable Zonta to continue supporting projects and programs that help women achieve a life free of violence and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education and professional advancement.

Date Claimers

6 March 2016	Breast Cushion Working Bee at Jo's
8 March 2016	IWD and Zonta Rose Day
11 March 2016	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
13 March 2016	Anniversary of Brisbane East Charter
14 March 2016	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
21 March 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library – Guests Our Scholarship Winners
14-26 March 2016	CSW60
3 April 2016	Breast Cushions at Jo's – 10.00am
11 April 2016	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
16 April 2016	Combined Areas 1 and 3 Meeting
18 April 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
30 April 2016	Blue Illusion, Bulimba – Fashion Showing
1 May 2016	Breast Cushions at Jo's – 10.00am
9 May 2016	Combined Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
16 May 2016	Monthly Meeting & AGM, Bulimba Library
22 May 2016	"Menopause the Musical", Twelfth Night Theatre
2-6 July 2016	ZI Convention, Acropolis Congress Centre, Nice, France
8 October 2016	High Tea