

ZONTA CLUB OF PINE RIVERS INC

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MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Date Claimers

14 July

Bunnings BBQ Carseldine

31 July

Wine Tour - Mt Tambourine

Lunch at St Bernard's with visits to Mason, Cedar Creek & Witches Falls Wineries. Includes 2 course lunch of Roast of the Day & Pavlova -\$80pp

3 September

Trivia Night - Albany Creek State High School \$20pp

8 October

Birthing Kit Assembly Day at St Paul's College

1 November

Melbourne Cup Luncheon - Wantima Country Club \$55pp

Dinner Payments

Reminder, meal payments are due prior to the monthly meeting.

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Birthing Kits @ Mount Alvernia College

The Year 12 Business class at Mount Alvernia College are very grateful to the Zonta Club of Pine Rivers for their support in organising and assembling 800 birthing kits for Birthing Kits Foundation Australia on the 4th of June.

The students undertook units of work in organising and implementing fundraising activities in order to purchase the materials for the birthing kits and then in event management to organise and run the day. Fundraisers included sausage sizzles, pizza days, ice-cream sundaes and most successfully, a raffle at the Mother Daughter Dinner, using donations that the girls had sourced to support the cause. The girls prepared all the materials for the birthing kits and organised themselves into teams to run various aspects of the process. It was a wonderful learning experience for them and it was wonderful to see



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Celebrating our Volunteers

The Stars Giving to the cancer patients of Australia - without our volunteers There is no program



Look Good Feel Better is a wonderful volunteer programme helping patients face cancer with confidence and is operating in 26 countries and is an independent Registered Charity with The Cancer Patients Foundation (all donations \$2 or more tax deductible) Our Australian Patron is Kerri-Anne Kennerley.



Yvonne Nunn is very proud to receive my 20 year Certificate of Service.





sometimes disengaged students getting involved, taking ownership and rising to the challenge.

Despite the inclement weather on the day and rain coming through the whirly birds on the roof, the assembly day ran smoothly and took only about two hours to assembly the kits.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to connect with our Zonta community with the bonus outcome that the school is looking to start a Z Club in 2017.

Anita Goldie



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Celebrating our Volunteers



Jan Spittle was nominated for Volunteer of the Year for Brisbane Region and was 2nd runner up for this past year.



Quote from one of our patients after participating in our programme....

"The very best medicine I had during my cancer treatment"

Yvonne Nunn

If you would like more information on "Look Good, Feel Better" their website can be found at http://ligfb.org.au. You can help by:

- donating
- volunteering
- organising a fundraiser

President's Patter CONVICTION, COMMITMENT, COURAGE

I'm writing this in the Hong Kong Airport as I wait for my next flight. There was much to do in the days before I left so I saved this job for a quite moment in the airport lounge.

I felt there was a great vibe at our June meeting and the spirit of cooperation within committees and during the meeting was fantastic. There were just a couple of loose ends to resolve before I flew away.

I spoke to former member, Sara, who is currently working as a Guidance Officer in the Pine Rivers area about **Love Bites**. She has contacted her colleagues in the district who will ensure that the Love Bites program, which our club committed to earlier in the year, is promoted in the local high schools.

I was also pleased to receive an email from Ros letting me know that a representative from Dakabin High has asked about running the RAVES program during second semester. She has put them in contact with Erin Cash to negotiate an appropriate time for this.

I also approved a payment for the bus for the Wine Tour on July 31. I'm counting on this being a success as I am looking forward to being part of the next one.

By the time you receive this newsletter. Simone, Dot and I will be in Nice representing Pine Rivers at the Zonta International Convention. I can assure you that we'll be better behaved than the English and Russian football fans who are also currently in France, although that won't be hard.

We are all excited at the prospect of sharing ideas with like minded women and hearing more about Zonta's International efforts. The keynote speakers, including Maria Luisa de Contes the Secretary General of Renault Spain, should be well worth listening to.

I hope we can find a way of overcoming my aversion to social media and keep you all in the loop. Thank you once again to all club members for supporting my attendance. Hopefully I'll be able to give you a full report at our August meeting.

Yours in Zonta,

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Meet our Newest Members



Anita Goldie

I am a secondary school teacher of I.T. and Business, currently working as a Yr 11 & 12 coordinator in a girls' school. In my free time I am completing a Masters in Education
Leadership. This helps to balance out the fun of being a mother of three "almost men". I am passionate about social justice and empowering others to reach their potential.



Belinda Stephensen

I'm Belinda, a fun loving, wannabe ballarina who loves telling dad jokes and making people smile. I joined Zonta to be a part of a world that is larger than my own home fence. Im currently studying Community Services and Counselling to specialise in kids with disabilities and kids at risk to make a difference for our younger generations who need a little extra love and support.

Service Committee



Mini Grant Success!

This year has seen the launch of our new mini-grant program available via our website and Facebook page. And what an auspicious start is has been. We received our first application from Career Vitality and their program CareerSmart Mums. A service that assists women who have been out of the work force to improve their knowledge and skills in order to achieve employment. Three women were the successful recipients of the grant.

May, a Burmese refugee who came to Australia several years ago has a BA in Psychology. After 129 months in the Darwin detention centre, her family (husband and 3 children) moved to Brisbane 2 years ago.

Ashley a mother of 3 has had to assume the role of primary breadwinner after her husband experienced a workplace injury and is unable to return to his previous role. They have little disposable income, thus it is important for Ashley to find employment as soon as possible.

Kate, a mother of 2 has suffered from mental health issues since she was 15. Her daughters are her strength and motivate her to continue to fight to improve their lives. Kate was so inspired by the knowledge imparted, she went home and reworked her resume and applied for several jobs. Kate was so busy preparing for her two subsequent interviews she was unable to attend the last session, but what a result!

So our first grant has not only been of immediate benefit to the women in our community it has also provided our club with some immediate and very satisfying feedback. May it continue!

Service Committee Chair, Simone Boersma

Invitations

