

OBJECTIVES

The Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc observes the following objectives, which have been copied and distributed to all members in their membership manual:

Zonta International

The objectives of Zonta International are:

- to provide service at the global and local level
- to improve the legal, political, economic, education, health and professional status of women
- to work for the advancement of the understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions
- to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms
- to be untied internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who service their communities, their nations and the universe.

Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

The objectives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

- to stimulate the desire of each member to be of service
- to promote good fellowship as an opportunity for service
- to quicken the interest of each member in the welfare of the local community, and to cooperate with others in its civic, social, commercial and industrial development.

CLUB PARTICULARS

Business Particulars for the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

Monthly Meetings:	Second Monday of each month excluding January
Current Venue:	The GoodEarth Hotel, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane
Board Meetings:	Second Monday following monthly Club meeting
Postal Address:	GPO Box 3060, Brisbane, Qld 4001
Web Address:	www.zontadistrict24.org.au
Banking Facilities:	Bank of Queensland Limited
Charter Details:	Sponsored by the Zonta Club of Brisbane Chartered on 13 March 1989
Auditor:	Partick Hoiberg, Chartered Accountant
Incorporation:	Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland.

Club Organisation & Particulars

Officers and Directors

President:	Lynn Callander
Vic-President:	Heather Mildwaters
Secretary:	Jill Hedley
Treasurer:	Karen Hendry
Directors:	Margaret Casey Bronwyn Campbell

Chairs of Committees:

Nominating Committee:	Beverley Farley
Organisation Membership Classification & Finance:	Karen Hendry & Beverley Farley
Status of Women & United Nations:	Margaret Casey
Communication & Public Relations:	Jill Hedley & Heather Mildwaters

Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc President's Report 2005-2006

It is always daunting when you assume the presidency of a club that has a proud history of professional, dedicated and hardworking women who have led the club to achieve the goals they set out at the beginning of their term. It is especially daunting when club membership diminishes because of changing life circumstances, family commitments or job transfers. However, despite these challenges, the Brisbane East Club has evolved into a smaller but no less dedicated band of women who have made time in their busy lives for the goals of Zonta – to advance the status of women.

We continue to enthusiastically embrace the breast cushion project, despite fewer members, and every month we have managed to keep three major hospitals in Brisbane supplied with breast cushions, namely Mater Private, Princess Alexandra Hospital and Logan Hospital. I appreciate the efforts of every member who has contributed to the project. I am especially grateful to former president Lyn Papa who continues to offer her home and office to club members to cut and machine, stuff, handsew and wrap the cushions. This is in addition to her family commitments of soccer, ballet, tennis, athletics and husband, John. We have completed approximately 175 cushions in the last 12 months, that is 175 women who have the comfort of a Zonta Breast Cushion. I would also like to thank some HonZons, Michelle (Jo's sister) and Pat Nemeth who have cut and sewn cushions for us.

In July it was a pleasure to dine at Queensland Parliament House in honour of International President, Mary-Ellen Bittner and in support of District Governor Ros Kinder. It was an excellent evening and great to see so many Zontians who made the effort to travel from north and south for the occasion.

Our Antique & Collectable Fair in July was a real winner thanks to the efforts of Denise Conroy and Heather Mildwaters. They organised and managed the event in true style and our club benefited by almost \$4,000. We also found some extra Zontian talents for sandwich making, crowd control and logistics and we will be doing it again in July 2006.

Close on the heels of our Fair came the District 24 Conference on the Gold Coast which again required our small number of members to be in at least two places at once. Our tropical print shirts were a hit with the 315 people who attended from 70 clubs. We heard about great Zonta activities, enjoyed warm friendships and admired some very talented young women who had us in awe of the energy and commitment to their causes.

One of the highlights of the year for me was representing Brisbane East Club at the Awards Evening for the Balmoral State High School and presenting our scholarship to Skye Olley. Listening to the achievements of these 17-18 year olds was impressive and the winner of our scholarship showed excellent school spirit as well as academic achievement.

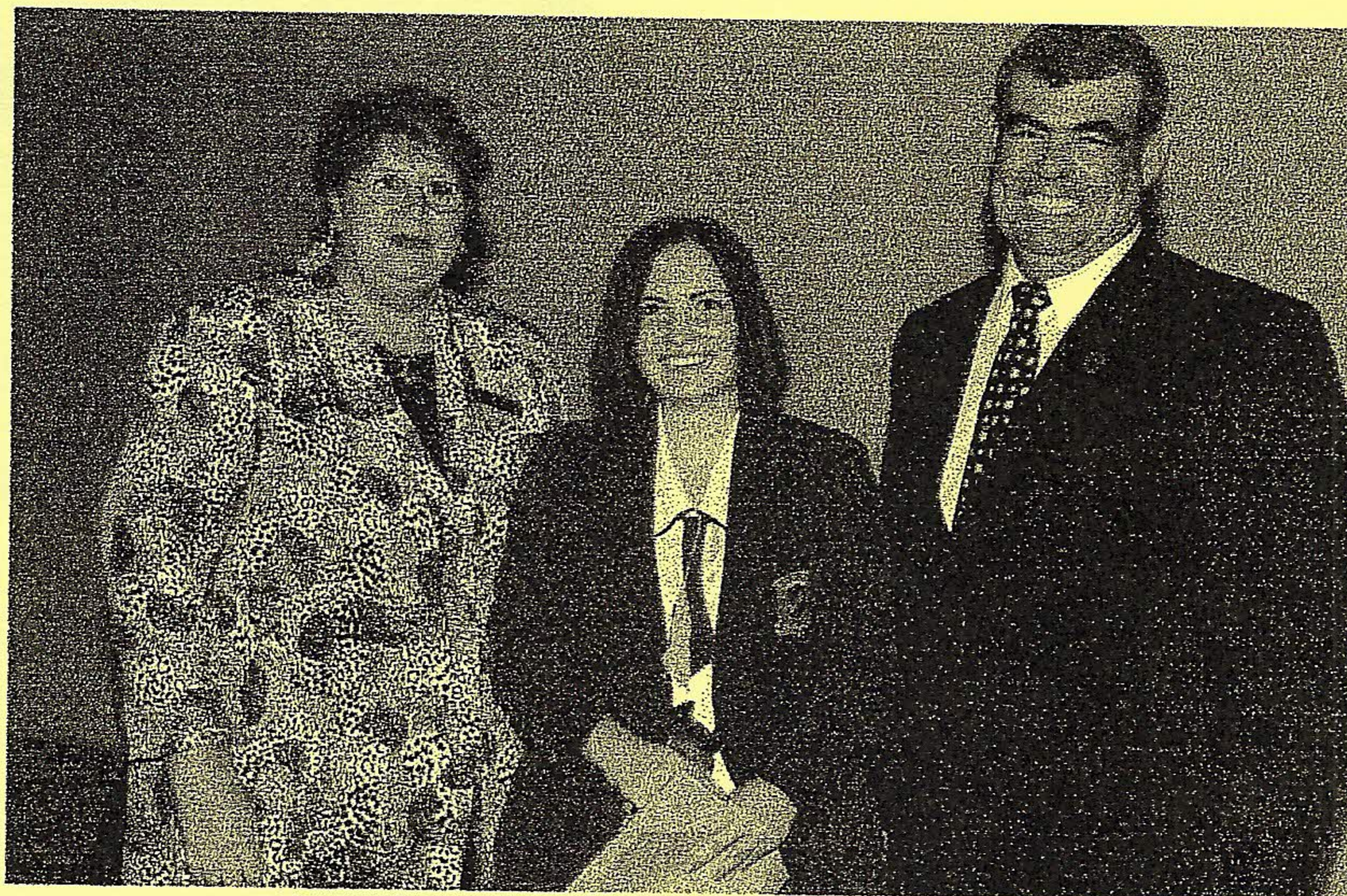
I think we were all ready for Christmas and a few weeks break and what a way to end 2005 overlooking the lights of Brisbane thanks to the generosity of Bronwyn Campbell and her husband Greg who provided their 25th floor home for the occasion. At the same time we were able to gather more than 50 personal care items for women in difficult circumstances. This was organised by Kate Hutchings who made it her farewell chore before leaving for Melbourne and a career boost with Monash University. We were sad to see her leave.

2006 will be a busy year for the club with Area workshops and International Convention in Melbourne in late June.

Our club celebrated its 17th birthday in March and it was enjoyable to look back at how the Club has evolved during that time. I am looking forward to another year as President and hopefully welcoming a couple of new members to the Club. I would like to thank everyone for their support during the last Zonta year and a special thanks to the board members who have also had heavy workloads to shoulder.

Lynn Callander
President

(Below) Club President Lynn Callander with Balmoral Scholarship winner Skye Olley and Member for Bulimba, Pat Purcell.



MEMBERSHIP LIST

Charter Members:

Denise Conroy
Bev Farley



Members Admitted Post Charter:

Lynn Callander
Bronwyn Campbell
Margaret Casey
Jo Diessel
Christine Goodfellow
Jill Hedley
Karen Hendry
Ros Kinder
Sandra Langford
Bev Purcell
Lyn Papa
Kate Hutchings
Beulah Casten



*Club members enjoying the activities of Zonta.
Top: At the Dinner for International President Mary-
Ellen Bittner Above: Tropical shirts were popular at
the District Conference. Left & above: Sampling the
delights of the morning tea at the Antique Fair.*

Nominating Committee Report 2005-2006

Chairperson: Beverley Farley

Members: Denise Conroy, Heather Mildwaters

The Nominating Committee was named at the February 2006 dinner meeting. Its task was to prepare a slate of candidates for Board positions within the Club for the 2006-2007 Zonta year.

All of our members were considered for positions. Within a small club as ours, the number of executive positions has to accommodate both the rules and the number of members

The slate put forward to the April Dinner Meeting was:

President:	Lynn Callander
Vice-President:	Heather Mildwaters
Secretary:	Jill Hedley
Treasurer:	Karen Hendry
Directors:	Bronwyn Campbell & Margaret Casey

The Nominating Committee sincerely thanks all members who have served in positions on committees, We were sincerely grateful to those members who accepted executive positions and know that they will be wholeheartedly supported in their roles by the remaining members.

Thank you to all members who made the task of selection so easy for this committee.

Beverley Farley.
Chairperson

United Nations & Status of Women Committee 2005-2006

Chairperson: Margaret Casey

Committee Members: Bronwyn Campbell, Beulah Casten, Claire Gardiner

Goals:

- To continue to provide breast cushions for women undergoing breast cancer surgery
- Continue to provide an annual Education Scholarship to Balmoral SHS female student to study at tertiary level.

Over the past year club members have been informed and educated on the relevance of having a United Nations & Status of Women's Committee within the Club. Such passing of information has generally been within the contents of the 'East-Enders' Newsletter that Lynn Callander so professionally scripts, compiles and edits on a monthly basis.

We have also received four Newsletters from our District 24 United Nations Chairman, which keeps us abreast of the happenings around the District and also of what is being achieved at an International level.

The Status of Women is at the forefront of everything that is Zonta International. An area that Brisbane East is proud of is its commitment to Balmoral High in the form of a scholarship to help a disadvantaged female student going onto Higher Education. The 2005 recipient was Skye Olley. At present she is unable to take up the scholarship as she has opted to work full time, but hopes to be eligible in 2007 when she takes up her University placement.

This annual scholarship is funded by way of fundraising throughout the year. With our low membership numbers this can sometimes be quite a challenge. But a truly mighty effort was made with the organising of a very successful 'Antique & Collectables Fair' by Denise Conroy and Heather Mildwaters on 7th August 2005. All available members and friends worked extremely hard on the day, but congratulations must go to Denise and Heather for a marvellous event, not only as a fundraiser, but as a promotion of Zonta within the community. The event was deemed so successful that it is to take place again on 9th July 2006.

There have been many occasions throughout the past year where Zonta Brisbane East members have given a helping hand to other Zonta Clubs in their efforts to 'advance the status of women', such as birthing kit assembling days, packing of conference bags, the list goes on.

Zonta Brisbane East's commitment to continue making of breast cushions has been well received by local hospitals, often receiving urgent calls for more. A monthly working bee takes place at Lyn Papas home, and we thank Lyn and her family for their generosity.

Each of us as Zontians have taken on the mission of 'advancing the status of women', to be effective is to be informed. The United Nations & Status of Women's Committees will continue to inform Zonta Brisbane East members on all relevant information that comes to hand through out the coming year that will help us honour this promise.

Margaret Casey
Chairperson

Organization, Membership, Classification & Finance Committee 2005-2006

Co Chairs: Karen Hendry & Beverley Farley

Members: Denise Conroy, Lyn Papa, Bev Purcell

Goals:

- To continue to increase membership for a strong viable club
- Meet our incorporation obligations
- Continue to focus on fellowship
- Continue major fundraising through annual Antique & Collectable Fair in July

The committee has been working hard to achieve these goals. Our incorporation details were finalised and we had an excellent fellowship dinner in January which produced plenty of laughs and information for the newsletter.

Thanks to the hard work of Denise Conroy and Heather Mildwaters we had a very successful fundraising event in the Antique & Collectible Fair. This has allowed us to meet our commitments to International and support increases in the Scholarship with the Balmoral State High School.

Instead of supporting two students for ONE year, the Club supported Bev Farley's suggestion that we support one student for three years in tertiary education for \$500 each year. This increased our financial commitment to \$1,500 annually when the scheme reaches maximum input. The Fair has allowed our small club to have a major influence on the female students who are awarded the scholarships.

**Karen Hendry
Co-Chair**

Public Relations & Communications Committee Report 2005-2006

Co Chairs: Heather Mildwaters & Jill Hedley

Members: Jo Diesel, Sandra Langford, Christine Goodfellow-Kirkegard

Goals:

- To support club activities
- Explore opportunities to promote the activities of the club
- Keep club brochures, manuals up to date
- Produce club newsletter

The main focus of this committee has been the monthly newsletter which has been so competently compiled and edited by Lynn Callander. This largely solo effort by Lynn is invaluable in keeping all members abreast of current and forthcoming events with in the club and in the wider world of our Zonta area and district. It is much appreciated by everybody.

As host club at the district conference last year our colourful Hawaiian Print shirts certainly made a statement and enabled us to stand out from the crowd.

Our principle fund raising activity last year was the Antique Fair held in August. We took advantage of this event to display photographs and brochures showing club activities and the work of Zonta International. As a result of participation in this event we were invited to mount a display at the official opening of the Jindalee State School Hall. This attracted considerable interest and even resulted in contact being made from the ABC in Tasmania. Well done to Heather Mildwaters and Denise Conroy.

Our members have supported various events run by other local Zonta clubs helping to establish and maintain good public relations within the Zonta world. Our little notes included in the breast cushions given to patients in hospitals are helping to spread knowledge of our organisation and the gratitude of the patients and staff for our participation in this venture is contributing to public awareness of the work of Zonta International.

**Jill Hedley
Co-Chair**