



ZONTA

CLUB OF
BRISBANE EAST INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

**ANNUAL REPORT
2014-2015
ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC.**

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OBJECTIVES

The Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc observes the following objectives which have been provided to all members.

Zonta International

The objectives of Zonta International are:

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

CLUB PARTICULARS

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

Monthly Meetings:	2 nd Monday of each month excluding January
Current Venue:	Bulimba Library, Riding Road, Bulimba
Board Meeting:	2 nd Monday following monthly Club meeting
Postal Address:	GPO Box 3060, Brisbane, Queensland, 4001
Web Address:	http://brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org
Email:	brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org
Banking Facilities:	Bank of Queensland Limited
Charter Details:	Sponsored by the Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc Chartered on 13 March 1989 Charter No: 1235
Auditor:	Mr Denys Edwards, BBus (Accounting) FCPA
Incorporation:	Incorporated under the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 1981</i> and the <i>Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999</i> Incorporation Number IA06124
ABN Registered:	36 906 783 906 from 1 November 1999

MEMBERSHIP LIST

as at 31 March 2015

Charter Members

Denise Conroy

Beverley Farley OAM

Members Admitted Post Charter

Mel Ablitt

Jill Hedley

Lynn Callander

MaryAnn Hill

Bronwyn Campbell

Irene Kinder

Margaret Casey

Ros Kinder

Beulah Castan

Kirsten Liebchen-Meades

Jo Diessel

Heather Mildwaters

Loris Neff

Lyn Papa

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my final President's Report and first off I must say a big thank you to all members who have supported me over the past two years. I have overall enjoyed my time as your recycled President although at times have felt both disappointed and frustrated when we have not done some things as planned eg had to cancel functions because of the inability of members to support them because of personal commitments. Whilst I understand that we all have commitments we must meet and emergencies do arise, it is not good for the Club's image when functions are cancelled or poorly supported.

Having said the words above I still believe we have had a very successful year as the various reports demonstrate and I sincerely thank each of you for this.

Again we generally met the targets set in our Strategic Plan although increasing our membership base remains a major problem. Membership should be high on each of our agendas and whilst I acknowledge that recruitment is difficult as many of us are now retired we must strive to find new members and preferably some younger members. Zonta International now only requires that membership be drawn "*from women and men with experience in a recognised business or profession*". This substantially enlarges the pool of women now eligible for membership without any "*manipulation*" of the membership classification system so we may have some retired friends who are willing to make a commitment to the objects of Zonta International and join our ranks. It is imperative that we present as a welcoming Club as well as a professionally run Club. The latter I believe we have achieved through our Strategic Planning process, our many publications, our method for determining our local service projects and our reporting to members. Many of us are long standing Zontians and we must remember that it can be quite daunting for someone new coming in to such an established Club, even though a Club with small numbers.

As in the previous year we have been very successful in our fundraising efforts which of course have enabled us to fund some very worthwhile service projects in this coming year. With our fundraising, particularly our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, we have been heavily reliant on family and friends (HonZons) and I sincerely thank each of them for their assistance – we certainly could not have managed without them. We also exceeded previous years in the production of Zonta Breast Care Cushions and Drainage Bags and again this could not have been achieved without the assistance of friends and family – many thanks to you all.

We continued our scholarship program at Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools and the young women selected were certainly worthy recipients. We have also continued with the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and hopefully will be able to expand this in the coming years. Sadly our hopes for sponsoring a Z Club did not come to fruition this past year.

We have continued to produce our monthly Newsletters which are circulated to other Clubs and our Past Members who indicated that they would like to stay in touch. We have also updated our Club webpage and Facebook page.

This year the Club offered to host the Area Meeting for Clubs in Areas 1 and 3. The day was very successful with a good representation of Clubs from both Areas as well as our own Club. Our Club members attending each had a responsibility on the day and did a great job. Many many thanks.

At our AGM members will be asked to approve a new Constitution for our Club for forwarding to the Office of Fair Trading for approval. Our current Constitution is dated 1990 so it is well out of date and in need of revision. Hopefully we will start our new Zonta year with an updated version.

To my fellow Board Members thank you for your support this year and indeed for the previous year – it is much appreciated. I have enjoyed my two years as your President and I thank all our members for your support. We are only a strong Club if we all pull together. We have come a long way with good processes in place which we must now build on to ensure that we have an even stronger Club in future years.

Ros Kinder

ADVOCACY

Chairman: Beulah Castan

The Club has not itself advocated on any specific issues this past year but our Charter Member Denise Conroy is the District 22 Advocacy Committee Chairman and has prepared some well researched documents for submission by our District 22 Governor on behalf of the District.

Two major submissions researched and prepared by Denise were:

- Zonta International District 22 - Submission to Premier's Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland; and
- Beijing Platform for Action: Beijing + 20 Review (this submission to the Federal Government was on behalf of Districts 22, 23 and 24 and is now featured as an example of advocacy on the Zonta International website)

The full text of these submissions and the responses received are posted on the District 22 website (<http://zontadistrict22.org>) under Advocacy Committee.

ATTENDANCE AND PROGRAM

Joint Chairmen: Ros Kinder/JoDiessel

The Club has continued to meet in the Meeting Room at the Bulimba Library and continued with our decision to have Food and Fellowship prior to the meeting with the meeting formally commencing at 7.00pm. This appears to be a successful format and our thanks go to Jo, Irene and Ros who did the catering for our meetings in 2014. 2015 saw a change in this arrangement with meetings now being catered for by The Gourmet Workshop in Bulimba. This has of course meant that the Club must pay for the number of meals ordered so if an apology is not received by the cut-off time (the Friday prior to our Dinner Meeting) the member is now billed for the cost of the meal. It also means that the Club meets the cost of the meal for our invited Guests and this will have an impact on our General Account balance although initially the surplus from 2014 will be used to meet this additional cost. It also means there is no surplus at the end of the year to part-subsidise our Christmas function as we have done for the previous two years.

a) Program

In accordance with the Strategic Plan the Club has endeavoured to provide a varied program for our dinner meetings. This has had some success although on a couple of occasions the speaker had to cancel with late notice due to illness or we experienced difficulties with the technology. This said we persevered and hopefully have had a program of interest to our members.

The program for the year was:

April 2014 – PowerPoint presentation on Zonta - its mission, goals, structure, projects and services at International, District and Club level. A U-Tube video from Zonta International was played, recapping the activities undertaken this biennium and featuring some ZI Board members.

May 2014 – Area 3 Director Amena Reza

June 2014 - Kristy Fitzgerald, Senior Social Worker in the Sexual Assault Response Team, Logan Hospital

July 2014 – Denise Conroy, Club delegate to ZI Convention

September 2014 – Michelle Dang, Brisbane Rape & Incest Survivors Support Centre

November 2014 – Councillor Shayne Sutton, Area 3 Director Anne Kuhnemann

December 2014 - Christmas Meeting – Wynnum Croquet Club

February 2015 – Strategic Planning Meeting

March 2015 – Lily Crick, Balmoral State High School, Ashvini Rajendran Yeronga State High School, Nadia Querengasser 2nd year scholarship Balmoral State High School, Renee Cunningham 3rd year scholarship, Balmoral State High School, Jessica Walker, Head of Special Education Services, Yeronga SHS and mothers Kelly Paterson, Julie McFadden and Mrs Rajendran.

At our Christmas Meeting we recognised the contribution our HonZons make to the Club and awarded HonZon status to Vern Porter in recognition of his assistance with our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles.

b) Representation

The Club continues to be well represented at District and International levels.

Denise Conroy was our delegate at the 2014 Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida. At District level she is the Chairman of the District Advocacy Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee.

Ros Kinder has continued at District level as the Chairman of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, District Webmaster and Coordinator for the District Breast Cushion project.

As reported below this year the Club hosted the Combined Area 1 and Area 3 Meeting.

c) Attendance

In addition to our Guest speakers listed above the Club has had a number of Guests attend our meetings and functions. These are listed on the Register of Attendance attached to this Report.

The Club hosted a very successful Combined Annual Area 1 and Area 3 Meeting at the Colmslie Hotel Conference Centre, Morningside on 21 March 2015. Ninety-seven (97) representatives from nineteen (19) Clubs from both Areas attended the Meeting. We also had great representation from our own Club with twelve (12) members attending and helping on the day.

It is disappointing that at one meeting (November 2014) we had less than 50% of members attending and at other meetings attendance has been as low as 50%. Whilst recognising that our members are all very busy women and some now have a much greater distance to travel, attendance at meetings is one of the obligations of being a Zontian. Your Board has tried to make meetings interesting and participative but would welcome any further suggestions to encourage better attendance.

In an endeavour to improve attendance a survey of members was undertaken to ascertain whether a meeting night other than the second Monday of each month would be more suitable for the majority of members. This survey indicated a preference for the third Monday of each month or continuing to meet on the second Monday of the month. A decision on our meeting night will be taken later in the year when bookings are being taken for the Meeting Room at the Bulimba Library and will depend in part on the availability of the Meeting Room

During the year Mel Ablitt was granted Leave of Absence for four months because of study commitments and Bronwyn Campbell Leave of Absence for 2015 due to work commitments.

Congratulations to those members who achieved a 100% attendance record for this year – Beverley Farley and Denise Conroy. Ros Kinder missed only one meeting during the year as did Loris Neff post her induction in May 2014.

Bronwyn Campbell, Irene Kinder and Ros Kinder kept up their attendance record missing only one Board Meeting during the year.

Attendance 2014-2015 Dinner Meetings

NAME	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	
Mel Ablitt	AP	Y	AP	AP	LOA	LOA	LOA	LOA	Y	N/A	Y	Y	4
Lynn Callander	Y	AP	AP	Y	Y	Y	Y	AP	Y	N/A	Y	Y	8
Bronwyn Campbell	AP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	LOA	LOA	8
Margaret Casey	Y	AP	Y	AP	AP	AP	AP	Y	Y	N/A	AP	AP	4
Beulah Castan	Y	AP	AP	Y	AP	AP	AP	AP	Y	N/A	AP	AP	2
Denise Conroy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	11
Jo Diesel	Y	Y	Y	Y	AP	Y	AP	AP	Y	N/A	Y	Y	8
Bev Farley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N/A	Y	Y	11
Jill Hedley	Y	AP	AP	Y	Y	Y	Y	AP	Y	N/A	AP	Y	7
MaryAnn Hill	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	AP	N/A	AP	AP	E-Member
Irene Kinder	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AP	AP	Y	N/A	Y	Y	9
Ros Kinder	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AP	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	10
Kirsten Liebchen-Meades	AP	Y	AP	AP	Y	Y	Y	AP	N	N/A	AP	Y	5
Heather Mildwaters	AP	AP	AP	Y	AP	AP	Y	AP	N	N/A	AP	Y	3
Loris Neff	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AP	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	9
Lyn Papa	AP	AP	AP	Y	AP	Y	AP	Y	N	N/A	AP	Y	4
Total	9	9	8	12	9	10	8	7	11		8	12	
% Attendance	56%	56%	50%	75%	56%	62.5%	50%	43.7%	68.75%		50%	75%	

Guests:

April 2014 - Loris Neff, Sue Purdon-Sully, Liz Buckman, Deborah Sempf
May 2014 - Area 3 Director, Amena Reza
June 2014 - Kristy Fitzgerald, Senior Social Worker, Sexual Assault Response Team, Logan Hospital
September 2014 - Michelle Dang, Support Group, Education and Community Worker, Brisbane Rape & Incest Survivors Support Centre
November 2014 - Area 3 Director, Anne Kuhnemann, Councillor Shayne Sutton
December 2014 - Sandra & Michael Langford, Karen & Vern Porter, Paul Casey, Tim Callander, Greg Campbell, Gary Neff, Kaye Francis, Maureen O'Connor, Michele Sanderson, Janice Brewer, Mavis Sullivan, Judy Stoner, Margaret Carroll, Shirley Fletcher
March 2015 - Jessica Walker, Renee Cunningham, Nadia Querengasser, Lily Crick, Ashvini Rajendran, Kelly Paterson, Julie McFadden, Mrs Rajendran

Attendance 2014-2015 Board Meetings

NAME	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	
Mel Ablitt	Y	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
Lynn Callander	N/A	AP	AP	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	AP	6
Bronwyn Campbell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N/A	AP	Y	Y	9
Beulah Castan	Y	AP	Y	AP	AP	N/A	Y	AP	N/A	AP	AP	AP	3
Jo Diessel	Y	AP	Y	AP	Y	N/A	AP	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	7
Irene Kinder	AP	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	9
Ros Kinder	Y	Y	Y	Y	AP	N/A	Y	Y	N/A	Y	Y	Y	9
Kirsten Liebchen-Meades	N/A	Y	Y	AP	AP	N/A	Y	AP	N/A	AP	Y	Y	6
Total	5	5	6	4	4	N/A	6	5		4	6	5	
% Attendance	83.3%	62.5%	86%	57%	57%		86%	71.4%		57%	86%	71.4%	
Guests		Combined											

2013-2014 Board until 31 May 2014 - Ros Kinder, Jo Diessel, Bronwyn Campbell, Irene Kinder, Mel Ablitt, Beulah Castan

2014- 2015 Board - Effective 1 June 2014 - Ros Kinder, Jo Diessel, Lynn Callander, Bronwyn Campbell, Irene Kinder, Beulah Castan, Kirsten Liebchen-Meades

ARCHIVES

Chairman: Beverley Farley

Following on from last year we have maintained our Archives by ensuring records (including photos) are kept of all functions as well of course of our Dinner and Board meetings. We continue to maintain a hard copy of our records plus soft copy in DropBox and on external hard disc. We also keep current records archived in the secure section of our Club Webpage. This storage should ensure our records are not lost through computer malfunction or other events outside of our control.

Reviewing and sorting our records plus scanning them for storage is a very time consuming exercise but it is hoped that eventually all Club records held will be safely stored.

Because of lack of storage and various incidents over the year some of our past records are lost or not currently in our files. As requested in previous Annual Reports, it would be appreciated if all members could search their documents and provide whatever they may have kept of our earlier records or provide photocopies.

FELLOWSHIP

Chairman: Heather Mildwaters

Once again this year, we continued to recognise Club members' birthdays with the presentation of a small bottle of bubbles in the month of their birthday.

In June a number of members and friends enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship listening to Jazz in the Vineyard at Normandy Wines at Harrisville. A very pleasant afternoon enjoying the music and naturally, the wines.

Although we did have some business to transact, following the success of our attempts to play croquet in 2013 we returned to the Wynnum Croquet Club for our December meeting. We again had this event catered and enjoyed fine buffet food from The Gourmet Workshop in Bulimba.

In January we held our traditional Fellowship Dinner at Easts Rugby League Club in lieu of a Club meeting.

At the Strategic Planning meeting in February 2015 members requested more fellowship and time for fellowship at meetings. Endeavours will be made to address this in the coming year.

FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

Chairman: Irene Kinder

The Club had a mix of fundraisers this past year and we thank Club members, and their family and friends who supported these.

a) Sale of Entertainment Books

As in previous years Jill has kindly organised the collection and sale of Entertainment Books. Whilst not generating huge profits this is easy money for the Club and the purchasers of the books certainly recoup their outlay very quickly by using the vouchers in the book.

b) Fashion Showing at Blue Illusion, Oxford Street

We had one Fashion Showing at Blue Illusion in Bulimba. This was very successful as a percentage of sales between the designated hours was donated to the Club. The Club contribution was to provide models to be dressed in Blue Illusion fashion and wander around the shop – thank you Irene for doing this - and to encourage friends and colleagues to come and buy. Blue Illusion provided a glass of bubbly and nibbles and we had a great Club display to promote the Club.

c) High Tea & Niceties – Yeronga State High School Hall

October was the month for a major fundraiser our “High Tea & Niceties”. We had to change the date for this function because of the absence of many of our members on the day initially proposed so it was held during the school holidays and on the October long weekend. Regardless we had a good attendance and were pleased with the outcome. Organisation was easier this year as the hall could be set up on the Friday afternoon and HonZons Pete, Cindy and Michele did all the “plating” of the food. Same as last year the wonderful food served was prepared and donated by members and friends and many compliments were received on the volume and quality of the food provided. Guests were entertained by the Laura Pirlo who provided wonderful background piano music throughout the afternoon. The audio system was managed by two of the students from Yeronga State High School. A successful fundraiser for the Club and thanks to all who were involved.

d) Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

Each month we dutifully turned up at Bunnings Rocklea for our Sausage Sizzle. This has been a very successful fundraiser for the Club this past twelve months but without the help of HonZons Michael Langford, Peter Guilleser, Justine Rosolen, Michele Sanderson and Vern Porter it is doubtful that we could continue with them. On the weekends we have been helped by HonZons Paul

Casey, Greg Campbell, John Papa and Duncan Kinder. We are also very fortunate that Jo lives not too distant from Rocklea Bunnings and generously gives of her time not only in the purchasing of stock but also storing surplus stock at her home.

The number of days sought for the coming year have been reduced so accordingly our dollars raised through these events will also be reduced which will substantially impact on our fundraising for the coming year unless alternative fundraisers are agreed and are successful.

e) Club products

The Club had hoped to raise funds through the sale of Miniature Manicure Sets and Torch Keyrings both engraved with the Zonta International logo but sadly these have not been best sellers even amongst our own members. We have them in stock and hopefully will sell a few more in coming months. We have been using the manicure sets as small gifts for our Guest Speakers.

Irene made and donated beautiful hand made greeting cards. These certainly have been snapped up by Club members and Zontians from other Clubs.

f) Zonta Fashion Showcase

This year the Club took the decision to be one of the Clubs organising this event as part of the Anglicare Home Away from Homelessness Project. Irene Kinder and Bronwyn Campbell were our representatives on the organising Committee and must be congratulated for a tremendous event at City Hall. The event raised \$81,828.24 with one-third of this being returned to the participating Clubs on a prorata basis calculated on the basis of the number of Club tables sold for the function. The outcome for our Club was an amount of \$6,851.72 paid to the Club which included a refund of the "seeding" money for the project. Of this \$3,378.51 was paid to Anglicare and \$2,573.21 to the Zonta International Foundation. This was a great outcome so thank you to both Irene and Bronwyn for their involvement on the organising committee and also to those members who assisted on the day – Beverley Farley, Jill Hedley and HonZon Justine Rosolen on the Registration Desk, Mel Ablitt and Bronwyn Campbell as Ambassadors and of course Kerstin Liebchen-Meades who encouraged a table of her friends to attend.

Summary

This has been a very successful year for fundraising and gives us a tidy sum to fund our 2015-2016 Service Projects.

Many thanks to all members for their contribution. Whilst fundraising can be hard work it is also a core of Zonta activity as without funds we cannot undertake service projects. It is also a great fellowship activity as we get to know our fellow members just that bit better by working with them on the various activities.

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman: Jo Diessel

During 2014-2015 our membership grew by one with the induction of Loris Neff into our Club. Loris is a former Zontian who, having returned from Canada, sought a Club close to her home to join. We were very pleased to have Loris join us and she has been an active member since her induction.

Club members were saddened by the resignation of MaryAnn Hill from the end of this Zonta year. MaryAnn first joined our Club in the 1990's and transferred her membership to a number of different Zonta Clubs around the globe as her work took her to different countries. She rejoined when she returned to Brisbane in 2012 and remained a member even though she shortly after joining relocated to Port Moresby. With no sign of an imminent return to Brisbane she has decided to tender her resignation which was accepted with much regret and the acknowledgement that should she return we would gladly welcome her back to our Club. We thank her for her contribution to Zonta over her many years of membership.

Membership remains an on-going concern for the Club and this is one area of our Strategic Plan that we consistently fail to meet.

It is noted that changes to the ZI Bylaws regarding membership may make recruitment easier however this still will require a determined effort from each individual member.

Sadly our Club promotions in the Bulimba Library and at the Morningside Festival are yet to generate new members but are worthwhile as they do raise our profile in the local community.

We are now also listed in the Community Directory maintained by the Councillor for Bulimba, Shayne Sutton. Shayne also includes details of our Club in her monthly Newsletters.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman: Beverley Farley OAM

The Nominating Committee is charged with the role of presenting to the Club a Slate of Candidates for the coming Zonta year (2015-2016).

In preparing this Slate, the Committee took into consideration previous positions held by Club Members and opportunities for future development. We also had in mind the outcomes of our Planning Meeting in February and the Draft Club Strategic Plan and the future directions of the Club.

Contact was made with individual Club members to determine their willingness to accept a position for 2015-2016 and we have pleasure in presenting to you the following Slate:

President:	Jo Diessel
Vice President:	Irene Kinder
Secretary (Correspondence & Minute):	Ros Kinder
Treasurer:	Loris Neff
Director:	Lynn Callander (2 nd Year) Kirsten Liebchen-Meades (2 nd Year) Margaret Casey (1 st year) Lyn Papa (1 st year)

Further nominations will be called for at the April Meeting and any Club member can nominate.

The installation of the 2015-2016 Board will take place at our AGM with the Board taking office from the commencement of the Zonta year on 1 June 2015.

Beverley Farley
Margaret Casey
Jill Hedley

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

The Club has endeavoured to obtain publicity for its various activities during the year but with limited success.

We had a very impressive display in the Bulimba Library during the month of November and have the display case booked again for our display in the months of November and December 2015.

The Club also held a stall at the Morningside Festival in July as a further promotion of the Club and Zonta. Cost of the stall was minimal and was more than covered by the sale of raffle tickets.

Using the dollars left over from our Morningside Stall raffle the Club had Business Cards professionally printed for use by members. The cards have printed information on the Zonta Mission, where and when our Club meets plus room for each member to write their contact details. It is hoped that members will distribute these cards and that they generate interest in membership of our Club.

Our Club Newsletter, "*East-Enders*", has been produced monthly with a Member Profile featured some months. It is emailed to the District 22 Governor and Lieutenant Governor and our Area Director as well as all Clubs in Areas 1 and 3. A distribution list has also been established for supporters of the Club, former members and our scholarship winners. It is also posted on our Club webpage (<http://brisbaneeast.zontadistrict.org>)

As required by the *Libraries Act 1988 (Qld)* a copy of *East-Enders* is submitted monthly to the State Library of Queensland for storage in their collection.

Our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Zonta-Club-of-Brisbane-East-Inc/370643663012690>

and Club website page <http://brisbaneeast.zontadistrict22.org> have been updated regularly throughout the year.

Our Club is listed with Charity Do's and this site is used to promote our fundraising functions.

The Club is also registered with the "*Do Something Near You*" website – again information is posted to encourage membership.

SERVICE

Chairman: Lynn Callander/Kerstin Liebchen-Meades

Although only a small Club the members have excelled with their service projects and successes this past year.

A Club planning session in February saw the Club review and finetune the Strategic Plan which set out goals for both fundraising and service. We are pleased to say the Club met these goals.

Service Projects

a) Zonta Breast Care Cushions & Drainage Bags

This is an on-going project with members and friends meeting regularly to stuff, sew and package our Zonta Breast Cushions which are then distributed to predominantly the Mater Private Hospital but also Radiation Oncology at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and St Andrews as needs arise and we respond to ad hoc requests the number of which seem to be growing.

During the year approximately 800 cushions were made and delivered.

Jo again has generously hosted our working bees and again we thank Pat for cutting out the cushions, Jo's sisters who sew and stuff many of the cushions and our friends such as HonZons Maureen, Kaye and Jan who come regularly to help us with this project. Their support is invaluable.

Jo's sisters also responded to a request from the Mater Private Hospital for the supply of drainage bags and we now make and deliver these as well – many thanks Michele.

During the year we have received many letters of thanks and donations from women who have received one of our cushions. To know they are of assistance to these women is very gratifying. We regularly receive donations specifically for our Breast Cushion project from our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. These donations help ensure continuation of this project.

During the year the Club had tags for both the Breast Cushions and Drainage Bags professionally printed using funds from our Breast Cushion account.

The Club continues to purchase the stuffing in bulk and then on-sell to other Club's on request at the same purchase price as we pay. This is seen as one way we can assist other Clubs keep their costs down and ensure supply to all hospitals doing this surgery.

Ros continues to coordinate this project on behalf of District 22 and is the Breast Cancer Network Australia contact for Zonta Breast Cushions across our District.

b) State High School Scholarships

We have continued with our two scholarships – the Beverley Farley Zonta Scholarship and the Yeronga State High School Zonta Scholarship.

The scholarships are valued at \$750 per annum for three years subject to continuing enrolment and satisfactory results.

The scholarships were announced at the school Award Nights and the successful students invited to our March Meeting to meet members and speak on the progress of their studies.

d) Support for Madonna House

The Club continued its support for the women staying at Madonna House. Our support included:

- A small gift for each mother on Mother's Day;
- Christmas hampers for each of the women staying at Madonna House (6 families);
- A Christmas gift from the Club for each woman;
- A Christmas gift for each child at the Refuge at Christmas; and
- Gifts for the children to give to their mother on Christmas Day.

Again the hampers and gifts were made possible by the generous donation of goods from members, supplemented by funds from our Fundraising Account, and through David Kinder, a very generous donation of sweets from Nestle.

d) Brisbane Domestic Violence Service

Club members have continued to donate personal items such as women and children's underwear and night attire and baby diapers to BDVS. These are given to the women who often flee a situation and arrive on the BDVS doorstep with only the clothes they are wearing.

e) Young Women in Public Affairs Award

After many of years of no activity regarding this Award the Club received two applications this year – one from a student at Balmoral State High School and one from a student at Yeronga State High School. Both were of high quality with the Club winner being Madina Inayat from Yeronga. Madina's application was submitted for consideration at the District level and although not successful was highly recommended.

f) Support of the ZigZag Housing Unit

The Club received two unopened dinner sets and glassware as a donation and gave these to this organisation.

- g) Support of the Brisbane Rape and Incest Survivors Support Centre

The Club purchased a front opening freezer unit for this group

- h) Sexual Assault Response Team at Logan Hospital

The Club approved the purchase of clothing to be given to clients who present at this unit and whose own clothing is taken because it is required for forensic testing.

- i) Sponsorship of a workshop conducted by The Goodness Inc.

The Club funded a workshop for women from indigenous, migrant or refugee backgrounds to provide them with the skills and training to successfully prepare and present social enterprise proposals. Through circumstances outside the control of the Club the second planned workshop did not occur.

- f) International Service Projects through Zonta International Foundation

The Club is committed to supporting the ZIF programs and at the end of the year when our Financial Accounts are audited will be forwarding one-third of the funds raised during the 2014-2015 year to ZIF. This is in addition to the \$2,573.21 raised through the Club involvement with the Zonta Fashion Showcase.

Future Activities

A similar process to that followed this year determined the service projects to be supported in 2015-2016. Club members were asked to submit proposals for discussion and decision at the March 2015 meeting. The projects agreed to for the coming year are:

Continuing projects:

- Beverley Farley Zonta Scholarship, Balmoral State High School;
- Zonta Club of Brisbane East Scholarship, Yeronga State High School;
- Making and distribution of Zonta Breast Care Cushions;
- Making and distribution of Drainage Bags for the Mater Private Hospital;
- Provision of up to 3 starter kits for women exiting Madonna House;
- Sexual Assault Response Team at Logan Hospital (residual of funding approved for 2014-2015); and
- Zig Zag (residual from funding approved for 2014-2015).

New projects:

- Reprint of Safety Cards and Posters for Brisbane Domestic Violence Service
- Sponsoring the introduction of the LoveBites program (a program designed for students covering respect, prevention of domestic and family violence and sexual assault) in two High Schools

It is now up to the Club to determine fundraising activities to ensure we raise sufficient funds to continue our service projects and to fund any new service projects determined for 2016-2017.

We thank all Club members who assisted this year with our fundraising and service activities. Our service projects make a big difference in the lives of the women touched by them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer: Irene Kinder

It is my pleasure to proudly present the 2014-2015 Treasurer's Report. As can be seen from our Audit Report the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc is in a very sound financial position with funds more than sufficient to meet our commitments. Our General Account and our Fundraising Account both provided a surplus with the Club's net assets increasing during the year.

We have continued with our Investment Account and whilst interest rates are not as high as in years past our interest received was still significant.

The Club held a number of successful fundraising activities during the past twelve months and I thank our members for their contribution and support of these functions. Sadly we had to cancel one of our Blue Illusion Fashion Showings and also our planned Crazy Whist afternoon.

A summary of the net proceeds from each function is:

Blue Illusion	\$1,009.09
Entertainment Books	\$ 104.00
High Tea & Niceties	\$3,102.91
Bunnings Sausage Sizzles	\$8,797.30
Sale of hand made cards	<u>\$ 153.00</u>
Total	\$13,166.30

One-third of this total will be forwarded to the Zonta International Foundation as the Club contribution to the ZIF projects.

It is disappointing that our promotional goods the Manicure Sets and Torch Key Rings have not been best sellers but we have them in stock and hope to sell some at future activities. We are currently showing a deficit of \$678.16 on these items however some stock has been used as Guest Speaker gifts at our Dinner meetings and the Club donated some as Speaker gifts for the 2015 Area Meeting.

Our Zonta Breast Care Cushion project remains strong with donations from recipients of our cushions and also donations from the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. The cost of the stuffing has risen this year. We continue to purchase the stuffing in bulk and on-sell to other Zonta Clubs at cost. The balance in this fund as at 31 March 2015 is \$4,621.36. These dollars are quarantined specifically for our Zonta Breast Care Cushions.

The Club has an approved process for determining service projects based on funds raised in the previous twelve months. This process allows for thoughtful project selection and project based fundraising. The process also ensures that sufficient reserves are quarantined to meet Club commitments eg to our scholarship winners at Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools.



AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	<u>47,379.51</u>	<u>40,513.16</u>
		47,379.51	40,513.16
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	3	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>47,379.51</u>	<u>40,513.16</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS		<u>47,379.51</u>	<u>40,513.16</u>
ASSOCIATION FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds	4	<u>47,379.51</u>	<u>40,513.16</u>

**ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
AS AT 31 MARCH 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
INCOME		
25 th Birthday Celebration	0.00	1,880.00
Area Meeting	5,845.00	0.00
Dinner Meeting – Monthly	1,545.00	1,270.00
Fundraising Surplus	6,688.49	5,178.01
Interest received	7.42	7.79
Membership Fees	3,165.00	3,015.00
Zonta Fashion Showcase	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>20,750.91</u>	<u>11,350.80</u>
EXPENSES		
25 th Birthday Celebration	0.00	1,945.30
Area Meeting	5,845.00	0.00
Dinner Meetings	1,453.00	950.00
District Dues	560.00	525.00
Fellowship	154.99	0.00
International Fees & Dues	1,454.17	1,390.57
Licences, Registration & Fees	46.60	97.20
Membership Costs	188.80	0.00
Miscellaneous	409.00	278.55
Post Office Box	258.00	214.00
Purchase of Assets	0.00	257.99
Zonta Fashion Showcase	<u>3,515.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>13,884.56</u>	<u>5,985.61</u>
<u>SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)</u>	<u>6,866.35</u>	<u>5,365.19</u>

**ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT
AS AT 31 MARCH 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
INCOME		
25 th Birthday	0.00	360.00
Antique Fair 2013	0.00	360.00
Blue Illusion	1,009.09	3,271.97
Breast Cushion Donations	1,237.12	2,513.70
Donation	736.00	0.00
Entertainment Books	585.00	780.00
Garage Sale	0.00	647.40
Hand made cards	153.00	135.00
High Tea	4,111.00	4,501.00
Interest received	870.00	975.83
Key rings	42.00	84.00
Manicure Sets	120.00	288.00
Sale of Breast Cushion Stuffing	1,502.05	1,580.00
Sausage Sizzles	12,347.10	5,539.20
Zonta Says No function	0.00	1,390.55
Zonta Fashion Showcase	<u>6,851.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>29,564.08</u>	<u>22,426.65</u>
 EXPENSES		
Anglicare (Zonta Fashion Showcase)	3,778.51	0.00
Antique Fair 2013	0.00	1,095.95
Breast Cushion Materials	1,267.49	596.38
Breast Cushion Stuffing	2,039.40	1,968.20
Club Service Projects (Refer Note 5)	1,810.40	0.00
Dress for Success	0.00	1,022.12
Entertainment Books	481.00	624.00
Fashion Showcase	0.00	500.00
Garage Sale	0.00	65.99
High Tea	1,008.09	1,444.84
Madonna House	466.25	400.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	65.18	0.00
Promotional Expenses	129.47	1,288.16
Safety Cards/Posters	0.00	1,650.00
Sausage Sizzles	3,549.80	2,535.58
Scholarships	3,750.00	3,000.00
YWPA	750.00	0.00
Zonta International Foundation	3,780.00	500.00
Zonta Says No Cocktail Function	<u>0.00</u>	<u>557.42</u>
	<u>22,875.59</u>	<u>17,248.64</u>
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	<u>6,688.49</u>	<u>5,178.01</u>

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC
NOTE TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are general purpose financial reports that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld). The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated current calculations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the full value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

Income Tax

No income tax is payable as the Association is an exempt organization under Section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are brought to account at cost. Plant is depreciated on a straight line basis over 10 years.

Accumulated Funds

In the event of the winding up accumulated funds will not be distributed to members. The funds are to be distributed to another body incorporated with a similar constitution and objectives as that of the current Association. Otherwise the funds are to be returned to the relevant body which originally granted the funds to the Association.

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
2. CASH		
Cash at Bank – General Account	5,740.94	5,563.00
Cash at Bank – Internet Banking Account	22,972.15	22,123.56
Cash at Bank – Fundraising Account	<u>18,666.42</u>	<u>12,826.52</u>
-	<u>47,379.51</u>	<u>40,513.16</u>
3. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Furniture & Fittings – at cost	0.00	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
4. ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance 1 April	40,513.16	35,147.97
Surplus/ (Deficit)	<u>6,866.35</u>	<u>5,365.19</u>
	<u>47,379.51</u>	<u>40,513.16</u>
5. DISTRIBUTIONS		
The following distributions were approved and made out of the Fundraising Account to organisations:		
Balmoral State High School Scholarships		
Renee Cunningham	750.00	
Nadia Querengasser	750.00	
Lily Crick	750.00	
Yeronga State High School Scholarship		
Lidia Mebrahtu	750.00	
Ashvini Rajendran	750.00	
YWPA		
Madina Inayat	500.00	
Chloe Wunsch-Carpenter	250.00	
Club Service Projects		
Rape & Incest Survivors Support	472.00	
Logan Sexual Assault Team	588.40	
The Goodness Inc	750.00	
Zonta International Foundation	3,780.00	
Madonna House	406.25	

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC.

STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE

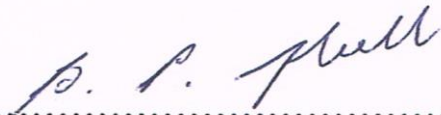
We the committee of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. state that in the opinion of the committee the accompanying financial statements:

1. Present fairly the financial position of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc as at 31 March 2015
2. Have been prepared and presented in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld).



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Ros Kinder, President

30 April 2015



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Bronwyn Campbell, Secretary

30 April 2015



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Irene Kinder, Treasurer

30 April 2015

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC AUDIT REPORT

Scope

I have audited the special purpose financial report of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. for the year ended 31 March 2015 as set out on pages 3 to 8. The committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express and opinion on them to the members of the association for the year ended 31 March 2015.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly and in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the association's financial position, and the results of its operation.

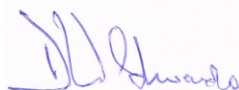
The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualifications

Various fundraising activities, particularly membership fees and dinner meetings contribute a significant amount of the revenue for the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. The Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. has determined that it is impracticable to establish control of the collection of donations of cash prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to me regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash donations have to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. In addition, donations of goods and services have not been accounted for in the financial statements. I am therefore unable to express and opinion whether donations received by the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are complete.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitations on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) as at 31 March 2015 the financial position of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. and the results of its operations.



Denys Edwards
Bachelor of Business (Accounting); FCPA
30 April, 2015