

**The Zonta Club of Mackay—  
a member of Zonta International**

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# The Zonta Club of Mackay Newsletter

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## President's Report

Hello everyone

Isn't it wonderful to have a regular newsletter again!

There are three things that I would like to reflect on. Firstly, it was great that we had 2 JM Klausman award nominations this year, after several years of trying to gain interest but without success. We hope that this is the beginning of a future trend. Samantha Willes is our very worthy 2014 winner and we have forwarded her name to the District for consideration.

Vassie and I are still relling in the feeling that comes from attending Convention! Attending Area Meetings, District Conferences and International Conventions is a wonderful experience and should be on all members 'to do' lists where possible. They provide motivation, insight and confirmation that Zonta is truly a wonderful organisation and the things that we do at a local level not only touch our community but women and girls world wide. As well, the friendships and fellowship cannot be underestimated. This [highlights of the convention](#) were many, but for me it was the guest speaker [Dr Marilyn Waring](#) from NZ. Apart from presentations and hearing from international award winners, our [Biennium Goals](#) have been set with the themes of Service, Advocacy and Resources. [International Projects](#) that were endorsed are in the table below.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>US Dollars</b>
International Service	UNFPA	Eliminating Obstetric Fistula	600,000
	UNICEF	HIV-Free Generation in	800,000
	UNTF	Gender Responsive Schools in	644,000
ZISVAW	UNFPA	Delaying Early Marriage in	1,000,000
	UN Women	Voices against Violence in 12 countries	986,000
Amelia Earhart Fellowship			700,000
Jane.M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship			232,000
Young Women in Public Affairs Award			144,000
Rose Fund			200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>5,302,000</b>



President Bridget Mather with Membership Chair, and incoming District 22 Z Club Coordinator Vassie Comino at the International Convention



**Bridget Mather  
(President)**

## Snapshots from 2014 Zonta International Convention—Orlando



District 22 Zonta representatives including incoming District Governor Judith Trevan—Hawke and outgoing District Governor Judith Anderson at the ZI Convention



Club President Bridget and membership Chair Vassie enjoyed catching up with other Zontians at the Conference events

### ... and snippets from Vassie incoming District 22 Z Club Coordinator

The things that stood out for me at Convention were the things that were different from previous years – and I don't just mean getting up in the dark at 5am to do the 5km walk.

The Zonta Tradeshow was an exhibition of club service projects, which included the finalists in the Service Awards. It was great to see District 23 as winners for their Birthing Kit Project, and also District 4 receive third place also for birthing kits. Hopefully this will encourage more Districts to support this project.

What left the greatest impression, was the number of clubs who did their local projects, but now under the common "Zonta says NO" banner. Even though all Zonta Clubs have had the same objectives, this is the first time that individual clubs have had an shared international branding for their ZISVAW projects. The types of projects varied, however it was fantastic to see all of that familiar orange on the display stands, unifying us and highlighting the cause.

The inaugural Golden Z Club Convention also took place in Orlando. I was

able to meet the lovely young delegates attending. Unfortunately, because it occurred simultaneously with our Convention, I was only able to attend part of one session. Our new Honorary International Zontian, Marilyn Waring, had the girls in an informal round-table setting, telling them the story of her life, starting from her days at school. It was fascinating, and regrettably I had to leave as she reached the stages of her pre-selection for the parliamentary elections.

I am sure the Golden Z girls experienced speakers that they will never forget..... just as I did. Looking forward to Nice 2016.

Vassie Comino



Incoming International President Marie Jose Landeria Oostergaard (Left )being congratulated by outgoing International President Lynn Mackenzie (Right)



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 22

**Violence against women and girls happens everywhere.**

Join District 22 Zonta clubs in advocating to prevent and end violence against women in our local community and internationally.

## A New Task Force Established to address Domestic Violence

A new taskforce, chaired by former Governor-General Dame Quentin Bryce, will target the rise of domestic violence incidents throughout the state.

The group will consult communities, families, and Government and non-Government organisations, and review the current services and facilities available to victims, to help develop a domestic and family violence strategy for Queensland.

The latest figures suggest there are about 175 reports of domestic vio-

lence incidents a day.

Last year, 18 of the 49 homicides committed in Queensland were domestic violence related.

Ms Bryce says the figures are appalling, and feels a personal and moral obligation to address it.

“It’s pervasive, it’s insidious and it’s got to be stopped – violence against women is one of the gravest human rights challenges of our time.”

Ms Bryce will be joined by Greenslopes MP Ian Kaye, Sandgate

MP Kerry Millard and independent Gladstone MP Liz Cunningham on the panel, as well as a number of non-Government representatives.

They will have until the end of February to report their findings to Premier Campbell.

Meanwhile, a private member’s bill will be considered by Parliament in October, which could lead to harsher penalties for domestic abuse.

## Holy Spirit College ‘Z’ Club—Outstanding Fundraising Efforts

The HSC Z Club Mackay Queensland recently handed a cheque for \$2000 to Dr John Lyons the principal at their recent weekly school assembly.

An amazing effort for a club with less than 20 members! These funds were the culmination of the hard work by the club to support their

colleagues in Western Queensland who are currently drought declared.

Shaking hands with John in the photo is Sherilyn Haber, president of the Z Club and beside her is Treasurer Anjana Baby



### Date Claimers

**Birthing Kit Assembly Day**—24 Aug at Holy Spirit College

**Sausage Sizzle**—30 Aug at Masters

**Townsville Club 30th Anniversary**—30 Aug

**Area 5 Office Bearers Training**—31 Aug—10.00am—1.00pm venue to be confirmed Townsville

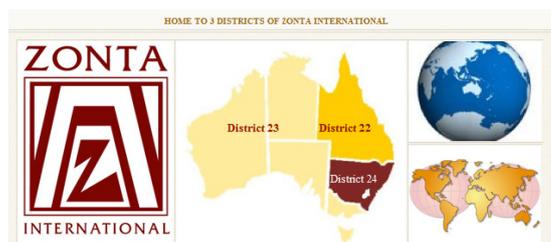
**Child Protect White Balloon Breakfast** - 12 Sept

Grand Mercure @ 7.00am

**Reclaim the Night**—31st Oct

**Zonta Says No Dinner**—8 Nov Grand Mercure Suites

## Zonta in Australia—Home to 3 Districts



## Profile Zonta Member Anita Theodorau



### Five minutes with Anita...

**When did you join Zonta?**

I joined the Mackay Club in Zonta on 17th September 2013 after transferring from the Gladstone Club

**How did you hear about Zonta?**

Gladstone Regional Mayor Gail Sellers invited me to attend a Zonta meeting in Gladstone in late 2012

**What was your reasons for joining Zonta?**

Three reasons: to meet new people, break outside my comfort zone, and to help those who don't have access to the same opportunities I do .

**What skills do you bring to Zonta?**

Media training, planning, public speaking

**Tell us about your career background**

I started as a journalist with Mackay Channel Seven in 2010 then relocated with Channel Seven to Gladstone for approximately 18 months. Currently I work as the News Producer for Seven Local News Mackay. In my role, I manage a team of eight. Together we produce the nightly news for broadcast Monday to Friday. I have wonderful opportunities to meet new people and cover a range of community events. Each day is different and full of new learning.

**Tell use about your family**

My parents and little brother live in Brisbane.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of work and Zonta?**

I've become somewhat of a Crossfit addict, waking up at 4.30 each morning to willingly put myself through pain. I enjoy reading, but wish I had more time for it. I'm also hooked on The Game of Thrones.

**What future goals would you like to share?**

I have a long list of places I'd love to travel to. I'm also currently working on conquering a few of my fears and challenging my comfort zones.

### Happy birthdays !

Lynne 1 August

Lynette 5 August

Julie 9 August

Gail 9 August

Debra 24 August



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