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OFFICE BEARERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President:

Mary Henzell

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Dorothy Barnes

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Marilyn Holness

Treasurer:

Vicki Christie

Correspondence Secretary:

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Finance & Fundraising:

Marie Pigott

Service:

Lyn Coullati

Advocacy:

Jillian Scott

Organisation, Membership & Classification:

Chris Urquhart

Public Relations, Communications & United Nations:

Catherine Govey

Historian Archivist:

Simone Ricketts

Next Dinner Meeting

The May meeting will be held Tuesday, 5th May from 6:30pm at Urban Espresso & Wine Cafe, 14/5 Innovation Parkway, Britinya.

Please advise Kate Wearmouth by 1st May as to whether you will be bringing any guests or need to make an apology. If you accept the invitation for dinner and cannot make it you are still liable for the \$35.00 cost.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well what a wonderful start to the New Year, with 6 new members being inducted at the April meeting by Area Director Christine Stewart. Once again, the Art Gallery, Marie Pigott and her fellow committee members did us all proud with the wonderful venue and food.

It was decided at the Board Meeting last Tuesday night that a club planning day would be held on Sunday 28th June at Vicki Christie's home from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. I would like as many members as possible to attend this day, so we can all have a say in what direction we want our club to head in the next 12 months.

Cathy Govey has been asked if club members would like to man a station at the Sunshine Coast Marathon later in the year. The Board felt that this is a visible way for the club to raise its public profile, so we will be looking for a number of volunteers for this morning. More details will follow at the dinner meeting.

Unfortunately, both Chris Urquhart and Kate Wearmouth have not renewed their membership for the next twelve months due to work situations. Both have promised to stay in touch with us and attend any event they are able to. They will both be missed very much and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and contributions to the clubs success.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 5th May, at Urban Espresso commencing at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. The AGM will be held prior to the business meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Mary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STATUS OF WOMEN - SERVICE

Significant responses to Boxes of Love project from the broader community following good publicity from the press and radio. Boxes have been collected at Simone's surgery, Henzells Agency and members' homes. Also additional products, books, clothes have arrived. Arrangements proceeding to distribute to Charleville district, Roma and Charters Towers. Members required to bring their boxes to the next meeting.

Follow up to hospitals re Breast Cushions and drainage bags.

Joan has been to Grill'd and we are the charity of the month at Kawana Shopping Centre "Grill'd" for the month of May 2015. Everyone needs to come and support us!

STATUS OF WOMEN - ADVOCACY

Marilyn has been approached by two parties to hold events to support the “Rise Project”. Meetings to be held to investigate further prior to approaching Board with proposals. Rise Project awaiting land registration before proceeding further.

FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

International Women's Day Luncheon

The luncheon was held at The Event's Centre, Caloundra was a fantastic success, over 200 people attending, with Caroline Hutchinson as the MC and Jenna Cairney as the Guest Speaker. We had school students from Matthew Flinders, Sunshine Coast Grammar, Caloundra High School, Maroochydore High School, Meriden and Sunshine Coast University. Sue and Mal Brough attended and Mal helped out with auction of the beautiful necklace.

All the prizes raffled were gifted by Zonta Club Members, including Jo and Shiree who donated a beautiful black Tahitian pearl and diamond necklace, with all proceeds going to the "Rise Project" to build a Safe House in Caloundra for women. The "Amelia Earhart Bursary" was presented to Keely Dawson.

The pots of colour on each table raised money with a gold coin donation for each plant sold. Load of thanks The Events Centre and staff for providing us with a spectacular place, beautiful food and great service. Thank you also to our sponsors, including Vicki from Telstra who was a Gold Sponsor.

We had huge amount of press on radio and in the newspapers. Thank you to all of those who came along and supported Zonta at the International Women's Day Luncheon.

Discussion about Cynthia Morgan's quilt and agreed to auction at opening night of Local Artists – Local Content Art Exhibition at the Events Centre, with 300 attendees. The opening night being the 12th August 2015. Vicki and Mary are the major sponsors.

Committee also suggested "High Tea" at the Crowne Plaza, Pelican Waters as a social gathering, cost would be around \$29 per head, further investigation to be done.

Vicki Christie suggested an "Afternoon Tea" at "Why Not" Ladies Boutique with a portion of the sales going to Zonta, this would be a social event.

Both the "High Tea" and "Afternoon Tea" events to be discussed at the next Dinner Meeting with the members to vote.

Marie Pigott
Chair - Finance & Fund Raising

PUBLIC RELATIONS. COMMUNICATION & UNITED NATIONS

Facebook

The Facebook page needs more “likes” on the page, so please check it out and “like” the page, here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/zontacaloundra> all members please send me photos of recent events so that we can keep the Facebook page up to date.

Publicity

The International Women’s Day Luncheon received a lot of publicity from local papers and the word “Zonta” was the word of the day for the local newspaper, “Sunshine Coast Daily” on the 8th March 2015.



ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION

Meeting with Chris Urquart, Christine Alder and Bev Bellet.

- Board approved to accept new members as follows:

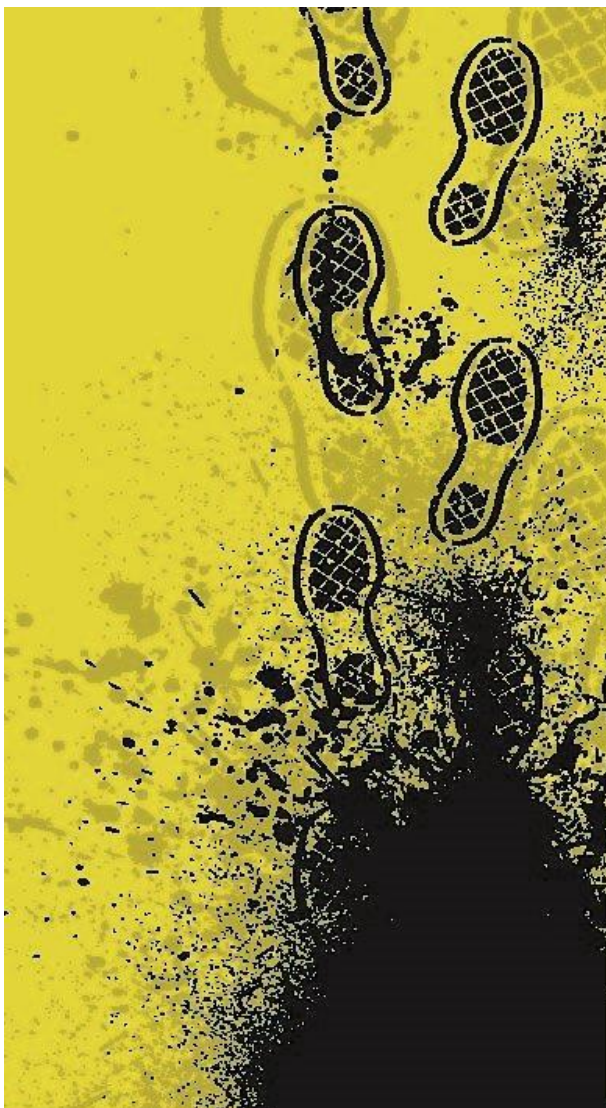
Alexis Agnew, Sharon Roffey, Val Roberts, Jo Saxelby-Balisky, Shiree Pickering and Marie Muller.

- Buddy system to be implemented for all new members.
- New members to be inducted at the Zonta Club of Caloundra May Dinner Meeting at the Art Gallery, Caloundra.
- Desley Melrose and ex-member wishes to re-join the club.
- Bev will get six printed copies of the Club Manual to be given to the inducted members on the night.
- The Sergeant of Arms - the money raised could go towards the purchase of drinks at our dinner meetings for prospective members/guests who are in attendance as a sign of welcome/gratitude.
- I will endeavour to observe members during meetings and functions and jot down reasons for fines to ensure that we don't keep repeating ourselves and over-fining (picking on) the one member all the time. I will try to share it around.
- We will identify the months' Birthday girls at each meeting and acknowledge them by way of a toast.
- Follow up additional people, manuals, badges and roses to be arranged for new members.

FOR CALOUNDRRA MEMBERS

PLEASE SUPPORT OXFAM and the "Caloundra Chicks" on their long walk of 55 kms.

The "Caloundra Chicks" are also selling wine, Clare Valley Riesling and a Mc Quigan Black Label Red. If you would like to purchase wine in aid of supporting the "Caloundra Chicks" then please call Kate Morris on 0431 133-400.



One person in three in the world lives in poverty. Oxfam is determined to change that world by mobilising the power of people against poverty.

Around the globe, Oxfam works to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive. Oxfam save lives and help rebuild livelihoods when crisis strikes and they campaign so that the voices of the poor influence the local and global decisions that affect them.

Oxfam Trailwalker is one of the most inspiring team challenges in the world and four "Caloundra Chicks" are participating in this life-changing experience to raise vital funds for those living in poverty. They will walk 55km through the D'Aguiar National Park and at the end of it they hope to drink some of this wine! Thank you for your support.

**The "Caloundra Chicks"
Coral Brown, Melinda Short,
Mandy Henry & Kate Morris**

CLUB CALENDAR 2014

Timeline	Date	Event/Action Required	Who to action
March	7	International Women's Day Luncheon, Event Centre.	All clubs
May	5	Induction of five new members into the Zonta Club of Caloundra Inc.	All members
June	2	Induction of Desley Melrose back into the Zonta Club of Caloundra Inc.	All members.
July	7	Dinner Meeting at Kawana	All members
August	30	Volunteering at Sunshine Coast Marathon on a couple of water stations.	All members
October	24	United Nations Day	All members
November	8	Zonta International birthday celebrations and Zonta Says No Campaign with United Nations.	All clubs
November		Zonta volunteering at the "Tri Series"	All members
December	10	Human Rights Day	All members

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 31 DEMONSTRATES ZONTA POWER ON ROSE DAY

Created by Zonta International on Mar 12, 2015

District 31 members participate in an advocacy walk to reinforce their commitment to ending violence against women.



District 31 member's demonstrated Zonta power in a Rose Day walk in Kaohsiung, Taiwan called "Walk Forward-Spread Love and Care", enforcing their commitment to the Zonta Says NO to Violence against Women campaign. Members urged the public to join the Zonta cause seeking gender equality through service and advocacy. District 31 Governor Hsin-hsin Yang also delivered the Zonta spirit of Conviction, Commitment and Courage to 320 people joining the 7 March walk and gave scholarships to 11 high school girls studying in the San Duo area in Kaohsiung.

Joining the "Walk Forward -Spread Love" event included Zontians from the district's 18 clubs, district Z club members, government officials and local residents. Yang also announced the district's plans to assist less fortunate women in San Duo, Taiwan in acquiring skills to become financially stronger and a project collaborating with local therapists to help women recover from the trauma. Almost 60 members from the four district Z clubs also participated in the Rose Day activity as volunteers.

Why is Economic Empowerment important?

Women are disproportionately affected by poverty (1) because of barriers to education and employment. Women also have less access to land and financial services. The economic empowerment of women is crucial in developing strong societies and strong economies.

Guaranteeing equal opportunities for women and men is not just the right thing to do. It's smart economics.

Consider the Facts

- Australian women working full time can expect to earn 17.4 per cent less than a male counterpart (2)
- Women do two thirds of the world's work, yet earn less than 10 per cent of the world's wages (3)
- Women tend to use their household funds to improve the welfare of their children, but often have no control over their income (4)
- The World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report 2012 found that across 135 countries, greater gender equality improves its national competitiveness (5)
- Women in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu comprise 85 per cent of vendors in fresh food markets, yet do not feel safe in the marketplace as women.(7)

UN Women's Approach

UN Women recognises that the economic empowerment of women is crucial to achieving true gender equality. The budgeting and earmarking of aid funding specifically for programs that will benefit women is a proven strategy, and one which UN Women campaigns for in countries around the world.(6)

UN Women supports women in reshaping conditions at both ends of the economic spectrum — from boosting women's participation in economic policy-making to supporting efforts to provide women with practical skills needed for securing sustainable livelihoods.