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BRISBANE NORTH INC
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February Newsletter, 2017

President's Note:

Dear Members

Welcome back! It has been a long break since our last Club meeting in November; however, some members have been busy on your behalf during this time. Our Board met in January and developing our goals and action plan for the remainder of the 2016-2018 biennium is underway. We need your input and inspiration beginning with the survey circulated. Fund raising kicked off early January with a very successful sausage sizzle and organizing the Sunday Afternoon at the Movies fund raiser is underway. A breast cushion sewing afternoon is planned, the year's guest speaker program is being considered and our Club advancement grants will be presented this month. Thank you to all involved and now we need the support of all members in progressing the good work.

Lyn Agnew our Area 1 Director is kindly attending our February meeting. It will be a busy meeting and we need to make the most of the opportunity to talk with Lyn. I have just sent around a draft notice of the Area 1 and 3 meeting in March at Maleny. There are lots of presentations and workshops relevant to our strategic planning and future of our Club. I have been fortunate to attend 2 meetings with other local Club Presidents recently and learnt lots about Zonta and opportunities through these interactions. I cannot emphasise enough how we need to be interacting more broadly externally and the Area meeting is just such an opportunity. Be sure to register.

I look forward to working with you all in 2017.

Regards

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February Dinner Meeting: Monday 13th February, 6.30pm for 7.00pm **Cost:** \$47.50

NB: Please advise Jenny Grant-Taylor by 9.00am Friday before if you are unable to attend. 335 335 91 or jgrant-t2@bigpond.com.

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Upcoming diary dates:

11/02/17 Breast cushion sewing bee

13/02/17 Dinner meeting

22/02/17 Board meeting

10/03/17 International Women's Day B'fast

04/03/17 Area 1 and 3 Combined Meeting, Maleny

09/03/17 Sausage sizzle

26/03/17 Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

10/09/17 District 22 Conference, Brisbane

From the Board



The Board will be addressing our Strategic Plan for the remainder of the 2016-2018 biennium and drafting goals and action plans for 2017-8 for discussion in March. Please remember to send back your completed member survey forms or bring them into the February meeting. The survey information is essential to inform development of our plans so we need 100% of members to respond!

February 2017 Dinner Meeting



Special guests Lyn Agnew, our Area 1 Director, and our Club Advancement Grant awardees will be our guests at dinner. Lyn will present our Club awards together with Gina Brosnan, Chair of the Awards Committee. We are pleased to present 4 awards to support women in our community from the 16 applications received.

Fund raising



Sunday afternoon at the Movies, 3pm 26th March at the Regal. This is our first fund raiser this year and a major event for our current Zonta year. All members will receive 4 tickets at the next dinner meeting that we hope you can sell - plus more if possible. Jenny is managing ticket sales and Maree is co-ordinating afternoon tea. Please volunteer to help.



Our sausage sizzlers endured grueling hot summer days in December and January at Bunnings to raise over \$2,500 – what a great effort! We are extremely grateful to our Zontians and Hon Zon helpers. Our next day at Bunning Stafford is 9th March and hopefully it will be a little cooler. Please vounteer your help at the dinner meeting.

Service



A breast cushion sewing bee will be held at 2pm the 11th of this month at Anne Vinning's. She has 100 cushions ready to be finished and packed so be sure to volunteer a helping hand and at the same time enjoy the friendly company of fellow members.



Pamper packs were made up for adult residents at Chisholm in December and were gratefully received by the Co-Ordinator and staff. Many thanks to members for donating the contents and to members and an Hon Zon who gave their time to make up the lovely packs shown in the photo.

Advocacy



International Women's Day is the 8th March. Five members are coming along to the Breakfast on Friday the 10th. They still seem to be selling tickets but not at the early bird price.

Zonta President Sonja Hönig Schough reflected recently on 2016 specifically praising the increasing activity worldwide in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. Australia was up there in making a contribution and thanks to Anne for spotting our post on the ZI Facebook page – well done everyone.

Our Christmas and end of year dinner

Our Christmas and end of year dinner was a great success and marked the end of a busy year. Special thanks to all for coming along. Special thanks go to members and Hon Zons who helped set up the party atmosphere, conducted the Trivial Pursuits, who contributed to the BYO raffle hamper, and who made the delightful Christmas pudding truffles. Here are some happy memories.

