



# Reef Talk



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JUNE 2016

The Month of May has been a very big one for Advocacy with the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence Month.

Thanks to Maxine, our Advocacy Director we played a very important part in this event with her "Paint the Town Orange" initiative. This project included all the wonderful "Orange Ladies" dotted about town, our sign "Zonta Says No to Violence" at the entrance to town and our Club involvement in the Cowboys vs. Broncos Game that ended with the Area 5 Meeting in Townsville.



CONNIE RILEY

Our club was well represented at the Area 5 Meeting by Dawn, Maxine, Kerrie and Pammie, where they helped raise the profile of our club with their attendance, and brought back a wealth of information.

Many many thanks to our members who took part in these events, the other groups such as the Airlie Beach Men's Shed who helped us get this event off the ground and all the local businesses who graciously agreed to display our "Orange Ladies". Well done Maxine and her team.

Then there was our Annual Changeover Dinner

It was sad to see the previous board go, but also exciting to install the new one. Barcelona did a great job as usual with delicious food and excellent service, along with a very informative Paella demonstration, guitar entertainment by Taz



and the exciting salsa dancing. And who can forget the creative genius of "The Bull Fight" with "Juan and Juanita". You never know what our ingenious members will come up with next. Cath did an excellent job as usual as MC Extraordinaire. Applause goes to the nominating team, Kerry, Wendy and Christine and other members who took part to make this a night to remember.

Kerrie, Myself and our partners Ken and Lester attend the Changeover Dinner in Bowen. Attending events like these gives our club a broader prospective on what other Clubs are achieving and expands our ideas for fund raising and advocacy projects along with raising our profile. I would urge any of our members to attend events at other clubs whenever the opportunities arise.

If that was not enough several of our Members enjoyed another very special book club night. Many of us enjoyed a scrumptious Biggest Morning Tea at St. Cath's organised by Sandii, that helped enable St. Cath's to raise \$720 for the Cancer Council. It gave us a good look at St. Cath's school and raised the excitement for our up and coming Z club as well as an opportunity to chat with potential new members. Toss that all together with the Blanket Sewing Group having a May get together with a record turnout, a few coffee mornings, swimming at Aqua, quite a few TAFE lunch get togethers with several of our members joining in and just socialising in general and you have a very vibrant and busy club.



ST CATHERINES BIGGEST MORNING TEA

You can see May was crammed packed with all the interesting and diverse things our Club gets up to. Stay tuned next month for even more exciting things to come.

I wanted to end my report with a Big Big Welcome to the New Board and thanks for putting up your hand to take on these roles. Our club couldn't function without you.

Also, a Very Big Thank You to our Past Board - Roz (President), Lesley (Secretary), Catherine (Treasurer), Noelene (Past President), Maxine (Advocacy), Kerrie (Service) and Sandii (Membership) for a job very well done. Your hard work has made our club a stronger, happier club and helped us grow immensely. I am sure everyone will join me in showing our appreciation for all that you have accomplished.

**Connie Riley, President**



## **Zonta Whitsundays Board**

### **Our Fantastic Team**

**Roz Jennings- Past President**

**Lesley Pratchett- Secretary**

**Connie Riley- President**

**Pammie Harrison - Advocacy Director**

**Sandii Hansen - Vice President**

**Dawn Green -Treasurer,**

**Kerrie Adam - President Elect**

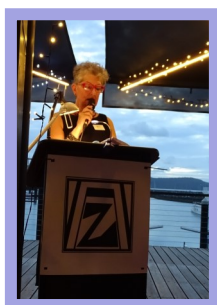
**Carole Lindsay - Service Director,**

**Maxine Thiele - Membership Director.**





## CHANGE OVER MAY 2016



## **MOVIE NIGHT : AWARD WINNING MOVIE "IRON JAWED ANGELS" STARRING HILARY SWANK, FRANCES O'CONNOR AND ANGELICA HUSTON.**

Where: **Laura's cinema**. 188 Mandalay Road.

When: **Tuesday night 14th June** 2016.

Time : **6pm for 7pm** movie start

Bring: Either wine or plate of food to share either sweet or savoury.

RSVP: Please let Roz know (peteandroz@bigpond.com) if you are coming and what you plan to bring so I make sure there is a good balance.

Cost: **Free Car Pool if possible.**

Purpose: Social evening and to educate members on the women's rights movement for female suffrage.

Commentary:

2016 is an election year for Australia. Everyone over the age of 18 is entitled to vote. Just imagine how we would feel if women were denied the privilege to help decide a democratically elected government. All political parties now understand the power of the female vote and politicians set out to win the female vote. Well, as you can see from "Iron Jawed Angels, women had to fight hard to win that right .

Cast your mind back to 1919. World War one finished in 1918 and in 1919 the first Zonta club formed in Buffalo New York with Mary Jenkins as its first president. Zonta's mission has always been to empower women through service and advocacy and yet in 1919 American women still did not have the right to vote.

The fight for the female vote had a very long history in the US with the first suffragette movement forming in 1848. Women also fought hard for the abolition of slavery during the civil war ( 1861-1865) and at the end of the civil war, the 15th amendment to the constitution gave **all men**, regardless of colour or race, the vote and yet ironically no woman, of any race or colour, had yet been given the right to vote.

As you can see from "Iron Jawed Angels," around 1913, a group of young women activists stepped up the campaign and took the suffragette movement up another notch - creating protests in the streets, parades, pickets, marches, demonstrations, mounting hunger strikes, creating mayhem. Mothers, sisters, wives and daughters were all pressuring male politicians and decision makers to bring about universal suffrage.

Finally on the 26th August, 1920, the 19th amendment to the US constitution was ratified to give all women the right to vote. Woodrow Wilson was the US president at the time. On the 2nd November that same year, 8 million women across the US voted in elections for the first time. Interestingly, less than 100 years later, in 2016 there is now the possibility of the first female US president.

Some interesting dates for you: Female vote allowed in Australia in 1908, in US in 1920 and in UK in 1928.

**Roz**



## ADVOCACY

### Domestic and Family violence Awareness campaign:

Our orange ladies were well received by businesses around town and we had them hosted by: PCYC; Coffee Club; Bright Eyes: Airllywood; Smart Arts; Fat Frog; Giggle Kids; Reef Gateway; Cherry Baby; Ideal Placements; Porters and at the corner of Shute Harbour Rd and Abell road. They were displayed from 9th-23rd May. We were also helped with their production by the Airlie Men's shed, Porters, Moe and the Whitsunday Times who presented us well in their article. Our sign was also on display for this same period. In fact, our sign has been displayed for the entire month! Thank you, Chamber of Commerce!

On the weekend of 20th-21st May, 4 members and their husbands and three orange ladies travelled to Townsville to attend the Rugby League game between Cowboys and Broncos and to join with other Zontians, NQ Women's Legal Service, Indigenous Women's Service and Relationships Australia in a "Tackling Domestic Violence" awareness campaign at the stadium. Dawn and Warwick Green, Kerrie and Ken Adam, Pammie and Bill Harrison, Kevin and I attended---- all in our orange Zonta Says No t-shirts. There were about 50 of us in a group. My daughter sent a message: "just saw a sea of orange"-- so I guess we were somewhere in that crowd! Our ladies were on display at the Community Hub where "Zonta says No" bracelets and other information was handed out. Before the game, a televised interview was done with Relationships Australia's spokesperson. Our representatives, Judith Trevan- Hawke and Marie Cameron were on the ground also for this interview. The "ladies" were the centre of attention at the Saturday session of the Area 5 meeting where they were on display again. Everyone thought they were just wonderful and got our message out there. So--- watch this space----- I can see our ladies being the centre of attention all over the state sometime in the future! There is a photo of Judith Trevan- Hawke and Ansmarie Van Erp with them at the meeting in the latest District 22 News Letter.

**Maxine Thiele**

(out-going Advocacy Director)





## AIRLIE BEACH RUNNING FESTIVAL

**Airlie Beach Running Festival July 17th**

t's that time of the year again – how fast the past year has gone by!!

This is the 4th annual Running Festival and it is getting bigger every year. Zonta has fielded a team in the 5km Business Team Challenge for the past 3 years and we'd love to have one again this year. I know you don't run ladies but walking is just fine and the Zorro outfits can once again get an airing, or how about something quite different, e.g. something orange? I am sure you've all got that colour!! Entry fee is \$45pp, as the discounted Early Bird entry fee ended on 31 May. However, to encourage you to enter I will give you all a special code to use and you will get the \$35 fee ( but shhhh...this is special for my Zonta ladies, so please don't tell anyone)

If you don't want to join in as a walker/runner then please help out run the traditional Zonta way, with the Zonta Water Station at Coral Sea Resort – always a lot of fun and is so appreciated by the runners. Last year we had 460 competitors on Sunday and this year we anticipate another increase. 5-6 ladies would be great (husbands, partners, friends also welcome) so contact me to confirm your assistance. Wearing Zonta shirts also promotes us and any other promo material is welcome on your site – we all love to show off!! This will then be passed on to our volunteer coordinator Bob Barford.



**FUN FOR EVERYONE**

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**Wendy Downes**

## SERVICE

### GENERAL MEETING

What a pleasure it is to be welcoming three new members as I take over this role from Sandii! Welcome to Zonta Whitsundays: Susan Beale, Janice Lake and Sheridan Faletti. We have now reached that magical number of 40 members. Well done, everyone, especially Sandii!

Knock Knock is continuing this year. An invitation will be going out to the membership in the next few weeks--- watch for it! If you would like to host a Knock Knock dinner, send an email to [zontaclub7@hotmail.com](mailto:zontaclub7@hotmail.com) with your preferred date and any special themes, etc. Remember that it doesn't have to be fancy---- the idea is just to have a good time with friends.

Don't forget to let Carole know if you cannot attend the next General Meeting or indeed if you have guests, by Monday 13th June:  
[cbrauner@mtatravel.com.au](mailto:cbrauner@mtatravel.com.au)

### Books from Birth

The first meeting of Books from Birth will take place in July at Laura's home on a date to be set.

Meanwhile please keep an eye out for used children's storybooks suitable for under eight year olders in the next few weeks.

Laura or myself are happy to collect books if you give us a call.

I am looking forward to picking up from where Judy Brett left off last year, working with our wonderful group of Zonta ladies who are available to help with sorting, stamping and packaging.

**Lauren Haack. Books from Birth Coordinator.**



#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

**Athena Murry 13th June**

**Sue Hansen 27th June**

**Catherine Moscato 30th June**



## MEMBERSHIP

### Area 5 Meeting Report:

Dawn, Kerrie, Pammie and I attended the Saturday session of this meeting. It was very informative and well organised by Townsville Metro. Guest speakers included: Remy Collier who spoke about "Social Media in Not for Profit" and Deb Rae whose subject was about challenging yourself and making the most of life. Ansmarie Van Erp, the incoming District Governor spoke about "Stepping up" (to take on responsibility within the club) and Marie Cameron chaired a discussion on getting and then keeping new members.

What I found interesting was the fact that a lot of what was spoken about is already happening in our club. As mentioned above, we have a very healthy membership. And a very talented one!

Remy Collier's talk on using the Hashtag on Social Media was interesting. She spoke about "getting our clubs out there" by using this method and reassuring us that it is safe as long as we are careful what and whom we hashtag!! I will have more on this at a later date.

Guest Speaker Deb Rae Deb's husband died in a tragic accident when they were teaching overseas. They were young-- in their thirties. She was devastated and found she was withdrawing more and more with little or no help available to her. One day, she decided that she had to fix this-- she had to learn to cope. And cope she did. 20 years on, she is an accomplished consultant, coach and author, helping and supporting people to know and to celebrate their strengths and to make changes that matter to them. She has recently published: "Grief to Peace for Young Widows", a resource to support young women, their families, friends and professionals wanting to understand the world of a grieving person. One she knew only too well. Whilst she came to this arena as a grieving young widow, her coping methods can be used by anyone not coping well with their situation.

Unfortunately, we couldn't attend the Sunday session as there were more pressing events to attend: The Change-Over Dinner!!

Maxine Thiele

Membership Director

## Date Claimers

**14TH JUNE MOVIE NIGHT - LAURA'S HOUSE 6PM FOR 7PM MOVIE START**

**16TH JUNE - GENERAL MEETING REEF GTEWAY 6.30PM**

**Sewing Group 3rd Friday Each Month**

**Knitting Group Last Monday Each Month**

**Books from Birth Starting up in July date to be Confirmed**



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