

Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland
Area 3, District 22.
Charter Date 25 Sept, 1981



ZONTA
CLUB OF
WYNNUM
REDLAND INC
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

March 2015

A note from President—Debbie Jackson

Hello Ladies,

Not sure where the last month has gone but March has come around quite quickly!

Planning is well underway for our Dinner which is being held this Thursday night. I understand numbers are around 130 guests. I am looking forward to it, I am certain it will be a great night.

Thanks in advance to Margaret for your work in the planning of the dinner and to those who have contributed to raffle prizes, and of course bringing guests along!

International Women's Day (March 8) certainly is a day to recognize and of course many of our clubs celebrate the day by way of holding a function. And of course it is also Zonta Rose Day. This is a day that we can reflect on the work done by Zontians worldwide. The single yellow rose has been a Zonta symbol since 1984 when the International Convention was held in Sydney. Following from this the Zonta International Rose Fund was established in 1988 (managed by ZI Foundation).

I have noticed recently there has been quite a lot of publicity about domestic violence. Certainly bringing the issue into the spotlight is important, but it does make you realize the extent of the problem in our community. I listened to an interview with Dame Quentin Bryce following up from handing over a review of a taskforce set up to look at this issue. The review was titled 'Not now, not ever: Putting an end to domestic violence' - it makes 140 recommendations for change, mostly on the part of the government. However, Dame Quentin said society as a whole must take responsibility and step up when it comes to issues surrounding domestic violence. I have included the interview in this newsletter for your interest. To me, it just reinforces the need for us to continue on the work we do as part of Zonta, in helping to make a change and to send the message that DV is not acceptable.

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday night.

Debbie.

Our Next Meeting:

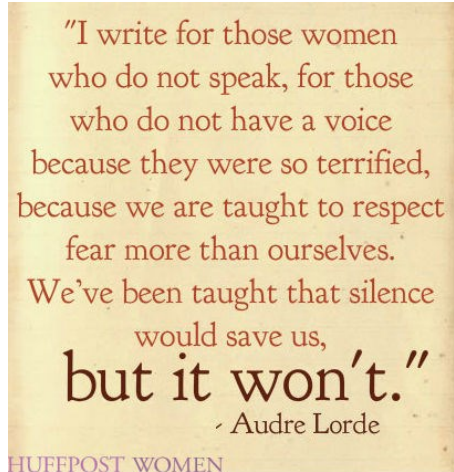
Next dinner meeting is on Monday 9th March 6 for 6.30pm start.

Any apologies, please contact **Mary-Lou** on 0433971998. Failure to apologise if unable to attend will incur full cost of dinner.

Quote for the Month:

*Audrey Lord was an
Caribbean-American writer.*

*She was an inspiration to women
worldwide. She spoke on issues
surrounding civil rights, feminism &
oppression. She died at the age of 58 in
1992 from Breast Cancer.*



Area Meeting for District 1 & 3

Reminder to all that this combined Area Meeting will take place on **March 21/22** at the Colmslie Hotel, Morningside. I know there are a few of us going, registrations are still open if you would like to go.

Birthday lady for February

Janet Mylne—March 12



Happy Birthday Janet

Date Claimers:

March 5—IWD Dinner

March 8—International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day

March 9—Monthly Dinner Meeting

March 21—Combined Area 1 & 3 District Meeting

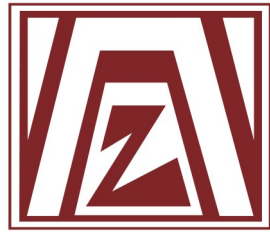
March 30—Board Meeting

April 13—Monthly Dinner Meeting

May 2—Relay for Life—Zonta to provide afternoon tea

May 7—Fashion Parade at Redlands United Football Club—Fundraising activity

Oct 9—11—District Conference, Airlie Beach



ZONTA

CLUB OF
WYNNUM
REDLAND INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

New Fundraising Activity—fill the jar with loose change!

A great idea from Janet Mylne—the jar will be at our meetings to collect loose change that you just love to clear out of your purse. Get rid of those 5 and 10 cent coins, everything is accepted.

Our aim is to raise \$500 by the end of the year!



Reminder about upcoming yearly fees—\$180—these will be due April

Interview—Dame Quentin Bryce with ABC Radio Brisbane

Dame Quentin Bryce says breaking down male stereotypes is crucial in addressing domestic violence

The stereotype that boys are tough and should not cry is part of the problem when it comes to domestic violence, says former governor-general Dame Quentin Bryce.

Dame Quentin, who was asked by former Old Premier Campbell Newman to head a taskforce looking at domestic violence, handed her review to the new premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, over the weekend. The review titled 'Not now, not ever: Putting an end to domestic violence' makes 140 recommendations for change, mostly on the part of government.

However Dame Quentin said society as a whole must take responsibility and step up when it comes to issues surrounding domestic violence. "This really starts in the cradle and it highlights the support parents need with parenting" Dame Quentin told 612 ABC. "Everybody wants to be the best mother and father—we need more support for our little families in formation. Perhaps the most important thing is the role modelling, especially of fathers for their boys". She said it was important for the community to work towards making it acceptable for men to talk about their issues. "That goes to the very heart of addressing this issue, I think, about confronting it; it is about having the conversation and people having the courage to come forward to seek help" she said. "We must break down those terribly outmoded stereotypes, the sexist narrow attitudes of the roles of men and women".

Dame Quentin said she had travelled all over Queensland as part of the taskforce and had heard many disturbing stories on her journey. “I was in one community where a man said to me “it’s not about the punches here love, it’s about ropes and knives” she said. “ We are talking about strangulation, we are talking about stabbings, but as well as that there is also that insidious controlling coercion that is about domestic violence”.

Victims of domestic violence were also consulted in preparing the report. “I want to emphasise this report holds the voices of women from across our state who are victims, who are survivors of family violence” she said.

Police response a vital piece of the puzzle

In 2013 there were more than 64000 domestic violence incidents reported in Qld, more than 12800 breaches of DV orders and 17 domestic and family violence related homicides.

Dame Quentin said another key factor in addressing domestic violence was the response of police. “I want to express at the outset our appreciation for the very important role that police play—their responsibilities, the dangers, the complexity” she said. For police when they go into a home, they have no idea of what they’re going to find—that time when police are first called to a domestic violence situation is a critical one where we need to put in place the best responses. “We need our police to be very observant, to take immediate action. Their priority of course is to keep the victim safe the keep the perpetrator out”.

She said anyone could be affected by domestic violence. “No toddler, no baby, is too small to be traumatised by domestic violence—we all have the responsibility to intervene, to take action, to not be bystanders” Dame Quentin said. “that can be very confronting and tough, and our response can be to say ‘that’s not my business’ but it is all of our business”

Dame Quentin said the lack of a crisis centre for women escaping violence so immediate safety and support could be given while they awaited placement was identified by the report as a major gap in services. The report recommended one be built in Brisbane and another in Townsville. “that’s what we absolutely need, there are not enough places in a crisis and it’s high risk, it’s a crisis that has to be responded to immediately and it’s why we need an integrated response” she said. “all of us have to say what am I going to do in my community. This is about neighbourhood, this is about keeping an eye out, this is about remembering that no little toddler is too young to be traumatised by violence”.

Non lethal strangulation offence should be added: report

She said rural and remote communities faced specific challenges that also must be addressed. “I am hoping that technology might make a difference here but there are always special challenges for delivering services to women in remote/rural communities and I think we have got to explore those, we’ve got to look at what’s available now, listen to people delivering those services” she said.

Dame Quentin also said that the courts played a vital role in reducing family violence in Qld. “we’ve heard too often about inconsistency, that our magistrates courts do not take a consistent approach, that it can be a bit of luck which court you’re in, which magistrate is hearing the matter, which police officer is handling the matter” Dame Quentin said. “and our report holds the voices of women who are survivors, of experts and specialist and this is a strong theme that we’ve had brought to us, this need for consistency and we’ve thought about the response of having specialist domestic violence courts that have a statutory base”. The report also urged a new offence of non-lethal strangulation be added to the criminal code.

Posted Tue 3 March.

