

Metro MUSE

*The periodical Newsletter of the
Zonta Club of Brisbane Metro Breakfast
December 2016*



*Muse (myōōz)n.
(a) A guiding spirit.
(b) A source of
inspiration*

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President's Message

2016 has been a good year for the club and I commend all members for their hard work and tireless effort in supporting local women and girls, and the goals of Zonta International.

Our club has much to be proud about. This year we achieved the following:

Fundraising

- Sold 70 movie tickets and raised over \$1200 profit at a movie afternoon
- Raised over \$1600 through raffle ticket sales at a Melbourne Cup event.
- Held an Estée Lauder shopping visit where we raised \$700 and gained raffle prizes to boost fundraising
- Raised \$1700 at our annual Trash & Treasure Sale (held for the first time on new premises: Southbank TAFE)
- Sold entertainment books, wine dozens, chocolates and our own Zonta on a Stick USBs

Service

- Distributed 129 breast cushions to local hospitals and breast care clinics, and held four sewing bees. Members also manned a stall at the Breast Cancer Network Forum conference to tell others about the Zonta breast cushion project.
- Received a certificate of appreciation from the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre for working with and supporting the young women in their centre. Thanks must go to Isobelle for her commitment to BYDC and frequent visits.

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Donations

- Helped 100 women annually through our donation to the Lady Musgrave Trust to provide window coverings for their domestic violence shelters
- Assisted up to 48 women obtain replacement identification documents when they flee an abusive home
 - Raised and donated \$600 to Be Uplifted through our OctoBRA event
 - Donated \$1000 to the Love Bites program to train facilitators to educate school children on respectful relationships
 - Donated a raffle prize to the Brisbane Breakfast Club's birthing kit assembly day event
- Donated items from the Trash & Treasure Sale to the Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped, Dress for Success, St Vincent de Paul, and to people in need in the Philippines
 - Clothing donated to RBWH Sexual Assault Unit

Advocacy

- Held a fellowship walk to celebrate the 16 Days of Activism and promote Zonta Says No
- Manned a stall at The Nest's White Ribbon Walk event wearing our orange Zonta Says No shirts

Our club also won two awards at the Zonta International Convention for sponsoring a new club and gaining at least five new members during the past biennium.

In July, we pinned three members at our Anniversary Dinner: Jo, Kathy and Hayley.

Planning is also well underway to sell more Zonta branded products in 2017 and hold a high tea at Parliament House. I look forward to a prosperous and eventful new year.

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Leida Pirts, President

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At the start of July, Leida attended the International Convention in Nice, France with Zontians from around the world.

District 22 Group photo

It was a great opportunity for Leida to learn about Zonta's achievements during the past biennium, and she was able to vote for the goals for the next two years.



District 22 Delegates at Zonta International Foundation cocktail event



Our club was recognised with a Membership Recognition Award for our role in organising the new Zonta Club of Brisbane City Heart.

District 22 Delegates at Monaco Yacht Club dinner

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Advocacy

Zonta International Awards

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White Ribbon Day

Isobelle and Ruth manned a stall at The Nest's White Ribbon Day Walk event wearing their orange Zonta Says No shirts and displaying our new Zonta Says No Banner

White Ribbon Day

Isobelle & Ruth attended the Zonta Brisbane Breakfast Club White Ribbon Breakfast on Friday 4th November. The guest speaker was Chiu Hin Chan, Chairman White Ribbon Qld. & Director White Ribbon Australia.



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Advocacy cont.

Anniversary Dinner

In July, we pinned three new members, Jo, Kathy and Hayley at our Anniversary Dinner at Urbane Restaurant.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.

We held a fellowship walk on Sunday 4th December. Tour guide Leida led us on a very pleasant and interesting walk through Southbank, the City, Botanic Gardens past some historic suffragette monuments.

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BYDC

In July during NAIDOC week, Isobelle attended the NAIDOC Day at BYDC. Our Club received a certificate of appreciation for our efforts in supporting young women in detention.



Breast Cushion Sewing Bees

We held a breast cushion sewing bee in September at Emma's house and another in November at Julie's house. Our small but enthusiastic workers on these two occasions completed 55 cushions which were distributed to St Andrews and North West Private Hospitals. We have received some thank you letters from breast cancer patients thanking us for our lovely cushions, which makes our sewing bees so much more meaningful and a worthwhile service project.



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Service cont.

We continued our support of women with breast cancer in August when we manned a stall at the Breast Cancer Network Forum at City Hall to promote Zonta breast cushions. It was heartening to hear firsthand from women who have received a cushion and found it comforting during their recovery. Ruth and Flora even managed a photo with Olympic sprinter, Raelene Boyle, who as a breast cancer survivor, was an inspirational guest speaker!



Fundraising

Ruth attended the Be Uplifted Volunteer's High Tea on Saturday 30 July and received thanks from Katherine Bocock who unveiled her prototype swimsuit for breast cancer patients who have undergone mastectomies. She told the crowd she couldn't have got to this stage (almost at production) without the help of Be Uplifted and our Club donation of \$2,000.



Katherine unveiling her swimsuit. She will attend a breakfast in 2017 to tell us her story



The Be Uplifted volunteers enjoying a delicious high tea. We all received Certificates of Appreciation

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Fundraising cont.

Trash and Treasure Stall

Our club's annual Trash & Treasure Sale was held for the first time at its new venue: the Green Space at Southbank TAFE. With perfect weather, an eye-catching new Zonta Says No banner, and tables full of bargains, it was a profitable day netting over \$1,700. Goods and clothes from the sale were also donated to a number of organisations including Bahloo Womens Youth Shelter, Little King's Movement for the Handicapped, Dress for Success and Vinnies. A big thank you to Flora for her tireless advertising ahead of the event.



Entertainment Books:

These continue to be a profitable fundraising project for our club and this year we raised approximately \$500



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Fundraising cont.

OctoBRA

Another fun fellowship and fundraising afternoon was held at Leanne's house in Clayfield on Saturday 29th October. Twenty Four ladies attended, including 3 past members of our club and 3 ladies from Be Uplifted Breast Cancer Charity who were the beneficiaries of the \$500 raised on the day.

Activities during the afternoon included a wine tasting very capably hosted by Isobelle, a Melbourne Cup Fascinator making competition made from a bra cup which was won by Leanne's daughter Jane with a stunning and very professional looking cream creation. We also had a "Bra Pong" competition which was won by Ruth after a 4-way play off, and there were 6 lucky raffle winners. As usual a delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Leanne for hosting the afternoon in her lovely, and to her husband Peter, who was the maitre'd!



Ruth in action winning the "Bra Pong" play off



Fascinator making competition in full swing



Isobelle, our Club "sommelier"



Delicious afternoon tea



Jane, with her winning fascinator (hard to believe it was made from a bra cup)

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Fundraising cont.

Melbourne Cup Raffle

Flora and her helpers raised an amazing \$1,610 in Melbourne Cup raffle ticket sales at the Belvedere restaurant Portside Melbourne Cup function.! Good work Flora



Chocolate Drive

Leanne organised the chocolate sales for a profit of \$300

Movie Screening

We sold 70 movie tickets and raised over \$1200 profit at our movie event" Me Before You" on Sunday June 19th .

Wine Dozens

Isobelle has distributed 15 cases of wine to members for a profit of approximately \$400

On the Couch with.....

Jo Jones (Chair of Service Committee and Board Member)

Favourite TV Show? **Law and Order**

Celebrity Man Crush? **Liam Neeson**

Chocolate or Vanilla? **Chocolate**

Red or White? **Red**

Favourite QLD holiday destination? **Sunshine Coast**

What do you do in your downtime? **Watch movies**

Where would you like to be in 10 years time? **Retired**

What is something people don't know about you? **I have 3 brothers and 1 sister**



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Muse News

Our immediate past President, Michelle Baran, introduced gorgeous baby Henry to us at our October Breakfast Meeting and what a perfectly behaved baby he was! He stayed for the entire meeting bright eyed and curious without a peep out of him! Leida presented Michelle with some gifts for Henry

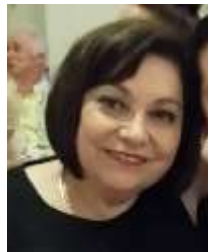


Cute little Henry – 6 months old

Julie Blair and husband Neil have recently returned for a holiday in bonnie Scotland. Julie kept us all well informed of her travels with many lovely pics on Facebook!



Alana, now sporting a trendy short “do”



Flora, about to embark on her cancer journey

We are pleased to report that Alana is recovering well from her breast cancer surgery, however another member Flora was diagnosed with breast cancer in October. She has undergone 2 lumpectomies and has begun her course of chemotherapy. We wish Flora all the very best for the journey ahead of her.