



Zonta Club of Southern Gold  
Coast-Tweed Area Inc

*Member of Zonta International*

## ***Conviction Commitment Courage***

*This year has just flown by, we continue with our fundraising efforts and have some events coming up in the next 3 months should prove to be fun and a great opportunity for networking.*

*Membership continues to cause concern, however despite fluctuating numbers we have participated in many walks, events, functions, fundraisers, barbecues and fashion parades. We as a club will endeavour to raise awareness of violence against women and advocate for women and girls in*

*both our community and globally. The statistics of violence against women is certainly alarming, last year in excess of 70 women died at the hands of a loved one. Already this year the number is 40.*

*I would like to again say a heartfelt thank you to all our fellow Zontians and volunteers who make it possible to achieve the club's goals of contributing to local and international projects. No-one is able to do community service without the help of friends and family.*



*Zonta Southern Gold Coast/Tweed assembled over 180 packs of toiletries for victims of sexual assault. These were donated to The Tweed Hospital, Robina & Gold Coast University Hospital. 80 prs of underwear were also donated. This is an ongoing project and we are always looking for toiletries. In particular, the small size of shampoo, conditioner and soap or body wash. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also needed so if you are able to help please let me know. I will pick them up.*



*Merle with Angie McColl, sexual assault co-ordinator at The Tweed Hospital.*

*We will be hosting another birthing kit assembly day in September, to be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Cross University Coolangatta Campus. Flyer will be circulated prior and an event posted on our face book page. Please consider joining us. Morning tea is provided and it usually only takes approx. 2 hours.*



We will have another **Blue Illusion Fashion Parade** in October; sadly the previous event was impacted not in a good way by the “weather event”. So if you feel the urge to shop with champagne for a great cause please join us on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. 11.30am onwards.



***The next big event will be “Pick Your Ride”; Tweed Heads Motorcycle Enthusiasts Club Inc is co-ordinating a 'Pink your Ride' fundraiser to Support Breast Cancer Patient Care.***

*Motorcyclists are encouraged to decorate their bikes and themselves in Pink and we'll have a guest choose the winners!*

*The goal is to raise funds to assist with the making of Breast Cancer Cushions and Bags. Last year we were able to provide 230 breast cushions and 30 drainage bag covers. Everybody knows somebody to whom breast cancer has had an impact. A breast cushion provides a great deal of comfort for those affected. This is a fun way to help come along on August 28<sup>th</sup>.*



*Sign on and Breakfast 8.30am-9.45am*

*Kirra Sports Club Registration*

*\$10 includes entry in Best Decorated Bike and raffles all day*

*Ride departs 10am Kirra Sports Club to Uki Pub then onto to Tyalgum Hotel for Lunch and Raffles – \$10 Burger and Fries (Pub is donating \$2 from each meal) then we'll ride to final destination of the Ivory Tavern for Gold Coin Sausage sizzle.*

*The club meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the South Tweed Sports Club in the Secret Garden Room 6pm for 6.30pm start. You are most welcome.*

*The next meeting is on Monday 15th and we will be receiving a report from Deb Kellie who attended the Zonta International Convention in Nice in June.*

## **Date Claimers:**

Pink Your Ride August 28<sup>th</sup>

Birthing Kit Assembly Day September 25th

Blue Illusion Fashion Parade October 22nd.

## **This month's TED**

### **talk:**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/memory\\_banda\\_a\\_warrior\\_s\\_cry\\_against\\_child\\_marriage](https://www.ted.com/talks/memory_banda_a_warrior_s_cry_against_child_marriage)



Memory Banda's life took a divergent path from her sister's. When her sister reached puberty, she was sent to a traditional "initiation camp" that teaches girls "how to sexually please a man." She got pregnant there — at age 11. Banda, however, refused to go. Instead, she organized others and asked her community's leader to issue a bylaw that no girl should be forced to marry before turning 18. She pushed on to the national level ... with incredible results for girls across Malawi.

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