



## December Newsletter, 2017

### President's Note:

*Dear Members*

*About 12 months ago, Jo Diessel, President of Brisbane East, invited other Brisbane Zonta Clubs to a meeting to discuss the idea of a combined ZSN project for Brisbane. Clubs conduct various activities during the 16 days of activism and for the ZSN campaign and their capacities to participate and contribute varies also. I took away from the meeting the idea that "bigger must be better". So, with the support of our Distract 22 Governor, Area Directors, Club Presidents, Advocacy Chairs, and others, a group was formed to plan a combined ZSN project for 2017 to raise awareness of violence against women and girls and to promote its prevention. We are now in the midst of the 16 days of activism for 2017 and the promotion of ZSN supported by this combined project is fantastic. If you travelled inbound over the Story Bridge you would have seen the monster Zonta banner. If you travelled on the inner-city ferries, you would have spotted orange ladies and ZSN posters. You might also have spotted oranges ladies, children and pets about town at ferry terminals, in businesses and government buildings, and at shopping centres. In addition to cut-out pets with orange ladies, Vicki Lomax, our Advocacy Chair, introduced a new promotion on the impact of DV on pets with pop-up pets from the RSPCA. There have been walks, runs, breakfasts, meetings, media publicity, and endless other activities. The Group will soon meet to review 2017 and to plan for 2018 to keep up the momentum. We painted Brisbane Orange, now we need to further increase the number of community members who understand why "Orange" and continue to encourage changes in community attitudes and behaviours. What great Zontians Jo Diessel and Ros Kinder are! They tirelessly coordinated the combined ZSN project meetings and made ideas happen. A big thank you to Vicki for leading our Club's involvement and also to the many members who participated. I have included some photos toward the end of the newsletter in case you missed the spectacle.*

*The end of year is near. This is traditionally a time when many of us are preparing for festivities, family gatherings, and holidays or maybe just relaxing. We have a couple of remaining service tasks to undertake before the end of 2017 for those not as fortunate as most of us. We will again provide Christmas packs*

from your donations and a collection of handbags for women currently resident at the Chisholm Refuge. A group will also help pack hampers for Micah to deliver to the disadvantaged in Brisbane, including men, women and children, who become disadvantaged because of domestic and family violence. In fund raising, we have another sausage sizzle and we must get moving on plans for the movie afternoon in March. Before we know it in the new year it will be time for new activity, award presentations, strategic planning, and the beginning of the new Zonta biennium.

To all members, I wish you, your families and friends, an enjoyable festive season and a healthy and successful 2018.

Regards

Trish

**December Dinner Meeting:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm **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. Members and Hon Zons invited.

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**Upcoming diary dates:**

7 December - Sausage Sizzle  
 11 December - Dinner meeting  
 22 December - Micah hamper packing  
 31 January – Board meeting

12 February – Dinner meeting  
 28 February - close early bird registration Convention  
 12 March – Dinner meeting; Planning meeting  
 29 June-3 July 2018 - ZI Convention

**December Christmas and end of year dinner**



Hope you received the invitation to members and Hon Zons to the December dinner meeting. We will commence with drinks and canape and move into the usual meeting room for dinner.

The raffle is a DIY gourmet hamper packed into the lovely toy box generously donated by Ellen’s husband. Don’t forget to bring along a contribution. A suggested list of items to help you shop is included in

the email with this newsletter.

Remember also we will have Ecosilk bags and styluses at the meeting – great Christmas gift ideas.

Anyone not at the November meeting can still bring goods and \$5 contribution towards Pamper packs for Chisholm (see below).

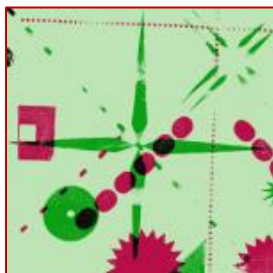
**Service**

**Pamper Packs for Chisholm Refuge**

Thank you for the donations to make up Christmas pamper packs for ladies at the Chisholm Refuge. We have also collected handbags for women who arrive at the refuge with no personal possessions. We were fortunate to save a collection from the car boot sale donations. These items are gratefully received by the Director of Chisholm. Margaret will notify volunteers of time and date for wrapping.



## Micah Annual Christmas hampers reminder



Micah will be packing and delivering over 500 Christmas Hampers to families and individuals experiencing disadvantage at Kurilpa Hall Friday, December 22 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We have 3 “spots” booked for 6 Volunteers. Volunteers: Trish and Ian, Anne, Maggie, Beverley, and Elizabeth Hatton. Come in your Zonta or similar t-shirts if you can.

### *Fund raising*

#### Sausage sizzle

Volunteers needed for a sausage sizzle at Bunning Stafford on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - contact Margaret Marshall



### *Advocacy*

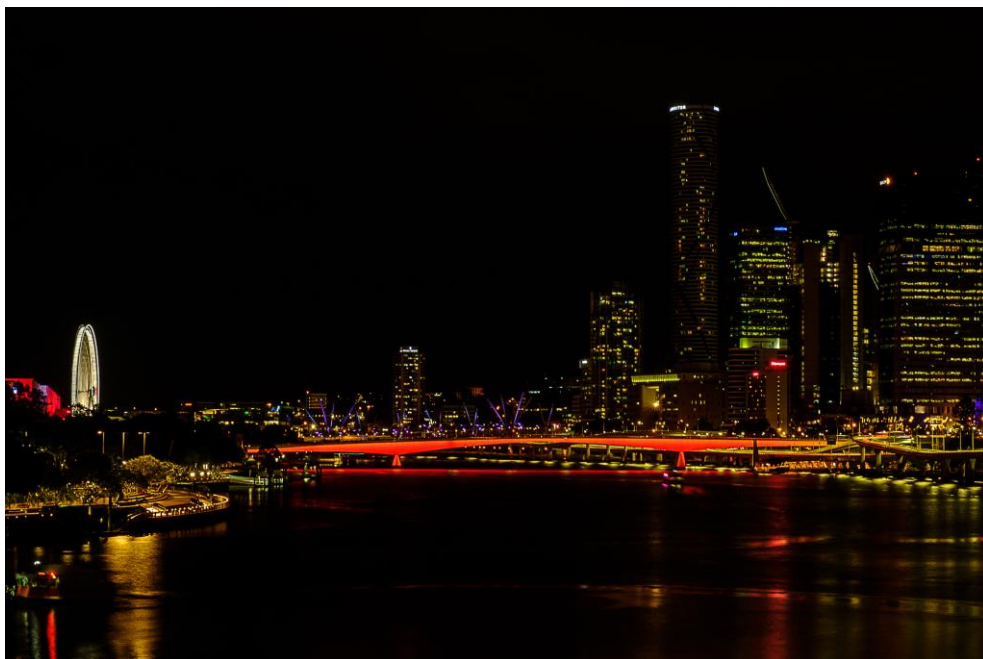
#### 16 days of activism

25 November – 10 December



Congratulations to Brisbane Zonta Clubs and the Combined Zonta Says No Project. We managed to “Orange Brisbane”. A big thank you to all who were involved.

Here are some photos of Brisbane’s icons, City Hall, Victoria and Story Bridges, glowing in orange thanks to Anne who was out and about with the camera crew. Our club members are captured raising awareness of domestic and family violence at Kenmore Village and Brookside shopping centres. See our pop up pets (cat and dog) organised by Vicki from the RSPCA.



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## November dinner meeting guest speaker



Board.

We were privileged to have Dr Kathleen Baird (Kathleen Baird left, Narelle Fraser Right), Senior Midwifery Lecturer at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Griffith University and Director of Midwifery and Nursing Education, Women's and Newborn Service, Gold Coast Hospital as our guest speaker in November. Kathleen's main research interests have centred around intimate partner violence, with a focus on violence during pregnancy. Kathleen is currently involved with several research projects in relation to intimate partner violence and the role of health care and sits on the Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council and is the Deputy Chair of the Queensland Domestic Violence Death and Homicide Review

## International Women's Day Breakfast *Leave no woman behind* 7- 9 am 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Tickets have gone on sale for this event. Information is at <https://unwomen.org.au/take-action/events/brisbane-iwd-breakfast-2/>. To be part of a Zonta table please advise Trish at the next meeting.

**Zonta International**



29 June – 3 July 2018

See all the details in *The Zontian*. Early bird registration closes 28 February 2018