

# ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc  
Member of Zonta International  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

Email: [rockhampton@zontadistrict22.org](mailto:rockhampton@zontadistrict22.org)

Rockhampton Webpage: [www.rockhampton.zontadistrict22.org](http://www.rockhampton.zontadistrict22.org)

District 22 Website: [www.zontadistrict22.org](http://www.zontadistrict22.org)

Zonta International Website: [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

P O Box 323  
Rockhampton Q 4700

President: Margaret Anderton  
[margander@bigpond.com](mailto:margander@bigpond.com)  
Ph: 07 27 3828

Vice President: Meredith Sutherland  
[glendon@tpgi.com.au](mailto:glendon@tpgi.com.au)

Editor: Berenice Payne  
[berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com](mailto:berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com)

## PLEASE NOTE!

If you are  
**unable to attend**  
the dinner meeting,  
please advise

**Anna Tempest**  
Ph 4928 7880 (W)  
Ph 4928 7125 (H)  
by 10 am

on the Monday  
before the meeting.

**Failure to  
apologize will  
incur payment  
of \$25.00.**



**Area 2 Meeting**  
24-25 March 2012  
Rockhampton

**International  
Convention**  
7th-12th July 2012  
Torino—Italy

## From the President:

Dear Zontians

I know that everybody will be so pleased that Trish is out of ICU and due home early in March. We wish her very well.

This is going to be a busy month for us with IWD on 8<sup>th</sup> March and the Area Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Jan is looking for helpers from 4pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to set up the room and from 5.30am on the 8<sup>th</sup> to blow up balloons.

I do urge all our members to attend as much of the Area Meeting as possible. Having it in our town is a wonderful opportunity to find out more about Zonta, to meet other Zontians, to become energised and enthused about our club – all at little inconvenience to ourselves.

At the February dinner meeting we were advised of two dates to note – a Highland Tea in St Luke's on 1<sup>st</sup> June and the Afternoon Tea in the rowing club on 1<sup>st</sup> September. These will probably be our main fundraising events for the year.

We also looked forward to the AGM in May. Most of the Board positions will fall vacant this year. We do urgently need a third person for the Nominating Committee and for members seriously to consider taking a role in the Board. To help with this I'm asking all Board members to give a brief description of their responsibilities at the April meeting.

With every good wish,  
Margaret



**Empowering women** to achieve  
educational excellence

As of 30th April 2011,  
Zonta has 31, 114 members  
in countries  
around the world.

The aim is to have  
33,000 members  
by the end of this biennium.

## Notices:

### MEETINGS.

#### Board Meeting:

6.30pm:  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month  
Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.

#### Club Meeting:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm  
3rd Tuesday  
of the month  
Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.

#### Committee Meetings.

##### OMC:

Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel  
5.30 pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

#### LA & A / Program / PR & C/ United Nations/ Newsletter /Archives:

Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.  
5.30 pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

#### Service:

Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.  
5.30pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

### Calendar:

#### March:

08 IWD Breakfast  
13 Committee Meetings /  
Board Meeting  
20 Dinner Meeting

#### April:

10 Committee Meetings /  
Board Meeting  
17 Dinner Meeting

#### *Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.*

#### March:

8 International Women's Day and  
Zonta Rose Day

*"Patience and the mulberry leaf  
becomes a silk gown".*  
Chinese Proverb

### Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the  
Dinner Raffle follows the listing  
in the Members Directory.

March	Smith D
April	Sutherland M
May	Tempest A
June	Welburn R

Please give your  
raffle prize to Elizabeth.  
to co-ordinate.



# Happy Birthday

08 International  
Women's Day &  
Zonta Rose Day



### Date Claimer

Zonta District 22

Area 2 Meeting

Rockhampton: 24th–25th March 2012



Zonta International

International Convention

Torino—Italy: 7–12 July 2012



Find out more at the Convention website:

<http://torino2012.zonta.org>

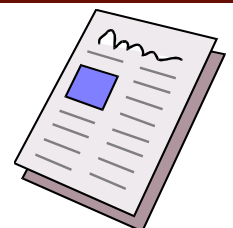
If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter  
please forward articles to Berenice Payne

either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: [berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com](mailto:berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com)

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



## Exploring our History

In the Rockhampton Club archives is a small booklet called 'Zonta in the Antipodes', edited and written in parts by Zontian Hazel King AM and it certainly has an interesting story to tell.

For my part, I have always believed that the first Zonta club in Australia was formed in 1966 and indeed the Manual tells us this with the official records recording that the first clubs chartered were the Melbourne Club on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 1966 and the Sydney Club on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1966. However, not to be outdone by two days, Sydney has a story to tell in 'Zonta in the Antipodes', which puts a different light on things.

The following information is taken from that booklet.

*Zonta International began in Buffalo in New York State in 1919 as the Confederation of Zonta Clubs and became Zonta International with the formation of clubs in Canada in 1927. Zonta first came to Australia in 1929, with the establishment of a Club in Sydney. It was one of the first clubs to come into existence outside the United States and Canada.*

*The information regarding the first Sydney Club is based on research carried out by Sydney Zontian Dr Judith Dey during a visit to Chicago. She used not only the early issues of the Zontian magazine (a periodical published by Zonta International), but also the recollections of the late Miss Beulah Bolton, who was one of the members of this first Sydney Club, and information supplied by Zonta International Headquarters in 1974, in response to a request by Hazel King the editor of the booklet.*

*On the back cover of the August 1929 Zontian is a Directory of Zonta clubs which gives the name of Lily Elliot Smith of Macquarie Street Sydney, Queensland (sic) as the Secretary of the Sydney Club. According to the recollections of Beulah Bolton, the club was organized by an American woman, Dr Slaughter-Morton who was married to a doctor practising in Sydney. The Sydney Club was chartered in 1930 - Charter 109 (meaning the 109<sup>th</sup> Club in the world) and at first formed part of District 7 together with clubs in Texas, Colorado, California, and Hawaii. In October 1931, it is listed as a non-districted club together with those of Hamburg, Vienna and Honolulu. So their nearest Zontian friends were in some very far away places.*

*In 1930 issues of the Zontian, it is recorded that Miss Ruth Bedford, an author, was Secretary and in 1931 Dorothea Mackellar, whose poem "My Country" used to be known by every Australian schoolchild, became President. Dorothea Mackellar remained President until 1934. Among the members, and I quote, were other interesting and distinguished women including the artist Thea Proctor, Dame Constance D'arcy (an obstetrician and gynaecologist, who was the first woman to be elected to the Senate in the University of Sydney) Kathleen Finn, Secretary of the Walter & Eliza Hall Trust and Ellice Nosworthy an architect, who 36 years later was to join the second Sydney Club after its re-establishment in 1966.*

*The Sydney Club met monthly for lunch in the restaurant of Farmer's, a large department store on the corner of Pitt and Market Streets Sydney, later the home of Grace Bros. The*

*club appears to have gone out of existence after 1935 as no further mention is made of it in the Zontian Magazine after that year. No explanation has been found for its failure. Maybe the Depression had something to do with it?*

*It was to be thirty years before there was again a Zonta Club in the antipodes when, in 1965, Dorothy Thompson made the first of her epic visits from the US to New Zealand and Australia. On this and on later visits between 1969 and 1971 she organized Clubs in all the capital cities of Australia and in five cities in New Zealand – totalling twelve clubs in all. We can appreciate the magnitude of her effort when we consider the means of travel and communication which was available in the late 60's and early 70's.*

*It wasn't till 1974 that the Australian and New Zealand clubs which Dorothy organized, were to become the nucleus of District 16, after first being called an Area 3 and then Region 3. The International Board meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1972, unanimously agreed that Region 3 be granted the status of District to be effective as of the 1974-1976 Biennium. It wasn't always all smooth sailing and one of the standing rules which was passed at a Conference, that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor were to be elected from Australia and New Zealand alternately, points to perhaps one of the potential causes of friction.*

*One of the Highlights of the District 16 era was the honour of hosting the 47<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Sydney in 1984. The Convention was opened by the Governor General of Australia Sir Ninian Stephen with the Opening Ceremony being held at the Sydney Opera House. Other venues for the Convention were the Sydney Town Hall and the Hilton International Hotel. The Convention 'Down Under' was a huge success.*

(Members of the Rockhampton Club attended the Sydney Convention).

*In September 1989, Zontians in District 16 met in Auckland for their 8<sup>th</sup> District Conference. Because the number of clubs in the District had increased from the original 18 when the District was established in 1974 to 90 clubs in 1989, the most important item of business considered at the Conference was the proposal that District XVI be divided into three Districts – the whole of New Zealand in one, NSW, Queensland and ACT in the second and the whole of the rest of Australia in a third. On the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1989, the motion that the District be divided into three districts was put and after a long and well considered debate, the vote was taken and the motion carried by 89 votes to 23 votes with the decision to take effect from the Dallas International Convention in 1990. New Zealand remained District 16, NSW, QLD and ACT became District 24 and the rest of Australia District 23.*

Eighteen years later in July 2008, District 24 was divided into two Districts, District 22 (Queensland + one NSW club) and District 24 (NSW and ACT), to take effect from the Rotterdam International Convention.

*Zonta International seeks to advance the status of women worldwide by improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy. With the generosity and collective action of Zontians and friends around the world, Zonta International has supported projects in 46 countries, provided scholarships and awards to women around the globe, and been a powerful advocate for change in our local and international communities, thereby transforming the world and women's place in it.*



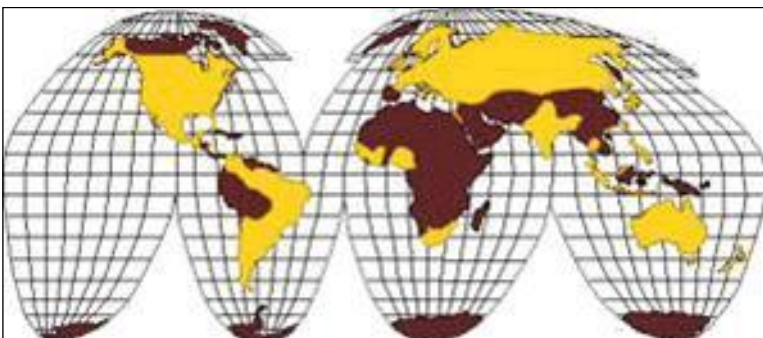
**Zontian of the Month**

*The Board is very pleased to recognise Anna this month for all her work in getting the 2nd Time Around shop organised. There is such a lot to do in arranging the flyers, signs repainting, publicity arranged and racks ferried around. Thanks so much to David and Nick as well for helping with the transport.*

*We would like to thank all the members of the club who, as usual, responded so generously to this fundraiser. It is a pleasure to be in a club where even some of our busiest people find time for these events. Thank you all and well done, Anna.*



Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



**District 22**  
 A Queensland Australia  
 B Northern Rivers Inc.  
 New South Wales Australia

