

the Zonta Club of Mackay Newsletter

September 2013



President's Report

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Hello everyone

As usual the year is galloping along at quite a pace – it will be Christmas soon! Last month, 8 club members, Belinda, Leanne, Gail, Vassie, Judy, Julie, Marie and myself enjoyed the fellowship of 150 other like minded women at the District conference. These occasions provide not only the opportunity to form or renew friendships but also time to listen some inspirational speakers (and there were many), learn a bit more about the club and the many projects it is involved in both locally and internationally, and of course enjoy the surroundings of the beautiful Sunshine Coast. The minutes will be a future agenda item as items such as the motions that were passed at the Conference will provide us with some opportunities for service in our local communities.

October is proving to be quite a busy month. Our dinner meeting with Judith Anderson, our District Governor and the representatives from the local Z Clubs along with more potential members was one of our biggest with 39 – a fabulous way to celebrate our 21st birthday and.....the cake was spectacular! The meeting provided members the opportunity to hear from Judith about the direction of the club, particularly Z Clubs and the Zonta Says No campaign. It also allowed members to meet the inspirational young Z Club women from our region as well as an opportunity for them to network with each other.

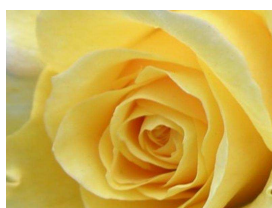
Two events finish off October. In partnership with the Domestic Violence Resource Centre, the Reclaim the Night March on the evening of the 25th is shaping up to be a great event and fits perfectly with the Zonta Says No campaign. On the same weekend, Global Grooves is happening and each year this event provides us with the opportunity to not only provide visibility for the club but also to support our ZClub members in their fund raising efforts. I hope you can be part of these events if possible.

Last, but not least, please take up the challenge to attend next year's international convention in Orlando USA if you can.

Bridget Mather



A worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.



District Conference—Noosa

Comments from attendees:

- Helped me see the bigger picture – will take this to club members
- All areas covered well
- Video presentations much appreciated
- Time-wise was very well run
- Great idea not to have bags
- Conference centre friendly and functioning
- Excellent venue, dinner, facility
- Sorry, not the best I have ever attended
- Speakers all excellent
- First conference – thoroughly enjoyed speakers and opportunity for fellowship
- Presentations very good
- Thoroughly enjoyed the weekend – excellent
- Great weekend – thank you
- Many thanks – a brilliant weekend
- Empowerment and positivity expressed through out Conference – great!



World's Longest Bra Chain

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A big thank you to all who collected bras for the World's Longest Bra Chain Guinness Book Record Attempt.

Our club collected over 400 bras which I believe should measure approx 280 metres. Donation to Cancer Research over \$300. Great effort.

Over \$20,000 was donated to Cancer Research. Unfortunately the World Record Attempt was not broken due to transportation issues. Caryn Gorrie is still collecting bras and hoping to hold another attempt at record early in the new year.

Thank you to HSC Z Club who collected 36 bras. Pictured with Vassie Comino are Shania Chapman and Claire Parkinson.

Gail



Mackay Street Chaplaincy

*"I wondered why
somebody didn't do
something. Then I
realised, I am somebody."*

Author unknown.

Mackay Street Chaplaincy Volunteer Training

**October 26, 27 at St.Paul's Church,
McAlister St.**

Saturday 8.30am to 3pm and Sunday 11.30am to 3pm

Mackay Street Chaplains are a well-known group of volunteers operating in the Mackay city centre on Friday evenings and on special dates such as Australia day or after special events. Run by volunteers from across the churches of Mackay and the wider community for the past five months with the support of Mackay businesses and the public, Mackay Street Chaplaincy offers a caring presence, provides a listening ear and engages with the community with practical acts of service, first aid, etc. We cooperate with police, ambulance, security personnel and taxi marshalls to provide a safeguard for those in need of assistance in our nightclub precinct .

The volunteers wearing distinctive purple vests patrol in two's, seeking ways to assist people who may be at risk. Our aim is to help make nights out in the City Heart more enjoyable, safer for all, and to assist people in getting home safely.

For further information phone Rev Ann: 4957 3341



Prevention of Homelessness

Preventing homelessness for women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence

Recent research finds that integrated homelessness prevention schemes are effective for women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence. However improvements to legal and judicial processes are needed for these schemes to be expanded. The key points of the research are:

- Australia should expand the provision of homelessness prevention schemes that support domestic violence victims to remain in their own home rather leave the home in order to exit a violent relationship.
- The most effective homelessness prevention schemes for women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence integrate legal issues, housing and welfare provision.
- Effective implementation of homelessness prevention schemes requires both adequate funding and Australian jurisdictions addressing legal/judicial issues, housing and welfare policy in a coordinated fashion.
- Improvements to the legal and judicial system include providing police powers to offer immediate protection to women by the removal of the perpetrator, consistent training for police on domestic and family violence, and specialist domestic and family courts.
- Improved approaches to housing include using non-restrictive eligibility criteria to homelessness prevention programs so that women are not turned away or kept on a waiting list, private rental brokerage programs for women who have experienced family violence, and in home risk assessments to assist the client in deciding whether to remain in the home.
- Improved approaches to welfare provision including better sharing of information between accredited agencies on domestic and family violence victims and perpetrators.



The full paper can be found at <http://apo.org.au/research/preventing-homelessness-women-and-children-who-have-experienced-domestic-and-family>

How we can help...

Advocacy Committee

How we can help...

RECLAIM THE NIGHT

FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER

With a lantern lighting to enable Shandee Blackburn to be part of the event

EVENT TIMELINE

- 4.30-5.15pm "Coming Out of the Dark" Exhibit Open at Paxtons Gallery
- 5.15pm Bus Bluewater Quay
- 5.45pm Lantern Ceremony at Shandee's Garden, Boddington St
- 6pm March Commencing down Sydney St
- 6.30pm FREE Event at Bluewater Quay
- 8pm Event End

WEAR FLUORO! BYO NOISE!

OUR RIGHT TO BE SAFE AT NIGHT!

SAY NO TO VIOLENCE!

FREE Drinks & Nibbles & FREE LIVE Entertainment including

- Bella Mamas**
- Casey Marie**
- Aaliyah Warren** Mackay's own XFactor Star
- & **Candice Bliss**



International Day of the Girl Child

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11 October

Theme for 2013: Innovating for Girls' Education

On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted [Resolution 66/170](#) to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child, to recognise girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world. For its second observance, this year's Day will focus on "Innovating for Girls' Education".

The fulfilment of girls' right to education is first and foremost an obligation and moral imperative. There is also overwhelming evidence that girls' education, especially at the secondary level, is a powerful transformative force for societies and girls themselves: it is the one consistent positive determinant of practically every desired development outcome, from reductions in mortality and fertility, to poverty reduction and equitable growth, to social norm change and democratisation.

While there has been significant progress in improving girls' access to education over the last two decades, many girls, particularly the most marginalised, continue to be deprived of this basic right. Girls in many countries are still unable to attend school and complete their education due to safety-related, financial, institutional and cultural barriers. Even when girls are in school, perceived low returns from poor quality of education, low aspirations, or household chores and other responsibilities keep them from attending school or from achieving adequate learning outcomes. The transformative potential for girls and societies promised through girls' education is yet to be realised.

Recognising the need for fresh and creative perspectives to propel girls' education forward, the 2013 International Day of the Girl Child will address the importance of new technology, but also innovation in partnerships, policies, resource utilisation, community mobilisation, and most of all, the engagement of young people themselves.

All UN agencies, Member States, civil society organisations, and private sector actors have potential tools to innovate for and with girls to advance their education. Examples of possible steps include:

- Improved public and private means of transportation for girls to get to school—from roads, buses, mopeds, bicycles to boats and canoes;
- Collaboration between school systems and the banking industry to facilitate secure and convenient pay delivery to female teachers and scholarship delivery to girls;
- Provision of science and technology courses targeted at girls in schools, universities and vocational education programs;
- Corporate mentorship programs to help girls acquire critical work and leadership skills and facilitate their transition from school to work;
- Revisions of school curricula to integrate positive messages on gender norms related to violence, child marriage, sexual and reproductive health, and male and female family roles;
- Deploying mobile technology for teaching and learning to reach girls, especially in remote areas.



The Women of the LNP

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Contributed by Bridget Mather

Julie Bishop, the foreign minister and deputy Liberal leader, is an accomplished parliamentary and government performer. She was the first woman appointed as deputy leader of the Liberal Party and she has stood loyally behind three leaders (yes, all men). Ms Bishop is a lawyer, a graduate of the Harvard Business School, has chaired the Town Planning Appeal Tribunal of WA, was Minister for Aging and then Education, Science and Training in the Howard government and throughout it all, she bucked the general trend and remained a republican in a party where monarchism is a religion.

Senator Fiona Nash who is Assistant Minister for Health and Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the Senate. Senator Nash has an arts degree and has worked as a staffer to several National Party ministers. She entered the Senate in 2005 and is no slouch when it comes to thinking independently. In 2006, she co-sponsored a Private Members Bill (along with one woman from Labor, the Democrats and the Liberals) to remove then Health minister Tony Abbott's veto on the supply of the medical abortifacient RU486. Going against the party dictum isn't generally a great career move, so perhaps luckily for Senator Nash, a year later, the Coalition lost government and in opposition, she was made shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Water Resources and Conservation. But again, she wouldn't be silenced. She challenged the status quo, supporting a Greens motion to block the introduction of tax breaks for carbon sinks. The Greens said it would become a tax rort for big business. Malcolm Turnbull sacked Senator Nash for crossing the floor of the parliament to support the motion. After the 2010 election, holding no grudge for earlier slights, Tony Abbott appointed Senator Nash the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Education. She is clearly gutsy. Here's hoping she knocks a little harder on cabinet's door and the prime minister opens it.

Sussan Ley, the Nigerian-born Assistant Minister for Education who is a Bachelor of Economics and has a Masters degree in taxation and accountancy – all attained after having her first child (she has three). And Ms Ley has real work experience too. She's worked as an air traffic controller, a commercial pilot, a farmer and shearer's cook – and she's been an ATO manager. She's the member for Farrar which takes in a third of NSW and which she snatched from the Nationals in 2001. Her parliamentary career is nothing to scoff at either. She's been a Parliamentary Secretary and after the Coalition lost the 2007 election, became Shadow Minister for Housing, and Status of Women, Customs and Justice, not to mention Employment Participation and Childcare and Early Childhood just before the 2013 election.

Senator Marise Payne, Minister for Human Services hails from Sydney, has a Bachelor of Arts and Law and was the national Young Liberals' first female president. She's also served on the NSW Liberal State Executive. Senator Payne has held several shadow portfolios and has also been a shadow parliamentary secretary. She's a co-convenor the Parliamentary Friends of Dementia and, with great respect, I report, she cooks for "therapy". Senator Payne is a footy enthusiast - she follows the St George/Illawarra NRL team as well as the Geelong Cats.

Senator Michaelia Cash, Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women came to prominence quite recently when she quite viciously attacked Penny Wong for allegedly letting down the sisterhood by siding with Kevin Rudd and ousting Julia Gillard. It was quite a performance and worth another look. Behind that tough exterior, is a very accomplished woman. The WA Senator has an arts degree with a triple major in public relations, journalism and politics, all of which should come in very handy over the next three years. Like Senator Payne, Senator Cash also cut her political teeth in the youth wing of her party, as an executive member of the Curtin University Young Liberals. She succeeded her boss, Ross Lightfoot (he of the AK-47 assault rifle pose in Iraq fame) into the Senate but before that she was a lawyer for Freehills.

Member Profile: Kathy Farren-Price

Name: Kathy Farren-Price

Date of Birth: 28 April 1970

Joined Zonta Mackay: October 2012



How I Heard about Zonta: I had heard of Zonta previously and my father used to be heavily involved with Lions. Vassie approached me about joining and here I am today!

Reason for Joining Zonta: Giving back to the community where I live and also helping with women's issues worldwide. Networking, Fun and meeting new friends

Positions Held in Zonta: Communication and PR Committee
Correspondence
Board Member

Resources and Skills Available to Zonta: Ability to volunteer at various events
Great organisational skills
Help with any print/design related issues

Area Meetings, District Conferences and International Conventions attended: Nil

Career Background: Started out doing a Printing Machining Apprenticeship, Then moved into Print estimating, then from there went to Print Production Manager, Did that for many years at various places. Moved to Mackay in 2003 and started work with BB print and in August 2011 purchased 50% of BB Print.

Current Career Information: Partner at BB Print Pty Ltd
Chamber of Commerce Executive Board Member

Family: Partner Russel and two children John (21) and Tenielle (22)

Hobbies and Interests: Painting, Swimming, Relaxing, Photography, Travel & Work!

Future Goals: To keep involving myself in Mackay, both in business and community.
Travel around Australia again in a caravan!!

Z Clubs

The 2013/2014 Whitsunday Anglican School Z Club induction was recently held, with the three incoming executives being:

- **President – Alkira Taylor**
- **Treasurer – Sinikiwe Ncomanzi**
- **Secretary – Clarise Sornachalam**

Alkira has had quite a lot of involvement with our Zonta Club over past years, attending and helping each year at our birthing kit assembly day. As part of the induction, outgoing President Emily Long provided a report of the Club's activities, and announced two awards for Z Club members who have significantly contributed to the Club throughout the past year. The Executive and the Z Club Co-ordinator put the criteria together for the awards, also included in this newsletter.

- **Junior WAS Z-Club Girl of the Year – Meghan Dansie**
- **Senior WAS Z-Club Girl of the Year – Alkira Taylor**

The first activity that the new Executive is planning is a drive for basic household items to be donated to Samaritan House. They are also planning to hold activities during Breast Cancer Awareness Week, including a pink balloon release and sale of pink ribbons.

We all wish Mrs. Vigliante the very best with the forthcoming arrival of her new little baby, and thank her very much for her support with the Club over the past few years.





Zonta 2013 Events Calendar

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS	RESPONSIBLE	DONE
MARCH				
International Women's Day	March 2013	Luncheon held every year to celebrate International Women's Day. Held at various venues across Mackay, typically 250+ people attend. Themes are aimed at targeting/promoting Zonta initiatives, local talent and issues/topics that are of keen interest to women.	Vassie Comino	✓
Breast Cushion Assembly	March 2013	Zonta breast cushions are assembled by committee members and are donated to the Mackay Base Hospital for women to use after breast surgery. The cushion is used for support while sleeping, protection while shopping or from pressure of a seat belt, and for comfort.	Gail Clark	✓
JULY				
Get Active with Zonta Family Walk	Sunday, 28 th July	A partnership with Council to launch the new Blue Water Trail pathway and to encourage local residents to get out, get active and be healthy. Zonta walk commenced at 8.30am with approx. 200 participants. All proceeds donated to the Mackay Hospital Foundation for equipment/furniture for their Parents Room.	Fiona Kruger	✓
AUGUST				
The Song Room Family Fun Day	Sunday, 11 th August	A Rio Tinto (Hail Creek Mine) sponsored event showcasing postcards that have been created by children that have been part of the The Song Room Program (Victoria Park, Fitzgerald and Mackay District Special School). Zonta will be providing a sausage sizzle and drinks on the day.	Marie Cameron	✓
Zonta Information Session	Wednesday, 14 th August	Information session being held at the Rio Tinto Mackay Offices to provide information on Zonta to interested community members.	Vassie Comino	✓
Birthing Kit Assembly	Sunday, 25 th August	Assembly of birthing kits for under-privileged women in foreign countries	Gail Clark	
Masters Sausage Sizzle	Sunday, 31 st August	Sausage sizzle to raise funds for Zonta. Requirements include set up of tent, provision of catering and cooking utensils, cooking of food.	Bridget Mather	
SEPTEMBER				
Zonta Social function	TBA	Opportunity for social event given no other fundraising events this month	Social Committee	

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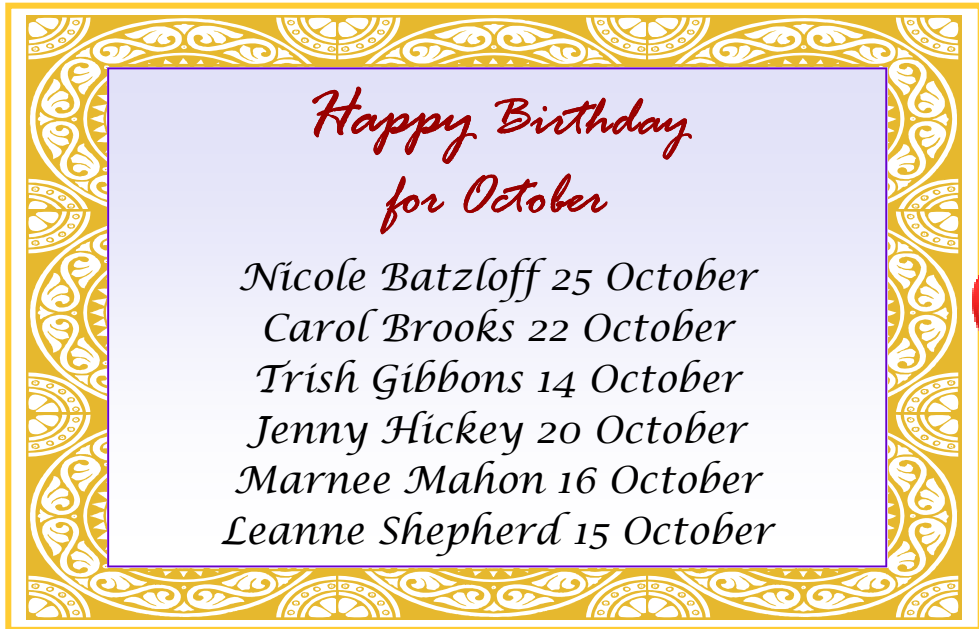
Zonta District Conference - Noosa	Friday, 27 th September – Sunday, 29 th September	Zonta District Conference to be held at Noosa providing an overview of Zonta activities occurring throughout the year.	Bridget Mather	
OCTOBER				
Global Grooves	Sunday, 27 th October	Family event that celebrates multiculturalism and diversity in the Mackay region held at Queens Park. Live entertainment, diverse foods and activities for children. Opportunity to engage Z Clubs to participate in activity to launch DV Awareness Month.	Fiona Kruger	
NOVEMBER				
“Zonta Says NO “Dinner Function	Nov 2013	An evening of catered entertainment held at the Canelands Coffee Club. Night to include a variety of activities including celebrity waiters, a silent auction and possible guest speaker. Tickets to be priced around \$80, potential for this to become an annual event.	Carol Brooks	
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Nov 2013	Sausage sizzle to raise funds for Zonta. Requirements include set up of tent, provision of catering and cooking utensils, cooking of food.	Viv Hanrahan	
DECEMBER				
Tropo Markets	Sunday, 8 th December 2013	Variety markets held at Mt Pleasant shopping centre. Opportunity to sell Zonta merchandise and promote Zonta activities and awareness.	Lynne Bailey	
Zonta End of Year Function	Dec 2013	A get together for all Zonta committee members and partners to celebrate a successful year!	Social Committee	



What's happening

CALENDAR DATE CLAIMERS

- 11 Oct** *International Day of the Girl*
- International Day of the Girl** is a day to recognize and celebrate the activism of girls as agents of change in their lives and their community. The event is designed for girls working to create change in their community; it focuses on what their projects can accomplish when they are better supported and empowered in their work. We are stronger when we work together and can learn from each other.
- 15 Oct** *District Governor, Judith Anderson attending our dinner meeting*
- 27 Oct** *Global Grooves*
- 23 Nov** *Zonta Say's No Dinner – Coffee Club Canelands*
- 24 Nov** *BBQ Bunnings*
- 25 Nov** *White Ribbon Day*
- 7 Dec** *Zonta Christmas Party*



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