

# The Zonta Club of Mackay

NEWSLETTER

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## President's Report

The 'visibility' goal of our Zonta International President, Lynn McKenzie, continues to be recognised by our Club through the marketing of our Zonta 20th anniversary cookbooks. During the month of October Zonta members were kept busy selling cookbooks at our local River 2 Reef and Global Grooves festivals. Participating in events such as these provides an opportunity for our members to outreach and let our community know what Zonta is all about and what we strive to achieve both at a local and international level.

It was wonderful also to see members from two of our Z Clubs participate with our stall at the Global Grooves festival. Sincere appreciation must be extended to Leanne Shepherd for her coordination of the Z Clubs involvement with this Festival and in particular, the ongoing support that she provides to the North Mackay High HOWW Z Club. Many thanks also to all of our wonderful members who came along and sold books at our stalls. The selling skills of our members is amazing! Many thanks to Gail Clark, Eunice Shearer and Viv Hanranhan for helping with setting up and pulling down our stalls – always a big job.

We will continue selling our cookbooks at the Troppo markets planned for Sunday 11 November and 2 December. Our ongoing goal with these activities is, as our District Governor Judith Anderson has so aptly recognised, to take the name of Zonta well beyond the homes and kitchens of our Zonta members and our families. To date well over 500 cookbooks (and our first print) have been sold. Yours in service, **Marie Cameron (President)**



### Selling the cookbook

Left: At River 2 Reef Festival: Trish Gibbins, Marie Cameron, Viv Hanrahan, Vassie Comino  
Right: At Global Grooves Multicultural Festival: Leanne Shepherd and Gemma Clark





## Cookbook update

**S**ales to the end of October (defined as where money has been banked and cleared by Zonta) are 569 copies, which is a fantastic achievement since the book was officially launched on 29th September. After the printing costs have been taken off this provides total charitable profit in the bank at \$6,000!

**S**ales at the River 2 Reef festival on 6th October raised \$300 in funds, and at the Global Grooves on 28th October the amount raised was \$380. There were also a number of ladies who expressed an interest in finding out more about Zonta and what we do, so hopefully we'll see some more new faces at our monthly meetings over the next few months.

**N**ext sales events in the plan are the November and December Troppo markets, where we hope to maximise on the Christmas gifting market. Many thanks again to Carol Brooks who has organised for our Club to have a stall place allocated at the markets for the sale of our Zonta books.



ABOVE: At River 2 Reef, Sarah Hatherly and Gemma Clark selling cookbooks

**S**ome more fantastic news that we have received this month from Mackay Regional Council, is that the Zonta cookbook has been granted a place in the 'Mackay 150 Time Capsule'. The Time Capsule signifies the final chapter of Mackay's 150 year commemorations. Following a special commemorative Remembrance Service at Greenmount Homestead on Sunday 11th November, the Mayor will reflect on the people, places and stories that have shaped Mackay with the burial of the M150 Time Capsule at 11.30am. Mayor of Mackay Regional Council, Councillor Deirdre Comerford, said the Time Capsule aims to capture present Mackay for future generations and is the chance for local residents to tell our future generations what people, places and stories have shaped our region to this point. Donations have been collected from the local community over the last few months. The Capsule will be opened in 50 years time at the Mackay 200 celebrations.

**B**elow article was in paper recently about the capsule, and there is also a link to the council site if you wanted to read more!

- <http://www.dailymercury.com.au/news/time-capsule-buried-on-remembrance-day/1613974/>
- [http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au/community/m150\\_time\\_capsule](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au/community/m150_time_capsule)

*Gemma Clark, Cookbook Sub-committee*

## WAS Z Club paper doll decorating at Global Grooves



LEFT: Kendall Rapson and Taryn Shepherd WAS Z Club doll organisers.



What we're doing

## Z Club news: WAS Z Club Induction



Photo from left: Acting Head of Senior School Jamie Novasel, Marie Cameron and Leanne Shepherd Zonta Club past and new executive members of WAS Z Club, right side Jessica Vigliante and Janine Larsen WAS Z Club Coordinators, and guest speaker Kylie Devine, Rio Tinto, Hail Creek Mine

The Whitsunday Anglican School Z Club conducted its induction of new members for 2013 on Wednesday 31 October. The Club continues to grow its membership numbers and participated in many of our Zonta Club activities during the past year including International Women's Day lunch, birthing kit packing day, Relay for Life registration

desk, our 20th anniversary celebrations and the Global Grooves Festival. WAS Z Club members will also be involved with our White Ribbon Day event on Sunday 18 November.

Guest speaker at the WAS Z Club induction was Kylie Devine, a Community Relations graduate with Rio Tinto Hail Creek Mine. Kylie spoke about her journey of leaving school and making career and study choices.

New executive members are President, Emily Long; Secretary, Claire McCormack; and Treasurer, Theresa Fox. Many thanks to Jessica Vigliante and Janine Larsen for their ongoing support and coordination of the Club.

## Z Club news: MNSHS HOW Z Club Christmas Boxes

The MNSHS HOWW Z Club proudly delivered 30 Christmas gift boxes to be sent to Brisbane, for onward travel to their final Third world country destination, to be opened by an excited child on December 25th. They also raised \$168 from the sale of bags of Xmas frogs at the Global Grooves Multicultural Festival, and then donated \$100 to Samaritan's Purse to help with postage costs of the boxes.

The Z Club is now looking towards their November fundraiser and awareness campaign in conjunction with White Ribbon Day (Sunday 18th November).

*Leanne Shepherd*



Packing Christmas boxes. From left: Yolanda Aay, Claire Kelly, Maddi Green and Elizabeth Kelly.

Representing HOWW Z Club at Global Grooves From left: Elizabeth Kelly, Claire Kelly, Yolanda Aay



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a further 4 prospective members at our Information Night on 9th October.

We shall be pinning lots of new members at our November meeting.

Very exciting times for the club!

*Vassie Comino, Chair Membership*

What we're doing

## Nancy Wake a.k.a. 'The White Mouse': WW2 Secret Agent

As 11th November is Remembrance Day it seems fitting that this month's inspiring woman is a hero of World War 2, Nancy Wake.

**N**ancy Grace Augusta Wake was born in New Zealand in 1912, the youngest of 6 children. In 1914 the family moved to Sydney where shortly afterwards her father abandoned his family to return to New Zealand leaving Nancy's mother to raise the children in Australia.

**I**n 1932 when Nancy was 20 years old, an aunt from New Zealand left Nancy a £200 bequest, which she used to travel to London, New York and Paris. While abroad Nancy studied journalism then set up a base in Paris, working as a freelance journalist. Among her assignments was an interview with Hitler in 1933.

**D**uring an assignment in Vienna, Nancy witnessed first-hand the cruelty of the Nazi regime, including the persecution of Jews and other minorities. "The storm troopers had tied the Jewish people up to massive wheels," Nancy later recounted. **"They were rolling the wheels along, and the storm troopers were whipping the Jews. I stood there and thought, 'I don't know what I'll do about it, but if I can do anything one day, I'll do it.' And I always had that picture in my mind, all through the war."**

**I**n 1939 after World War 2 began, Nancy married a wealthy French industrialist, Henri Fiocca. The couple set up house in Marseilles. However, true to her vow, Nancy soon became involved in the war effort, purchasing and driving a vehicle that she used both as an ambulance and to supply refugee camps ahead of the front line. As the war progressed Nancy became increasingly involved in the French Resistance movement, taking advantage of her privileged social position to avoid detection, first as a courier, then as a member of the Allied Escape Route Organisation. Working with the organisation, she helped hundreds of escaped prisoners of war, stranded Allied troops, political refugees, and downed Allied fliers seeking safe passage out of France through to Spain.

**I**n 1942 the Gestapo, German secret police, came to suspect that Nancy was a member of the Resistance movement, but were unable to prove her involvement. In recognition of Nancy's ability to evade detection and capture, the Gestapo code-named her 'The White Mouse' and placed a 5 million franc bounty on her head.

**S**hortly afterwards Nancy was captured and held for 4 days but managed to escape to Britain. Her husband Henri, however, remained in France and was eventually captured, tortured and executed by the Gestapo.

**B**ack in Britain, Nancy joined the French Section of the British Special Operations Executive (SOE), where she received training in survival skills, armed and unarmed combat, explosives, Morse Code and radio operation, surveillance and night parachuting. In 1944 she and another SOE operative were parachuted into the Auvergne region of central France to lead the 7,000-strong 'Maquis' Resistance fighters in preparation for the D-Day invasion on 6th June.



Under the alias of 'Madame Andrée', Nancy organised parachute supply drops, collected and distributed weapons and ensured that radio contact was maintained with the SOE in Britain. She also participated in the guerrilla warfare leading up to and following D-Day, including sabotage raids on German

installations and an attack on the local Gestapo headquarters in Montlucon. When the supply drops were threatened by the loss of radio codes during a German offensive, Nancy embarked on a marathon trek, walking and cycling about 500 km in 72 hours and crossing several German checkpoints, in order to find an operator to radio Britain and request new codes.

**O**ne of her comrades in the Resistance, Henri Tardivat, later described Nancy as **"the most feminine woman I know, until the fighting starts. Then, she is like five men."**

**A**fter World War 2 ended, Wake's contribution to the war effort was recognised with numerous medals and awards, including the George Medal from Britain, the Médaille de la Résistance, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur and three Croix de Guerre from France, and the Medal of Freedom from the US. **Nancy Wake was the most decorated servicewoman of the Second World War.**

**I**n 1948 Nancy returned to Sydney. In 1949 she stood as a Liberal Party candidate for the Sydney seat of Barton in the Australian Federal election but was beaten by the Labor Party deputy leader, Herbert Evatt. She tried, and failed, again at the 1951 election.

**I**n 1951 Nancy returned to Britain, where she was appointed as a Women's Royal Air Force (WRAF) officer in the Department of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Intelligence) of the British Air Ministry. In 1957 she married John Forward, a British fighter pilot and former prisoner of war. In 1960 the couple moved to Australia to live. In 2001, her husband John having died, Nancy left Australia for good to spend the remainder of her life in Britain and Europe.

**D**uring her later years he sold all her war medals, saying **"There was no point in keeping them. When I die, I'll probably go to hell and they'd melt anyway. My only condition is when I die, I want my ashes scattered over the hills in France where I fought alongside all those men."**

**M**ore awards were to follow, however. In 2004, on 22nd February, Nancy was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in recognition of her "significant contribution and commitment" during the war. In 2006 the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association awarded Nancy its highest honour, the RSA Badge in Gold. In 2011 on the 7th August, Nancy died in London aged 98.

**A**n inspiring quote of Nancy Wake's, which sums up her indomitable spirit, is this: **"I hate wars and violence. But if they come I don't see why we women should just wave our men a proud goodbye and then knit them balaclavas."**

(Article adapted from 'Nancy Wake' found at: <http://www.moreorless.au.com/heroes/wake.html>)

*Eunice Shearer*

**November: Trish Gibbins**

**Birthday:** 14th October 1954

**How I Heard about Zonta:** in 2010 after a friend invited me.

**Why I joined Zonta:** I joined Zonta because I liked the Fellowship and I was very impressed with the fund raising activities and mission of the club. I feel my work skills will be of benefit to the club as organization skills, motivation skills and being an active team member.

**Family:** Husband, Alec. Son, Andrew; daughter-in-law, Charissa; grandchildren, Daniel and



Aleisha. Daughter, Desree; son-in-law, Wayne; grandchildren, Nicholas, Jessica and Gregory.

**Career:** Sales Director Mary Kay Cosmetics. I am in the Cosmetics Industry and I have the pleasure of enhancing women's lives, not only by looking after their skincare

needs but also coaching my Team to enhance their future in personal and business life.

*Trish Gibbins*

**DATE CLAIMERS**



- Tuesday 20th November: Dinner Meeting, Reef Resort Motel, Nebo Rd, 6.30 pm.
- Saturday 1st December: Zonta 'Round the World' Christmas party at Peter and Marie Cameron's house, 13 Sir Griffith Way, Rural View. 6.30 pm start.
- Sunday 2nd December: Troppo Markets Zonta stall, Mt Pleasant Shopping Centre, AM.
- Friday 14th December: Christmas MWiB lunch, Reef Resort Motel, Nebo Rd, 12 noon.
- Saturday 12 January, 2013: 2013 Full Club Planning meeting, Rio Tinto training room, 25 – 29 Evans Avenue, North Mackay, 3.00pm – 5.00pm

**THERE WILL BE NO DINNER MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**Newsletter Banner (from the Editor)**

This month's newsletter banner shows Viv Hanrahan's photo of the East Mackay beach at low tide, over which I have superimposed the newsletter title. Thank you for allowing us to use it, Viv.

*Eunice Shearer*

*Happy Birthday*



*• 3rd December - Marie Cameron*

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## Traveller Tales



Many of our members go travelling, around Australia or overseas. These pages are devoted to stories and photos of some of their travels. We hope you'll enjoy reading about them. Please feel welcome to contribute your own stories or photos to this column.

### Daily life in Semarang, Indonesia

I am at the moment taking some much-needed family catch-up time in Indonesia, in the city of Semarang on the north central coast of Java. Semarang is a medium-sized provincial city, which I can best describe as a Javanese equivalent of Mackay - it has most facilities here (shops, universities, airport, hospitals, etc.) but is less crowded and definitely not polluted like the capital, Jakarta. It even has a significant sugar industry surrounding it. I am staying with my son's wife's family, a middle-class Indonesian family that enjoys a comfortable lifestyle. The house is located in a suburb of Semarang about 20 minutes drive from the city centre in a gated and relatively new housing complex.

At this particular moment of writing I am more-or-less alone in the house, 'more-or-less' meaning alone except for 3 of the 6 live-in servants and other employees who work here. The servants consist of a cook, a nanny and 2 male servants whose duties combine driving, cleaning and valet work. In addition, every night 2 security guards provide night-time security from their small guardhouse attached to the house. Well, the security guards and guardhouse are a bit of an indulgence by my daughter-in-law's father - whom we respectfully refer to as 'Bapak' ('Father') - but are useful for other odd jobs too and so they continue to be employed and, like the other servants, are part of this family. I certainly feel safe at night knowing I am well-guarded. The cook is at this moment trying to feed me some delicious Indonesian food she has cooked but I have had to refuse this until a flexible 'later' as I have been helping myself to too many delicious Indonesian cakes meanwhile.

I am alone because the family has gone to town to visit one of the shopping malls here but this time I have declined the invite to accompany them as I can't stand the noise in this particular mall. Deafening noise comes from all of its stalls and shops, all of it colliding in the central open space in this 3-storey mall, its noise level most likely exceeding the legal decibels allowed in any public space in Australia. Worse at weekends and public holidays. Otherwise, I love going to malls here and looking around, sometimes shopping. Daily necessities - including housing - are so cheap here, although electronic goods such as TVs are about the same cost as Australia.

As I haven't confirmed yet a return date to Australia, I plan to still be here one month from now and so I'll write about Indonesia again for the December newsletter. **Eunice Shearer**



My son, Iain, his wife, Piday, grandsons Aiden and Morgan and me.

(More photos page 8)



Off to school: Servants Uci and Risman take Aiden and Morgan to school, Indonesia-style. The students wear a different-style and colour uniform every day.

# TRAVEL AROUND THE ARCTIC

Lynette and Robert Dupuy  
August, 2012



*Sunset - with fishing boats among the icebergs*



*On the deck of the MS Expedition. We travelled on the same ship in Antarctica earlier this year.*



*In the Museum at Longyearben.*



*A Walrus family. They were very plentiful in the Arctic.*



*These are Inuit children at Rodebay, a settlement across the bay from Illulissat, Greenland.*



*The Russian Settlement. This was an old Coal Mining Town that was abandoned in about 1998 and just left to deteriorate. There are 9 Ukrainians there trying to restore it to make it a Scientific base for people to stay when working in the Arctic. We landed on the beach unannounced. They were very hospitable and had a great bar!*

**Lynette Dupuy**

Traveller Tales

## Daily life in Semarang, Indonesia



*In the Semarang museum I couldn't resist a photo of the way sugarcane was crushed in the early days here- by an ox pulling a rotating beam attached to a small crusher. It may still be done this way.*



*A typical small house belonging to a middle-class family. Notice a separate door on the left for servants to enter. Most people who can afford to, employ at least one live-in servant. Servants are usually from poorer villages and their employment gives them much-needed money to send home to their families. There are no Centrelink benefits here.*



*Enoh doing the daily sweeping and washing of floors. The salary for a full-time servant is around 800,000 rupiah (or \$80) a month. How I would love this service at home in Australia!*



*And this too - Risman doing the daily car wash. The family owns 2 cars.*



*Bapak's house. This is quite a large house with 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, plus servants' bedrooms and bathroom. If you wanted to buy a smaller 2-bedroom house here you could expect to pay around \$70,000. Bapak's house would cost a little more.*



*Bapak's guardhouse. Unnecessary perhaps because the family lives in a gated community with security guards at the entrance to the complex. Also this house, like many others, has bars on every window. A sad reminder of the ever-present possibility of robbery.*