



# East-enders

Newsletter of Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

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July 2005

## Next Dinner Meeting Monday 8 August

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm  
Committee Meetings 6.15pm  
Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm  
At

### Good Earth Hotel

Wickham Tce  
(Ground Floor)

### Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

Apologies to  
Jill Hedley

Friday 5 August  
3279 2096 (H)

### After hours

*In absence on an apology an  
invoice for \$27.50 will be sent to  
all non-attending members.*

## PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

Welcome to July,

Committees:

At tonight's dinner meeting, the Club will need to finalise how they want to structure the committees so that the work can commence. We will need members to put their hands up to chair a committee. Your board will propose a revamping of the committees so that the load can be spread around. I hope that everyone will embrace the changes and commit to having some input into the Clubs fundraising and service.

**Breast Cushions:** We had a good turnout at the last breast cushion morning thanks to Jill, Bev F, Lyn P, Margaret. It was good to have Ros Kinder pop in for a short time. We did manage to finish off and wrap about 12 cushions. Again if anyone would like to contribute by doing a small job at home please let us know. Volunteers for any of these tasks are

always welcome. We have committed ourselves to supplying a number of hospitals so need to continue our workshops. Our next workshop is scheduled for Sunday 24 July (the 5th Sunday) and this should be confirmed at the dinner meeting.

**Antique Fair:** Denise and Heather have been working hard to put together the Antique and Collectable Fair on Sunday 7 August. The flyers have been printed and ready to distribute, anyone who can take some to their local store/noticeboard, please see Denise. The list of duties is still available for members to say when and how they can assist.

**District Conference:** Just a reminder to everyone that they need to register asap for the District 24 Conference in October—the next important cut-off date is 15 August – Close of discount registrations.

Lynn Callander

## Highlights from the District Govenner's newsletter....

*Following are some excerpts from Ros Kinder's newsletter .... Copies of the newsletter are available at the dinner meeting.*

### 2004-2006 Biennial Goals

- Focus on our Mission
- Combine Service and Advocacy
- Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate
- International Service Programs

## Birthing Kit Project

*I have received an Annual Report from the D23 Coordinators of the Birthing Kit Project. Clubs in D23 and D234 together reached the target of \$56500 which allowed access to the \$113000 available through the AusAid grant.*

*Nationally 78 Clubs will have made or have committed to make 104,000 kits distributed to 25 countries through 17 organisations.*

*Further funding of \$200,000 is available from AusAid for the 2005-2006 financial year requiring a contribution of \$100,000 from Clubs.*

*41 Clubs from our District have participated in this project.*

## Zonta Breast Care Cushions

*Our D24 Clubs have also continued with the making and distribution of the Zonta Breast Care Cushions with some 45 Clubs participating in this District Endorsed Project. A number of Clubs also make and supply drainage bags to accompany the cushions. There is a regular and what appears to be an increasing demand for the cushions and Clubs now have many letters of appreciation from women who have been given a cushion post surgery.*

*PS. Our club has made more than 200 cushions and distributed to hospitals including: Mater Private; Greenslopes; PA Hospital and Logan Hospital.*

## 2005 WORLD SUMMIT MUST CONSIDER WAYS TO PROTECT, PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Addressing the opening of the 33rd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Rachel Mayanja, Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Special Adviser to the on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women stressed the 23-member expert body's tireless commitment to that aim – ensuring that real-life benefits were the guiding principle in gauging how women could gain from decisions taken by the international community.

The 23-member Committee of experts, which monitors implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, also worked diligently to highlight the specific areas of concern in each of the States parties that came before it for a constructive dialogue about their compliance, Ms. Mayanja said.

She added the Committee's approach to gender equality, as reflected in its general recommendations, statements and concluding comments, made it very clear that States parties to the Convention were obliged to tackle the structural causes of discrimination against women. Only by challenging the ingrained and systemic roots of women's inequality would true equality with men be realized, she said.

(from UNNews Bulletin)

*Contributed by Margaret Casey*

**Reminder**  
Dinner with  
International President  
Mary-Ellen Bittner  
6pm on Wednesday  
13 July 2005  
Cost \$40.00  
At Parliament House Annex  
George Street Brisbane.

## DATE CLAIMERS

**Wednesday 13 July—Parliament House Dinner for International President**  
**Sunday 7 August—Antique & Collectable Fair at Jindalee**  
**Monday 8 August—Dinner Meeting**  
**Monday 22 August—Board Meeting—venue TBA**  
**Sunday 29 August—Breast Cushion Morning—TBC**  
**Monday 12 September— Dinner Meeting**  
**7-9 October—District 24 Conference, Gold Coast**

## Women's Leadership and Development Grants

Zonta International in Australia is a member organisation of the National Women's Secretariats, we have been advised that the 2005-2006 Round of the Women's Leadership and Development Grants was advertised in *The Australian* and *The Canberra Times* on Saturday 2 July. Please find further information below:

### Women's Leadership and Development Programme - 2005-06 Project and Capacity Building Grants

The Australian Government, through the Office for Women in the Department of Family and Community Services, invites applications from interested national women's non-government organisations (NGOs) to undertake projects to improve the status of women in Australia.

Two separate funding components are available:

#### Project Grants

§ Up to \$50,000 to national women's non-government organisations for significant projects and research relevant to current women's issues and to the Government's strategic goals for women; and

#### Capacity Building Grants

§ Up to \$25,000 to national women's non-government organisations for smaller capacity building projects that strengthen the organisation's effectiveness and increase its capacity to contribute to the development of public policy.

Please note that the programme is not intended to fund the day-to-day operational costs of national women's NGOs. Applications for funding must be for outcome-based projects with tangible results that will benefit women and that will be completed by 31 May 2006.

Applicants should read the Application Guidelines and the "How To" Guide to Developing Women's Development Programme Funding Applications, before submitting an application. Applications must be submitted using the Application for Project Funding 2005-06 proforma. The application proforma, guidelines and other supporting information will be available on the web site from Monday 4 July 2005 at [www.ofw.facs.gov.au](http://www.ofw.facs.gov.au) (under What's

New) or may be obtained from Monday 4 July 2005 from Deborah Foulcher (02)

6 2 1 2 2 4 3 0 or email [deborah.foulcher@facs.gov.au](mailto:deborah.foulcher@facs.gov.au)

Closing Date: Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 29 July 2005 and

are to be sent to: Project Officer Women's Leadership and Development Programme  
Australian Government Office for Women  
Department of Family and Community Services  
Box 7788 CANBERRA MAIL CENTRE ACT 2610 . LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Deborah Foulcher

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### Great Queensland Women

This book pays tribute to 21 outstanding women – activist, trailblazers, achievers and reformers who all contributed to the shaping of our State.

This book has been published by the Queensland Government Office for Women to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women having the vote in State elections - and the 40th anniversary for Indigenous Queenslanders.

The stories of 21 women from fields as diverse as social work, medicine, geology, law, art, community work and government include Queensland's first lawyer, parliamentarian, doctor, policewomen, as well as the founders of the first maternity hospital and children's hospital.

The first wave activists who fought for suffrage include Emma Miller, May Jordan McConnel and Margaret Ogg while more recent activists such as Eva Bacon, Kath Walker (Oodgeroo Noonuccal), Celia Smith and Merle Thornton are also included.

The book has 100 full colour pages with a soft cover, and is fully illustrated - a great read and a unique gift.