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ABOUT

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FINANCE

EFT Details

Name: Zonta Club of Brisbane**BSB:** 064 000**Account:** 00905481**Ref:** SURNAME Dinner**Dinner:** \$50.00*

(*includes Lucky Door Ticket)

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Message from President Emma Duncan



Dear Friends

Last month was membership month; and it was great to have so many visitors. I really hope our guests enjoyed the evening; but more importantly I hope that they found a group of people whose commitment to human rights (and specifically the rights of women and girls) will prompt them to want to become involved, too. To quote Leneen: *there is no such thing as a free lunch!!*

When I catch up with old friends I am very aware that if I launch too enthusiastically into what I've been up to in Zonta the resultant rambling undirected word spiel can sound as if I've joined some sort of cult - and my listeners' eyes glaze over. I have worked on my one-sentence one-floor-of-the-lift description. But it really has been a wonderful experience for me. I have learnt so much, from everyone's different walks of life and work experiences. I have heard amazing people speak at the dinners. I have developed professional skills in leadership, organisation, negotiation and governance, which I now use in my own work life. I have helped raise money for great causes; and to administer these funds. And I've made friends, whom I trust. So many of my friends are in work situations where a little female support and empowerment would go a long way towards improving their work environment and the joyfulness of their working lives.

So I really hope we were able to communicate these positive experiences to our guests – and also that these positive experiences are shared by other club members. Since the start of this year our club has expressed how we want to fund raise, and what we want to raise funds for; and the board has held a strategy meeting to reflect on where we are currently and where we want to be. As the current Board comes to the end of its tenure, and together we consider our new board, it is timely to consider our individual engagement with Zonta – what is positive and what could be better. I encourage everyone to talk with our Nominating Committee about the shape of our club and our board for next year.

Best wishes

Yours in Zonta fellowship . . .

President, Emma Duncan

*Club Meeting

Dinner Meeting - Wednesday 3 April 2019

6pm Fellowship Drinks

7pm-9pm Dinner Meeting

United Service Club, [183 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill](#).

We are looking forward to an enjoyable dinner full of news, fellowship and good cheer. Again, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has submitted their apologies for this month's dinner.

How to pay for dinner - \$50.00

Please remember how much we can save on unnecessary bank fees if you **pay for your monthly dinner by EFT**:

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As our lives are often so full, to have one less thing to worry about, you might like to set up a regular BSB payment out of your bank account each month. If something happens and you can't attend a dinner, your 'credit' will carry over to the next dinner.

And as previously mentioned, if you forget to process your EFT payment before each Wednesday's dinner, we can note it on the attendance sheet when you arrive that your payment is on its way. Of course, if you still forget to pay that month, we will give you a little reminder next time.

If you're joining us this Wednesday evening, please take a moment to read through the **attached documents** so you can be ready to discuss.

Heads or Tails? Please remember to **bring along a gold coin** if you wish to play. Thank you!



*Guest Speaker



We have the absolute pleasure of welcoming **Professor Margaret Sheil**, Vice-Chancellor and President Chancellery, Queensland University of Technology as our guest speaker this month on the topic of **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Margaret was awarded Officer of the Order of Australia in 2017 and is currently a Director of the Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation and a Member of the CSIRO Science Industry Endowment Fund.

For the gender and cultural bias that exists in STEM to change, more women need to have a place in these fields.

Please consider bringing along your family and friends – including daughters, granddaughters, nieces and their friends - who may benefit from hearing the path Margaret has forged in this area.

Just send their names to zontabrisbane@gmail.com by on Monday 1 April 2019 so we can update the attendance list.

*Member News

Our 'little' family just keeps growing

- **Congratulations to Margie Fraser** who arrived in Geneva just after her granddaughter Amalia was born. What a beautiful little package of joy! All the best to Margie and her family.
- **A very special note from Margaret Ferguson:**

I am sad that I have decided that I will not renew my club membership this year.

I first heard about Zonta long before I became a member and always thought that the ideals suited me exactly. Our business donated some furniture to the RBWH for a waiting room that was being refurbished by our Zonta club.

It was Meryll Ducat, one of our customers who instigated our donation. I met Leneen at the time of her International Presidency; she was a guest of Mary Magee's at a friend's party and it was Mary who introduced me to the club. She never let a prospective and eligible member escape and I was very honoured to be asked to join.

It was very exciting to join our club and I was very happy to participate. Over the years I have been a Board Member, Treasurer and President. While on the board I was chair of the United Nations Committee that we had then and it was customary for us to have a United Nations dinner Meeting. That year I asked everyone to come dressed in their national dress or that of their ancestors and most members made an effort.

I wore a kilt and stole in the family tartan but Katerina Hampson made a massive impression in her Dutch costume - from the white hat with the starched and curled shape to the wooden clogs on her feet - she stole the show. The members completed a survey on the night and it was very interesting to note that we had members who had come from all over the world and went from new arrivals to fifth generation Australians but no one was able to claim to be an original inhabitant.

Although I have not quite made it to twenty five years of membership, I have very fond memories of our club's amazing 25th anniversary party and wish everyone a great celebration for Zonta's 100th.

Our club is in good hands and going from strength to strength and I have greatly enjoyed being a member and will be sorry not to attend regular dinners any more, although I will be happy to continue to be a Zizzler later on this year when my life becomes a little less hectic.

Margaret Ferguson

A very warm and sincere thank you Margaret for more than two decades of service to Zonta and our club in leadership roles and other ways. It is wonderful to hear highlights of your membership and how you came to join the club and the members who motivated you to do so.

Midst the fun and purpose of those times you make a strong and valid point about diversity of membership, an aspect that a quarter century later looms large if we are to better reflect the society we live and work in.

Thank you for your entertaining and thoughtful overview and the wonderful contribution you have made over many years.

We take heart from the fact that although we will no longer see you on a regular basis at dinner meetings, you will continue to support Susan and the Zizzling team as a volunteer alumna. They will be delighted to hear this and to see you again later in the year.

*Yours in fellowship
Zonta Club of Brisbane*



Annual membership fees now due - \$225.00

As a follow up to the email notification sent to all Members last week, annual membership fees are now due.

You may also recall that at the March Club Dinner meeting, Members voted in favour of increasing the Club Annual Fee by \$25 to \$225 for the coming financial year.

Annual Club fees are made up of the following costs:

Zonta International Dues	\$120
District Dues	\$ 30
Club Dues	\$ 75

The due date for Zonta International and District fees is 1 June 2019 at the latest! So **please pay your annual membership fee as soon as possible** - this would be greatly appreciated.

The Board is keen to keep fees as low as possible into the future. As mentioned above, one way to reduce bank charges considerably and keep our fees as low as possible is for Members to pay their dues and monthly dinner costs by direct bank debit or by cash rather than by credit or debit cards on the night.

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We hope you will consider these options. To those Members who have already paid, *THANK YOU!*



- **District 22 Governor News**

This latest edition from District 22 Governor, Sandy Venn-Brown is attached.

It includes details of the District Conference and the Schedule at a Glance so you can see what wonderful speakers and events have been lined up for September. Don't forget early bird registrations are now open!

- Zonta Club of Pine Rivers March newsletter is also attached.
- Zonta Club of Rockhampton's newsletter has been circulated by separate email.

Happy reading!

NCWQ Annual Dinner – Tuesday 30 April, United Services Club, Brisbane

National Council of Women of Queensland Inc. Annual Dinner is being held at the United Service Club, in the presence of our Patron His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC Governor of Queensland and Mrs Kaye de Jersey.

Commencing at 6.30pm on Tuesday 30 April

Guest speaker: Brigadier Susan Coyle CS DSM, Commander 6th Brigade, Australian Army

Bursary Recipients: Madison and Taylor Birchnell

Cost: \$90 (including welcome drink and 2-course dinner)

RSVP: By 17 April 2019 – Avril Kent's email and payment details in the attached flyer.



*Fundraising



Save the Date – Thursday 30 May 2019 – Fabulous movie night for the Premier of a 'secret' highly acclaimed and fun movie night at New Farm Cinemas.

Tickets will be on sale soon at just \$25.00 per head, including a glass of wine and a choc top or popcorn, and a bottle of water. Arrival time 6pm for pre-movie drinks before the movie starts at 6.30pm. Start spreading the word amongst friends and family and *watch out for news about ticket sales.*

*Fellowship

1. **Babette Stephens Awards: A date to mark in your calendars . . .** Babette Stephens' theatre night on Thursday 17 October at QUT. The award will be presented after viewing the theatre production of "Incognito" featuring 2nd year acting students.
 - Two [Matilda Awards](#) to note. [The Longest Minute](#), which features 2013 Babette Stephens Award winner, Cheetos Deemal, was awarded Best Mainstage Production.
 - Head of Acting QUT, Andrea Moor, was awarded Best Female Actor in a Supporting Role for her portrayal of Aunt Julia Tesman in Hedda for QTC. (Our Babette winners are QUT acting students).
 - 2015 Babette Stephens Award winner, Emily Weir, has secured an ongoing contract with TV show Home and Away.

Congratulations to all on these great achievements!

2. **Tour of the Designer's Guide: Easton Pearson Archive – Saturday 9 March 2019**

Guests were treated to a tour of the stunning 200 garments selected in collaboration with designers Pamela Easton and Lydia Pearson to reveal the artistry, techniques and demi-couture practices that placed the label at the forefront of Australian fashion from 1989 – 2016. Every ticket sold to The Designers' Guide: Easton Pearson supports the preservation of this important archive.

Thank you to Julie Mannion for coordinating this even on behalf of our club.



*Service News

1. **ZI award Women in Technology:** Students will be targeted in this trial year of the award due to the short time frame.
2. **Cassandra Weddell Grant:** Award be advertised to the following institutions:
 - o State Library of Queensland – Children’s programs
 - o Brisbane City Council Library services – Children’s programs
 - o Search Light Inc - Search Light Early Learning Centre.
 - o QUT Early Childhood
 - o Save the Children
 - o Trinity Tots (Trinity Tots Music Box is a community program – Holy Trinity, the Valley)

If you have other suggestions of where the Cassandra Weddell Grant can be promoted, Gwen Jull would love to hear from you. Please either catch up with Gwen at the dinner meeting or send her an email to g.jull@uq.edu.au.

3. **Advancement of Women Award:** A sub-committee has been formed (Cecily Tucker; Genevieve Gray, Lesley Chenoweth) to assist Susan Davies in development of information brochure/forms/Zonta information. The committee will promote and administer the award. Award to be launched in early June.



4. **Gift of a car:** A truly amazing gesture by Susan Davies who made a personal donation of her mother’s car to Margaret O’Hare (our Kingston Adult learning Centre awardee) to assist her undertaking her tertiary studies. *Thank you Susan for your gift, Margaret was overwhelmed by your generosity.*

*Diary Dates

- 3 April 2019 Next Zonta Club of Brisbane Dinner Meeting
- 5-7 April 2019 Zonta Club of Longreach 25 year celebration (RSVP by 29 March)
- 19-22 April 2019 Easter (Good Friday 19 April through to Monday 22 April public holiday)
- 30 April 2019 NCWQ Annual Dinner, United Services Club (RSVP by 17 April)
- 30 May 2019 Premier movie night, New Farm Cinemas
- 31 August 2019 Advancement of Women applications close
- 6-8 September 2019 District 22 Conference (early bird registrations opening in March)
- 17 October 2019 Babette Stephens Award: Opening night of '[Incognito](#)', QUT, Kelvin Grove
- 8 November 2019 Zonta’s Centennial Anniversary
- 4-8 July 2020 International Convention, Chicago, Illinois

*Reflections



Club President, Emma Duncan, perhaps amused by a little 'tweet'?

Leneen Forde AC inducting new member Lesley Chenoweth AO





*International Women's Day Friday 8 March 2019
Celebrating the social, economic, cultural and
political achievements of women*

The Board and Committee

Wish all our members a safe and enjoyable Easter

*And we thank you for your ongoing contribution to Zonta International,
our Club and our Newsletters.*



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