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Newsletter August 2014

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President's Report

Karen Shepherd

Hi Ladies,

Another month has passed and we are looking forward to our membership evening which will be held at June Stewart's home on 19th August and will have a French theme. Please bring along a friend who may be interested in joining our Club.

Congratulations to Leanne and Alan on the safe arrival of their first grandchild Eli Marcus on 16th July. Sadly Alan's mum Dorothy passed away 3 hours after Eli was born. We are still waiting on news of an addition to the Loy and Goyne families.

For those of you who attended "Get Dressed Not Stressed" it was a great social event to spend time with other members and friends from Warwick. The whole Jumpers and Jazz period in Warwick is a wonderful time with lots of people finding our area.

I have forwarded an email from Sandy Venn-Brown (our Area 4 Director), would you please check your details and let me know if anything is wrong or missing. Also the dates for Presidents and Office bearers meeting; either date would suit me but please let me know what date would suit you and who will come with me.

Regards

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Current Campaigns

These are the campaigns our district and club are currently involved with:

Young Woman's Bursary

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Bursary from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to a girl who may be considering leaving school due to financial pressures.

Make the Call

The *Make the Call* campaign encourages friends, family members, neighbours and colleagues of people experiencing abuse to call the DVConnect helpline for confidential advice on safety strategies and available support. Find out more information [here](#).

Birthing Kit Assembly

Zonta Club of Warwick Inc



Welcome New Member: Dorothy Haig!

Dorothy Haig was inducted as a member of the Zonta Club of Warwick Inc in July, and she emailed the next day thanking members for welcoming her, and saying that she felt proud and honoured to be part of this group.

Dorothy was a charter member of the Zonta Club of Longreach in 1993-94. She is now living in the Deuchar area with her husband, Peter. Dorothy had a career in education until 2006, when she returned to university to study visual arts; she now is the owner of a visual arts production business.

We look forward to building friendships with Dorothy, and welcome her input to the activities undertaken by Zonta Club of Warwick.

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fundraises for and assembles 1000 Birthing Kits each year. These are sent by the [Birthing Kit Foundation](#) to areas of need throughout the world.



Happenings on Facebook

Zonta International recently shared the staggering statistic from UNICEF that 700 million women worldwide were married as children. [Read more here.](#)

A Zonta quilt showing all representative countries was won by Gina Giacomo from Tallahassee, Florida at the recent Zonta Convention in Orlando. [See the picture here.](#)

[Zonta Club of Toowoomba Garden City](#) are holding a night out of Champagne, Couture and Art, Saturday 9 August, 6pm at The Empire Church, Neil St, Toowoomba. Purchase tickets, \$75 through the Empire Theatre Ticket Box.

Forthcoming Events

Area 4 Zonta Presidents and Office Bearers Meeting:

23 Aug or 13 Sept - Area 4 Zonta Presidents' and office bearers' meeting to be held in Toowoomba (venue to be announced) on either Saturday 23 August or Saturday 13 September. Area Director will confirm details. Zonta Board members to attend, and report back to members.

August Dinner meeting - 19 August:

French Night! June and Rosa are coordinating this meeting and are planning the menu etc. We thank you again June for hosting this event at your home. If you are willing to assist with drinks, please contact June on 4661 3330.

As well as our usual monthly meeting, this event is our introduction to Zonta Club of Warwick Inc for potential new members. Each member is asked to invite a guest (or 2!) who may be interested in learning more about Zonta and consider becoming a member. In previous years, everyone has enjoyed the extra camaraderie with the meeting being held in June's home, and it is a great opportunity to discuss our projects and answer guests' questions.

This meeting is also a 'fundraiser' as members donate food and wine. Members pay as per usual for dinner, but there is no fee for guests. Raffle tickets available.

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are holding their birthing kit assembly day on 16 August and are hoping to assemble 12,000 kits!

They have also extended the deadline for applications for their bursary for an indigenous or rural/remote female student to 31 August.

[More info can be found here.](#)

Zonta Club of Greater Reno

are asking the question on their page whether the flurry of proposed legislation targetting sexual assault on campuses in the US will make female students safer.

Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer

are running a 3-month campaign to collect bras as part of the "Free the Girls" campaign to help girls who were once part of the sex trade industry in Mozambique.

[Check out the CNN videos here](#) (3 parts).

Birthdays**Area 4 Workshop:**

Area 4 Workshop will be held in Dalby 14 and 15 March, 2015. Save the date!

Past Events**Get Dressed Not Stressed: Sat 31 May 2014**

This event was held as part of Jumpers and Jazz festivities and was attended by ten Zonta ladies. See article later in this newsletter!

Planning Day: Sat 31 May 2014

Much discussion! Agreement that a coordinator will be appointed for key events. This is the list so far:

- **Movie Night/s: Rhonda Betts**
- **Craft & Quilt Fair: Louise Cox**
- **Bursary/Young Woman in Public Affairs (YWPA): Jenny Eldridge**
- **Australia Day Breakfast: Mary Johnston, Valerie Rose**
- **International Women's Day Breakfast: Rosa Hardy**
- **Pamper Packs: Jen-Rose Holmes**

Notes:

- Please contact Rhonda if you are aware of suitable movies coming up in the next few months for the movie night/s.
- The Craft & Quilt Fair is a fellowship activity, with opportunity to invite women from our community, and therefore raise funds for a specific project. This craft fair is being held 8-12 October, at the Exhibition Centre in Brisbane (in past years we have attended on

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20 - Lyn PB
23 - Jenny E

Celebrate in style!

September:

12 - Leanne
29 - Val and Faye

Our best wishes for a very happy day!

the final day).

- Pamper Packs: Members collect/donate toiletry items (soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, comb etc). These items are assembled into emergency / pamper packs for women; for example, a) women in Safe Haven shelter who have left their homes with minimal possessions; b) previously provided to women stranded in Warwick due to floods / equine flu (2007); c) sent to women in areas affected by severe drought. Jen-Rose is currently taking inventory of the goods currently received, and will advise members of items required for the packs, and when the next assembly will take place.

Snippet

Outgoing Area 4 Director, Kath Everett, received a pair of handmade Navajo earrings (from Arizona in the USA) and a Zonta pin as an expression of appreciation for all the work she did over the past 2 years. Zonta Club of Warwick Inc contributed to this gift.

Committee Notes/Jottings

July Raffle: won by Mary Johnson, who will donate the prize for the June dinner meeting.

Advocacy Committee:

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Bursary from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to a girl who may be considering leaving school due to financial pressures. The Advocacy Committee is currently assessing three applications from local girls, and once again it looks like it's going to be a tough decision! Stay tuned to the upcoming newsletter for the announcement of the winner.

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Member News

Leanne Olson shares with us her family's news: the exciting arrival of grandson Eli, and the sad passing of Alan's mum - both on the same day.

What a day Wednesday 16 July was. Luana was induced that day but by late afternoon the baby was quite stressed and quickly got worse. She had to have a caesarian but there wasn't time for the anaesthetic to kick in it was that much of an emergency in the end. We had been receiving texts all day and when things went quiet and we thought he must have been on the way. We received a message at about 5pm that said 'Lu needs her mum' followed by 'Emergency caesarian' followed by 'They are ok'. No details, no gender, no name. We had just left Akooramak from visiting Gran (Alan's mum) knowing that her time was near but hoping that she may hang on until the following day. We jumped in the car and arrived in Toowoomba to find Luana sitting there (totally numb and painless now) holding little Eli. After sending off our messages to family and friends, we received a phone call from Akooramak to let us know that Gran had passed away. Obviously she was just waiting for her little great grandson to enter the world safely before she departed. So we had to make some phone calls of a different nature. Poor Alan and Luana were just a mess but we have all now decided that 16 July is a day to celebrate two lives each year. Anyway, that's our story for one eventful day.

This is little Eli not long after he was born. He insists on having his right arm out all the time. Even in scans you can see it waving around. Funny little fella.



Get Dressed Not Stressed!

(submitted by Jenny Loy and Jacinta Fromm)

Ten Zonta ladies attended this event, sponsored by Spicer's Peak Lodge, and presented as part of the Jumpers and Jazz festivities.

Jenny L, Karen, Lyn Barnes, Mary G and Mary J, Rosa, Rhonda, Jacinta, Louise and June had a fantastic time at the event at a well positioned table towards the front and middle. Afternoon tea was supplied by Spicers Peak Lodge who also donated vouchers for an activity at the Lodge to all attendees. Rhonda won a lucky door prize which was a massage for two at Spicers Peak Lodge so she will have to tell us of the relaxing benefit and luxury of the resort!

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Guest speaker Rita Noon, an image consultant, gave an interesting talk on ladies' body shapes and colouring. She simplified successful shopping to 5 Cs:

- Colour (is it one of your best colours - are you summer/autumn/winter/spring);
- Cut (is it the best shape for you);
- Cloth (is it a fabric that you like to wear);
- Cost (is it worth the money to you);
- Compatibility (does it suit your lifestyle).

She discussed the three body types and how wearing clothes according to body type ensures the right parts of the body are enhanced. Colours should reflect skin tone as wearing the wrong colours may distract the person you are talking to from what you are saying as they focus on something not being "right".

Four local ladies had received advice about colour and cut prior to the afternoon tea, and we were shown their pre-consultation photos, and they appeared on stage post-consultation. All four looked fabulous to start with, but with a few tricks, had that extra 'wow' factor.

Erin Hilton finished the event with her rendition of *Pretty Woman*.

The event was a great success with 160 ladies in attendance.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 5 Board Meeting
- 19 New Member's Dinner Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting
- 16 Dinner Meeting
- 21 International Day of Peace

OCTOBER

- 6 Labour Day
- 7 Board Meeting
- 12 Craft and Quilt Fair
- 21 Dinner Meeting
- 24 United Nations Day

NOVEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Zonta International Day
- 18 Dinner Meeting
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence begins

DECEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting
- 10 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence ends
- 16 Christmas Dinner Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day

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Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

19th August 2014 - New Members meeting - French themed dinner at June Stewart's home, 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

All members are asked to invite a guest who is interested in knowing about Zonta and may consider membership to our August meeting. This will be the 'new members' evening so start talking to your colleagues and friends about Zonta and their interest in attending this dinner.

Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or text message to **0421 782 962** by **Sunday 17th August**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**. June will appreciate knowing how many to set up for.

Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

5th August, at 5.00 pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are to be held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

Board 2014/2015

President: Karen Shepherd
Vice President: Jenny Eldridge
2nd Vice President: Rosa Hardy
Minutes Secretary: Leanne Olsen
Correspondence Secretary: Jacinta Fromm
Treasurer: Louise Cox
Assistant Treasurer: Rhonda Betts
Directors: Dee Mayo; Nola Roach; Sally Carr

Archivist: Mary Goyne
Newsletter: Jacinta Fromm; Lyn Prowse-Bishop

Committees 2014/2015

Service:
Rosa Hardy (Chair), Jenny Loy, Faye Marley, Karen Shepherd, June Stewart, Jacinta Fromm, Dorothy Haig.

Membership:
Jen-Rose Holmes (Chair), Nola Roach, Mary Goyne, Louise Cox, Dee Mayo, Lois James.

Advocacy:
Sally Carr (Chair), Jenny Eldridge, Leanne Olsen, Mary Johnson, Valerie Rose, Rhonda Betts, Lyn Prowse-Bishop.

Nominating Committee:

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Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown

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