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Message from President Emma Duncan



Dear Friends

At the risk of making you all groan, last night I dreamt of Zonta. In my dream, I had to award a prize to one of our Club members - the dilemma was who to award it to as there were two equally deserving contenders. On waking I was quite relieved not to have to make this difficult decision! – but equally I thought it was not such a bad situation to be in: It simply reflected the fact that so many of our Club members are extraordinary, and put serving their community front and centre professionally and personally. Consistent with this, I think it very sensible that Clubs could nominate as many Club members as they wished for the six Dianne Leggo unsung heroes awards. I hope very much that both our two nominees (Susan Davies and Julie Mannion) are successful (at this point, and before I get any questions about it, no, I was not dreaming about Susan and Julie specifically – but they are very deserving nominees this time!).

One of the things I like about Zonta is that in addition to supporting women and girls in dire circumstances, we also celebrate women and girls who have achieved great things; and many of our prizes aim to empower young women to take leadership roles politically, academically, and socially. This week we are awarding prizes to two young women - the Dr Helen Row Memorial Prize (for excellence in Paediatrics and Mental Health) and our Club's Jane M Klausman Women in Business award. We are delighted to welcome the awardees to our dinner meeting and congratulate them on their achievements.

At our next meeting we will be welcoming the two winners of the Babette Stephens Award for 2018. I would like to thank Gwen Jull in particular for her work in ensuring that we judge these awards as fairly as possible. It's been quite interesting to see various people's different marking styles – although ultimately we usually reach the same answer!

In considering prizes, can I urge you all to consider who you are going to nominate for the Advancement for Women Award. We want this award to reflect the high standards we aim for as a Club, and to honour the generosity of Dr Joan Godfrey, and Susan Hocking and Susan Davies (in honour of their late mothers). I'd like to thank the Advancement of Women Award Subcommittee for the huge amount of work they have put into setting this award up – it's a wonderful achievement – and to remind you that the deadline for applications is rapidly approaching.

Until Wednesday!

Yours in Zonta fellowship . . .

Emma Duncan
President

*Club Meeting

Dinner Meeting - Wednesday 7 August 2019

6pm-7pm Fellowship and pre-dinner drink

7pm-9pm Dinner Meeting

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

Look who's coming to dinner! We have at least eight guests joining us for dinner this month which is very exciting. Amongst them are Rhyl and Peter Row to present the winner of the Dr Helen Row Memorial Award.

We have quite a full evening planned so there is no guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you at fellowship drinks prior to dinner . . . *cheers!*



How to pay for dinner

As they say . . . “*Look after the cents and the dollars will look after themselves*” . . . just another little reminder for you to pay \$50 for your dinner by EFT so we can save on bank credit card fees.

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

*Member News

- **New member**

We were delighted that **Penny Limbach**, General Manager of Tangalooma Ecomarines, could attend our July dinner meeting (as a guest of Susan Scott) and has decided to join our Club. Penny is being installed as a member at our August dinner meeting.

Penny has an extensive career with Tangalooma EcoMarines, a not-for-profit Environmental Education Foundation based in Brisbane that is committed to the protection of local marine and wild life, and proud associate custodians of Quandamooka Country. Tangalooma EcoMarines offers inspirational and award winning environmental education programs focusing on achieving better environmental outcomes and developing environmental leadership among students of all ages, schools, community organisations and businesses.



Penny always says she's on a mission to save the world and hopes to inspire people every day to get involved in the program. But most of all she is inspired by the ambassadors.

As the General Manager, Penny sets in motion the vision, strategic plans and goals for EcoMarines to make it the success it is today! (Courtesy: [Tangalooma Ecomarines](#))

- **Current membership list**

The **current membership list** for this year has been reviewed and we will be asking each member to verify their details. This is not only important for our Club but also for the Zonta International membership database. *More to come on this . . .*

- **Proposed Changes to Club Treasurer, Finance Committee and Club Secretary**

As announced at the July dinner meeting, a new Finance Committee is being formed. A huge *THANK YOU* to Leonie Briggs who has generously agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

To support Leonie, Julie O'Sullivan, Gwen Jull and Beverley Morton have kindly agreed to join the Finance Committee but we are still looking for other members to put their hand up to assist.

As we can all imagine, to take on the dual role of Treasurer and Club Secretary will be too demanding of Leonie's time and contribution to our Club. The Board is therefore proposing to split the role of Club Secretary into two parts:

1. Minutes Secretary (Kelly McIntyre has kindly agreed to take on this role)
2. Correspondence Secretary (Beverley Morton sees this fitting quite nicely with the Communications role she currently fulfils so has offered to add this to her Club responsibilities).

- **Call to Conference – Registrations close 31 August**

- **6th District 22 Conference and Australia and New Zealand Centennial Conference**

Another reminder about the 'Call to Conference' for the Zonta Australia and New Zealand Centennial Conference being held on **6-8 September 2019 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre** (see attached and/or [follow this link](#) for more information on the Zonta International website and [here to register](#)).

Note: Conference registrations close on Saturday 31 August 2019

- Fee: 1 August to 31 August 2019 \$320

- **Zonta Centennial Scarves**

The Zonta Club of Mackay Inc has produced Zonta Centennial Scarves. Some members may have seen these at the Centennial launch in February. An *order form is attached* for those who may wish to purchase one - \$25.00 each plus \$2.00 postage.



***Fellowship**

- **Alumnae Fellowship Lunch:**

Nine former members, leave of absence and Fellowship Committee Members gathered together for a casual, inexpensive lunch on Monday, 27 July at Café 107 in Paddington. What a great way to share fellowship and remain connected, not only with our Club but with each other.

Those present were Leneen Forde AC (Fellowship Committee), Iris Scott (LOA), Jen Thomson (former member), Pamela Deakin (former member), Jill Reeves (former member), Liz Heber (Fellowship Committee), Julie Mannion (Fellowship Committee), Shirley McCorkindale (Fellowship Committee) and Judith Anderson (Fellowship Committee). Apologies were received from Dianne Eden, Sally Watson, Rhyl Row and Chris Maclean.

As previously advised, these Alumnae lunches will be held on the **last Monday of every second month**.

- Next Alumnae fellowship lunch, Monday 30 September 2019, commencing at 12 Noon
- Café 107 – at 107 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington.

Please contact Julie Mannion at juliemannion@bigpond.com for further information or to confirm your attendance.

- **Tour of the New Woman exhibition, Museum of Brisbane**

New Woman reveals the art, personal stories and enduring legacies of Brisbane's most significant and ground-breaking female artists over the past 100 years (courtesy: [Museum of Brisbane website](#)).

If you're interested in joining this tour on **Saturday 14 September 2019, commencing at 10.30am** please contact Julie Mannion juliemannion@bigpond.com. Tickets are \$20.00, and there is the option to have lunch afterwards at Shingle Inn. See the attached flyer for further information.

For other upcoming events or key dates, please see 'Diary Dates' below.



Untitled (life class model) c1925. Oil on canvas. Museum of Brisbane.
Photo: Carl Warner.

***Advancement of Women Inaugural Award**

The launch of this inaugural Award prior to the July dinner meeting was well received. Thanks to the AWA sub-committee and everyone involved for all your hard work – the amount of time and effort that goes into making our events a success should never be underestimated.



[Details about the Award](#) (including the brochure and application form) are also posted on our [Club's website](#) (under the District 22 main site) and also on [our Club's new LinkedIn page](#). We are still working on gaining administration access to our Facebook page which is proving a little more challenging than expected!

It is encouraging to hear this non-gender specific inaugural Award is being promoted by others outside of our Club such as the AiGroup who put information about the Award in their newsletter to their Queensland members in July. *We are relying on our members to spread the word too!*

Reminder: Applications close on Monday 30 September 2019, with the winner announced at our Club's Centenary Dinner on Wednesday 6 November 2019.



Anne Williamson (Ord Minnett) and Ray Weekes with Anna Herbert

***Service News**

We are delighted to confirm the Dr Helen Row Memorial Prize and the ZI JMK Club Award will be presented to the respective winners at our August dinner meeting.

In addition, Gwen Jull, Chair of the Service Committee will be seeking approval from members to grant the following Awards:

- **Leneen Forde Zonta Bursary (Griffith Uni):** 14 nominations received.
 - **ZI Award – Women in Technology:** One application received.
 - **Cassandra Weddell Award:** Two applications received.
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1. *Save the Children for a project (\$10,000): 'Story Swags'.*

The Story Swag project supports parents/carers and their child to create a resource to further develop and enhance their child's literacy and language through the learning experience of the chosen book and additional resources created.

Population to be served: Brisbane, Gold Coast region, North Burnett and Kilcoy region. This includes correctional centre groups at Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre, Numinbah Correctional Centre and Southern Queensland Correctional Centre

2. *Trinity Tots Music Box; A Trinity Commons Project (\$5,500).*

Trinity Tots Music Box is aimed at pre-school children living in or around inner city Brisbane, especially Fortitude valley housing commission area. A significant proportion of attendees are people who were not born in Australia, some have limited English, and almost all of them do not have the support of their extended family. Trinity Tots offer a program once a week which focuses on the arts - music, dance, art and expressive play to create an opportunity for children from less advantaged backgrounds to learn, grow and flourish.

*Fundraising

Our Fundraising Committee has been busy sourcing new opportunities for us to have some fun and at the same time raise much needed funds. The following new events are being planned so save the dates!

1. **Talking Heads**

An interview and discussion with author Georgie Dent of *Breaking Badly – How I Worried Myself Sick* and online editor of *Women's Agenda*, who will tell her story.

When: Thursday 5 September 2019 (time to be confirmed)

Where: Newstead Studios, 22 Ross Street, Newstead

Tickets: Will be advertised soon



2. **The New York Report (Fashion evening)**



An evening of food and drinks at the beautiful Anouk Café, Paddington, with an intriguing discussion about fashion by entrepreneur and stylist to the Channel 10 news team, magazine covers and other notables, Nicole Byrne.

Nicole, owner of Miss Henry Boutique, will tell her personal story, and report on the latest from New York Fashion Week. She will help you sort out a wardrobe that is stylish and coordinated, in accordance with her philosophy of gathering together 'forever pieces' and saving on waste. In collaboration with Suited to Success, we examine how wardrobes can assist success without damaging the budget. Prizes and raffles.

When: *Save the dates!* 8 October or 10 October 2019 (date to be confirmed)

Where: Anouk Café, 212 Given Terrace, Paddington

Tickets: Will be advertised as soon as arrangements are in place.

The Fundraising Committee and our Club needs your help! Please consider if you have any contacts you might be able to donate raffle prizes for these events – thank you.

- **Liz Heber Arty Party:** a huge thanks to Liz and Friends for their donation of \$783.65.
 - **July Sausage Sizzle** profit: \$563. A big thank you to all who helped.
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*Diary Dates

- 5 September 2019 'Talking Heads', an interview and discussion with Georgie Dent, Newstead Studios, 22 Ross Street, Newstead (time and ticket information pending)
- 6-8 September 2019 District 22 and Australia & New Zealand Centennial Conference
- 14 September 2019 Tour of New Woman Exhibition, Museum of Brisbane, 10.30am
- 30 September 2019 Alumnae Fellowship Lunch, Café 107, 107 Latrobe Tce, Paddington (12 Noon)
- 30 September 2019 Advancement of Women Award applications close
- 8 or 10 October 2019 The New York Report Fashion Evening, Anouk Café, 212 Given Terrace, Paddington (time and ticket information pending)
- 18 October 2019 Gala night of 'Incognito', The Loft, QUT Kelvin Grove 7:30pm
 - Followed by presentation of the Babette Stephens Award
 - Tickets: \$25.00. Contact Julie Mannion juliemannion@bigpond.com
- 6 November 2019 Zonta Club of Brisbane Centenary Dinner, United Services Club
- 8 November 2019 Zonta's Centennial Anniversary
- 4-8 July 2020 International Convention, Chicago, Illinois

*Reflections



Our fascination with Lores Bonney continues thanks to Susan Davies who shared some very personal stories of times spent with Lores. To many of us Lores was an amazing woman and a great aviatrix . . . to Susan she was also a friend.

Thank you for sharing some of your special memories with us Susan.

Lores Bonney boarding her Gypsy Moth at Charleville, ca. 1933 – [Courtesy of National Library of Australia](#)



*And what's that really important question we ask
before setting off on a trip . . .
Anybody need the bathroom? . . .*



For those members who were able to join us at the July dinner meeting, our Club President, Emma Duncan, had fun enlightening us all on the amazing 'Jack and Jill' portable urinal invention ideal for those situations, like when you're soaring above the earth in a glider perhaps – and just can't get to a traditional loo!

When we reflect on the amazing achievements of women, we sometimes forget to think about the ability to just go to the loo!

We continue to not only be impressed but entertained by the wondrous talents of Emma. Her professional career aside, Emma is a great Mum and apart from providing the musical accompaniment at our Club's Christmas Carols last year, Emma joined the Queensland Medical Orchestra as part of its Virtuosi concert at the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre in South Brisbane on 30 June.

The concert this year raised money for Friends of Heal Foundation <https://fheal.co.au/> which supports children from a refugee background here in Brisbane.



To those members and friends who attended to support such a great cause – thank you! And to Emma, a beautiful performance, well done! And if you missed Emma this time, [check out this YouTube channel](#) for a previous performance.

Fellowship, fun, fundraising, philanthropy (*I know that's not how it's spelt so no corrections thanks*)



Sam Hollingworth with Genevieve Gray



Guest with Jan Logan



Lesley Chenoweth AC with Guest

Celebrating the Launch of the Inaugural Advancement of Women Award – 3 July 2019



We love our **lucky door prizes**, they add a little bit of extra fun at the end of our dinner meetings. Our 'prizes' are donated by members and the supply is almost dry!

All donations will be welcomed and appreciated (it doesn't have to be of the wine variety). Thank you in advance . . .

Dinner guest Sam Hollingworth receiving her lucky door prize from Emma Duncan, Club President –3 July 2019

***Other Clubs' Fundraising Events**

While the focus should always be on our own Club's activities first and foremost, in the spirit of sharing and support for the Zonta cause, here's details of some fundraising events by other Brisbane Clubs.

- **Movie Night: Amelia, A Love without Limits, a Life without Fear**

The Breakfast Club of Brisbane is hosting a screening of *Amelia*.

When: Wednesday 21 August 2019 (5.30pm for fellowship – movie at 7pm)

Where: South Brisbane TAFE, HBlock Auditorium, Rm H1026, 66 Ernest Street

Tickets: Gold coin donation to cover costs.

RSVP: brisbanemetrobreakfast@zontadistrict22.org by **Friday 16 August** or phone Ruth on **0438 335 760**. *Oohh, how the memories of an Officer and a Gentleman and Top Gun come flying in . . .*



- **Tunes Under the Tree (Father's Day)**

The Breakfast Club of Brisbane is also hosting '[Tunes under the Tree](#)' on Father's Day - funds raised will help Zepher to get kids affected by domestic violence back to school.

When: Sunday 1 September 2019 (3pm to 6pm)

Where: Historic Hanworth House, 6-12 Hanworth Street, East Brisbane

Tickets: \$48.00. Kids under 2 are free. Kids 2-11 – tickets are \$20. [Available online.](#)

Admission includes a beverage, cheese plate and a sweet treat.

- **Breakfast with Debbie Kilroy OAM: Women in the criminal justice system, and domestic and family violence**

The Zonta Club of Brisbane River is hosting Breakfast with Debbie Kilroy OAM, one of Australia's leading advocates for protecting the human rights of women and children through decarceration - the process of moving away from using prisons and other systems of social control in response to crime and social issues. Debbie has established *Sisters Inside*, which advocates for the human rights of women in the criminal justice system and responds to gaps in the services available to them.

Sisters Inside is an organisation of women with shared experiences supporting each other to change their lives and change the system.

When: Friday 18 October 2019 (6.45am to 8.30am)

Where: Souths League Club, 120 Jane Street, West End

Tickets: \$75.00.per person; \$700 per table of 10. [Available online.](#)

Funds raised with support Sisters Inside and ZI strategies to end violence against women.

The Board and Committee Members thank you for your ongoing contribution to Zonta International, our Club and our Newsletters.

