

Zonta Club of Cairns Inc

District 22

Issue 7 - December 2016



Mission

Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Theme

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy



We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous 2017!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



December 2016

The end of 2016 is fast approaching... but still lots to do before we celebrate a New Year. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas as you celebrate with friends and family.

I was away for the October meeting which was very successful. Welcoming 6 guests who were all keen to join our Zonta Club. So far we have inducted two new members at our November Dinner Meeting and also have been fortunate that Sue has moved to Cairns from Mt Isa; so a very warm welcome to Deborah Scott, Catherine Musso and Sue Wicks.

October we were fortunate to welcome Yolande Entsch as our guest speaker. Yolande spoke on the floating classroom Medical Ship YWAM for educating and supplies for remote villages in PNG. Donations of Birthing Kits, medical supplies, toothbrushes and volunteer helpers are much appreciated.

In February we received greetings from the Zonta club in Waterloo, Ontario Canada; we have sent greetings to a Zonta club in Argentina. A great way to learn of activities in other countries, and let them know what we do.

The Melbourne Cup in conjunction with Dundees on the Waterfront was once again a tremendous success. Thank you to all members who worked prior to and throughout the day. The sweeps we run are prizes that are donated for the occasion. We had 2 x Money Boards, a Raffle and thanks to member Jan Cygler we had a new money spinner. 50 bottles of wine covered with a paper bag and a number. \$20 each so everyone received a bottle. However there were 2 bottles of Bollinger and 1 of Moet undercover. Thank you Jan, it was a great hit.

Zonta has assisted in the collection of pre loved handbags for Share the Dignity—It's In The Bag. The bags are filled with personal items and distributed to homeless ladies. Thank you to Dana Delmont from White Ladies Funerals who was a collection point for this wonderful initiative. Final count I believe is at 671!

After a number of years the Cairns Zonta club recommenced the packing of Birthing Kits. Many thanks to Korina Jones for the organisation of the event. They are sent from Adelaide for us to assemble then sent back for Adelaide to organise distribution. We had 2 sessions, one folding the plastic sheets and weighing the soap; then thanks to the Edge Hill Bowls Club who allowed us to use a room to assemble the kits. Thank you to Dana Delmont for organising the venue. We packed 600 and then all the wonderful volunteers enjoyed a lunch at the bowls club.

Our Christmas meeting and breakup was held at the Bungalow Hotel. All members brought a Unisex present and Korina guided us through Secret Santa. A great time was had by all.

January will see us celebrate Amelia Earhart day as we sip stitch and stuff breast cushions which are a great comfort and benefit for patients after breast surgery.

This is an interesting bit of trivia. I have just finished reading the biography of Conrad Hilton of Hilton Resorts fame and when recalling the people of note who were honoured in the ballroom he wrote Amelia Earhart was awarded the ZONTA Trophy!

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Enjoy family and friends and stay safe.

Audrey Gardiner, President

FUTURE EVENTS

From Carol and Sue...



For some time we have been discussing having a joint event with CBWC around the time of Domestic Violence Awareness month in 2017.

Thanks to Sues experience in the Zonta Mount Isa Club, she had the right contacts and processes to invite Rosie Batty to come to Cairns as a guest speaker in May 2017, which is the DV awareness month. We are all very excited that Rosie will come to Cairns 21,22 and 23 May 2017 after visiting Mackay to speak on the subject of DV there. As we have discussed within the Membership and advocacy committee, Rosie is funded for 3 guest speaker appearances each year and we are very fortunate that there will be no cost for Rosie to attend a function here in Cairns. There will however be other costs including airfares, accommodation, meals etc.

On 5th December Sue Wicks and I met with president Sally Mlikota and Mary-ann Mc Eachan who is also on the CBWC committee, to discuss the possibilities of ZONTA and CBWC hosting a function together for Rosie Batty. The reason for this is that it would be great to maximize the number of people to attend a function where Rosie will speak and share her important experience and knowledge. As we all know DV touches the lives of many and all sorts of people from diverse situations and the more awareness and education on the subject the better. CBWC is well able to assist, and delighted to do so, with the promotion, marketing and logistics of such an event within the guidelines of what is expected by Rosie Batty and her events manager and also within Zonta guidelines. For example CBWC is aware that the cost of a ticket to such an event needs to be affordable and therefore accessible to anyone who wants to attend.

Sue has kindly sent a summary of the discussions with Sally and Mary-ann and so please find it below. So this exciting event is underway and we will keep you informed of the progress. Zontians of course feel free to participate and give ideas.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS LUNCH 2017 – GUEST SPEAKER ROSIE BATTY

Presented by: Zonta Club of Cairns in partnership with Cairns Business Women's Club

Date: Tuesday 23 May 2017

Venue: Pulman Casino. Cost: \$45 per person

Month	Area	Zonta	CBWC
December	Guest Speaker	Sue Wicks to continue to liaise with Rosie Batty and agent Justin	
December	Flights	Cover cost of flights (in conjunction with Mackay Zonta club) – and be reimbursed from any grants / sponsorships / book sales	Investigate and apply for grant to cover fares and other event expenses.
December	Venue		Liaise with Pulman Casino for venue arrangements and lunch to be kept at \$45 per person
December	Audio Visual Equipment		Book A-V equipment and cover cost – and be reimbursed from any grants/sponsorship / book sales
December	Sponsorship	To develop sponsorship request letter approved by Zonta Board and CBWC	Review letter and approve for distribution in January 2017
January	Sponsorship	3 rd week January - sponsorship request letter to be sent to networks. Funds to be banked into Zonta account.	Share sponsorship request letter with networks
February	Accommodation	To be determined closer to the date. Zonta to cover cost if no sponsorship arranged. Costs to be reimbursed from any grants / sponsorship / book sales. Investigate Home Stay.	Look at sponsorship opportunities for accommodation
February	Sponsorship	15 February - Finalise sponsorships. Obtain logos.	Logos to be incorporated into promotion material.
March	Posters and Ticket designs	To promote through social media and networking.	Design poster and tickets and promote through newsletter, social media and networking.
April	Tickets	To sell through Zonta members business eg cash ticket sales	Organise online ticket sales. All ticket sales income to be banked into CBWC to cover cost of lunch.
April	Book Signing	Purchase books @ \$15 ea and sell autographed copies @ \$25 ea at the lunch.	Request book selling table at venue
April	Raffle	Request prizes through sponsorship letter and networking. Arrange raffle tickets for sale on the day.	Share sponsorship letter and request for raffle prizes.
May	Lunch	Joint MC of event; Assist with raffles; Book sales and autographs; Look after guest speaker transport and logistics	Joint MC of event; Liaise with venue and catering; Assist with raffles.

Income raised from the event from ticket sales, sponsorships, grants and book sales will be used to cover the following expenses: Lunch (catering); flights; audio-visual equipment hire; accommodation; other expenses. Remaining funds will be divided equally between Zonta Club of Cairns and Cairns Business Women's Club to be distributed as each club deems fit.

Thank You Carol and Sue for your time and effort in putting this together. We look forward to having Rosie with us and the terrific exposure this will give ZONTA and the issue of Domestic Violence in our local community.

The Area 5 Conference will be on 20th - 21st May - maybe some ladies will stay on for the lunch...



RECENT EVENTS

New Members - ZONTA Inductions November 2016

Welcome to our newest members Deborah Scott
and Catherine Musso



Also an official welcome to Sue Wicks who has transferred
from Mt Isa to join us here in Cairns.

**Welcome to you all and we look forward to working with
you in 2017!**



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Birthing Kit Assembly Day

20th November 2016

Well Done Zontians! A group met at the Edge Hill Bowls Club for a couple of hours and a lunch to assemble the birthing kits.

It certainly was a great experience and we all appreciated the effort put in by all.

A big THANK YOU to Korina and her committee for organising the day.



**You can help
save mothers
and babies**



No woman should die while giving life.
Over 300,000 women die annually in childbirth, and many more mothers and babies suffer from infection. Nearly all of them live and die in developing countries.
BKFA is an organisation dedicated to improving the conditions for women all over the world by providing clean birthing kits and training in how to use them. Though each kit costs less than a cup of coffee, its simple contents give midwives and mothers the resources to reduce infection and fatalities.

*Please join the Zonta Club of Cairns
for a birthing kit assembly day*

Location:
Date:
Time:
Contact:



This Foundation is a not-for-profit non-government organisation with no political or religious affiliation.



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RECENT EVENTS

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE
Christmas Party

9th December 2016

A big THANK YOU to Korina and Sonia for organising this get together.





White Ribbon Day 25th November 2016



Unfortunately we were not involved with TAFE this year - note for next year!
Ros represented ZONTA at her workplace, Thank you Ros.

“The Cairns SDE Principal is keen to support the ideals of Zonta and White Ribbon Day. He encouraged the male staff who were interested to take the White Ribbon Day pledge. On Friday 25th November, a small informal gathering at Cairns SDE, 13 men (the principal, teachers and groundsmen) took the pledge lead by teacher and Zonta member Roslyn Scott. They came together to show their support for women's issues.” ~ Ros Scott

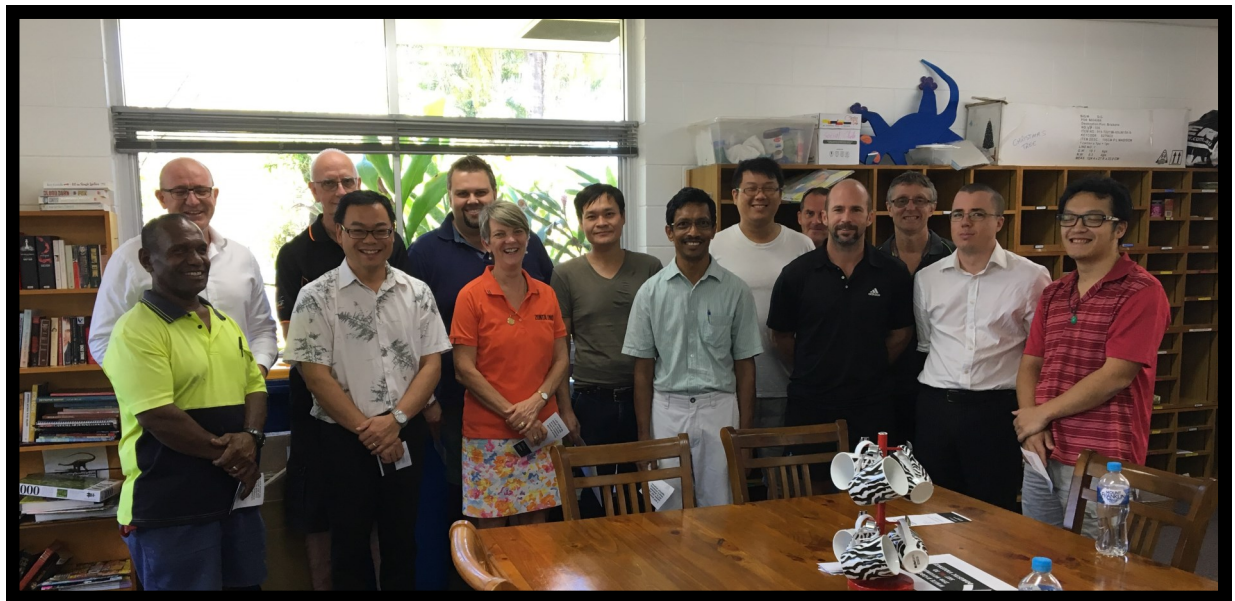


Photo: What Took You So Long?


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—President Sonja Hönig Schough

DATE CLAIMERS



ZONTA CLUB OF CAIRNS EVENTS CALENDAR 2017	Dinner Meetings	Board Meetings	Events	Commemora- tions
January				
Ame;lia Earhart Day—Sip, Stitch and Stuff			15th	
February				
Dinner Meeting	7th			
Board Meeting		21st		
March				
Dinner Meeting	7th			
Board Meeting		21st		
Zonta Rose Day				8th
International Women's Day			8th	
IWD Breakfast			8th	
Gals at the Gallery			10th	
April				
Dinner Meeting	4th			
Board Meeting		18th		
Combined Womens Service Club Dinner			TBA	
May				
Dinner Meeting	2nd			
Board Meeting		16th		
Area 5 Workshop - Cairns			21-22nd	
Lunch with Rosie Batty & CBWC			23rd	
June				
Dinner Meeting	6th			
Board Meeting		20th		

"DATE CLAIMER"

20th - 21st May 2017

**Area 5 Conference -
Cairns**

"POSITION VACANT"

Newsletter Co-ordinator

**If interested, please
speak to Dana**

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Talk To The Hand**

Paid for support with Talk to the Hand - due to change in staff and curriculum it has all been very difficult..Merilyn is still on to it!

- **Rosie's**

Organising hygiene packs for the homeless

- **Ruth's Women's Shelter**

Ongoing with vouchers

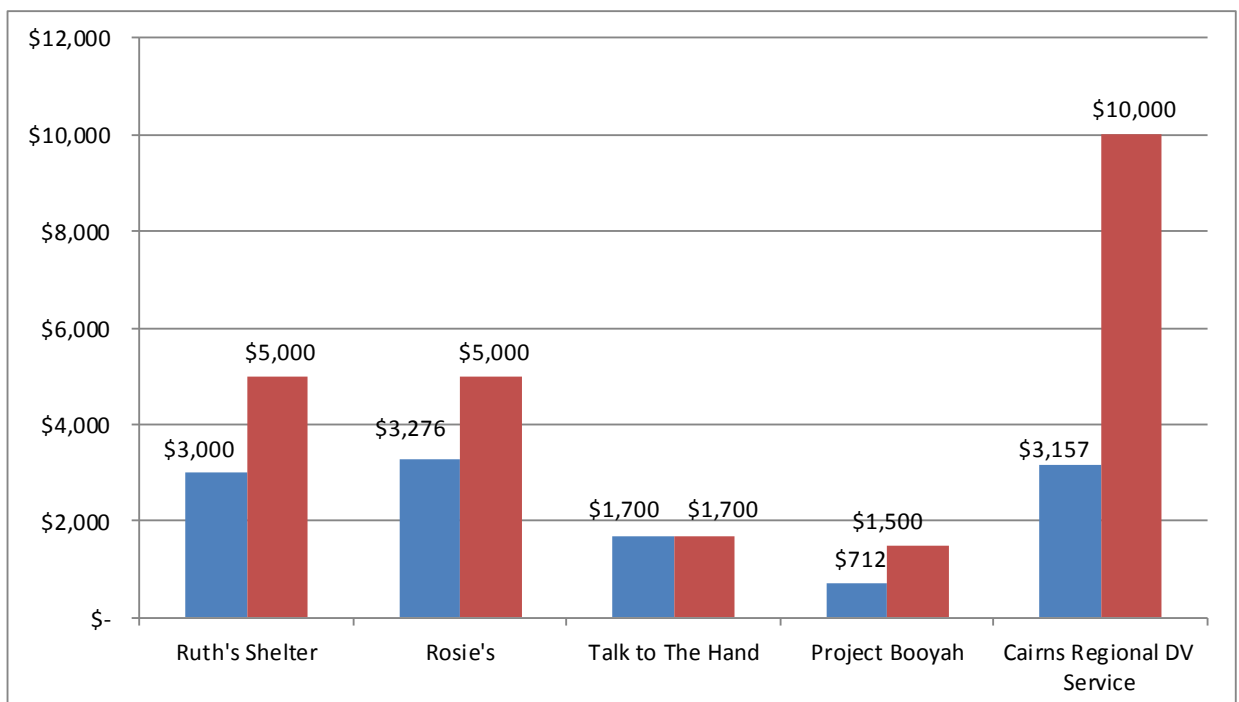
- **Project Booyah**

Provided 20 x backpacks

- **Cairns Regional DV Service**

- **Birthing Kits**

Completed Sunday, 20th November 2016- Edge Hill Bowls Club





Getting to know you....

Dana Delmont

“Everything works out in the end... and if it hasn't worked out, it isn't the end”

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Trying to breathe and live by the above motto is going to be my mantra for 2017! I was born in New Zealand to gypsy parents and spent my early years travelling up the east coast of Australia in a caravan. From cotton picking in Wee Waa, fruit picking in Orange, going to school on Hayman Island and scooting back and forward across the Tasman - it was a pretty varied time. At the last count I attended 10 schools plus correspondence. PS My Mother was the WORST teacher!

We ended up permanently in Cairns in 1986 and I finished off high school at St Monica's College. At that time I was 14 with a Mohawk, dressed in black with Doc Martin boots - which was no easy feat in the tropics lol. My first job out of school was with the Department of Transport based in Abbott Street as a Cost Clerk. It was my introduction to the Administration world and I have stayed with it in some form or another for my working life. I went to Cairns Business College for a year and was dux of the class in Business (Legal Studies), then spent 3 days working in a lawyers office and thought this is not for me! So with a bit of my families gypsy spirit I wandered around living in London, Melbourne, Townsville, Auckland, Brisbane and finally back to Cairns in 2001. I played with the idea of being a Vet Nurse and so began a CERT IV in Animal Science and volunteered at the RSPCA. This is where I met Simon and after 3 years of friendship we decided we fancied each other a bit and we married in 2006! We blended our family (Jesse, 25 yrs Chef Dundees and Eden, 16 yrs future Quantum Physicist lol) and together we rejoice and argue about our lives and theirs.

Previously with a HR background (or paper shuffling as I used to call it) I came to the funeral industry in 2012 whilst on the search to find more meaningful employment. I have certainly found my spot and am now the Manager of White Lady Funerals in Cairns. I take great pride in looking after my families and also helping within the Community. This led me to join ZONTA in 2015 and what a wonderful journey this is! I have learnt so much over the last year with the support of Zontians and have been reminded of the wonderful support that women give each other. It inspires me often to continue to give my best to all I come in contact with - whether at work or home and in return I think I am becoming a better person. So THANK YOU Ladies!



President's Corner Blog
SONJA HÖNIG SCHOUGH is
the 2016-2018 President of
Zonta International and the Zonta
International Foundation.



On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Zonta International recommits to ending gender-based violence.

The United Nations General Assembly designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 17 December 1999. Zonta honors and recognizes this day by kicking off its Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign, which will conclude on 10 December, Human Rights Day.

The campaign, which began in November 2012, features the service and advocacy actions of Zonta clubs and districts to prevent and end violence against women and girls in their local communities. These actions will be posted on the Zonta Says NO campaign webpage and official social media pages.

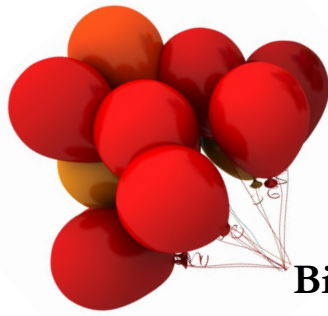
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Nepal has long been a country of origin for labor migration and trafficking in persons, particularly women and children, for the purposes of sexual, labor and other forms of exploitation. Partnering with UN Women, Zonta International is helping create sustainable foundations for addressing the relationship between human trafficking and foreign labor migration of women and girls in Nepal.

During the two-year project, UN Women will directly help 600 survivors of trafficking and vulnerable women migrants, and indirectly reach 100,000 young people, community leaders, local authorities, camp coordinators, schools, families of migrants and members of networks from earthquake-affected districts.

Niger has the highest child marriage rate in the world with 77 percent of girls married by the age of 18 and 30 percent married by age 15. Forty-two percent of adolescent girls give birth before the age of 17.

Child marriage is a form of sexual and gender-based violence with detrimental physical, social and economic effects. In partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Zonta is working to reduce early marriage and early pregnancy in a critical mass of communities in Niger through a program that provides health education, formal education including literacy training, and essential life skills, knowledge and resources. Zonta started supporting this project in 2014, and this biennium, we are covering the participation of approximately 11,000 adolescents.



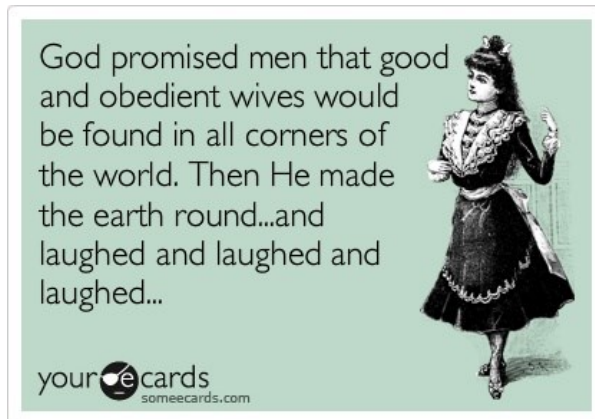
Birthdays!



December - Jan (15th), Carol (30th)

January - Audrey (8th), Christine (22nd), Catherine (24th)

February - Janelle (23rd)



Written by Jamie Capria

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