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Newsletter January 2015

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President's Report

Karen Shepherd

Hi Ladies,

Welcome to a New Year for our Zonta Club.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. Now it is time to get back into "everything Zonta".

We start our year with the movie Premiere "*Unbroken*" on 15 January, 6.00pm for 6.30pm, followed on 26 January with our Australia Day Breakfast which will raise funds for our Birthing Kits which we shall put together later in the year.

Thursday 5 March will see us host our International Women's Day Breakfast at TAFE which is always well attended - more details on this and the Australia Day Breakfast further in this newsletter.

The first half of the year continues to be busy as Dalby is hosting this year's Area 4 meeting. If you have never been to an Area 4 meeting I recommend that you think about going. They are very informative and a lot of fun. This year it will be held the weekend of 28-29 March.

If that is not enough for the first half of the year, we need to think about positions on

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the Board. Please have a think about taking a position as it is a great way to learn more about Zonta and become more involved with the running of your Club.

Look forward to seeing you all on 15 January.

Regards

Karen

As part of Zonta International's 16 Days of Activism for "Zonta Says No to Gender Violence" Campaign, Zonta Club of Warwick held a barbeque outside IGA on 23 November to raise awareness. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day! Here we have Karen, Leanne, June and Mary G looking great in their *Zonta Says No* aprons!



Our newest member, Janet Platz, shares her story!

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It has been quite a journey from being raised on a mixed farm at Cambooya to marrying my wonderful husband Greg Platz 40 years ago, to living in Toowoomba where he worked at the Queensland Wheat Research Institute for 25 years and then moving to Warwick 18 years ago for his work.

Early married life in Toowoomba for me was raising our two children Tanya and Wade. Tanya is married and lives in Warwick with her husband Jason Wright and their three children; and Wade has his own electrical and air-conditioning business in Toowoomba where he shares his life with his partner Heather.



Instead of going out to work after the children were born I found it possible to run a business from home. Golf was a passion of mine for 30 years and I made my own golf outfits. After being asked about these, I began making and selling them to pro-shops and local golf clubs.

My husband Greg is the senior plant pathologist at the Hermitage Research Station working on diseases of barley and when he was ready for a change and a challenge, long time friends Paul and Mary Johnston were instrumental in encouraging Greg to move to Warwick where he could work with Paul in the barley breeding program. Unfortunately Paul's death came not long after we moved, but we credit him for making this one of the most successful periods in Greg's working life and also for our enjoyment of the lifestyle in this great Warwick community.

I found I could now go out to work and took up a position working for the manager of the Big W DC where I stayed for 15 years until retiring three years ago. Greg and I travel extensively with his collaborative work including to Syria, South Africa, Russia, Uruguay and many places in between.

I enjoy photography, cycling locally, hiking, gardening, reading, cooking, dressmaking, and playing piano. I am also an ancestry buff and am thoroughly hooked on tracing both our family histories back through Germany and England. I also volunteer at Meals on Wheels and weekly at the Information Centre.

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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.

Young Women in Public Affairs

The goal of Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The program works at the club, district and international levels.

Birthing Kit Assembly

The club continues to fundraise for and

Forthcoming Events

Movie Premiere - 15 January:

Movie Night: 15 January - 6pm for 6.30pm start at Warwick Twin - tickets \$20. If you're interested in tickets please email warwick_zonta@yahoo.com.au

Australia Day Breakfast - 26 January:

To be held at Mary J's.

International Women's Day Breakfast - 5 March:

To be held at Horizons Restaurant, Southern Downs TAFE.



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

Breast Care Cushion Project

The club works with Queensland Corrective Services, giving the materials needed for breast care cushions to women prisoners who then sew the cushions as part of their community service work. The cushions are then provided to the Toowoomba Hospital for their breast care patients and they provide immense relief to patients who have lost a breast to cancer.

Fundraising Projects

Our club also has ongoing involvement in local projects we support via fundraising efforts including **Warwick Safe Haven, Olive McMahon Cancer Lodge**, and the **International Women's Development Agency** to promote sustainable cottage industries run by women in Timor.



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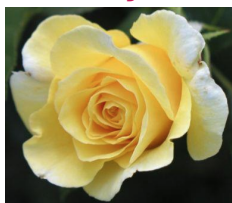
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MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2015**

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Birthdays



January:
19 - Jacinta

Our best wishes for a very happy day!

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Happenings on Facebook

"[Slap Her - Children React](#)" - this is a powerful video showing the reactions of children under 12 when asked unexpectedly to slap a girl.

Zonta Clubs are celebrating Amelia Earhart month in January! The Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowship Fund makes it possible for women to pursue Amelia Earhart's vision and to distinguish themselves in the fields of aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. The [Zonta Club of Houston](#), TX, USA is celebrating Amelia Earhart Month by hosting an event with speaker Bonnie Jeanne Dunbar, a professor at the University of Houston's STEM center and former NASA astronaut.

[Zonta Club of Redcliffe](#) reminded us that this February Ovarian Cancer Australia are inviting us to host a summer tea party for a great cause. [Read more here](#).

Committee Notes/Jottings

November Raffle: won by Louise Cox who will donate the prize for the February dinner meeting.

Advocacy Committee:

The Advocacy Committee is currently working on the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and has distributed applications to our local High Schools.

Thank you to Jenny Eldridge for all her hard work coordinating this project. The Application Packages were delivered with a closing date 20 February, 2015 and the Award to be presented at IWD Breakfast 5 March, 2015.

Service Committee:

The Service Committee has been working on the International Women's Day Breakfast to be held on Thursday 5 March. The venue has been secured: Horizons Restaurant at Southern Downs TAFE and they are currently arranging the guest speaker.

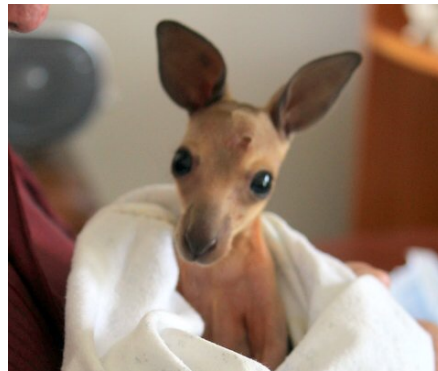
Member News

[Subscribe](#)[Share](#)[Past Issues](#)[Tr](#)**From Mary Goyne:**

Sophie Margaret Goyne was home from America with her parents and brother for two and a half weeks. After a week in Kingscliff with all the family, the party morphed up here on our little farm. Between Christmas and New Year Sophie was baptized and our daughter Nicole was a Godparent. Who needs parents in the picture?

Not far from our gate on the way home, we came upon Chris out of the car with something wrapped in one of my good towels. I thought Sophie may have been sick. They had come upon a recently hit grey kangaroo and there was a Joey crawling about. So the Joey came home for first aid. We contacted Wildlife Rescue and a volunteer came from Stanthorpe. Chris and Matthew went to meet her in town while the lunch, Moët, cake and Father Franco waited. A good time was had later by our 12 family members.

PS You may wonder about the traditional looking outfit on Sophie. The night before was quite cold, so Chris got up in the roof and found the old baby clothes that had not seen daylight for about 40 years. After I washed out the mouse indiscretions, Sophie was able to wear her Dad's christening dress knitted by Phil's mum. I knew those clothes were there somewhere even though they were marked "patterns".

**From Lyn Prowse-Bishop:**

Our place at Montrose Lane, Greymare is now almost complete. We've been using Westbuilt here in town for the construction, and they have been amazing! Nothing has been too much trouble and the house came together incredibly quickly and was trucked out to the block before Christmas. Just getting the plumbing sorted and power connected and we expect to be out there before the end of January. It was a shame the tanks weren't connected when we got over 100mm out there over Christmas but at least the dam's full!

Now we're just fixing up the Marshall Street place before putting it on the market. I'll continue to work out of there until it's sold as I'm still bringing Ceilidh into school for her last two years. Once sold, I'll be looking for a space in town as I need reliable internet to run my business. It's going to be a busy first half of the year!

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 15 Movie Night - Unbroken
- 26 Australia Day Breakfast

MARCH

- 5 International Women's Day Breakfast - Horizons Restaurant, Southern Downs TAFE
- 28-29 Area 4 Workshop, Dalby

Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

17th February - Cafe Jacquis, 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

Guest speaker: TBA

Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Sunday 15th February**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.

Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

Feb: 3rd February at 5.00 pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).

Mar: 3rd March at 5.00pm

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

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