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## Newsletter July 2015

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# President's Report

## Jacinta Fromm

Hi Ladies,

Thank you to the Committee Chairs who have followed up on suggestions raised at the Planning Day, and all 3 committees have met in the past month to start organising events for the year. Summaries are presented in this newsletter, and there will be further discussion each month at Dinner meetings.

Service Committee is planning to hold a Breakfast during the 16 days of Activism; we hope to confirm venue/ date/meal options at our next meeting, and we welcome your suggestions for a Guest Speaker. This year, District 22 will not coordinate orders for the orange Zonta Says No T-shirts and Polo shirts, however we can place our own order by 31 August. Lyn has placed this information later in the newsletter, and we will discuss at the July meeting.

Membership Committee has raised possible avenues for raising profile of Zonta Club within our local community – one suggestion has been to have displays at local events, such as displaying Breast Care Cushions at Relay for Life or other Cancer Council events. I am encouraging members to come together for the Andy Wilson Memorial Walk/Run for a Cure on 2 August – this is an opportunity to be visible as Zonta members in our community, as well as sharing fellowship. Confirm your

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attendance at our next Dinner meeting.

Women of the World (WOW) Festival was held in Brisbane on 19-21 June, and although I was able to attend only one day, I came away inspired by the powerful presenters, and reinvigorated to advocate for a range of women's issues, such as gender inequality, advancing the status of indigenous women, understanding the plight of incarcerated women and the unique challenges faced by refugee women. I also attended a panel session 'Not Now, Not Ever' which focused on programs addressing violence against women. I will be sharing information with the Advocacy Committee, and discussions will be incorporated into our dinner meetings.

In acknowledgement of 2015 NAIDOC week theme – We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate, indigenous women's issues will be presented at our July meeting. Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have been invited to attend this dinner meeting.

It is exciting to be receiving the District 22 Conference Newsletters – Early Bird registration (\$230) closes 31 July, and the link to register is [here](#).

I look forward to our fellowship activity this month – 19 July, Afternoon with Denise Scott. Thanks to Leanne for securing tickets.

See you all at our next meeting – 21 July.

Regards

Jacinta

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## Past Event: Dorothy Haig - Art Gallery Installation Opening

### Thread is My Connection with Other Worlds

On 11 June 2015, Warwick Zontian Dorothy Haig opened her installation 'Thread is my Connection with Other Worlds' at the Warwick Art Gallery. From Dorothy:

"The idea that the use of thread transports me to different environments and spaces is a notion that I have considered many times. While thread remains literally the

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foundation of all textile work, the concept of the thread has been approached in many ways metaphorically throughout the evolution of my oeuvre."

The Exhibition continues until 26 July at the Warwick Art Gallery.

[See our article here](#) for more images of the night.



## Community Event - Walk/Run for a Cure

Cancer Council Qld Warwick Branch have organised Walk/Run for a Cure on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 at Maryvale, with registrations open from 8.00am and race start at 9.00am. Entry fee is \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

This event will be discussed at the July meeting as a possible fellowship event and opportunity to promote Zonta.

## Zonta District 22 Events

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc is holding a Shoe and Bag Sale at Caboolture Markets (Stall B26) on Sunday 26 July 2015. *If you have some unwanted shoes or bags*

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(wrong size, wrong colour etc), you would like to donate, please contact Pam Dene on 0407 169 682 or Patricia on 0410 617 825.

Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc is holding a Fashion Parade at Blue Illusion in Oxford Street, Bulimba on Saturday 12 September 2015. Jacinta has contacted for further information.

## 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

## Forthcoming Events

### An Afternoon with Denise Scott - 19 July:

Fellowship activity.

### New Member Meeting - 18 August:

Members are asked to invite women who are interested in Zonta and may consider joining. To be held at June Stewart's home.

### District 22 Conference - 9-11 October 2015:

Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach, Qld - early bird registration closes 31 July.

### Zonta Area 4 Meeting - 19-20 March 2016:

To be held in Roma.

## Snippets

### Breast Cushion Project Update

Contact has now been made with Paul Longman (known as Taffy) who is Centre Liaison Officer for Numinbah Detention Centre on 17 May. He is very keen to co-operate with our sewing project. All "needs" are being posted and I collected the stuffing on the weekend from Ros Kinder in Brisbane. The Work Camp in Warwick has two weeks here and then it is two weeks before they come back again. It is with one of these return trips that we will send the

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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 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

materials. I have also received a colour card to order colour of fabric from Karin Regel in Sydney. I will bring to the next meeting.

I have had a request from Marion Strong at Toowoomba Base Hospital for more cushions. I discussed the practicality as discussed at Jenny's committee meeting. I have a contact number for a Toowoomba Zonta Club as they weigh to get the correct amount of stuffing.

So stay tuned. We may get this perfect yet!

**- Mary Goyne**

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#### **Lions Change Over Dinner**


Jenny Loy and Leanne Olsen attended the Lions Change Over Dinner as Zonta representatives, on 20 June held at the Criterion Hotel. Leanne and Jenny are seen here with Sue Ferguson.



#### **Zonta Says No polos and T-shirts**

As per recent information from Sandy Venn-Brown orders for Zonta Says No t-shirts and polos can now be placed directly with the Brisbane supplier or a local supplier if preferred. The order form for the Brisbane supplier is located at this link: [Zonta Orange Tees and Polo Shirts Order Form – 2015](#). Orders will need to be

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<p><b>International Women's Development Agency</b> to promote sustainable cottage industries run by women in Timor.</p>		<p>placed by 01 August in order for them to be supplied in time for District Conference and the 16 Days of Activism.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Zonta Rose Garden Project</b></p> <p>Nola and Faye have met with Southern Downs Regional Council to negotiate upgrading the garden, replacing and planting additional Zonta Roses. The second stage of this project would be to erect a new sign. The goal is that the Rose Garden will be completed by the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. At the July meeting, there will be discussion on the purchase of roses, and possible sponsorship.</p> <hr/>	



**Happenings on Facebook**

We shared Angie Aker's article on the **concept of consent** which included a great comic strip series from Everyday Feminism. [Read more here.](#)

**Zonta Club of Kampala** shared a [video](#) on ending child marriage in Zambia.

**Women's Legal Service Queensland** has created the free 'Re-focus' app for women who have, or are thinking of separating - [info here.](#)

## Committee Notes

### Membership Committee

Jenny Loy chaired a meeting on 23 June at which members discussed a range of options to:

1. Increase community awareness of Zonta Club of Warwick Inc through newspaper articles, Facebook, and attendance/support of local events, such as Relay for Life.
2. Recruit new members.
3. Increase fellowship, through actively promoting 'Members' News' at Dinner meetings, and arranging social activities.

One of the immediate actions that this committee is undertaking is to reformat the application form, following feedback from new members. Jenny is also drafting a letter that could be given to a guest after attending their first dinner meeting.

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planning at the July meeting.

### Advocacy Committee

Sally Carr chaired a meeting on 26 June, and this committee discussed:

1. Young Women's Scholarship – how to promote within the schools and time for distribution of information, receipt of applications.
2. Young Women in Public Affairs Award.
3. Birthing Kit Project.

This committee will continue to look for opportunities for advocacy within the local community.

### Service Committee

Rosa Hardy chaired a meeting on 24 June, at which members discussed:

1. International Women's Breakfast 2016

Rosa has met with Jamie Fischer, Horizon's Restaurant TAFE, to negotiate a function for 110-115 guests for possible dates Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Further update at July meeting.

2. Say No to Violence Against Women event November 2015

Two venues have been investigated for a breakfast function; the Board has requested menu options/prices are discussed at the July meeting and then venue and date to be confirmed. There is a need to secure a guest speaker; the Board is following up the possibility of White Ribbon Ambassador being approached, and will update at July meeting.

3. Increased publicity for Zonta events, including potential for sponsorship.

## Birthdays

### July:

4 - Jenn-Rose

### August:

20 - Lyn PB

23 - Jenny E

Our best wishes for a very happy day!



## Calendar of Events

### JULY

**19 An Afternoon with Denise Scott** - Fellowship activity

### AUGUST

**18 New Members Meeting** - June Stewart's Home

Members are asked to invite women who may be interested in Zonta and who may consider joining

### OCTOBER

[Subscribe](#)[Share](#)[Past Issues](#)[Tr](#)**MARCH 2016****19-20 Zonta Area 4 Meeting** - Roma**JULY 2016****2-6 Zonta International 63<sup>rd</sup> Convention** - Nice, France

## Next Dinner Meeting:

(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)**21<sup>st</sup> July - Cafe Jacquis, 6.15 for 6.30pm start.****June Raffle:** won by Christine's guest Kim Creighton and Christine will donate the prize for the July dinner meeting.**Guest speaker:** Kayleen Wallace (Indigenous Health Worker at Warwick Hospital) has been invited to attend and speak on Indigenous Women's issues.*Please contact Sally on [daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com](mailto:daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com) or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.*

## Next Board Meeting

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)**July: 7<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).****July: 4<sup>th</sup> August at 5.00 pm**

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

### Board 2015/2016

<b>President:</b>	Jacinta Fromm
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b>	Sally Carr
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### Committees 2015/2016

**Service:**

**Rosa Hardy (Chair)**, Dorothy Haig, Faye Marley, June Stewart, Janet Forbes, Dee Mayo, Lois James, Louise Clarke

**Membership:**

**Jenny Loy (Chair)**, Jen-Rose Holmes, Louise Cox, Mary Goyne, Karen Shepherd, Janet Platz, Christine Neumann, Nola Roach

**Advocacy:**

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

**Nominating Committee:**

TBA

**District 22 Governor: Judith Trevan-Hawke**

**Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown**

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