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Message from President Emma Duncan



Dear Friends

I was reading the Board Minutes in preparation before our Board meeting last week and was quite struck by how much, of real and tangible benefit, our Club manages to give to our community. No wonder we feel busy – because we are! I hope you enjoy reading the Annual Report, and I'd like to thank Gwen, Leonie and Bev for their help in putting this together.

We've sent this not only to current members but also to our alumni, to ensure that we continue friendships even after people have had to leave our Club for various reasons.

This month's meeting we celebrate two initiatives that have taken imagination and dedication from many members of our Club. Before dinner we will launch the Advancement of Women Award, made possible by the generous donations from Dr Joan Godfrey, Susan Hocking in memory of her mother Lesley, and Susan Davies in memory of her mother Anne. Please make a special effort to come along at 6pm if you possibly can, to the pre-dinner launch. I'd like to thank Anne Landsberg, Susan Davies, Cecily Tucker and Julie Mannion in particular for their work in developing and promoting this Award.

Then during our dinner meeting, Jane will present both the story of Lores Bonney and how our Club lobbied to ensure the naming of the Riverwalk in her memory as part of the Kingsford Smith Drive redevelopment. This walk will stand in perpetuity as a testament to the efforts of our Advocacy Committee to celebrate the achievements of amazing women and to ensure that these achievements are commemorated and celebrated within our community. We've sent our story to Sandy Venn Brown for consideration of part of the Zonta Conference in September.

These achievements are a combined effort of our membership – currently sitting at 40 members, which by Zonta Clubs generally is quite a good size but is a little unusual for us, particularly with six members on leave of absence. I am very grateful for Susan Scott who has returned as Membership Chair. This week we will be asking you to have a look at what's currently in the Zonta International database and, by default, in our own Club's database – and, if it's not quite right, working together to fix the record! We will also be mixing up the seating to help us get to know each other better.

Lastly, I just want to flag the art show of Lizzy and friends, with this Saturday afternoon's *Arty Party* proceedings going towards our Club. Please have a look at Bev's newsletter for details.

Until tonight!

Yours in Zonta fellowship . . .

Emma Duncan
 President

*Club Meeting

Dinner Meeting - Wednesday 3 July 2019

Launch of the Advancement of Women Award

6pm-6:45pm Launch of Advancement of Women Award (with invited guest) and Fellowship Drinks

7pm-9pm Dinner Meeting

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



Anne Davies
(1924-2018)

A small number of guests have been invited to the launch of this new Award and it will also be great to see as many members as possible attend to show our support for the Advancement of Women Subcommittee and to demonstrate the spirit and enthusiasm of our Club. Guests invited to the launch will depart at the conclusion of the formalities, while members will then be seated for the normal dinner meeting at 7pm.

We are again humbled by the very generous donation of \$20,000 to the Advancement of Women Fund by Susan Davies in memory of her late Mother, Anne Davies – *thank you Susan*. Anne dreamed of a world where girls had equal opportunities and championed Susan to realise those dreams. The establishment of this Fund and Award means that amazing women like Anne Davies, Lesley Hocking and Dr Joan Godfrey will continue to play a key role in changing the lives of so many women.

How to pay for dinner

As we know, every bit helps . . . so please remember, paying \$50 for your dinner by EFT means we will 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

As reported in the Club's 2018-19 Annual Report, a number of Members have decided not to renew their membership this year for a variety of reasons. We are enormously grateful for their involvement and contribution to our Club, some over a significant number of years. Many have expressed a desire to remain connected and an **Alumnae list** is being prepared.

With Susan Hocking taking a leave of absence, we are pleased that Susan Scott has accepted the role as **Membership Chair** and will return to the Board. *Thank you Susan.*

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 . . .

The role of **Club Treasurer** remains vacant. We are thankful that Julie O'Sullivan's offer to train someone to take on this important role. We urge all members to seriously consider nominating for this role. *We cannot run a Club without a Treasurer!*



Snippets from the past . . . although we are also still trying to find an Archivist, Genevieve Gray, Leneen Forde AC and Judith Anderson OAM have taken a sentimental journey through Ailsa Gillies' and Ann Shevill's boxes of Zonta material, and what treasurers they found! Photos, newsletters, minutes, membership records and the Club's Charter! But here's a couple worthy of particular mention (full copies attached) . . .

A news article on Margaret McMurdo's appointment as the first woman Judge in Queensland in January 1991, and a wonderful article about Leneen Forde AC entitled '*An admirable woman of our time*' by none other than Susan Hocking, published in the Courier Mail in June 1990.



• Call to Conference

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

In accordance with the *Bylaws of Zonta International* the District 22 Governor, Sandy Venn-Brown, has issued a '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).

The attached document contains all relevant information pertinent to conference. Also attached is the District 22 2020-2022 Biennium Budget and the Minutes of the previous District Conference held September 2017.

The audited Financial Statements and matters related to the Annual General Meeting of Zonta International District 22 Ltd will be forwarded to clubs 21 days prior to the Annual General meeting.

* Fundraising

'*Rocketman*' at New Farm Cinemas: And what a blast it was! The 30 May 2019 was the official release date for '*Rocketman*' in Australia and the Zonta Club of Brisbane members and friends enjoyed a fun night of music and nostalgia. There was hardly a seat left in the house!

The cinema has a seating capacity of 205 and 187 tickets were sold. From ticket sales, raffle income and donations, and thanks to the incredible generosity of someone who anonymously donated the cinema hire to our Club, the event made a profit of \$4,534.



A huge thanks to one of our newest members, Cathy Muir, for all her hard work in organizing the event.
Thanks Cathy, you're a star!

And to Susan Davies and her band of Zizzlers - *thank you!* Another \$400 raised.

* Fellowship

The **Babette Stephens Award** will be presented to a second-year drama student after the performance of '*Incognito*' on Friday 18 October 2019 at The Loft, QUT Kelvin Grove Campus. Tickets are only \$25.00. For further information, please contact Julie Mannion at juliemannion@bigpond.com.

Alumnae Fellowship: As mentioned above, a number of former members have expressed a desire to remain connected in some way to the Club and friendship that have been established over a number of years. The first informal gathering of Alumnae members was held over lunch in late May and was so enjoyable, it was agreed by all present that they should continue. An Alumnae fellowship lunch will be held on the **last Monday of every second month.**

- Next Alumnae fellowship lunch, Monday 27 July 2019, commencing at 12 Noon
- Café 107 – at 107 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington.

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

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

*Service News

Cassandra Weddell Award: Save The Children Fund – The Club received a letter of appreciation from Dean Wrobel at Save The Children Australia for the donation of \$1,200 that will be used to purchase musical instruments for the mothers and children in the Brisbane Women's Correction Centre (copy attached).

Dean commented on the joy and happiness the musical instruments will bring to those who use them, and will enhance the learning and development of children within the program they deliver at the Centre and to have them available in the Cassandra Weddell Library.



Burano 2 by Liz Herber

Liz & Friends Arty Party 2019 – Liz Herber and some amazingly talented fellow artists are hosting an [Arty Party at the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens](#) as part of this year's art exhibition.

All proceeds from the Arty Party and 15% commission from all art sales on Saturday 6 July will go to our Club.

This is very generous of Liz and her friends so please go along, enjoy great food, bubbles, a guest speaker, and an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists:

- Saturday, 6 July 2019 – 2pm to 4pm
- [Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens, Toowong](#)
- Tickets \$15.

A visit to Sommerville House – On 20 June 2019, at the invitation of Sommerville House, Emma Duncan (Club President), Caroline Heim, Kelly McIntyre and Jacqui Casson engaged with Year 12 students on a range of topics from personal safety and the law, to career directions.

Adriana Barter, Head of Year 12, relayed some of the abundant positive feedback - the diverse professions, personal stories and day-to-day realities shared by the Zonta Panel really resonated with the girls. A quote from one girl was "I feel empowered to be awesome!" Well done to all involved.



*Advocacy

Lores Bonney Riverwalk, Kingsford Smith Drive – on 22 June 2019 the newly constructed Lores Bonney Riverwalk was official opened. This amazing achievement is testament to the dedication, commitment and persistence of the Zonta Club of Brisbane Advocacy Committee who lobbied Brisbane City Council for more than three years to commemorate Australia's Lores Bonney as part of the \$billion Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade. *Well done! You have honoured Lores Bonney and made our Club very proud.* Thanks in particular to Susan Davies, Janet Prowse and Kay Saunders who undertook the initial advocacy work.



Lores was little known and yet was the greatest Australian pioneer woman aviatrix. A contemporary of Amelia Earhart, Lores was a huge fan of Amelia Earhart and flew to Darwin in 1937 to try to meet her before she embarked across the Pacific. They missed each other by just one day, something Lores forever regretted.

Lores was a quiet achiever but her achievements in the 1930's speak for themselves - the first woman flyer to circumnavigate Australia, the first woman to fly from Australia to England and finally the first PERSON to fly from Australia to South Africa.

In the 1980s, she often visited the Zonta Club of Brisbane for Amelia Earhart Day each year in January.

Read more about this amazing woman, Lores Bonney, is the Advocacy Committee's 'Share your Story' submission for the 2019 Brisbane Centennial Conference (attached).



'The unveiling' – Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner with Janet Prowse and Jane Keating (Advocacy Chair)



'Unveiled' – Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and Cr David McLachlan with Janet Prowse



Julie O'Sullivan, Leonie Briggs (Club Secretary), Jane Keating (Advocacy Chair) and Janet Prowse in Kingsford Smith Drive park, 22 June 2019

***Diary Dates**

- 30 June 2019 ZI Award 'Women in Technology' applications close
- 30 June 2019 Cassandra Weddell Grant applications close
- 3 July 2019 Launch of Advancement of Women Award
- 3-7 July 2019 Arty Party, The Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
- 21 July 2019 Nominations due: District 22 Governor's Award, Diane Leggo Honour Award
- 29 July 2019 Alumnae Fellowship Lunch, Café 107, 107 Latrobe Tce, Paddington (12 Noon)
- 31 August 2019 Advancement of Women applications close
- 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
- 18 October 2019 Gala night of 'Incognito', The Loft, QUT Kelvin Grove 7:30pm
 - Followed by presentation of the Babette Stephens Award
- 8 November 2019 Zonta's Centennial Anniversary
- 4-8 July 2020 International Convention, Chicago, Illinois

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