

July Newsletter

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Diary Dates

*Club meets every 2nd Wed
of the month at 6:45 pm
Castle Motor Lodge*

- July 11 Diabetes Walk Muller's Lagoon
1:15 at BBQ area
July 11 Dinner meeting 6:45
July 21 Women's Leadership Forum
July 26-28 Townsville-Cairns Bike Ride
For Children's Cancer
Sept 7-9 District 24 Conference

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From the President's Pen

Well, I am absent again - hopefully scoffing red wine in the Clare Valley whilst you are reading this! But I will be back for the dinner meeting! (more wine!)

As far as I know there's nothing on program for our July dinner meeting so I would like to suggest that we allow ample time for discussion of the coming bush dance as it will really need all our support to make it a success.

I also would like time put aside for discussion of our general meeting times as alluded to in my annual report. My suggestion here is 6pm start time. Finish meeting at 7.15pm. Dinner to be served at 7.30pm. Anyone can be invited to dinner - partners etc. Still the 2nd Wednesday of the month unless we need to change for some reason.

Also discussion on what two months should be set aside for our Collinsville dinner meetings?

It was nice to have a break from Zonta for a few weekends was it not? I want to re-iterate that we can only give to Zonta what time we can. A couple of recent resignations have cited 'not being able to be fully committed'. All of us members are busy people and I still want you all to be members! If you are unable to attend a function just say so - no guilt feelings here!

Kudos to our new Public Relations and Communications Committee. They have hit the boards running and presented quite a comprehensive report to the last board meeting. I would like this to be shared at the dinner meeting so all know the expenditure that has been approved.

Cheers
Rhonda Nilsson

DID YOU KNOW ?

**Dr Fiona Wood, burns specialist
and former Australian of the
Year was voted
#1 on Australia's 100
most trusted list.**

Handover Dinner

The Handover Dinner was held June 13th with the President Rhonda Nilsson welcoming members and guests. She especially gave a warm welcome to those guests who came from Collinsville.

The President described the various projects both locally and overseas the Club is involved in. Our fundraising efforts were well received by Bowen's Emergency Crisis Housing due to recent demands for emergency housing. Rhonda stated the important role of Zonta on the Committee of the United Nations and Zonta International's efforts in collaborating with other groups such as Care in providing services to advance the status of women worldwide.

Entertainment was provided by Bob Lowcock who sang a few songs with an international flavour.

Veronica Hickmott, acting as District Director indoctrinated each member of the new committee to take up their role for 2007-2008.

Our newest member Shirley James was warmly welcomed as she pledged to give service to the Club.

A special thank you went to Wendy Tracey who gave an impromptu account of her experience as an *Australia* film volunteer guide. The audience was keenly interested in the clever illusion techniques and the great attention to detail and props in making the movie.

In closing Rhonda gave thanks to the members and guests for their support.

Photos by Nan Hansen

Collinsville Ladies



Dot Wyper, Dianne Watts, Pat Smith and Ellen Drane



Bob Lowcock



Board Members Therese Mayhew (VP), Bev Lowcock (VP), Rhonda Nilsson (P), Lynette Klukas (S), Angela Cornwell (T), Sue Wagner (D), Veronica Hickmott (D) absent Cheryl Vennard (D) and Bob Wharley (D)

Message from District Director

Pam Graham, the Director for District 7 conveys her apologies for being unable to attend the Handover Dinner. Pam thanks the outgoing Board for their wonderful work for the past 12 months and extends to the incoming Board her best wishes for the new Zonta Year.

"Being a Board Member is an honour and a privilege and does entail additional meetings and responsibilities. However, it is rewarding and an excellent way of developing personally. The Zonta Club of Bowen achieves remarkable goals and all members should be proud of their achievements. Best wishes to you all for a successful evening and 2007-08", she says.

New Member

WELCOME
Shirley James



The President Rhonda Nilsson welcomes new member Shirley James



Dot Wyper, Carol Ann Barrett and Bev Lowcock
Rhonda Nilsson, Hortense Ingram and guests
Carol Wallace and Christine Coventry from Bowen



Wendy Tracy
Movie Volunteer



VPs Therese Mayhew and Bev Lowcock with partners

*To get more out of life,
give more of yourself*

Happy Birthday

Bon	Wharley	July 7

Committee Clippings

Board Meeting July 4

Attendance at Dinner Meetings

To alleviate any confusion regarding attendance numbers and monies owed to the Castle for the dinner meetings, the Board has endorsed the following procedure.

- It is assumed that each current member not on leave of absence will be attending unless they notify the attendance secretary.
- The apology must be placed before 5pm on the Tuesday prior to the dinner meeting.
- Any member, who fails to attend without an apology by this time, will be billed for the cost of the meal.
- Should unforeseen circumstances arise after 5pm on the Tuesday, the correct procedure is to contact the attendance secretary and not the Castle or other club members.

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Bush Dance Cancelled

It was decided to cancel the bush dance since the Board feels that it would be inappropriate to compete for the fundraising dollar with the Festival Queen entrants. These young ladies have only a twelve week period in which to fundraise for the Lion's service club. The Board thought this to be a small concession to make despite the planning already done by the Fundraising Committee. Hopefully the planning will prove to be useful groundwork towards holding the event at a future date. The Board thanks the members of the Fundraising committee for their work towards this event.

District 24 Conference

This is an excellent chance to get to see some of the inner workings of Zonta while representing our Bowen Club. It is to be held in Tweed Heads from 7th to 9th of September. The club will honour the registration fees and contribute \$200 towards travel and accommodation for a member to attend this conference. Please don't be shy in putting your hand up. It is not just for longer term members so don't let your time of service as a Zontian be a deterrent.

Committee Amalgamations

Some committees are light on women power at present due to resignations and members on leave of absence. The Board has decided to combine committees to alleviate this problem in the short term. It was felt that some committees overlapped in their objectives and consideration was given to this in making the decision. Each committee will keep its chairperson and it is envisaged that each individual chair will run their section of the meeting. In this way, more members will have greater input into more aspects of our club. The club will also benefit from the collative efforts of all team members. Time will be provided at the dinner meeting for each group to organise the most suitable meeting time.

Board Meeting Apologies

The new format at the Board Meeting caters for a light meal. It would be appreciated if apologies can be given in advance, preferably by the Monday to the secretary.

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New Committees

SOW and Membership

Von Hickmont * SOW
Bon Wharley
Cheryl Vennard
Shirley James
Sue Wagner
Bev Lowcock * Membership
Nan Hansen
Jill Knight

Fundraising, Program and PR

Therese Mayhew * Fundraising
Linda Tickle
Carol Ann Barrett
Julie Jurgens
Angela Cornwall
Laraine Smith * Program
Hortense Ingram* PR
Lynette Klukas
Nan Hansen

* Chairperson

Committee Clippings

Status of Women

Plans for Collinsville Women in Leadership function are all but finalised. Three Collinsville ladies on the sub-committee are organising advertising, food, etc. Zonta Club have organised speakers and we hope our members will give support as it will be a Saturday afternoon and should be accessible by most members. We will have a car pool to assist any with travel problems.

Still no further update from Dr Rane's office on his proposed Women's Health Forum and I have been too busy to follow up.

Re the email from Women's Services, our committee feels this could be used by the Program Committee for speakers at dinner meetings or possibly kept for IWD next year.

With the application for more funding we welcome any suggestions from members how best we can utilise same.

The osteoporosis program---- do members feel we should present another one this year? Should we look into what would be involved in organising a forum on the Ice program through the school with parents as well as students?

Bon Wharley presented an advertisement from the Townsville Bulletin calling on women interested in joining Zonta. I have emailed Pam Graham to ask how this works and hope to have a reply in time to discuss at Board meeting.

Veronica Hickmott

United Nations

- **UN Human Rights Council in Geneva June 2007**
47 members held a session to agree on mechanisms that will enable the Human Rights Council to oversee human rights in the world in a more effective and impartial manner.
- **Trafficking in Persons Report June 2007**
The purpose of the report is to draw the world's attention on the existence of modern day slavery and the desperate need to eliminate it in the same way the world ended the African slave trade. Approximately 800,000 people, mostly female and minors are trafficked internationally and millions more within national borders per year. People are coerced into bonded labour, bought and sold into prostitution, exploited in domestic servitude, enslaved in farm and factory work and captured to serve as child soldiers. The report documents what countries are doing on prosecution, prevention and protection and what collaborative efforts can be done with the other countries and the US.

Hortense Ingram

Collinsville Women in Leadership Forum

Saturday 21st July

We would like strong support. A car pool is being organised to be in Collinsville by 1pm and leaving by 4pm. Please give this some consideration as we would like numbers at the Dinner meeting Wednesday July 11.

Inspiring Women



Tania Major Indigenous youth advocate
Young Australian of the Year Award 2007
Photo courtesy Australian of the Year Awards

Tania Major was the youngest person ever elected to ATSIC. She has been featured on *Four Corners* and *60 Minutes* speaking about the appalling secrets of domestic violence in her community. Tania is the only person in her community in Cape York to complete Year 12 and a university degree.

In 2004, she represented the Australia Government as a delegate at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In 2006 Ms Major was named Queensland Young Australian of the Year in recognition of her leadership efforts and community work with young people in Cape York. A former board member of The Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, she is now working on youth development.

Ms Major accompanied Premier Beattie on a trade mission to South Africa to help build new bridges of cooperation and understanding between Queensland and South Africa. Ms Major says, "I see a lot of common concerns and want to see if there are opportunities for us to work together on a human rights agenda." On behalf of the Queensland government, she invited three young leaders from South Africa to participate in the Indigenous Leader's Forum and the Premier's Reconciliation Awards celebration in May 28-31 2007.



Cape Town: Associate Professor Heather Beattie, Premier Peter Beattie, Deputy President of South Africa, the Honourable Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Young Australian of the Year 2007, Ms Tania Major and the Australian High Commissioner to South Africa, His Excellency Mr Phillip Green

Photo courtesy Tradeinfo Qld Gov

From the Hen's Hutch



The Perks of Being Over 50

1. *Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.*
2. *Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.*
3. *You sing along with elevator music.*
4. *Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.*
5. *You have a party and the neighbors don't even realise it.*
6. *People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"*
7. *People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.*
8. *Things you buy now won't wear out.*
9. *You can live without sex but not without glasses.*
10. *You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.*
11. *You get into heated arguments about pension plans.*
12. *You can eat dinner at 4 P.M.*
13. *There is nothing left to learn the hard way.*
14. *You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.*
15. *You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.*
16. *Your eyes won't get much worse.*
17. *Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.*
18. *You can't remember who sent you this list.*



Laura Barnes - Guest speaker at Women Leadership Forum

Photo courtesy Laura Barnes



Women in Leadership Forum

Saturday 21st July

**The Worker's Club
Railway St Collinsville**

1:30 for 2:00 pm start

Inspirational Guest Speakers

Tolma Camm

Whitsunday Councilor

Laura Barnes

Physical Fitness Trainer

***Your chance to have a
stimulating afternoon***

Gold Coin Donation

Entertainment, Afternoon Tea,
Door Prize and Spot Raffle

Proceeds to Royal Flying Doctors Service

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