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Message from the President

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2015. Regular newsletters were a key request from many of our members. The newsletter provides a good opportunity to reflect upon our activities over the past few months. It includes some great contributions from a broad range of our members which is a fantastic result. Thank you to Glenda for her hard work in pulling everything together, and of course, to all of the contributors.

So far, 2015 has been a busy year for us. At our planning meeting, many club members expressed a desire to help a lot of small organisations in addition to the larger collaborative events such as the Zonta Fashion Showcase. With the disappointing decision to defer the Zonta Fashion Showcase, we have continued to work towards an impressive number of smaller, and very successful fundraisers. The 2015 Plan we prepared following our planning meeting earlier this year provides members with an overview of the activities we have planned for the year. I hope it provides useful information, including a structured approach to identifying beneficiaries, fundraising, and advocacy events.

We have continued our regular sewing bees. In response to feedback on the overall shortage of breast cushions across Brisbane hospitals, we have increased the frequency of sewing bees to once every two months. The most recent sewing bee was held at The Nest, which provides a nurturing environment for women through craft and creative endeavours. Its founder, Roz, was a guest at our June meeting.

July saw our annual Trivia Night, which continues to grow in leaps and strides. This was the first Trivia Night I have attended, and despite being unwell with the flu, it was very enjoyable. Thanks to our quizmaster Ruth, MC Louise, and the other helpers who dressed up in style. Thanks also to Leanne and Leida for their work in providing an overview of Zonta for our guests. I'd like to make mention of the special donation of \$1,000 made on the night from one of Flora's friends, which was well appreciated by our beneficiary, the Women's Legal Service.

In July, we held our Anniversary Dinner - an event where we can relax and just enjoy the fellowship. At the dinner, I had the pleasure of pinning our new (or previously unpinning) members Chris McGinty, Kate Green, and Louise Abell.

I am looking forward to future newsletters that highlight our recently completed and upcoming events!

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**Official Opening of Anglicare's accommodation facility at Toowong for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
21 June 2015**



Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club was proud to be one of nine Zonta clubs that participated in Anglicare's Home Away from Homelessness project to raise funds towards building new accommodation at Anglicare's site at Toowong for women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The club led the main Zonta fundraiser for this project - the 2014 Fashion Showcase that was held in the auditorium at City Hall. It attracted over 600 guests and raised over \$80,000 towards the project. It was an outstanding success. The club would like to acknowledge the contributions made by all sponsors and volunteers. Particular mention must go to Amena Reza for her overall leadership and to Leigh Goldsmith, Elaine Harrington, and Flora Di Lizio for their key roles .

The photos above show two of the beautifully furnished accommodation rooms and the tree of sponsors with a leaf for Zonta.

Cheers to Fundraising

In July the Club raised \$1,740 with the help of Get Wines Direct who supplied an interesting selection of red and white wines at a discounted price. These were then on-sold in dozen lots to club members and friends - still at a very affordable price. Twenty-nine dozen bottles of wine were purchased. This was a relatively easy fundraising exercise and worth repeating next year. Thank you to Sharon of Get Wines Direct. Thanks to Isobelle for organising and her husband, John, for distributing the wines.

Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser – This Year’s theme - Rock Gods



Club members and friends doing very bad imitations of Rock Gods, past and present

Our Annual Trivia Night was held on Friday, 3 July at 66 on Ernest’s Function Room at Southbank Institute of Technology.

This year for the first time we nominated a beneficiary of our fundraising - Womens Legal Service (WLS) - prior to the event and that proved to be a huge success with WLS providing five tables of supporters and volunteers and the event raising \$5,000.

The Rock Gods theme provided some fantastic dress-ups from many of the teams with the “Fleetwood Mac” team taking the prize for best themed table. Noteworthy mentions were the Mamas and the Papas and the Motley Crew. WLS teams The Chantoozies and The Go Gos looked hot, while the Zonta Sex Pistols looked rotten!!

The Trivia Competition Winners were the Motley Crew, with Fleetwood Mac runners up. The night’s success was ably guided by the quiz mistress, Cyndi Lauper, MC, Susie Quatro, soundman, Rod Stewart, and hostess, Amy Winehouse.

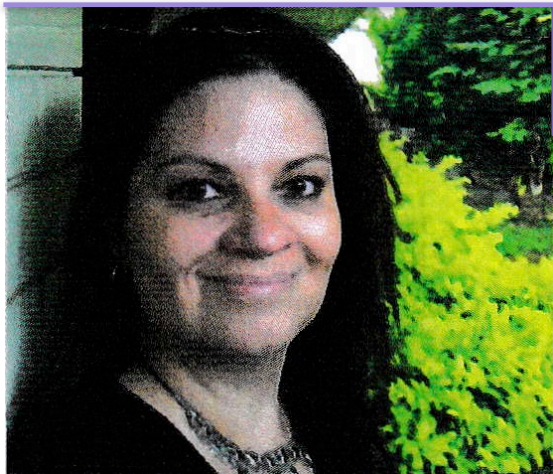
Breast Cushion Sewing Bees



The club held two breast cushion sewing days in the last three months. While these sewing bees are usually held at the homes of members, our July sewing bee was held at "The Nest" at Everton Park at the invitation of its founder, Roz Fenson, who attended one of our breakfast meetings. It was a lovely venue - roomy, welcoming, and organised for sewing! Despite

having to start from scratch with cutting out the cushion shapes, we completed 37 cushions in a great spirit of club fellowship.

Support for Mary MacKillop Foundation's Indigenous Scholarships Program



The club is pleased to continue its support for the Mary MacKillop Foundation's Indigenous Scholarships Program. This year the club donated \$1,000 towards the scholarship won by Nicole Peyton-Smith. Nicole attended a breakfast meeting and spoke to members about her life, ambitions, and studies as an external postgraduate law student at the University of Southern Queensland. Nicole, who is an exemplary student, expects to finish her degree at the end of this year.

Morning Tea at Bahloo Women's Youth Shelter



This is a photograph of the hamper we gave to Bahloo to raffle at their annual morning tea held during NAIDOC Week. The club continues to support this organisation in a variety of ways.

Club's Anniversary Dinner



The club members enjoyed the club's anniversary dinner where three new members were formally inducted into Zonta.

The club's annual anniversary dinner enjoyed a good turn out of Zontians and partners. It was held at the Story Bridge Hotel in their pop-up room which was quite charming. We had welcome drinks on a private balcony and then adjourned to a private dining room with silver service, white table cloths, our own waiters, and private bar. Fairy lights set off a heritage wall. The meal was excellent and the company stimulating! Three new members were pinned - Louise, Kate, and Chris.

Date Claimers

Sunday, 9 August - Boudoir Fashion Bazaar, Bronco's Leagues Club, Fulcher Street, Red Hill, 10 am - 3 pm

Saturday, 15 August - Birthing Kit Assembly Day

TBA - Trash and Treasure, at the former Abscoe site, West End, from 7.30 am

Sunday, 20 September - Breast cushion sewing bee, Michelle's place, Newmarket

9 to 11 October - District 22 Conference, Airlie Beach

Wednesday, 25 November - start of 16 days of Advocacy

Wednesday, 2 December - Club's Christmas breakfast at venue TBA

Wednesday, 2 December - Women in Black - Queensland Theatre Company, from 7.30 pm