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Dinner: \$50.00*

(*includes Lucky Door Ticket)

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Message on behalf of President Emma Duncan



Dear Friends

The wonders of modern technology! All good when it works, extremely frustrating and limiting when it doesn't!

Our wonderful President, Emma, who has been working overseas these last few days shared her frustrations . . . *"I have had a disaster - complete computer failure. I sat down after dinner as my first chance to work on my message and after telling me once that my battery was close to empty, the computer now won't start at all - even though now plugged in to mains! I feel like I'm in electronic Siberia!"*

In sympathy with Emma, do you remember the time before computers? Me neither. If you are young enough, they've been around your whole life. If your old enough, your memory is not as good as it used to be.

Speaking of your memory, do you remember all the preparation for the Millennium Bug and the great computer meltdown, as the century rolled over, at midnight, December 31, 1999?; Do you remember the great scare that all computers worldwide would just shut down? What really happened at the turn of the century on that fateful night? We went to bed, woke the next morning to greet the year 2000, and life carried on – because our computers were still working!!

Now we have iPhones or androids that will keep us in touch across the world, at least when we can get a signal. Emma will share more stories of her dilemma at the dinner meeting.

Safe travels home Emma.

Best wishes

Yours in Zonta fellowship . . .

Beverley Morton

Chair, Communications Committee, Proudly on behalf of President, Emma Duncan

*Club Meeting

Dinner Meeting - Wednesday 6 March 2019

Membership Month

6pm Fellowship Drinks

7pm-9pm Dinner Meeting

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

Again, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has submitted their apologies for this month's dinner.

How to pay for dinner

As you know, **dinner is \$50.00** which also includes a ticket in the lucky door prize, but here's something you may not know . . .

We have become a world of convenience and there are now so many ways to pay for our purchases that many of us no longer carry much cash in our purses or handbags. Credit cards are easy to carry and easy to use but there is a catch . . . the type of credit card being used denotes the amount the bank charges the retailer or service provider (fees currently range between 4.55% to 4.67% of the \$value per transaction). And our Club is not exempt from that.

So, if you believe the banks don't need our Club's hard earned money, **please consider paying for your monthly dinner by EFT**. The more members who adopt this method of payment, the more our Club will save on fees!

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And don't be too worried if you forget to do this before each Wednesday's dinner, please just let us know at the dinner check-in desk when you arrive and we can note it on the attendance sheet to expect your payment. Of course, if you still forget to pay that month, we will give you a little reminder next time.

For convenience (there's that lovely word again), you may like to set up a regular BSB payment out of your bank account each month. If something happens and you can't attend a dinner, your 'credit' will carry over to the next dinner.

If you're joining us this Wednesday evening, please take a moment to read through the **attached documents** so you can be ready to discuss and vote on them.

Heads or Tails? Please remember to **bring along a gold coin** if you wish to play. Thank you! As much as we appreciate all contributions to our fundraising efforts, in recent months we have seen some silver coins (5c, 10c and 20c pieces making their way into the little bags).



Membership month – look who's coming to dinner?

We are very excited to note that we will have a number of guests joining us for dinner this month which is great.

Thank you to our Members who are bringing a friend or colleague along, and to our wonderful Sausage Zizzlers who have not only encourage a couple of ladies to buy a sausage but also to come along and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with us this month.

*Member News

March is our Membership month and we are again so delighted to be welcoming a new member to our Club.

- **Lesley Chenoweth AO**, nominated by Anne Landsberg, will be inducted as a new member (thank you Anne). Lesley is Professor Emeritus at Griffith University and has had many years' experience as a social work and human services practitioner, academic and activist mainly in the disability area. Lesley is passionate about the power of education to transform lives and indeed whole communities. *Welcome Lesley!*
- **Congratulations to Dimity Adams/Smith** who brought Bridget Daisy Joan Adams safely into the world on Wednesday 6 February 2019 weighing in at 7 pounds 6½ ounces (3.36kgs). A very good reason why Dimity couldn't join us for our dinner meeting that evening!



Lesley Chenoweth AO



- **Club Alumni – or Former Members:** please note the morning tea planned for 14 March is postponed for the time being.
 - **ZI Rose Day – 8 March 2019:** On International Women's Day, don't miss the opportunity to recognise someone special in our life and show your appreciation by [making a donation to the Rose Fund](#) in their honour. And remember, all genders love to be recognised and appreciated. You can send a special email to that person with a message to let them know the difference they have made in your life. Your donation will also help Zonta to continue to support projects and programs that empower women and girls worldwide.
- **ZI District 22 Area Meeting – 23 March 2019, Noosa Springs Resort**

What an exciting full day is in store for the 2019 Zonta International District 22 Area Meeting, with our very own Judith Anderson OAM, International Nominating Committee a contributor (see the attached Program for further details). A special note from Petra Ladwig, Area Director . . .

"Dear Zontians,

The District 22 Area Meeting is fast approaching on Saturday 23 March 2019. This year, we're heading to the Sunshine Coast and the meeting will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Noosa at Noosa Springs Resort, Noosa Heads.

Tickets are now available for the Area Meeting at \$78 per person and are being sold through Try Booking <https://www.trybooking.com/470234>. The ticket prices will include registration, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and entry into a lucky door prize. Raffles will also be sold on the day.

Attached is the poster and program for the event. Registration will open at 7:45am for an 8:30am start.

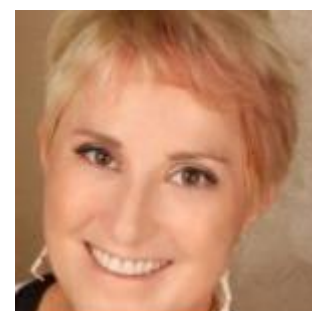
We encourage all Zontians who are able to attend to do so, as an Area Meeting is a fantastic opportunity to mingle with fellow members, exchange ideas, obtain updates about both Zonta International and District, catch up on Zonta's achievements at an international, national and local level and help plan for the future. In this Centenary Year, it is also an opportunity to brainstorm ideas to celebrate Zonta International turning 100.

We will also be joined by Sandy Bolton, MP to discuss homelessness particularly affecting women over the age of 55 and Rebecca Hatcher Anderson, from the University of the Sunshine Coast, School of Law to discuss forced marriage and the legal complexities in Australia.

Zonta Noosa is also proposing to have a "market area" where Clubs are able to sell some of their Zonta merchandise for fundraising. If your Club is interested in having any of their merchandise available for sale, please email the Club at zontanoosaevents@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there."

Regards,
Petra Ladwig Area director



* Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee extends their appreciation and thanks to members for their contribution and array of fundraising ideas submitted at the February dinner meeting. These have been collated and are being carefully considered by the committee.



Wine Tasting: Thanks to those members who made generous purchases of wine during the December/January period, bringing a further \$1,216 to our Club from Phil Manser and Wine Direct. This brings the total so far from this fundraising activity to \$2,571.56. *Cheers!*

A Night with Hedley: On 7 February, journalist Hedley Thomas was the star attraction at a fascinating 'In Conversation' event at Newstead Studios, organised and moderated by club member Susan Hocking.

The creator of the podcast series 'The Teacher's Pet', Hedley Thomas is a dual Gold Walkley Award winning Brisbane-based journalist. His 'The Teacher's Pet' has been a podcast sensation, downloaded more than 40 million times world-wide. The event sold out within days! Fans of the series were not disappointed as they were greeted with wine and canapes and had a very personal experience listening to Hedley step them through the tragic saga of the disappearance of Lynette Dawson almost four decades ago.

Although Lynette's body has never been found, two coronial inquests had found that Lynette most likely had been murdered. But it was not until last December that her husband at the time of her disappearance, former Newtown Jets rugby league star Chris Dawson, was arrested and charged with her murder.



It was a privilege to hear from Hedley first-hand about the process of compiling the weekly episodes, his relationships formed with Lynette's family, the students of Cromer High School on Sydney's northern beaches where Chris Dawson taught and where he met and began his affair with student Joanne Curtis – the Teacher's Pet - and the neighbours, friends and police seeking answers to the cold case that was Lynette's disappearance.

We would like to thank Hedley Thomas for so graciously giving of his time for this event – he broke into a well-deserved family holiday to return to Brisbane for the night. We especially thank him for agreeing that all proceeds go to the Zonta Club of Brisbane.

We also thank (again) Cass Thies of Newstead studios for donating the premises for the event and for giving her time to ensure all ran smoothly. After expenses, Susan Hocking (who, not coincidentally, was the voice of Helena Sims, the mother of Lynette Dawson, in the podcast,) was able to donate \$4,500 to the Club as a result of the event.

* Fellowship

Babette Stephens Award Winners

We are so proud to announce Bronte Price and Nicole Hoskins, our two 2018 Babette Stephens' winners, are in two final year upcoming plays:

1. 'The Ladies' at the [Gardens Theatre](#), X-Block, Gardens Point Precinct, QUT, 2 George St, Brisbane
 - o Tuesday 5 March - curtains up at 6:30pm
 - o Thursday, 7 March – 6:30pm
 - o Friday, 8 March – 7:30pm
 - o Saturday 9 March – 2:00pm and 7:30pm
2. 'Sons of the Prophet' at [the Loft](#), QUT Creative Industries Precinct, Musk Ave, Kelvin Grove
 - o Tuesday 12 March through to Saturday 16 March – 6:30pm



Tickets: If any members would like to see the plays, QUT have offered to make some tickets available. Please contact Julie Mannion at juliemannion@bigpond.com or on 0414 284 013 if you would like to take up this offer.

Zonta Club of Longreach celebration

The Zonta Club of Longreach is celebrating 25 years since charter on the weekend of Friday 5 April to Sunday 7 April 2019. If you feel like a trip to join our fellow Zontians at the Australian Stockman Hall of Fame, you will need to **let them know by Friday 29 March** – further details are in the attached program.

*Service News

The Advancement of Women Sub-Committee have finalised the criteria and the application form, and these are now attached for your perusal. The closing date for applications is 31 August 2019 and an advertising strategy is now being developed.

This has been a monumental task to reach this point and our grateful thanks to the sub-committee - Gwen Jull, Anne Landsberg, Susan Hocking, Julie Mannion, Susan Davies, Jen Thompson, Genevieve Gray and Anna Herbert - for their dedication and commitment to this undertaking. Also to Judith Anderson and Cecily Tucker for their valuable input into the development of the criterion.

*Diary Dates

- 5-9 March 2019 'The Ladies' at the [Gardens Theatre](#)
 - 8 March 2019 ZI Rose Day - International Women's Day
 - 12 March 2019 'Sons of the Prophet' at [the Loft](#)
 - 23 March 2019 ZI District 22 Area Meeting, Noosa Springs Resort
 - 3 April 2019 Next Zonta Club of Brisbane Dinner Meeting
 - 5-7 April 2019 Zonta Club of Longreach 25 year celebration (RSVP by 29 March)
 - 31 August 2019 Advancement of Women applications close
 - 6-8 September 2019 District 22 Conference (early bird registrations opening in March)
 - 8 November 2019 Zonta's Centennial Anniversary
 - 4-8 July 2020 International Convention, Chicago, Illinois
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*Reflections

It was great to see our first dinner meeting for 2019 so well attended. We were pleased to welcome Cathy Muir as the newest member of our Club, and also to provide some lighthearted moments for Alison Cottrell as a visitor. Alison, a friend of Cecily Tucker, was unable to get home to Townsville due to the floods.



We wish her and the Townsville and other affected communities all the very best for the days and months ahead as the region works together to recover from the impacts of the devastating wet weather event.

Club President, Emma Duncan, with Leneen Forde AC, inducting new member, The Hon. Justice Catherine Muir

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