

Zonta News March 2021



Upcoming Events

Dinner Meeting

15th March
Time 6pm for 630pm

Bare Foot Bowls

Tweed Heads Bowls Club
18th April 3 PM

Area 3 Meeting

8th May Nerang or Brisbane

Biggest Morning Tea

9 am 19th May
Tweed Broadwater Village

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.

George Elliot

International Conventions

2022-25th-29th June

Hamburg Germany

2024

Brisbane Australia

President's Message March 2021

The nominating committee have been busy filling the board positions. However, if you feel that you could assist in becoming part of the board please let either Pauline or Merle know.

We have some events coming up.

1. Area 3 Meeting – 8th May 2021 – Venue options are Nerang or Brisbane close to freeway TBA.
2. 2022 International Convention 25-29 June 2022 is planned for Hamburg, Germany.
3. 2024 International Convention it's Brisbane, Australia

The Area meeting is a great way to learn what happens in our area and, also there are with interesting guest speakers.

2022 Convention – if you can see your way clear to go to Hamburg, International Conventions are always a great experience, and you learn so much. You could work it in with your world tour!!!

2024 Convention – if you haven't experienced Hamburg then definitely make sure you attend the International Convention in Brisbane. You will meet so many Zontians from all parts of the world, and it's a once in a lifetime experience to meet with so many women of like mind and from such diverse cultures.

If you would like further information on any of the above, check the District & ZI sites.

Now back to earth – Susie has organized a Bare Foot Bowls Day at 3pm 18th April at Tweed Heads Bowls Club. Invite your friends and families as this is a great 'Fun Raiser'.

Thank you to Louise for opening her home for a packing day for packs to be supplied to local hospitals for Sexual Assault Victims.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday 15th March – 6:00 for 6:30 start Qld. Time



Lesley-Anne

Preside

Service and Advocacy Update

Big Thank You Louise for holding another very successful packing day. We packed 150 toiletry bags.

Also packed 177 various sized ladies underpants.

We delivered to the Tweed Refuge 35 underpants and 28 toiletry bags. Also our monthly contribution of Laundry detergent was passed on to the Refuge. The co-ordinator was very grateful and once again thanked all the members for our continued support.

Breast cushions – more fabric was dropped into the Broadwater Ladies, they are preparing for their annual Biggest Morning Tea on the 19th May 2021

Carole

Towels - Tweed Women's Refuge



Care Packages - Robina & Gold Coast Hospitals Social Worker Timi & Louise



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Kay Lollback A bit about me:

Born in Casino...a long time ago! Left town in 1978 to commence nursing at Marsden Hospital in Westmead, where I stayed for 8yrs. Mental retardation nursing existed back then however with the recommendation of the "Richmond Report", these homes and care facilities became obsolete. Children with severe handicaps were miraculously meant to cope within a community home. I then transitioned to General Nursing at Blacktown Hospital with a group of Mental Retardation and Psychiatric nurses ... we were already registered nurses so did not really conform to the student role and obtained the dubious honour of the "worst group of students to darken the doorstep of Blacktown hospital," which I personally feel was a vast exaggeration.

Nepean Hospital at Penrith was the next venture where I studied both Midwifery and Neonatal Intensive Care. Marriage in 1991 put the nursing career on hold as we bought a hotel in Islington Newcastle. A colourful career change not necessarily in a good way. Alice Elizabeth came along in 1993, not really the environment for a baby so a move to Lismore soon followed where we owned a coffee shop Harveys and a hotel, the Blue Goose at Junction hill, Grafton. Christopher came along in 1994.

I started nursing at Lismore Base Hospital in maternity, I became increasingly aware of the babies born to substance using parents and the subsequent withdrawal these infants suffered, many needing morphine to help them through the first weeks of life. Consequently, I obtained qualifications in drug and alcohol and set about initiating a drugs in pregnancy program. This program has since been rolled out to other health facilities from Tweed to Port Macquarie. I joined Zonta Northern Rivers whilst living in Lismore.

Next adventure was a move to the Gold Coast and a job at the Tweed Hospital in community child health as the Drugs in Pregnancy Coordinator also working at the Methadone Clinic with the opioid replacement program. A few years passed by and with no real job security at Tweed Hospital I gained a permanent position as a Clinical Nurse with QLD Health on a coordinated care program for mums and bubs with complex issues; domestic violence, mental health, drug and alcohol problems.

Beach walks with my 2 labradoodles Zac and Ruby where we enjoyed 1 of the best spots on the planet, Tallebudgera. Andrew also walked his pooch Kao at Talle and that is how we met. Andrew is a geologist and runs a consultancy business in Brisbane. We purchased the Wollumbin Palms Rainforest Retreat at Mt Warning in June 2019. Timing was not the best...drought, bush fires, flood then of course Covid chaos followed in quick succession. Just when I thought retirement was not too far off, we are busier than ever! Despite Covid restrictions we were married at Tallebudgera Surf Club on 10/10/2020 at 10.20am. by our friend and fellow Zontian Rhonda Allen.

I have included a photo of our nearest and dearest...Andrew's daughter Kiji with her husband Sefa, their children Zander, Isabella and Oliver. My daughter Alice with Dj, Isobel, Sophia and William, Christopher's daughter Violet. Christopher was not able to attend, the border a problem. Christopher and laisha are living in Cowra and has just welcomed their son Carter John.

Life is busy however the philosophy and ideals of Zonta are near and dear to my heart. I think that our club enjoys an amazing group of likeminded women and the fellowship gained is its own reward.

Enough about me... here are the photos.



Zac, me, Kao, Charlie, Andrew and Ruby on top of Earth Lodge with Mt Warning in the background

