



Reef Talk



November 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Merry Christmas and Holiday Greetings to Everyone

It seems crazy that Christmas is upon us already. The Committee for the Christmas Party have been hard at work and I am sure you are all looking forward to it as I am and having a great end to an exceptional year. I wanted to start my report with how proud I am of our Club today and how proud I am that some of our Members are stepping up to take on other roles within the District.

We now have four of our members working on Committees at District Level. I am so pleased about this. Working at District level raises the awareness of our Club and our worthwhile projects enormously. Pam Graham has always expressed that we have some very capable women in our club and hoped that at least one of our Club Members would advance to this stage and now it is happening big time – these are our 4 members stepping up:

- Sandii Hansen accepted the nomination to be on the Nominating Committee.
- PJ Halter is working with District on Media
- Sue Hansen put her hand up to join a Membership committee
- And, finally, we have our Advocacy Director Pam Harrison working with District on a UN committee.

I give my biggest congratulations to these four for taking on these commitments. Good Job to all of you.

Another person I wish to mention who has stepped up recently is Judy Brown, for taking on the role of Membership Director since Maxine Thiele's recent resignation. Thank you also to Maxine for her contributions to the Board so far. Judy, a very big thank you for taking on this position. I am sure I can speak for all the Board members that we will enjoy having you on the Board.

Other outstanding members and moments for the month are:

- Carole Lindsay and Susan Beale and the others who have contributed for the great work they have done in getting the Domestic Violence Calendar to print stage. This will be such a good fund raiser for us this year and I would expect it will be able to continue as a fundraiser for quite a few more years to come.
- Carol Bolton has put in a lot of time and effort in organising the Sausage Sizzles at Bunning's. Thanks to her and all the members who have put their name down to help out at these events. These should return a nice tidy sum to increase our fundraising coffers.
- Pammie Harrison has been hard at work organising the 16 Days of Activism events from having our "Say No to Domestic Violence" sign put up on Shute Harbour Road. Also getting 23 pairs of orange shoes spray painted, to organising a market stall for Domestic violence, selling a variety of things and getting the public to sponsor birthing kits.





Our Christmas Party Committee deserves a mention as well in providing us with an enjoyable and festive event to end our year. It is all happening. I do realise that a good many of our members have been involved in the above projects as well as other things, but these three members have gone an extra mile. A big thank you to all of them.

As you are aware, I am going in for a total knee replacement on the 9th of November and Sandii Hanson has kindly put her hand up to take the November meeting for me. We will be meeting back at the Reef Gateway in their newly remodelled meeting room. I will still be available except for the few days in hospital to take care of any other business items that may occur over this time.

Since I won't be there to wish you all a Merry Christmas at the end of our yearly meetings, I am determined to show up for the Christmas Party, even if for a short time, to wish you all the best for the New Year then. See you in December.

Connie Riley, President



ADVOCACY



A short report this month before the Hakuna Matata Event and before Bill and I fly south to see an ailing relative on the South Coast of NSW. It has been a busy month!

Regarding the ZONTA message about Domestic Violence during the 16 days of Activism that kicks off on the 25th November, plans are going well to REALLY get our message across and at our last meeting at Christina's the proposal was approved to buy ORANGE SPRAY paint. I popped into Vinnies and Salvos yesterday and it looks like our shoes are organised for our project. Thank you Lauren for picking them up and ensuring that they fit our purpose and will look feminine and fabulous once painted up and displayed "with flair". She has about 30 pairs, so we can choose the 23 most suitable pairs, to symbolise the average 23 yearly women's deaths tragically a result of domestic violence. We will need volunteers to work the Market stall on 26th November. Be prepared to sign up at our General Meeting.

An advocacy Working BEE has been organised for 3pm on Nov 15th at my home and we will have a creative and fun afternoon, painting and writing up suitable placards. We will take a few pics for the Whitsunday Times to ensure our message is broadcast.

The Birthing Kit days were a fabulous success and I am sure we all enjoyed being part of this fantastic project. Thank you, Wendy, and thank you for sending the link for Birthing Kit Foundation Australia's latest newsletter which has a great article on Janet and our Whitsunday Club.

<http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b1f4f3db021c46d32cd3a095e&id=e4c95d9184&e=3deb834b89>

Their Annual report has just been released and there is fabulous information included about each item in the kits and just how much they help women in 3rd world countries. I would suggest you also read through as they do a BRILLIANT job. Don't forget this was an AUSTRALIAN initiative. On the day of the stall and display we will be asking market goers for a \$3 donation to fund further Birthing Kit purchases.

News from Sandi is that there have been 2 applications for Education bursaries that have met the deadline. Both girls are VERY suitable candidates and I am sure the committee will have a huge job ahead of them, making their decision. Can we have dead heats????

Thanks to the committee for their usual hard work. See you next month.

Pammie Harrison, Director

SERVICE

Sewing Group: We have had our last sewing day for the year and my thanks go to Sue, Dawn, Judy, Lauren and Maxine who gave their time to make Breast Cushions and Drip Bags for cancer patients at Mackay Base Hospital. The third delivery of these items was made this month and the hospital was very grateful to have them. We will resume next year. If there is anyone else who would like to join our group for a few hours a month of sewing, conversation and, as always, good food give me a ring or just come along when the next date is set.



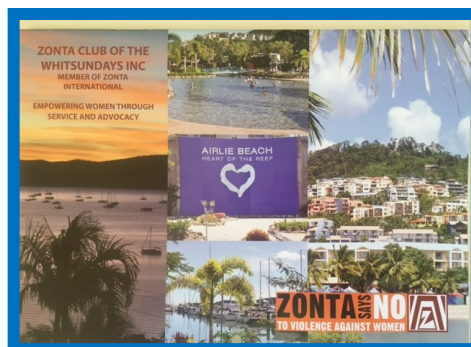
Knitting Group: Met on Monday 31st October. This was the last meeting of the year & the group will resume after Easter 2017 at a date to be advised. The meeting was held at Catherine's home with the usual delightful lunch. We all had a tour of Catherine's beautiful new, nearly finished home marvelling at her family heirlooms. Laura finished a beautiful orange throw for our orange market stall & we all worked on an orange blanket in readiness for the stall. We have yet to organize blankets to the nursing home but will do so before Christmas.

Books from Birth: We only held two Books From Birth Meetings this year. The first in August attended by two members at Laura Morrison's, where we packed 8 boxes of books, of which 4 were mailed to Tully Hospital and the remaining 4 to Ingham Community Centre at a total mailing cost of \$207.80.

Our second meeting was held in October where three members attended packing a total of 8 boxes, 4 of which were mailed to Grace Palmer Hospital, Palm Island and the remaining 4 to PCYC Palm Island at a total mailing cost of \$231.60. Due to a smaller number of books being donated, we will hopefully have our next meeting sometime in February 2017. Cheers, Lauren Haack

The Calendar: is finished...Hooray. Susan got it to Graphic House on Monday afternoon & after speaking with Danny, he said that he would start work on them ASAP. Hopefully we would have them in 7-10 days (which will be around the end of next week.) Maxine & Kevin have made 12 small orange ladies & we are organizing a plaque made for each lady saying "-Zonta Whitsunday thanks you for your support". This, along with a thank you letter & 2 calendar copies will be given to each sponsor. They will be sold at \$10 each (a bargain!)

Now the work for the whole club starts with the selling of the calendars! Cath will contact The Whitsunday Times for an article to be written advertising that the calendar is for sale. They will have Dawn & Carole's phone contact in the article for anyone wanting to purchase a calendar. PJ is making up a spread sheet with all our names to bring to the 17th November meeting, where we will note how many each member is taking. **If you would like to purchase calendars for yourself and/or Christmas gifts, please remember, we do not have a December meeting! Bring your \$\$\$ for your purchases!**



IWDB: Cath is still waiting to hear an answer regarding the grant. We will be arranging a committee meeting regarding further details for the day. We will start advertising in January. Laura will make the tickets & we will discuss the selling arrangements then. I will organize parking permits from Lure so that we can attach one to each ticket. The theme for the day is "Nautical". There will be a small table decorations only on each table enabling more room for the food & drinks.

Carole Brauner Lindsey, Director








Bunning Sausage Sizzle Schedule: Contact is Carol Bolton

- Budding cooks just need to arrive at their time - all will be set up, eskies packed, aprons ready to protect, tongs to cook with.
- Please note the different starting times. The Sunday is an 8:30 start, the Saturday is 8am.
- Here's hoping we make lots of money
- Please wear Zonta Shirts if possible. We will have Zonta aprons.



	Sunday 13 th November		Saturday 19 th November
8:30- 10:30	Carol Bolton	8am – 10am	Carol Bolton
	PJ		Cath Fernbach
	Steve		Sue Hansen
10:30-12:30	Carol Bolton	10am - 12	Carol Bolton
	Sue Hansen		Wendy
	Cliff Hansen		Carole Brauner
			Peter Lindsay
12:30-2:30	Carol Bolton	12 - 2pm	Carol Bolton
	Judy Brown		Anne Cleghorn
	Dawn Green		Laura Morrison
	Warwick Green		
2:30 - 4pm	Carol Bolton	2pm - 4pm	Carol Bolton
	Roz Jennings		Anne Cleghorn
	Susan Beale		Pam Harrison
			Kim Britton

MEMBERSHIP

- Maxine and Lauren will continue to organise Birthdays and Anniversaries.
- We will continue having Knock Knock dinners next year so will be putting out a call to all members for Hosts early in the New Year. 
- We will also be continuing Thumbs Up. Members are reminded to see Sue to nominate anyone they think will fit the criteria. 
- New Membership Packs: We are looking at making up a flyer with information about our Zonta Shirts e.g. Where to get them embroidered and what type of shirt is required
- Meeting Venue: We are checking our options for next year
- Z Clubs: Sandii's plan is to focus on teachers that are interested in being coordinators at St. Caths and Proserpine High School, while promoting YWPA programs. She is still trying to develop a stronger contact at WCC.  YWPA goes into next year and she wants to put in a plan with coordinators on promoting it and Z clubs early in the New Year. Slowly, slowly but our partnership with school continues to develop and grow stronger.
- Christmas Party: The Zonta Christmas party will be held this year at the TAFE on Friday 2nd December starting at 6.30pm. Cost will be \$32.50 per person, payable to Dawn at our general meeting on 17th November. We will again have a Secret Santa, gifts to be a maximum value of \$10, use your imagination. Please dress in White and a prize for the best white Christmas Hat will be awarded. Come along, bring your partner and enjoy the festive season with fantastic Christmas Fare, lots of fun, laughter and Best Company. The TAFE is licensed with drinks at reasonable prices.  

Judy Brown, Director

A COUPLE OF CHRISTMAS RECIPES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Baked Camembert with Boozy Cranberries

2/3 cup dried craisins 1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup cranberry juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon spiced rum or bourbon
20g wheel camembert cheese in a box
(suggest President)

Directions:

1. Add the craisins, brown sugar, cranberry juice and lemon juice to a small saucepan, and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and gently simmer for 8-10 minutes, stirring often, until thickened slightly. Remove from heat and stir in the rum or bourbon. Spoon into jar and allow to cool. Chill until required.
2. To gift, place the jar with the cheese and tie together with string or ribbon. Add a label with these instructions.

"Preheat the oven to 200degrees C [180C fan forced]. Unwrap the cheese and discard the wrapping. Place the cheese stack into the box it came in or onto a lined baking tray, make crisscross slashes in the top of the cheese and spoon over as much of the cranberries as desired. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until the center of the cheese feels nice and soft. Serve with crackers of your choice.



Bailey's Cream Dip

40-60 g brown sugar

40-60 g Bailey's Irish Cream Liqueur

300 g sour cream



1. Place sugar into mixing bowl and mill 10 sec/speed 10. Scrape down sides of mixing bowl with spatula
2. Add remaining ingredients to mixing bowl
3. Mix for 20 sec / speed
4. Serve immediately or chill in fridge for 20 minutes.
5. Transfer dip into a serving bowl and serve with sliced fresh fruits of choice to dip.



Birthday

November Birthdays:

Kerry Kenyon – 6th

Carol Bolton – 14th

Pam Graham – 23rd

Roz Jennings – 27th

December Birthdays:

Connie Riley – 17th

Lyndy Hill – 23rd

Date Claimers



November:

2nd: Board Meeting

17th – General Meeting – 6.00 for 6.30 start – Reef Gateway

25th – White Ribbon Day

26th – Market Stall for 16 days of Activism & sale of Calendars

30th - Book Club: Last Wednesday of Each Month – Contact Kerry Kenyon

December:

2nd - Christmas Party – TAFE College – 6.30 - \$32.50 pp

Payable at General Meeting on 17th November

Secret Santa, gifts to be a maximum value of \$10. Please dress in White and a prize for the best white Christmas Hat will be awarded.

January:

10th (second Tuesday): Board Meeting

19th – General Meeting – 6.00 for 6.30 start – Reef Gateway-

Book Club: Last Wednesday of Each Month – Contact Kerry Kenyon

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