



ZONTA
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Presidents Report: September 2015

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Many of you who receive this newsletter already know what defines a **Zontian**. I recently attended some functions of a like-minded nature and as I promoted our service during networking and conversation time the predominate question was, “*so, what is a Zontian?*”....

Well, thought I would address that by describing our club. The Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed is just 8-10 members; we have been fluctuating of late! We range in age from 20’s-80’s. Some work full-time, some part-time. We are all busy with our own lives but are also dedicated to the principles of Zonta: *advocacy, ending violence against women, equal rights in the workplace, equal rights to education for women and*

girls. This is just to name a few; however *the advancement of women worldwide is paramount*.

We fundraise to contribute to the local community and to assist with international projects. This is usually by way of barbecues, fashion parades or anything someone suggests. We are open to any thing from the sublime to the outrageous, because we basically enjoy what we do.

Time commitment is dependent on activities, meetings are once a month 1-2hrs max and we have a roster for fundraisers that doesn’t require all of your day when participating. We have this year held just 2 barbeques and 2 fashion parades. This will fund the breast cushion project, and also our birthing kit assembly day. Happening soon...October 25th. Watch for more details on our facebook page.

A chat with some of our members...

Louise is a new member. This is a little of what brought Louise to the Gold Coast and thankfully to our club...

"I moved north from Sydney to be near my children and grandchildren in 2011. Retired as Registered Nurse and Midwife at that time to have Family Day Care in my home which has been very rewarding. I have enjoyed renovating my home and garden and spending time with family and friends".

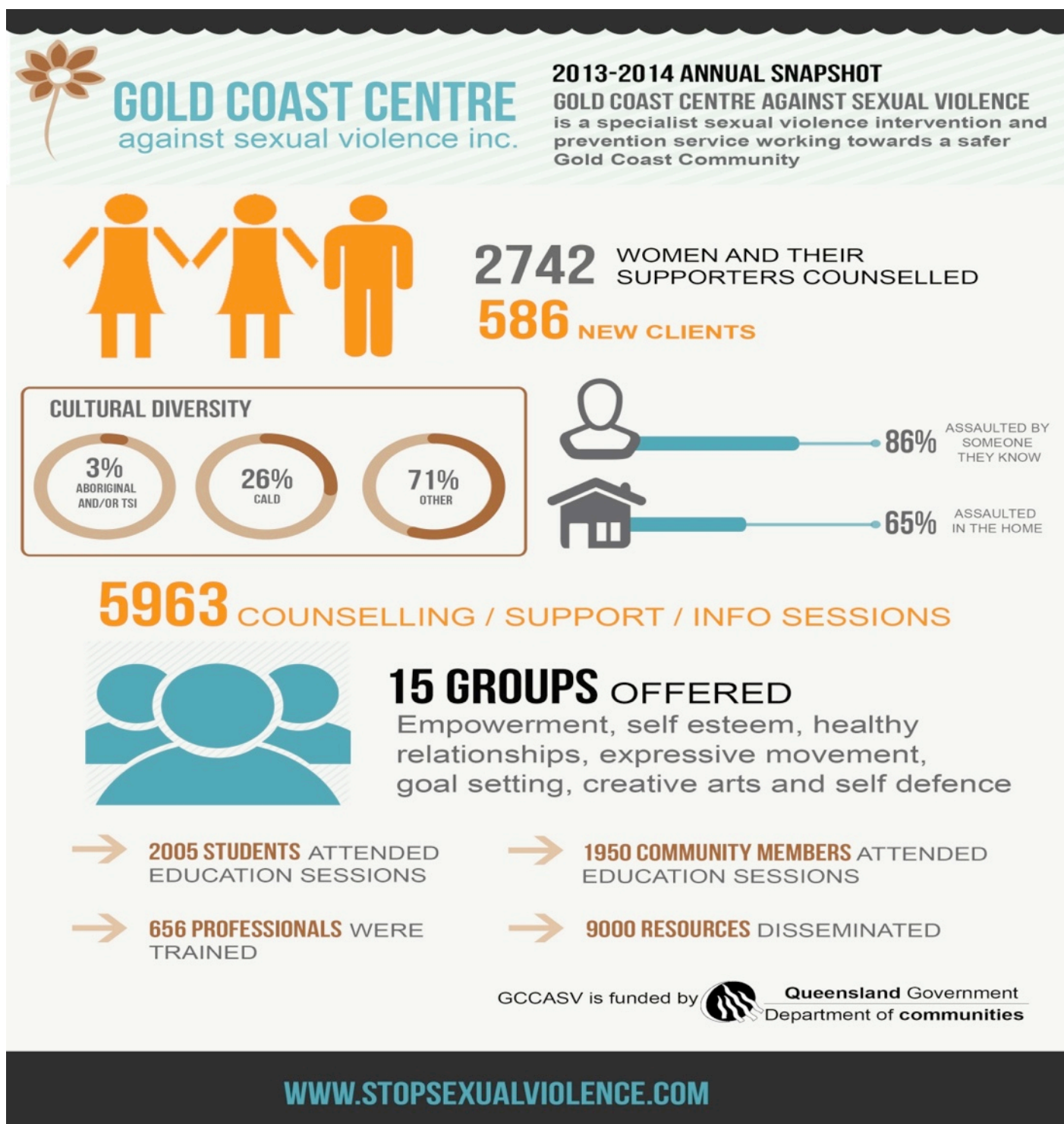
Merle has been around just a little longer...

"Who I am... I am Merle Stephen, have been a member of Zonta for 26 years and held office in most Zonta positions. Now retired, was fashion Designer – dressmaker in my working life. Interests apart from Zonta are travelling, reading, sewing and cooking. I am single and live alone in a duplex in Tugun, originally from Melbourne, but lived most of my life in Qld."

Several of us work in health (myself included). No matter who you are everyone can strive to make a difference. Thinking of contributing to ending violence against women? Join us! Recent events have highlighted the need to rise up and fight for the injustice toward women to end.



October has a dual role. Sexual violence & breast cancer awareness month. Two events that Zonta attend are the annual breakfast, and the MFOW both invites are below. The statistics for our local area are horrifying. I have inserted the Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence snapshot figures below:





Zonta Club of Southern Gold
Coast-Tweed Area Inc

Member of Zonta International

DIARY DATES

September 19th Masters Barbeque (Bundall Rd Bundall)

October 10th Blue Illusion Fashion Parade (Robina Town Centre)

October 25th Birthing Kit Assembly Day (Sth Tweed Sports Club)

We would like to invite you to **Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence** annual
breakfast at Sharks

Date: 1ST OCTOBER 2015

“This will be the launch of Sexual Violence Awareness Month. "It's time for Hope" is
our theme this year. We would really like you to attend and show your support”

To book an individual ticket or table of 8 please go to www.trybooking.com/157297

Date: 17 OCTOBER 2015 07:45 NSW for 08:15 start

Title: Mini Field of Women- Celebrating Life

Price: \$25.00 per person

“In 2015 the Mini-field of Women will again be a special way for the community to
link people together to support and pay tribute to local women with breast cancer”

Place: Tumbulgum Tavern

Guest Speakers: Kathy Cherry | Kathy Scott – Gold Coast Sunshine Sisters |
Dr Betty Marks – retired GP and breast cancer survivor | Vic Basten – Tai Chi master

RSVP: Please RSVP by 02.10.15 to Chris Lonie 0402 671 026

(numbers & dietary requirements needed for catering purposes)

psssst!

The 2016 Convention in **Nice, France** is less than a year away!!!

Stay informed and **Save the Date** for 2-6 July 2016! [Read More](#)

The Zontian is available on line. Take a look click on the link below;

http://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/zontian_sept2014/0

This month's TED talk:

With his signature resolve, former US President Jimmy Carter dives into three unexpected reasons why the mistreatment of women and girls continues in so many manifestations in so many parts of the world, both developed and developing. The final reason he gives? "In general, men don't give a damn."



Watch by clicking the link below:

https://www.ted.com/talks/jimmy_carter_why_i_believe_the_mistreatment_of_women_is_the_number_one_human_rights_abuse

Conviction, Commitment, Courage

Go to the Welcome from our Zonta International President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, to find out more https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjI81x_bT-A&feature=em-subst_digest

Zonta Southern Gold Coast Tweed

<http://www.zontadistrict22.org/district-22-clubs/zonta-club-of-southern-gold-coast-tweed-inc/>



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