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EMPOWERING WOMEN
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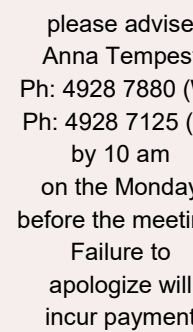
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From the President:

eNewsletter: December 2015

Dear Fellow Zontians,

This is the last newsletter for the year, so let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for the Christmas holidays, safe travels and a happy and healthy 2016.



Please note:

If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please advise Anna Tempest Ph: 4928 7880 (W) Ph: 4928 7125 (H) by 10 am on the Monday before the meeting. Failure to apologize will incur payment of \$30.00.

Our thoughts are with Norma at present and I know I speak for everyone in our club when I say that we sincerely wish her a speedy recovery.

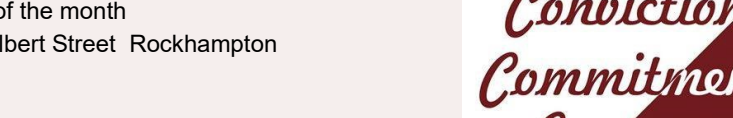
The 16 days of Activism campaign was successful with many comments coming in about the 'hands'. Our thanks to Helen for her creativity and organisation to accomplish this in such a short time frame. We need to be thinking about this ahead of time for next year. We will have the 'orange ladies' by then so perhaps they will give us some inspiration.

A reminder that the Blue Illusion event is on Saturday the 12th December. Do hope our members are able to attend.

I hope to see you all at our December meetings ready for all the fun Christmas brings. Merry Christmas.

Until next month'
 Regards,
 Rosalie.

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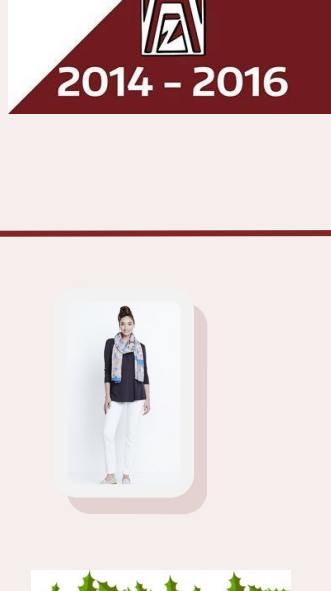


Meetings:

Board Meeting:
 6.30pm: 2nd Tuesday of the month
 Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton

Club Meeting:
 6.00 pm for 6.30pm 3rd Tuesday of the month
 Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton

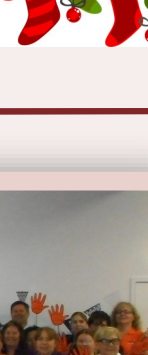
All Standing Committee Meetings:
 5.30 pm: 2nd Tuesday of the month
 Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton



For your diary:

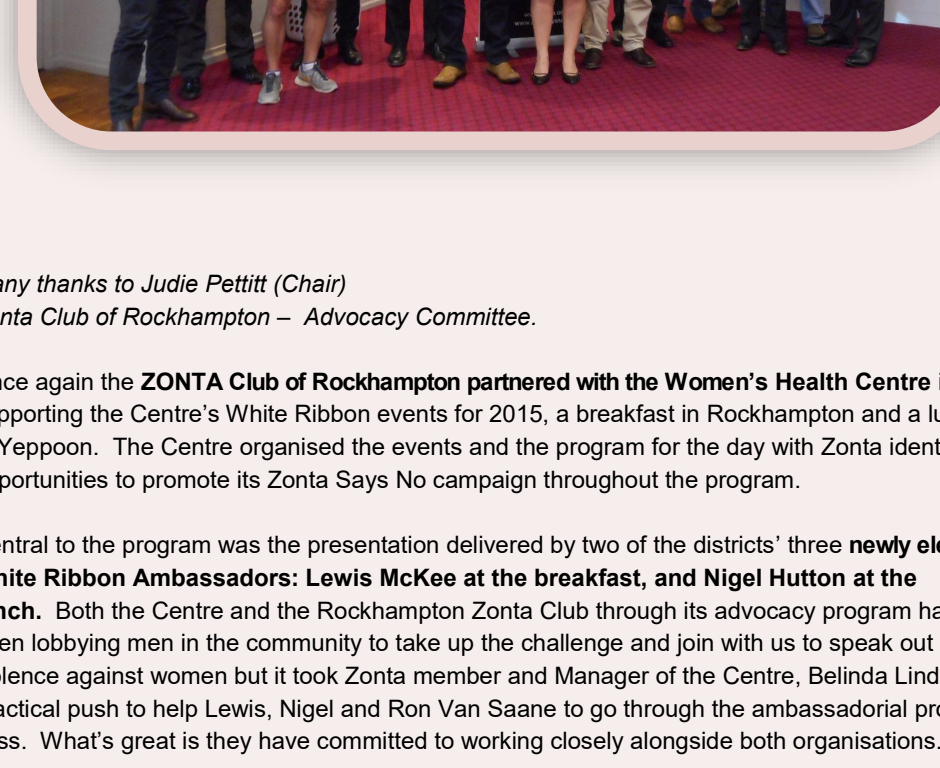
Blue Illusion Fashions

Saturday : 12th December
 Blue Illusion—12 noon till 3 pm
 Fashions, Wine & Nibbles
 Stockland Shopping Centre



Club Christmas Celebration

Tuesday: 15th December
 The Stirling—6pm for 6.30pm
 Club Meeting followed by
 Traditional Christmas Fare dinner



Many thanks to **Judie Pettitt (Chair)**
 Zonta Club of Rockhampton – Advocacy Committee.

Once again the **ZONTA Club of Rockhampton** partnered with the **Women's Health Centre** in supporting the Centre's White Ribbon events for 2015, a breakfast in Rockhampton and a lunch in Yeppoon. The Centre organised the events and the program for the day with Zonta identifying opportunities to promote its Zonta Says No campaign throughout the program.

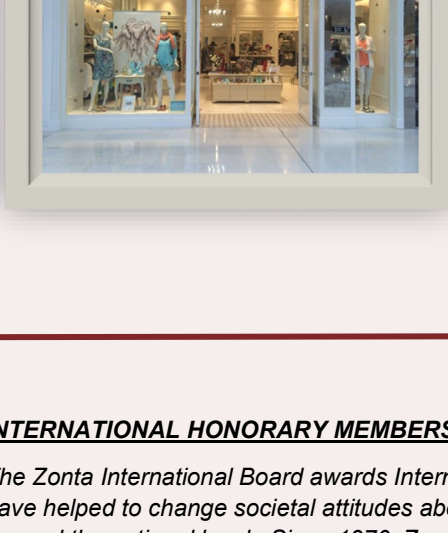
Central to the program was the presentation delivered by two of the districts' three newly elected **White Ribbon Ambassadors: Lewis McKee at the breakfast, and Nigel Hutton at the lunch.** Both the Centre and the Rockhampton Zonta Club through its advocacy program have been lobbying men in the community to take up the challenge and join with us to speak out about violence against women but it took Zonta member and Manager of the Centre, Belinda Lindel's practical push to help Lewis, Nigel and Ron Van Saane to go through the ambassadorial process. What's great is they have committed to working closely alongside both organisations.

Colin Strofield, Presiding Magistrate of the Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Court recently established by the Premier of Queensland in Southport, accepted our invitation to be the events' keynote speaker which astounded both Belinda and me. Colin is leading the one-year trial of the Court in response to the 'Not Now, Not Ever' report recommendations made by the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence, chaired by the Honourable Quentin Bryce, and initiated by the former Queensland government. And to top it off, the Centre received a personally handwritten introduced & signed letter from her to be read out at the events commending the contribution of the Centre for the service and advocacy it engages in.

For the Zonta Club of Rockhampton, Colin's presence was an endorsement of the Advocacy Committee's identification of the law and DV magistrates' court system being a serious block in ensuring that women affected by domestic and family violence receive a fair hearing and appropriate retribution from the justice system. What's also promising for us and the Centre is that Colin has offered us an open invitation to contact him at any time should we need to, and to come back next year to discuss the findings of the evaluation of the trial.

Another highlight was the setting up of the rooms for these events. It added a dynamic and lighter touch to the events making them interactive and even flag waving! Thanks really need to go firstly to the Women's Health Centre staff that decorated the room with White Ribbon bunting but also provided a photo booth opportunity where male participants could hold up a White Ribbon oath poster and have their photo taken. This was then matched by the Zonta Rockhampton Club's many bright orange cut out hands attached to a bamboo stake that Helen and Rosalie and her school students had helped make, and that became spontaneous flag wavers on a number of attention

Blue Illusion rescheduled function.

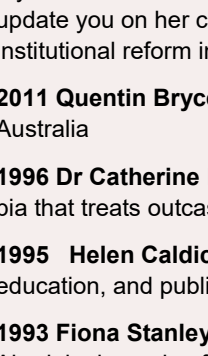


The styling event at the **Blue Illusion Store Stockland Shopping Centre** has been rescheduled.
When: Saturday 12th December 2015
 From 12 noon – 3 pm
RSVP: rockhampton@blueillusion.com or call 4928 7813
 by Monday 7th December 2015
 15 % of all sales during 12 noon to 3 pm is being generously donated to The Zonta Club to support Zonta projects.

INTERNATIONAL HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Zonta International Board awards International Honorary Membership to individuals who have helped to change societal attitudes about women or have improved conditions for women beyond the national level. Since 1970, Zonta International has recognized 37 women for their significant contributions to advancing the status of women worldwide.

Seven of those 37 women have been from Australia.



Honorary Zontian Professor Shirley Randell AO

2012 The most recent Honorary Zontian from Australia, **Professor Shirley Kaye Randell AO, PhD, FACE, FAIM, FAICD,** is a leading expert in public sector and institutional reform in developing countries, gender mainstreaming and human rights for women. Professor Randell was also recognized in the 2012 Inaugural Australian 100 Women of Influence Awards—global category, and the 2013 International Alliance of Women 100 World of Difference Awardees-community category. To read more of her work click [here](#).

If you are interested you can sign up on the site for her very interesting newsletter which will update you on her current activities, projects and relevant information about public sector and institutional reform in developing countries.

2011 Quentin Bryce (Australia) First female Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

1996 Dr Catherine Hamlin (Australia) Gynaecologist and co-founder of a hospital in Ethiopia that treats outcast women suffering complications from fistula and obstructed childbirth.

1995 Helen Caldicott F.R.A.C.P. (Australia) Humanitarian leader in medical and nuclear education, and public advocate for nuclear disarmament.

1993 Fiona Stanley (Australia) Specialist in children's health, particularly focusing on the Aboriginal people of Australia

1992 Gaby Kennard (Australia) Successfully retraced and completed Amelia Earhart's flight by circumnavigating the world solo in a single-engine aircraft

1990 Kay Cottee (Australia) First woman to complete a solo, nonstop and unassisted circumnavigation of the globe by sea.

Contacts:

Dinner Raffle:
 Gifts for the Dinner Raffle follow the listing in the Members Directory.
 December: Rosalie
 January: Norma
 February: Elizabeth
 March: Margaret

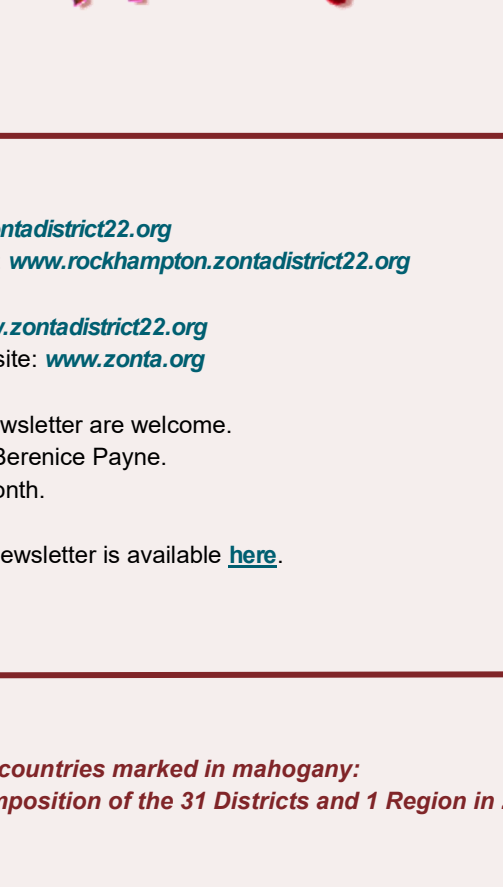
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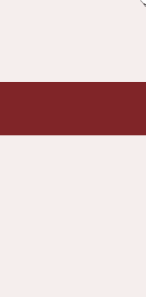
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Contributions to this eNewsletter are welcome.
 Please email articles to Berenice Payne.
 Deadline: First of the month.

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Zonta clubs are active in countries marked in mahogany: (Click here to see the composition of the 31 Districts and 1 Region in ZI).



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