

East-enders

MARCH 2016



Next Meeting

Monday, 18 April 2016

NB This is third Monday of the month
Bulimba Library, Riding Road, Bulimba
6.45pm for meeting 7.00 pm

Cost \$5 per head to cover coffee, tea and sweets

Conviction, Commitment, Courage

Board Members 2015—2016

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(Secretary)

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President's Patter



I think the March meeting is the one meeting in the year that I really enjoy the most. It is a time where we catch up with our young women whom we sponsor with a scholarship. It is always heartening to hear of their achievements for the year and their aspirations. A time to welcome our two new scholarship awardees and then wish those who have completed their course the best for their careers.

As most of us have travelled through our working lives and aspired in our careers, we have met many an obstacle sometime defined by our gender. I know throughout my working career I had many a great mentor who challenged me to go for the next step, the next position... but I also remember times when being a woman defined my supposed lot in life. I remember one day when talking with a school inspector he turned to me saying "Now Jo what do we have to pay you to stay in the classroom?" He then turned to a male colleague put his arm around his shoulders and said "Come let us talk about what we need to do to help you become a principal!!!!".

I suppose my hope for our young women, daughters, granddaughters, nieces and great nieces is that their careers are defined by their abilities and skills and opportunities open for both male and females on an open footing.

Why my sermon?

In putting a submission together earlier this month, I pulled out some data on gender parity and women's participation in the workforce.

Despite the significant gains regarding the rights of women and girls, equality and emancipation, progress towards gender parity has slowed worldwide in recent years. In 2015 the World Economic Forum revised its prediction to achieve global gender parity from 2095 to 2133.

In Australia, data from Graduate Careers Australia shows that in 2015:

- The median full-time employment starting salary for women was \$53,000 (up from \$52,000 in 2014), and for men was \$55,000 (unchanged from 2014).
- There was a 3.6% gender pay gap overall. That is, women's earnings were 96.4% of men's earnings (compared to 94.5% in 2014).

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President's Patter (Cont)

Data presented by the Australian Government Workplace Gender Equality Agency indicates:

- Women's average earnings were \$277.70 per week less than men.
- The workforce participation rate for women is 59.5% and for men 71.0%
- The full time average hourly earnings for women are 13.9% less than men's full-time average hourly earnings. (February/March 2016).

We still have some work to do.

On my last note, a huge welcome to Carol Jelley in joining us.

Jo

2016/2017 Service Projects

At our February meeting, we endorsed continuation of our existing projects and confirmed a decision taken earlier that we would commit \$3,500 towards the training of more facilitators to conduct the LoveBites program in more schools this year. Our service projects then are the continuation of our Breast Cushion and Drainage Bag project (funded from an identified account), our scholarships for a graduating student from each of Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools (plus continuation of existing scholarships awarded) and support for Madonna House, the training of facilitators for LoveBites and using funds previously allocated for the Logan Sexual Response Unit and ZigZag according to their needs. One-third of our funds raised will, as normal, be forwarded to the Zonta International Foundation post the Audit of our accounts.



These will be funded from our fundraising during the 2015-2016 Club year as per our policy with any shortfall supplemented from reserves. It is now up to us as members to determine our fundraising activities for the coming year so that we continue our projects and any new ones that are approved.

Membership



It was great to induct another new member to our Club at our March Meeting. Welcome Carol Jelley.

We also welcomed guests Valerie Paterson and Michaela Jenkin who have expressed an interest in learning more about Zonta. We hope they enjoyed our meeting and meeting our members.

Morningside Festival Stall



The Morningside Festival is on again this year on 31 July and the Club decided to again have a stall to promote our Club in the local area and attract further new members. This is a promotional activity, but we will be selling goods to cover costs eg craft work and plants. We also need to staff the stall so please mark the date in your diary and spare a couple of hours to help out.

LoveBites



The big news this month is that the Club has been successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from EPIC Assist to expand the training of facilitators this year to introduce the program in more schools in 2017.

We are having on-going discussions with the Department of Education and NAPCAN on the best way to do this and the timing of the training.

We have also applied for a grant from the Community Benefit Fund, but the outcome of that application will not be known for a few months. Regardless, we can proceed now with the project involving other Clubs who have also committed to the project. Many thanks to Jo who wrote the applications and submitted them on behalf of our Club.

Breast Cushions

Jo has been busy delivering Breast Cushions and Drainage bags this past month. We do have a supply in stock so our next working bee will be in May (see Date Claimers below). There is something for everyone to do at our working bee so you don't have to sew to help out and it is a great way to get to know your fellow Club members in a very informal setting.



Blue Illusion



As in previous years, we will be having a Blue Illusion fashion showing. Date is set for 30 April with the Fashion Parade (Loris and Kerstin to star) commencing at midday. Bring your friends and remember the Club receives a percentage of all sales made between midday and 3.00pm. More details later, but mark the date in your calendar now.

Menopause the Musical

Tickets are still available for this fundraiser on Sunday 22 May at 4.00pm at Twelfth Night. Cost is \$49.90 per ticket available from Loris. Payment to be made into our Fundraising Account or please contact our Treasurer Loris.



Area Meeting

The combined 2016 Area 1 and 3 Meeting hosted by the Zonta Club of Maroochy Inc will be held on 16 April at the Nambour RSL. Registration for the day is still available.

Details on the District website <http://zontadistrict22.org> or contact Ros for a Registration Form.



International News

Zonta International Foundation

EMPOWER HER



GIVE HER A VOICE

When you support the Zonta International Foundation, you empower young people to be informed and make up against gender-based violence. Support one of Zonta's International Programs by donating now.

So far in this biennium, 2014 to 30 June, 2016, District 22 has contributed \$135,232.69 to the ZI Foundation. This is from the Clubs of the District 22, and from individual member contributions. No doubt this amount will increase further in the coming months as other Clubs, like us, forward their contributions for this Club year.

The goal for this biennium is \$5,306,000 with contributions as at 29 February reaching \$3,638,779.26, which is 68% of the goal.

ZI E-Newsletter

ZI send an E-Newsletter to all members for whom they have an email address. This Newsletter is sent regularly with lots of information and links to further articles. If you are not receiving it in your Inbox we need to make sure ZI has your correct email address. This is easily done either by yourself on-line or by updating the Membership List which will be returned when our annual dues are paid.

Date Claimers

11 April 2016	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
16 April 2016	Combined Areas 1 and 3 Meeting
18 April 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
30 April 2016	Blue Illusion, Bulimba – Fashion Showing
1 May 2016	Breast Cushions at Jo's – 10.00am
9 May 2016	Combined Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
16 May 2016	Monthly Meeting & AGM, Bulimba Library
22 May 2016	"Menopause the Musical", Twelfth Night Theatre
13 June 2016	Board Meeting, Easts, Leagues Club
20 June 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
2-6 July 2016	ZI Convention, Acropolis Congress Centre, Nice, France
31 July 2016	Stall at the Morningside Festival
3 September 2016	High Tea, Yeronga SHS Hall