

East-enders

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ZONTA
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BRISBANE EAST INC

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Next Meeting

Monday, 19 August 2016

NB This is third Monday of the month

Bulimba Library, Riding Road, Bulimba

6.45pm for meeting 7.00 pm for supper

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

President's Patter



Once again we have had a busy month during August, and September looks as though it will be just as busy. Our High Tea was very successful with over 110 guests joining us at Yeronga SHS. Our District Governor, Ans Van Erp, also joined our celebrations. Funds raised will go towards our service projects. Thank you to all members for a great High Tea.

We know:

*Between 80 and 100 Australian women die at the hands of their male partners every year – and a woman in Australia is more likely to be killed in her own home by her male partner than anywhere else or by anyone else.” (*The ABS Personal Safety Survey 2006).*

A recent report issued by the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review Unit, Office of the State Coroner of Queensland states that:- During the period 2006 –2012 there was an average of 23 deaths a year in Queensland linked to domestic and family violence – and that this figure equalled 44% of the state’s homicides for that period. (DV Connect website 2016).

What effects does this serious and widespread problem have on women, our community and Australia as a whole?

Violence against women and their children takes a profound and long-term toll on women and children’s health and wellbeing, on families and communities, and on society as a whole.

Intimate partner violence contributes to more death, disability and illness in women aged 15 to 44 than any other preventable risk factor.

Domestic or family violence against women is the single largest driver of homelessness for women, a common factor in child protection notifications, and results in a police call-out on average once every two minutes across the country.

The combined health, administration and social welfare costs of violence against women have been estimated to be \$21.7 billion a year, with projections suggesting that if no further action is taken to prevent violence against women, costs will accumulate to \$323.4 billion over a thirty year period from 2014-15 to 2044-45.

Through our community service and projects, our Club can take action around this problem and contribute to a vision of a society free from domestic and family violence. Our project work around LoveBites and Zonta Says No to Violence against Women continues to gather momentum.

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President's Patter (Cont)

Thus far we have 63 staff who will be trained in LoveBites in the early part of September. The workshops have been oversubscribed and we now have a waiting list for future training. It was a delight to share the songs and artwork from the Balmoral SHS students LoveBites workshops at our August meeting.

I would thank Barbara Bolton-Hall, who has actively engaged schools and staff around this for us. Dates have been scheduled with NAPCAN for three workshops between 5 and 13 September 2016.

Our Zonta Says No to Violence against Women is also taking shape with a range of businesses agreeing to host one our orange women during the sixteen days of action.

I look forward to working with you on these vital projects.

Jo Diessel

Guests

It was lovely to again welcome Megan to her second meeting of the Club. We also had as a guest, Bianca Capra. Bianca is a previous ZI Amelia Earhart Fellowship winner (twice) who is now working at QUT. Bianca spoke about her research work and how the Fellowship assisted her with her research both locally and internationally and assisted her in completing her PhD. We hope to see both again at our September meeting.



At our September meeting we will be joined by District 22 Governor Ans Van Erp from the Zonta Club of Toowoomba Inc who will present our Club, District and International YWPA recipient, Phoebe Frederick, with her Certificates and cheque.

Fellowship Brunch/Coffee



We had a small but eager group of Club members meet at the Blue Poppy on Sunday, 21 August. We all enjoyed the coffee and breakfast. Although Kerstin was eager to do a bush walk that morning, members preferred to enjoy the food, coffee and a chat for the morning over exercise! A great morning...thank you Kerstin.

Member News

Jo has been in the wars again and is now sporting a broken left elbow and a broken finger on her right hand – amazing how much she can still do though – made of stern stuff is our Jo!!

Margy is back from the USA and now all excited about her return in February when her daughter is due to have her first child. Think that there will be many more trips now to the States for one very excited grandma-to-be and of course a very proud grandfather.

Mel has just returned from a couple of weeks in Canberra – her annual jaunt to sample and enjoy the fine wines and food of course of her friend down there. Says it also involves a bit of work but also a lot of fun and that is already obvious from all her posts on Facebook.

Breast Cushions

Many thanks to Virginia who sourced material for our Drainage Bags.

Our breast cushion supply is getting a bit low so our next working bee will be at Jo's on 25 September. It is only for a couple of hours and a great way to chat informally to fellow members and friends and you don't need to be a sewer to help out. We can always find something for everyone to do.



LoveBites



On Sunday 28 August, members from the Zonta Clubs of Brisbane, Brisbane River, Brisbane Metro Breakfast Inc, Pine Rivers and Maroochy Inc met to discuss progress on the Combined Clubs' LoveBites Project. Together with an EPIC grant of \$10,000 the six clubs concerned have contributed funds for 63 staff to participate in the two day training programs in early September. This is over our estimated numbers and we have a waiting list!!!

It was recognised that whilst training is the focus of the project, it is critical to look long term to ensure young people get the most benefit, programs are sustained and owned locally and a range of community, government groups and NGOs can have input. Thus local committees across three hubs will be established in the latter part of this year to assist schools in planning for and implementing the program and then to sustain any further training. It is expected schools will implement school based programs in Terms 2 and 3 2017.

Clubs have also committed to a grant application and will consider a cross Club project in DV Week May 2017. Watch this space for further information.

Jo attended an Assembly at the Balmoral SHS where the students who participated in this year's program presented their art work developed as part of the creative segment of the program through a PowerPoint presentation and two hip hop songs they produced. Very impressive and more so considering only 90 minutes is allocated to this creative segment!!

Bunnings

Our two Sausage Sizzles this past month proved quite good despite being on Monday/Tuesday. We were apprehensive about doing these on a day early in the week, but our takings on each day were around the same as a Friday. Our HonZons again were marvellous with their help and without this we certainly could not run these fundraisers.

Because of the incapacity of Jo and Ros we had to cancel one for later in the month but hopefully more dates will be made available in the September to December period when both Jo and Ros are back on board.



Date Claimers

3 September 2016	High Tea, Yeronga SHS Cultural Centre Hall
12 September 2016	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
19 September 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
25 September 2016	Breast cushion working bee at Jo's
10 October 2016	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
17 October 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
24 October 2016	United Nations Day
8 November 2016	Zonta's Birthday
14 November 2016	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
21 November 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library