



# BeauZontian

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## DATE CLAIMERS

### **Tuesday 15th February**

Board/General Meeting  
The Club at 5.00/6.30 pm  
Committee meetings 6.00pm

### **Thursday 24th February**

Coffee morning at Arthur Clive's  
Bakery in Boonah

### **29th February (1988)**

Beaudesert Zonta was chartered

### **Saturday 6th March**

Celebrate our birthday and IWD  
at Info Centre.

### **Tuesday 8th March**

Zonta Rose Day  
International Women's Day

### **June 25—29, 2022**

Zonta's 65th Convention  
Hamburg, Germany



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear Zontians

What started off as a "small" trip to south western Queensland..... now I am in Normanton, FNQ, gulf country. I have been through Townsville, to touch and smell our first grandchild, Thomas Richard Charles Turner, who arrived safely on the 13th January, Grammie and Poida are smitten!!!

Now back to Zonta!!!!

We look forward to our low key International Women's Day celebration at the Info Centre on the 6th of March @ 5.00 pm, bring a plate to share and your own drinks. We are gearing up for our "Women in Sport" luncheon on the 8th April.

I would encourage our members to attend the Area 1 & 3 meeting which is being co-hosted ZC of Wynnum Redland and ZC Northside Saturday 21 May 2022 the theme is Climate Change – A Gender Equality Issue to be held at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. We can sort car pooling closer to date. It is always an Informative day and a wonderful catch up with fellow Zontians.

Our capable VP, Ellen, will be chairing Tuesday's meeting in my absence, hoping that we can have bigger meeting than our January one. See you all at the IWD evening !

Yours in Zonta

**Michelle**

Ps... and hello from Krys the croc 28ft 4in in Normanton



**Spread love everywhere you go.**

**Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. -Mother Teresa**

*Don't forget to let Pam know if you are not going to be at the meeting.*

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Thursday, 24th February

We are off to Boonah this month and Vanessa has suggested Arthur Clive's Bakery at 12A High St as a venue where she will be able to join us. We'll talk about car-pooling at the meeting.



Our annual "year starter" was held at Alice's in January and it was lovely to get together again.

Sadly quite a few were away but we had a little to drink and the eats were very tasty.

This year is our 34th birthday and we have decided to celebrate it with just members and their guests at the Info Centre. It won't be until 2024 that we will be able to have it on the correct day, i.e. 29th February which is the next Leap Year.

As our usual IWD luncheon has been postponed until 8th April, we will also take the opportunity to celebrate this day amongst ourselves on the same night.

We will make final arrangements re food etc. on Tuesday night but keep the date free:

**Sunday, 6th March at the Information Centre 5.00 pm and bring a plate.**



These March birthdays are before our next newsletter so let's see them now...

Michelle on 7th, Wendy on 10th and Margie Brennan is on 13th.

Many Happy Returns to you all.



Anthea joined us in 2018 and was our first “Young Professional” member.



As the most “immature” member of our Zonta Beaudesert Club, redoing my biography to share in this newsletter did bring me a little angst. This should be an easy assignment as I’ve always been told to write about what I know. Yet I am frequently struck with each passing year how much less I know than I did the year prior and with my 27th birthday coming up this Sunday I’m sure I will wake a little more clueless about who I am and what I know to be true. That being said here is a snippet of what I do know.

I entered this world on my parents second wedding anniversary, the 13th of February 1995 (the year that Alanis Morissette’s pivotal feminist album Jagged Little Pill was released) in Waikato Hospital. I am a proud Kiwi by birth and currently still legally, I spent my formative years in a small timber milling town named Tokoroa. When I was 8 we made the move to Australia to join my uncle in Melbourne. After 3 wonderful years living a comparatively “cosmopolitan” lifestyle we followed my father Trent’s career and this landed us in Victoria Point. Half way between my dad’s office in Brisbane and my great grandmother’s residence in Elanora, this was a wonderful place to spend my teenage years. I do miss living so close to the coast and the sea breeze, I take every chance I get to visit my dad and spend time walking by the water. If I ever move again it will only be to be closer to the ocean.

When I was 14 my parents separated. This was the catalyst for my mum, Shannon, to follow her recently immigrated parents “out west” to live in Jimboomba. I never lived with my mum in my teen years, choosing to live with my dad close to my high school Sheldon College. I scored my first job as a check out chick at Woolworths at 14, graduated high school (and had the privilege of being college captain during year 12) in 2012, moved to a flat in Brisbane, worked a full time job while completing a 3 year stint at QUT to study business, graduated and then spent time traveling. This led me to living rent free with my mum when I returned from Europe in 2016.

Keen to start my “real life” after managing Sunglass Hut stores during university and saving to eventually move overseas, I was considering whether to move to the Gold Coast or Brisbane when I met Tim. It wasn’t love at first sight (it rarely is when you meet on Tinder), but a broken leg and a lot of Nurse Nightingale action on Tim’s part left me thinking Beaudesert might be as big an adventure as Scotland. All I really know is it’s certainly been a warmer adventure...in more ways than one. Securing a job with the Beaudesert Times and now for Tim’s family business Lahey and Walker, I feel lucky to have been embraced by the community and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many new faces and work with the lovely ladies of Zonta Beaudesert over the last three years.

Next up is planning a wedding after Tim & I got engaged on the 23rd of December, after a short five years together, ha!! I look forward to many more enjoyable and productive years of our lives spent in the Beaudesert Community, who knows maybe we will even create some future Zontians...succession planning is essential.

