



# BeauZontian

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

The weather of late has been atrocious and has impacted many people in many places, I believe that there are not many of us that do not know of someone being affected by the devastating floods. The loss of life and livestock let alone lifetimes of hard work and memories being swallowed up by the brown murk of flood water. I am sure that we are thinking and providing the much-needed support to those who have been affected.

Sunday afternoon was a great disappointment not to be able to attend our birthday celebrations, what wild afternoon of hail and more heavy rain! It would have been a lovely afternoon to catch up socially and celebrate the 34<sup>th</sup> year of supporting Zonta and our community.

Zonta Rose Day always celebrated on International Women's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, it was great to see the day being celebrated quite vocally on all media. This year's IWD theme of Break the Bias continues to be the aligned with our agenda of empowering women to -

### #BreakTheBias

Imagine a gender equal world.  
A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination.  
A world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.  
A world where difference is valued and celebrated.  
Together we can forge women's equality.  
Collectively we can all **#BreakTheBias**.

Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.  
We can break the bias in our communities.  
We can break the bias in our workplaces.  
We can break the bias in our schools, colleges and universities.  
Together, we can all **break the bias** - on International Women's Day (IWD) and beyond.

The regretful decision to cancel the Women in Sports Luncheon in April will have a great impact on our service committee, along with our final fundraising totals for the year. Support and commitment to events and hardworking committees will in the future govern the success of our club and our ever-important fundraising goals.

We look forward to the announcements from the Nominating committee for the 2023-24 board positions, great to see that we as Zontians continue to abide by our pledge from induction that if called upon for leadership responsibilities, we are expected to serve enthusiastically.

Yours in Zonta

**Michelle**

## DATE CLAIMERS

### Tuesday 15th March

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

### Thursday 31st March

Coffee morning at Arthur Clive's  
Bakery in Boonah

### Saturday, 21st May 2022

Area 1 & 3 Area Meeting  
Wynnum Manly Leagues Club

### June 25—29, 2022

Zonta's 65th Convention  
Hamburg, Germany



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

*She needs to know early in the day and this is important for the table arrangements.*

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Thursday, 31st March

Let's try for Boonah again this month. As you all know we had a big rainy day last coffee day and it ended up just Margie B, Anne, Joan and myself enjoying a chatty couple of hours at the Info centre.

So, Arthur Clive's Bakery at 12A High St.

Let's try meeting at the Info Centre again at 9.30 am and hope for a sunny day.

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Who will be first to find this month's little error?

### Map of Europe Quiz

<https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3007>

To test your geography cut and paste the above address into your search engine and see how you go. My first attempt I got 68% in 17 minutes....not too flash!



We only have two more birthdays to celebrate in March and then none until May

Felicity on 20th and Alice on 27th

Many Happy Returns to you both.



A message from the Nominating Committee: We have been working hard to fill the positions in our Club but haven't done so yet. There will be more discussions at the meeting on Tuesday night.

Remember we are a small club and all must play a part...it's worth repeating Michelle's words "we as Zontians continue to abide by our pledge from induction that if called upon for leadership responsibilities, we are expected to serve enthusiastically".

We would like you all to consider the position of President as Michelle moves on to her new position of Area 3 Director.

Another example of wonderfully, successful women who make up our club.



I was born Elizabeth Wild at Dalby on 2nd Feb 1945, the second of four siblings – have been called ‘Libby’ for as long as I can remember. I liked being ‘Wild’ and disliked having to change my name when I married – today, of course, I wouldn’t have felt obliged to do so.

I grew up on my family’s grain and sheep farm at Dalby which had originally been part of Loudon Station. My first 6 ½ years of schooling were through the Primary Correspondence School in a schoolroom under our high house, with a governess who lived with the family (the PCS was the precursor of the School of Distance Education). I spent five years boarding at Fairholme Presbyterian Girls College in Toowoomba after which I attended the Kelvin Grove Teachers’ College.

I began teaching at Dalby SHS in 1966 and married Rod Venz, who was at that time also a teacher, and in January 1967 moved to Brisbane for 2 years. We returned to Dalby in 1969 where we stayed for 10 years during which Robert, Peter and Susan were born.

We left two teaching positions at the end of 1978 to share-farm *The Gorge* dairy at Cainbale, largely because we wanted to bring our children up in the country. We were there for the better part of 40 years. Our youngest son, Iain, was born while at *The Gorge*.

During this time, I completed a Bachelor of Education degree and was for a time a ‘supply’ teacher at Beaudesert SHS. I taught at The Kooralbyn International School from 1990 to May 2002 – served in a number of positions and was the newly appointed Principal when the original school closed – a rather harrowing experience. Following this, I took a year out to complete a Master of Arts degree full-time before going to TSS (The Southport School) as Head of English in July 2003. I filled the Dean of Studies role for one year in 2005 – the first ever female in that role at TSS.

I had a ‘Clayton’s retirement’ from the HoD English at the end of 2014, after which I continued to teach the English Extension (Literature) subject to a very select group of Year 12 boys. I introduced the subject to the school in 2005 against a certain amount of resistance and had pretty much the largest classes on the coast. I retired at the end of 2019 one month before my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I loved my last 30 years of teaching – the ‘original’ Kooralbyn International School was like a microcosm of the ‘Global Village’ and a wonderful experience that I will always treasure; I loved teaching at TSS, thoroughly enjoyed working with ‘my’ boys and was delighted to see and be a part of the ‘transformation’ of TSS.

Little known facts about me:

I still have my 9ft 1in watermelon pink Malibu board mounted on my verandah – a relic from the 1960s; I went to see the Beatles at the Festival Hall in Brisbane in 1964; I had a truck licence (recently relinquished), but only up to a prime mover and a 9-tonne trailer – the result of trucking my children to pony-club at Darlington.



I joined Zonta in 2019 so am a relative ‘newbie’ despite the grey hair. My motivation was partly the need to be involved with people (retirement can be very isolating) and also a desire to be doing something useful for others. I am also heavily committed to supporting my daughter and wonderful grandchildren.

**The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude' -Oprah Winfrey.**