

East-Enders

August 2021

“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”



Presidents Patter



As we again live with lockdowns please remember to look after yourselves and those around you. Stay in touch to ensure that your wellbeing and that of those who may be vulnerable is receiving regular care. Loneliness can affect all of us at some time so reach out and make a connection.

We will continue to have ZOOM meetings (thanks Kerstin), however we are organising a Brisbane East ZOOM account. We will keep you posted on this development.

At our Board meeting we had an extended discussion about Fellowship. We would like to increase our face-to-face get togethers. Whether you have been a member for one month or one decade we welcome YOUR ideas. If you have a passion we would love you to share it with us and suggest a get together. The diversity of our members' interests is what makes us dynamic, so please start thinking of new venues or activities; something that you would love to share with us.

Beverley shared her passion of Queensland history when a number of us visited Miegunyah house and were educated about its original owners and subsequent changes in its use over time. We all enjoyed the lovely Devonshire tea and chatter around the table. Thankyou Beverley and your co-historians who made us welcome and shared their passion.

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Fellowship

Many thanks to Jacinta and Beverley for organising a very enjoyable afternoon tea and tour of Miegunyah House at Newstead. Beverley, as our tour guide, demonstrated her knowledge of this historic building and her passion and commitment to its preservation. As was expected our Devonshire afternoon tea on the verandah using beautiful crockery was divine. Many thanks for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Advocacy

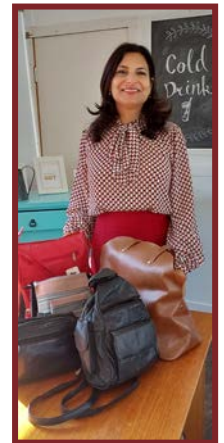
Our advocacy event in partnership with Iona College on 5 August 2021 to hear the 2021 Australian of the Year, Grace Tame was, because of lockdown, hastily converted to a webinar. The evening was facilitated by news journalist and communication specialist Kim Skubris. Iona College must be congratulated on how quickly they adapted and arranged the webinar and the quality of the event. Whilst disappointing that the event format had to be changed it was an excellent evening and one members who logged in appreciated.

Service



Following our July Meeting we enjoyed fellowship with each other filling the Dignity Bags for Open Haven. Many thanks to those members and our HonZon Sandra who donated bags and personal items for the bags. We filled all the bags we had and still have extra items to do more bags. The bags are given to each woman when she

presents to Open Haven for assistance and will be greatly appreciated by the recipients. Thanks Jacinta for organizing this and delivering the finished products to Sabeel Burgess, the Open Haven Domestic Violence Support Manager. .



10th August is the date (if allowed under COVID restrictions) for our third Birthing Kit Assembly Afternoon with the staff and students from the Cannon Hill Anglican College. This year with contributions towards the kits from CHAC and the Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc we are hoping with the help of the very eager students from CHAC to complete 800 kits during the afternoon. A further Assembly Day will be organized to assemble yet more kits with the help of funding from the Zonta Clubs of Brisbane Sunrise and Brisbane South.

JMK Application

The JMK application from Esther Herzog, a student from the University of Queensland and our Club winner, has been forwarded to District 22 for consideration in the District judging.

We wish Esther all the best for this and will invite her to a future Club meeting to meet members and receive her certificate and award.

District News

A difficult decision has had to be taken to move our 2021 District Conference from an in person Conference to on-line. Whilst this is disappointing there are some advantages in that members unable to travel to Mackay will be able to ZOOM in and participate. Our previously advertised program is being adapted to accommodate this new approach. The required business of Conference eg our AGM, voting for the 2022-2024 Board will still happen as well as our exciting speakers and workshops. Full details of how to register for your on-line Conference will be available shortly but in the meantime those who had registered will in the next day or so receive a full refund of their registration costs.

Diary Dates

9 August 2021 – Board Meeting
10 August 2021 – Birthing Kit Assembly Day - CHAC
16 August 2021 – Monthly Meeting
3-4 September 2021 – D22 Ltd Conference and AGM – on-line event
13 September 2021 – Board Meeting
20 September 2021 – Monthly Meeting
25-28 June 2022 - 65th Zonta International Convention, Hamburg, Germany
2024 – Zonta International Convention - Brisbane