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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

This month has been a busy one already with the start of our gift wrapping at the Morayfield Shopping Centre followed by our Women's and Girls Wellbeing expo on 23rd November. We then have the 16 Days of Activism which starts on Monday 25th November to 10th December.

All our members, Honzons and family and friends of our Club have been working hard doing various tasks relating to all three functions. I thank you all so much and appreciate everything everyone does. It does seem full on at times, but we seem to pull through and come back for more.

We hopefully will have an update on Cecil soon and wish her a speedy recovery. Carole Tomvald will be keeping us updated on her condition. Once we find out how Cecil is going, we can find time to visit her from time to time.



Lynda Galway will give us her report on The Women's and Girls' Wellbeing Expo when she has time. I have heard many favourable reports from Stall Holder at our Expo. I heard that the ladies in the kitchen received many compliments re the food and drinks. It was a lot of work for everyone but it is behind us now and we can look back and say what a great job everyone has done especially Lynda Galway.

When I was in the craft area a girl gave me a little snowman that she made for me. I thought it as just beautiful.

We have several members meeting for the Zonta Says No Walk in Brisbane on Monday night. It is great to join other Zonta Clubs advocating for the rights of Women and girls locally, nationally and worldwide.

Our orange figures will be displayed in many locations from Woodford to Bribie Island. You will also see two of our banners situated at Apex Park and McKean Street Caboolture.

It will then be all hands-on deck from 2nd December for the Christmas wrapping.

On the 2nd of November Carole and I attended the President and Vice President workshop at Mon Komo Redcliffe. The workshop was presented by Alison Huth from the Blackall Range Zonta Club. This event was also attended by members of 7 other clubs in district 22.

Subjects that were on the agenda were the different types of motions, how to move them and how to amend them. Also how to create motions and how to record the motions. There was also a section on how chair a meeting. I think I have a lot of reading to do.

I will now take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe 2025.

Warm regards

Pam

ADVOCACY REPORT

Expo:

We launched the 16 Days of Activism with our inaugural Women and Girls' Wellbeing Expo. Thank you to every member of the club and their family who helped make it a successful event: cutting out cards and boxes at home, attending the working bees, organising food and raffle tickets, attending the set up evening, attending on the day and helping pack down and clean the hall after the event. Everyone's effort (small or big) is greatly appreciated and enabled a successful event. A special shout out to the HonZons who were invaluable for both set up and pull down.



A special thought for Cecil. We wish you a speedy recovery and are thinking of you.



Feedback from the 36 providers has been very positive.

For example:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to host a trade table and speak at your 2024 Women's Health Expo. I had a wonderful time and got to chat with lots of women and girls. It was a great day. Amazing support and team effort from all of you. You had a wonderful array of businesses and NFPs and I am sure the attendees were delighted and educated.

Another provider said to me it was "connection with intention" and she loved it. I think we achieved our goal of connecting women and girls with service providers in their local community.

Feedback from participants was very positive. There were several women who are currently experiencing or

survivors of DV who attended and reported to me how wonderful it was to connect with the providers. Some general comments from participants included:

- *I went to two of the workshops they were fabulous. I wish I had come earlier to go to the first one.*
- *It looks so professional and was well organised.*
- *I love the show bags and all the information.*
- *I got lots of great information.*

Three politicians attended, Terry Young (MP), Ariana Doolan and Rebecca Fanning. Sally who wrote the article was present and congratulated us. Gail from MBRC was very excited about getting involved in the future. Terry and Ariana were interested in collaborating with Zonta to do it again with Zonta playing a much smaller role (e.g. Terry Young said maybe we just do the morning tea and show bags or similar).



Orange Silhouettes

The orange silhouettes started going out yesterday (Monday). The organisations were excited to participate and spread the word. Bribie Island put the display in the centre of the library with books about domestic violence and women surviving abuse. A special thank you to Carole for organising all the orange figures. It was a very smooth process to pick up and deliver them in their bags and already bundled for each location. Thank you, Carole.

Walk Against Violence

Eight of our members attended the Zonta Walk against Violence last night (Monday) in Brisbane. The Lord Mayor spoke before the walk. Brisbane was lit up in orange lights. It was a great turn out of people.

Advocacy stall at Morayfield Shopping Centre

The stall will be outside Best and Less on Saturday, 30 November and Sunday, 1 December during shopping hours. We still need volunteers for most shifts especially now Cecil is unavailable for her shifts.

Banners

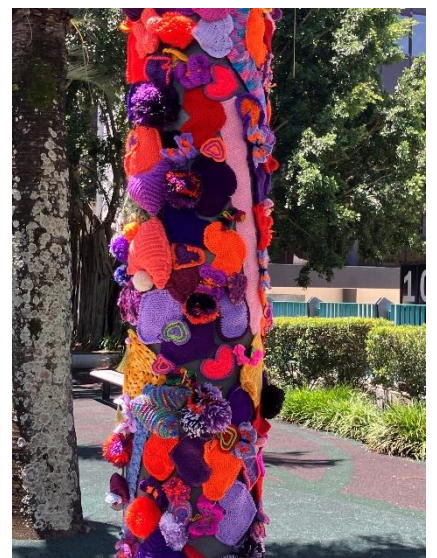
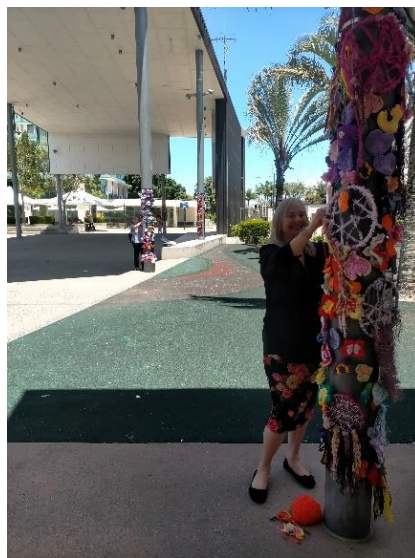
Two banners went up for the 16 Days of Activism in Caboolture. Thank you, Pam and Steve, for raising the banners.

Lynda Galway
Advocacy Chairman





Lyn and Annette at Caboolture Park shopping centre



Hand made crocheted hearts hug trees in King Street in remembrance of victims of DV

MEMBERSHIP

REPORT OCTOBER 2024

Membership Chair Zoom Meeting

Three members of the Membership committee: Carole Tomvald, Cecil Nielson and I attended the Membership Chair Zoom meeting on 28th October 2024. This was a case study by Trish Collins of the Rockhampton Club as to how they increased their club membership from 10 members in 2022 to 31 members in 2024. Their current membership in October 2024 is 25 members.

They invited prospective members to a function that went for 2 hours where the President welcomed them, and other members shared their reason for joining their club and a brief overview on Zonta. They took Membership forms with them and joined new members on the spot. Three events were held where an average of 25 people attended. Over these three events 14 members joined their club.



Zonta International New Member Orientation for 2025

I intend to register for one of these webinars so I can see what they have to say. I will check the dates and times in the new year.

We still have five of our newer members who haven't had an Orientation since they have joined our club so that will be on the agenda in the New year as well.

New Badges

Everyone who attended the Expo were given one of our new Zonta Caboolture badges. The end result was a very pretty badge that was liked by all. It took a while to get to this point, but I think you will all agree that they were worth waiting for. We will discuss what we are going to do with the ones we have left. Members can purchase additional badges if they want. A price will be decided upon soon.

Membership Chair and Committee

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Service Committee met at my home on Tuesday the 12 November.

The Committee approved the donation request from the mother of a student who has been accepted into the National Youth Science Forum. The fee for the Forum is \$2990.00 and we agreed that she be given \$1000.00 towards the fee.

Our President Pam presented the \$500.00 voucher for the "Back to School" project that is being coordinated by Ali Heeps from Richardson & Wrench Morayfield.

I am pleased to report that the Committee finalised the 2025 Budget for the Service Committee.

We have added two new projects for our Club, which we will present to the members on Planning Day.

Due to the holidays, the Committee will not meet again until the 4th February 2025.

Another 20 breast care cushions, 10 seat belt buddies and 10 drainage bags went to the Breast Care Unit of the Caboolture Hospital who also attended our Women and Girls Wellbeing Expo on Saturday morning.



Sue Droughton
Chairman

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

We are very short of gift wrappers this year. Especially from Monday 16 December to Tuesday 24 December. Can you please give an hour or two to this club fundraising event? Do you have a friend that can help?

Next Meeting to be held in early January 2025.

Patricia Clunes
Events Chairman

OTHER EVENTS THIS MONTH

Banksia Awards were presented to Year 11 female students who have achieved despite obstacles, in secondary colleges in the district this month. Lyn was presented this gift as a thank you for presenting an award.

