

East-Enders



December 2019



From the President, Board and Members of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc – we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a memorable 2020.

Presidents Patter



Another very busy month for the club!

On November 9, we did a little painting on our Orange ladies to make them presentable for the coming “16 days of Activism to end domestic violence campaign”. They are all ready now for another year – starting November 25 – watch for them around the city. Thanks to everyone for finding homes for the ladies for the 16 days.

At our monthly meeting on November 11, we welcomed Tanya Vanderiet from Brisbane Domestic Violence Service as our guest speaker. Tanya gave us a very informative talk about their services and her actual position. Many thanks to Jacinta for organising this.

Our Bunnings sausage sizzle was held on a very hot Sunday November 17. We raised approximately \$1100. Thank you to all members who helped as well as our HonZons. I was very pleased to see one of our HonZons actually wearing his pin!! We have also been informed that in 2020 Rocklea will not be having sausage sizzles during the week. This is very disappointing. Now we will need to look at other fundraising events.

On Monday evening November 18, five members and many of our HonZons took part in the City Walk to Paint the City Orange. It was a great evening of fellowship.

On Sunday, November 24 the club had a stall at the Kara Cook Walk Against Violence in Bulimba. Thanks to Ros and HonZon Marg Malouf for looking after this. Several women expressed an interest in our club. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend.

On Monday, November 25 I attended the "Paint the Bayside Orange" breakfast. This is the fourth year that Ros has been involved in organising this event. It gets better every year. The speakers were unbelievable this year. Joan Pease MP spoke and introduced the two guest speakers. Trish Walding who is an NRL Wellness Coach spoke about her role in teaching young men about domestic violence. The second speaker was Elena Gosse – all I can say is WOW! Very impressive lady. She is CEO for Australian Innovative Systems in Tingalpa and she fundraises for the Women's Legal Service. This past May, she raised \$83,000 herself in the Dancing CEO Mirror Ball at City Hall. Total raised was \$440,000. She has won many awards – true inspiration!

May everyone have a great Christmas and a safe and healthy new year!

Until next year.

Loris

"The way we experience the world around us is a direct reflection of the world within us." Gabrielle Bernstein

Monthly Meeting

Tanya Vanderiet from Brisbane Domestic Violence Service was our special guest speaker at our November meeting. It was great to hear about the services provided by BDVS an organisation that the Club supports via the printing of small trifold cards containing emergency phone numbers which someone experiencing violence can call for assistance. The cards are distributed via the BDVS network and we include one in each of our ZSN Brochures.

District 22 Women in Technology Award

Congratulations to Gabriella Behr our Club WIT Scholarship winner who has now been announced as the District 22 WIT Scholarship winner. Unfortunately Gabriella was unsuccessful at the International level however the value of her scholarship at District level is \$US2000.



Club Scholarship winners



Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools have celebrated their Award night and announced our Beverley Farley Zonta Scholarship and Zonta Brisbane East Scholarship winners. Congratulations to Karmyn Stallard from Balmoral SHS and Mealat Weldu Gebrehiwet from Yeronga SHS. Jacinta and Jo presented the Award at Balmoral SHS and Jo at Yeronga. SHS. Club members will have a chance to meet both our winners and our continuing scholarship winners at our March Meeting when we invite all of our scholarship



winner to attend and tell us about their studies and career aspirations.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

As always many thanks to the members and HonZons who assisted with our November Sausage Sizzle. Sadly we had to cancel the date set for December as we couldn't fill the roster so no more until 2020 when hopefully we will be given some dates.



Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign



The Club is well into the 16 Days of Activism. A number of our members and HonZons joined with Zontians from other Clubs to enjoy a leisurely fellowship and advocacy walk around Brisbane and view the Bridges and buildings lit orange. Great night of fellowship with much chatter after at the Pig and Whistle. We have our display for the month of November in the Bulimba Library and our orange women and children are out and about spreading their message. In line with the emphasis this biennium on child marriage we have added to our brochures an insert with data relevant to Australia – yes it is an issue



ZONTA SAYS NO TO CHILD & FORCED MARRIAGE

Girls across the world deserve the opportunity to be children, to go to school, to finish their education and to decide for themselves if and when they will marry.
Susanne von Bassewitz, Zonta International President

Child marriage is common and takes place across the world.

About 1 in 3 girls in the developing world are married before the age of 18.

Child marriage impacts girls' education and perpetuates the cycle of poverty.



More than 60% of girls (ages 20 to 24) with little or no education were married before 18.

Girls are more vulnerable to forced child marriage during and after, conflict, displacement and natural disasters.



As a result families may see child marriage as a form of protection from violence or a way to cope with poverty.

CHILD AND FORCED MARRIAGE DOES EXIST IN AUSTRALIA EVEN THOUGH IT IS AGAINST THE LAW

Forcing someone to get married is a crime in Australia under the Commonwealth *Criminal Code Act 1995*, and is punishable by up to seven years in prison. If the victim is under the age of 18, the penalty increases to nine years' imprisonment, or 25 years' imprisonment if the child is taken overseas for the purpose of forced marriage.

The crime of forced marriage can apply to legally recognised marriages, as well as cultural or religious ceremonies and registered relationships.

The law applies to marriages that occur in Australia (including where a person was brought to Australia to be married), as well as where a person is taken overseas to be married.


WANT TO KNOW MORE

Girls Not Brides is an international website.
Link: <https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/>


My Blue Sky and Anti - Slavery Australia is an Australian website dedicated to forced marriage prevention, information, referrals and legal advice. **Link below**

<https://www.mybluesky.org.au/learn-more/about-us/>

What is Zonta*?



Zonta International is a global organisation focused on the rights and wellbeing of women and girls



*Zonta, first established in the US in 1919, takes its name from the Native American Sioux word meaning "honest and trustworthy".

Zonta Clubs are making a difference in the lives of women & girls

New members are always welcome.

Come along and support our campaign - eliminate violence against women

Find out about our projects or contact us:

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here as well as in other countries. A leaflet on this relevant to Australia was produced along with a "What is Zonta" bookmark. Both were distributed during the Fellowship and Advocacy Walk.

Our orange silhouettes can be seen at City Cat terminals, Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, the Bugs at Wynnum, the Rehabilitation Unit at Redlands Hospital, Yeronga Pool, the office of Joan Pease MP Member for Lytton and the Honourable the Minister Di Farmer. They have already visited City Hall. Photos are being progressively loaded to our Facebook page and our Club webpage.

Check out the District 22 website (<http://zontadistrict22.org/what-we-do/zonta-says-no-to-violence-against-women-campaign/>) to find out what is happening across the State during the 16 Days of Activism and see more photos from the actions taken by other District 22 Clubs.

Member Profile – Lyn Papa

I was born in Innisfail in the far north of the State. It was a very warm climate and I never owned a jumper until I went to boarding school from Grades 8 to 12 at Lourdes Hill in Brisbane. I have 3 older brothers that also went to boarding school at Nudgee College in Brisbane. From there, I went to Uni of Qld and studied Commerce and boarded at Duchesne College. Naturally I then got a job in Brisbane as a Chartered Accountant.



I have 3 children, Luke, Sophie and Stella . Luke is a podiatrist but left his job in March to spend a year in Germany with his German girlfriend who is finishing her Law Degree. We visited them for 3 weeks in July this year. Sophie has a Health Sciences degree and has only one year left in her Speech Pathology Degree. Stella has just completed Grade 10 at All Hallows School.

I was asked to join Zonta even before I had children back in the late 1980s I think it was. I was working in a very male dominated industry and that prompted me to join Zonta. I was approached by another Chartered Accountant working in the same company.

John & I both run our own businesses so that keeps us very busy. On weekends, I enjoy camping, walking, reading, knitting and travel both in Australia and Overseas.

John has recently brought back to life a bright orange 1952 FX Holden Ute so we attend a few car shows and events. I am working on obtaining or making some period clothes and looking for period items that go with the car.

I still believe in the ideals of Zonta but we have a long way to go before we achieve our aims. But if we work together, it is amazing what we can achieve.

Diary Dates



- 25 November – 10 December 2019 – 16 Days of Activism
- 3 December 2019 – Breakfast Launch of the LoveBites Facilitator training (Zonta Centennial Grant)
- 5 December 2019 – Walk the Talk Against Gender Based Violence – Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland event at Cleveland
- 10 December 2019 – UN Day for Human Rights
- 15 December 2019 – Club Christmas function/meeting, Thai Boat Restaurant, Cambridge Parade, Manly at 6.00pm. Family and HonZons are welcome.
- 19 January 2020 – Fellowship event TBA
- 2 February 2020 – AE Brunch, Brisbane Golf Club (ZC Brisbane South event)
- 17 February 2020 – Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
- 4-8 July 2020 – Zonta International Convention, Chicago



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