

# East-Enders

**December 2024**

***“Building a Better World for Women and Girls”***



## ***President's Patter***

Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia has released their annual report for 2023-24; the full report is available on the website: [2023-24-Annual-Report-web.pdf](#).

Here is a snapshot of the difference we can make to so many lives:

- 118K Kits were sent to people in under resourced and humanitarian settings
- 14802 volunteers dedicated their time to assemble the kits
- 236K mothers and newborn babies were helped with health equipment and or services
- 260 assembly days were held in Australia.

The last UN Maternal mortality stats provided in 2020, indicated that 10% of the 289K maternal deaths each year are due to infections. Countries like Somalia, Niger, South Sudan and Afghanistan have the greatest incidence of maternal infection, however this figure is now less than half of that reported in 1990. Infection is still a significant issue for newborn babies. 20K babies died from infection in 2015 - this is a 90% reduction compared to 1990.

Huge 'Thank You' to the members of Zonta Brisbane East and the students and staff at Cannon Hill Anglican College for your time and dedication to this important project.

*Susan*

## ***Editorial***

16 Days of Activism is always a busy and rewarding time for Zontians. This edition includes a few photos of our members participating in our club and combined Zonta events: Displays of Orange Ladies in the community, Love Bites training, Paint the Bayside Orange breakfast, assembling hampers for families in DV shelter, and Walk with Zontians through city.

We will continue to support events over the next week – including Vulcana's *Circus in a Teacup* performance at QPAC and attending Zonta International Virtual Summit.

Remarkable Zonta Member feature last month received much positive feedback. I am pleased that I highlight another remarkable member this month, and in the Items of Interest, you can follow the successes of other remarkable women.

We look forward to a restful summer break. As we celebrate end-of-year, reflect on the success of our 2024 club activities

- Promotion of Zonta Brisbane East within our community
- Networks extended
- Funds raised
- Members engaged in planning and executing diverse service and advocacy projects
- Fellowship

## *Jacinta*

More than 1 in 3 women have experienced gender-based violence. Join us in saying NO and learning how to end violence against women and girls at [www.zontasaysno.com](http://www.zontasaysno.com)

*(Reminder: use the Zonta suggested line as part of your email signature; this one can be used 1 November – 31 December 2024)*

## Service



### **Jill Hedley Scholarship: Congratulations Aya Almousli**

Members Kirsten and Jacinta attended Yeronga State High School on their Awards Night to present the Jill Hedley Scholarship to Aya Almousli. This scholarship will provide some financial assistance for three years of tertiary study. Aya will enrol in Bachelor of Psychology at QUT.

Aya was also awarded academic prizes in Chemistry and Physics, and the Stephens Sub-Branch RSL Award for School Service.

It was great to meet staff, and to hear of their programs. Impressed by their Horizons Women's Hub; meetings create a safe space for open dialogue, women can connect and support each other and hear from guest speakers.

### **Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award**

Applications have been forwarded to schools. If you know an inspiring young woman (aged 16-19 years) who is a leader in her community, encourage her to apply for this Zonta Award.

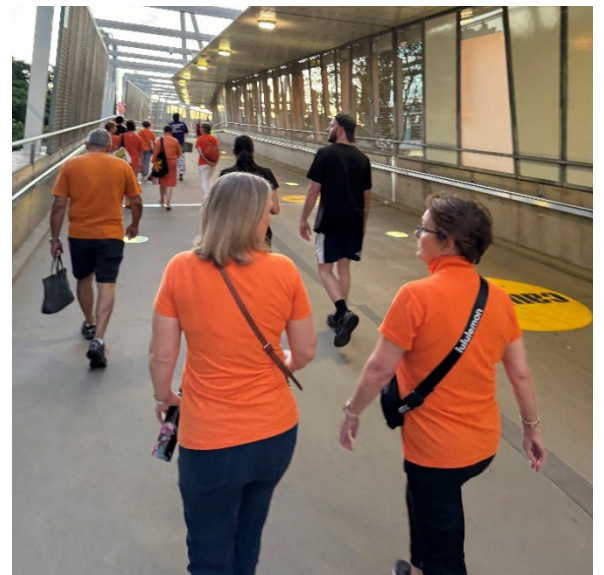
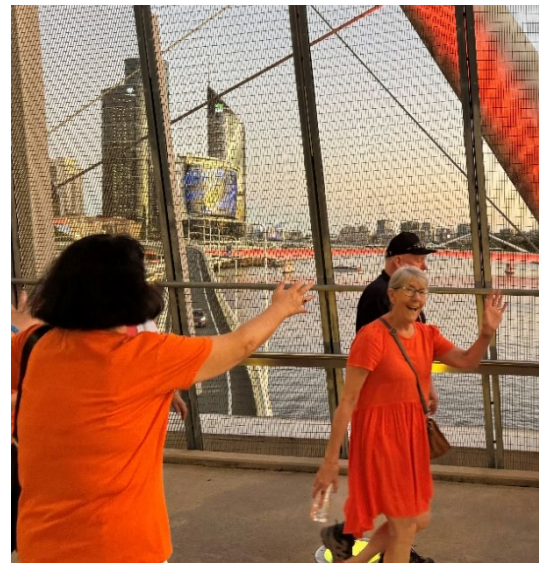
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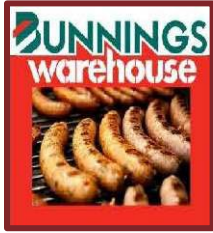
### **DV Shelter Hampers.**

Currently working on assembling food hampers and mothers' gifts to be delivered to women in Madonna House prior to Christmas. Our thanks to members who are promoting this service project, and seeking donations through workplaces, and family.









## Fundraising:

**Sausage Sizzle Date Claimers: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 + 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Many thanks to members, HonZons and friends who volunteered at our last Sausage Sizzle. A very busy day, making a profit of approximately \$2500 – so that hard work is worthwhile!

Please let Jo know if you can volunteer for shifts on 1<sup>st</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## Containers for Change

Over summer it's likely you might have empty drink bottles and cans – please don't put them in your rubbish bins – we would really appreciate the 10 cents / item. Collect and deposit at a Containers for Change depot -- our code is **C10671310**.

If you are not able to drop to a depot, contact Jacinta as she is willing to deliver for you. Please tell your neighbours, family, friends and workmates about this scheme – they might be willing to deposit containers using our Code or collect extras for you to deliver.



## Remarkable Zonta Members



Zontians are regularly exposed to remarkable women, whether they are the women who share their powerful stories ([Remarkable Women Powerful Stories](#)), winners of Zonta Awards, or guest speakers at meetings and conferences. Of course, there are remarkable women in every Zonta Club – this month, I acknowledge the amazing talent of our member, Beulah.

Beulah's creativity has been rewarded with six children's books being published. She shared the first 2 at our last meeting.

Well Done Beulah!

## Items of Interest:

**Women in Industry Grants.** This grant program was highlighted in the August edition of East Enders. The grant aims to help women enter, remain in and progress into leadership roles in male-dominated industries. [Women in Industry grant program | Office for Women](#)

Successful grant recipients for Round 1 are announced: [Women in Industry 2024 R1](#)

## Waste Smart Award – Congratulations to Do Op Shop.

Brisbane City Council's Waste SMART awards recognise the achievements of individuals, community groups, schools and businesses who work together for a clean and sustainable city. Congratulations to Zoe, Nina and the team at Do-Op Shop; they are acknowledged for their commitment to reduce textile waste. [Waste Smart Brisbane Awards 2024 winners](#)

## 2025 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year: Dr Bronwyn Herbert

Dr Bronwyn Herbert completed a Bachelor of Social Work at age 40 years and was awarded her PhD last year at age 90 years. Her work and research has contributed to a better understanding of homelessness and how to break the cycle. [Dr Bronwyn Herbert | Australian of the Year](#)



## **2024 Queensland Women in STEM Prize Awards.**

The Queensland Women in STEM Prize celebrates the exceptional contributions of Queensland's women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). It aims to foster passion, encourage active participation and leadership within STEM, including the social sciences. The prize honours remarkable work, and promotes gender equity, diversity and inclusion in scientific and technological sectors. In 2024, prizes were awarded across three categories:

First Nations STEM Award – Taylah Griffin, Aerospace Engineer, who promotes the value of STEM with First Nations students, young women and girls.

Breaking Barriers Award – Dr Jillian Ash, Social Scientist, who champions development of infrastructure that fosters social value for marginalized groups, including women, youth, First Nations people and people with disabilities.

Judges' Award – A/Professor Susanna Cramb, Biostatistician and Epidemiologist, who advocates for girls to choose careers in statistics through community outreach and video series that explain statistical concepts.

For more information about these winners, and other finalists: [Queensland Women in STEM Prize - Award programs | Queensland Museum](#)

## **International Women's Day 2025.**

The theme for 2025 IWD will be 'March Forward'. UN Women Australis will host an event on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Paralympic gold medalist Madison de Rozario will be guest speaker. ['March Forward': UN Women Australia Announces International Women's Day 2025 Theme - UN Women Australia](#) [IWD UN Women Australia : Brisbane](#)

## ***Diary Dates***

05 December 2024 – Board Meeting – ZOOM

08 December 2024 – Barefoot Bowls Pizza Night, Carina Bowls Club

10 December 2024 – Human Rights Day

01 February 2025 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea

06 February 2025 – Board Meeting – ZOOM

17 February 2025 = Club Meeting (attend at library or ZOOM)

5 January 2025 – Breast Cushion Working Bee at Jo's

06 March 2025 - Board Meeting – ZOOM

08 March 2025 - International Women's Day

17 March 2025 - Club Meeting (attend at library or ZOOM)

30 March 2025 - Area 3 Meeting, hosted by Zonta Club of Brisbane River Inc

03 April 2025 – Board Meeting – ZOOM

05 April 2025 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea

14 April 2025 – Club Meeting (attend at library or ZOOM) – note change of date.

2025

# ZONTA YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD



Recognizing young women aged 16 to 19 for their commitment to volunteerism, leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



## 1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

\$500.00

District 22 awards

\$1000 and \$500

37 international awards

US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: [zonta.org/YWLA](http://zonta.org/YWLA).

CLUB DEADLINE:

***31 March 2025***

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

***ZONTACLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC  
PO BOX 1873, CARINDALE, Q., 4152Z***

***Email: [brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org](mailto:brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org)***

The Young Women in Leadership Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working to build a better world for women and girls.