

Monthly Newsletter



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President's Message

The main event since last meeting was the Zonta International Convention at the Brisbane Exhibition Centre in Southbank.

A total of 1,725 Zonta members attended. I guess the most outstanding item on the agenda was the Parade of Flags. Ladies representing their country presented the flag in National Dress. This was something to behold.

I will be presenting a full report at the dinner meeting.

The most exciting event however, was the fire alarm that went off Saturday morning at 1:45am at the Capital Apartments. It went on for at least 10 minutes giving off a warning. In that time I grabbed my wallet, jewellery, room keys and a warm jacket. After that evacuate, evacuate, evacuate. I know I did the wrong thing but as I couldn't find the stairs, I buzzed for the lift, it was only 4 floors. I did arrive safely, only to find Marian, in summer PJ's no shoes and shivering. Poor girl was locked out. After a short time we were allowed to return to our rooms, Marian spent the rest of the night on my couch with spare blanket and pillow.

One can't say that Zonta events aren't exciting.

Finally, a wonderful saying from Lisa Blair Keynote speaker:-

When passion meets purpose, anything is possible.

Lisa is the fastest person to sail solo non-stop and unassisted around Antarctica on her yacht. She is a passionate Climate Activist; she continues to develop projects that allow her to further her sustainability work while inspiring future generations to take on Climate Action Now.

Merrilee

Dinner Meeting Information

Date

Tuesday 16 July 2024
6:00pm

Venue

Function Room
AFL Tigers Club
28 Ashton St
Labrador

Cost

\$30.00

Payment for Dinner

Zonta Club of Paradise
Point Inc - Admin
BSB 124-022
Acc 1042 1645
Reference: Your name

Apologies/Guests

Please notify:
Merrilee 0402 108 406
by 10:00am,
Friday 12 July 2024

If an emergency requires a late apology, please call Merrilee before noon on Tuesday. This is a courtesy call and may not remove the necessity for payment.

June Dinner - Focus: Environment

Club members enjoyed the sustainable, eco-friendly table decorations to promote eco-conscious practices for World Environment Day 5 June 2024 at our June Dinner Meeting.

This year's theme for World Environment Day The theme for 2024, "Our Land, Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration," emphasizes the importance of restoring land, combating desertification, and enhancing resilience to drought.

Kathryn created the touch of nature to the tables bringing a harmonious and organic feel to the table settings. Thank you Kathryn!



Induction of New Member

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new member, Helen O'Sullivan.

Helen, you are now one of more than 27,000 members around the world who believe in making the world a better place for all by empowering women and girls.

Click on the link (or copy & paste on your browser) below for the new member orientation video link
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xn8pz7g1cx3ghzo/New%20Mem%20Orientation%20Video.mp4?e=1&dl=0>



Items of Interest



Boomerang Bags

Guest speakers Violetta & Letwina displayed Boomerang Bags made at The Women's Space at Labrador. Boomerang Bags is about connecting communities, making bags, diverting waste, starting conversation, fostering sustainable behaviour and having a bit of fun!
<https://boomerangbags.org/>



Technology Saving Lives

Hearts of Purple is a volunteer run charity in Queensland assisting survivors of domestic violence. Perpetrators often break or disable their victim's mobile, leaving the victim unable to call for help. To combat this, the charity provides a Tek Safe Wearable Duress Alarm watch to their clients at high risk of being killed. The watch is supported by a 24/7 monitoring centre that tracks incoming alerts and responds with sensitivity.



Golden Z Club attending Conference

Past member, Dianne Leggo asked a few club members if they could lend their orange Zonta Says No polo shirts to Golden Z Club students who would be attending the International Convention. I was able to give a few I had in possession - it was a delight meeting up with Dianne and spending some time chatting with her! - Viv Koorey



Guest Speakers

Guest speakers, Violetta Humphreys and Letwina Malunga from Women's Space at Labrador spoke at our June Dinner Meeting. Women's Space encourages women to enjoy a safe and socially inclusive space at their four bedroom home that has been converted to a very 'homely' office space. They offer free programs and women are welcome to drop in to relax, chat and have a cup of tea/coffee.



The Purple Bench Project

Originating in Canada, the Purple Bench Project honours victims who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence (DFV). Along with serving as a lasting memory, purple benches added to parks and open spaces often feature a plaque that provides crisis contact numbers for those experiencing DFV.

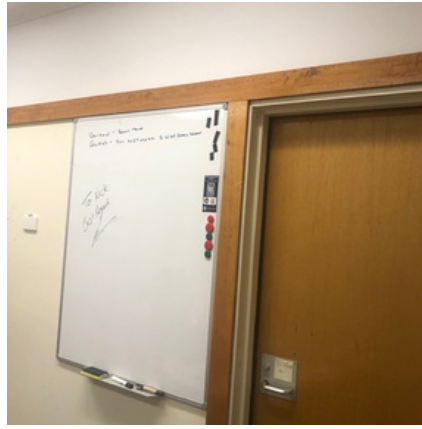


Happy Birthday!

No Club Member Birthdays to celebrate this month.

'You don't get older - you get better.'

- Shirley Bassey -



Grant Application - Runaway Police Station Soft Room

By Viv Koorey

We are thrilled to announce that our recent grant application has been approved!

After enduring quite a lengthy process applying for a grant for the Runaway Police Station Soft Room we received a letter from the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, the Attorney-General, Yvette D'Ath MP, approving our application.

The grant, generously provided by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF), will enable us to further our mission supporting and uplifting our community through innovative projects and programs. This initiative is a testament to our dedication to creating positive change and fostering a stronger, more resilient community for all.

We are grateful for the support and confidence shown by the GCBF in our vision and commitment to making a difference. This grant will not only allow us to expand our reach and impact but also to engage more deeply with community members and create lasting, meaningful change.

The grant funding will cover the renovation of a soft room at the Runaway Bay Police Station.

It has been evidenced that these soft rooms provide an environment supportive for women and their children during police interviews in relation to domestic and family violence and other sensitive matters. It is our aim to create a space where women and children feel safe, acknowledged, respected and empowered during their interactions at the Police Station. Furthermore, an holistic approach will contribute to building trust, encouraging open communication, and ultimately enhancing the effectiveness of investigations and better outcomes for women and children.

We believe that by creating a safe and nurturing environment in what may generally be perceived as a harsh and unforgiving police station, this space will alleviate a significant portion of the distress associated with such interviews and provide crucial support for vulnerable women and children living through traumatic circumstances. Currently, the existing interview room lacks the necessary elements to create a safe and calming atmosphere for these individuals, hindering their ability to feel able to share necessary information confidently. The funding will have profound impact on the safety, well-being and empowerment of women and their children as they navigate the difficult and traumatising process of police interviews.

Thank you to all who have been involved in this process for their invaluable support. Together, we can continue to drive positive change and build a brighter future for our community.

Stay tuned for more exciting developments and ways to get involved.

Zonta International Convention 27-30 June 2024



Zonta International Conference Report

By Kathryn Janovsky

Overview

The Zonta International Conference was a remarkable event marked by inspiration, information, and excellent organization. The conference featured a fabulous keynote speaker, Rabia Siddique, alongside other notable presentations and workshops. The event underscored Zonta's strategic plans and accomplishments, emphasizing its ongoing commitment to empowering women globally.

Keynote Speaker: Rabia Siddique

Rabia Siddique, an Australian and retired British Army Senior Officer, delivered an inspiring keynote address. Siddique, an international humanitarian lawyer and survivor of hostage situations and abuse, shared her compelling journey detailed in her bestselling memoir, *Equal Justice: My Journey as a Woman, a Soldier, and a Muslim*. Her story resonated deeply with the audience, highlighting themes of resilience, justice, and empowerment.

Notable Presentation by Woman in STEM recipient

Shayna Spencer: The District 22 Woman in STEM Scholarship recipient spoke at the opening ceremony. Spencer, a mechanical engineering student at Griffith University, outlined how the scholarship significantly assisted her academic and professional journey. She confidently spoke about her upcoming project in Singapore, serving as a testament to the impactful support provided by Zonta's awards.

Shayna will be heading to Singapore in December this year as part of a New Colombo Plan Scholarship (offered by the Australian Government). As part of this scholarship program, she will complete her final year of university at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, complete an internship, and undertake language training in Mandarin. She will be in Singapore for roughly one year, and following that, she will spend a few months in Thailand interning as well.

Strategic Plan 2024-26

During the conference, attendees gained a comprehensive understanding of Zonta's Strategic Plan for 2024-26. Key points included:

- **Funding and Projects:** Zonta has successfully raised funds over the past two years to support projects for the 2024-25 biennium. The three main projects adopted for this period are:
 - **Ending Child Marriage:** Accelerating global action Phase III.
 - **Climate Empower:** Community empowerment and innovation for gender-transformative climate action.
 - **LAAHA:** A virtual safe space for women and girls.

Education Programs 2024-26 funded through the ROSE Foundation or the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Endowment Fund

Zonta continues to champion education through various scholarships and awards:

- **Amelia Earhart Fellowship**
 - **Women in Business Scholarship:** 37 scholarships of \$5,000 each, awarded in year 1 or 2.
 - **Women in Business Leadership Award:** 10 awards of \$10,000 each.
 - **Zonta Women in STEM Award:** 16 awards of \$10,000 each.
 - **Young Women in Public Affairs Award:** 37 awards of \$5,000 each, awarded in both years.
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Zonta International Convention 27-30 June 2024 - cont.



Leadership

- **Zonta President 2024-26:** Salla Tuominan.
- **Vice-President:** Sandra Venn-Brown from the Stanthorpe Club in Australia.

Workshops – more detail of learnings in future meetings/newletters

The workshops were engaging and focused on critical areas such as:

- Increasing and retaining membership.
- Embracing inclusivity and diversity.
- Identifying impactful local projects, such as:
 - **Safe Cities/Night Walks:** Developed by the Brisbane Club.
 - **Ending Child Marriage:** Initiatives by local clubs.

Conclusion

The Zonta International Conference was a resounding success, providing valuable insights and inspiration to all attendees. The keynote address by Rabia Siddique set a powerful tone, while presentations like that of Shayna Spencer illustrated the tangible impact of Zonta's efforts. The strategic plans and educational programs outlined for 2024-26 reflect Zonta's unwavering commitment to advancing the status of women and girls worldwide and building a better world. The conference also highlighted the importance of inclusivity, diversity, and local impact, reinforcing Zonta's role as a leader in global women's empowerment.



Club Activities and Achievements

Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings Arundel - 23 June 2024 Report

At our fundraising sausage sizzle, the customers expected to indulge in a delicious, sizzling sausage placed lovingly between a fresh, soft, fluffy slice of white bread.

As they eagerly approached the BBQ station, the tantalizing aroma of grilled sausages filled the air, making their mouths water in anticipation. With a variety of condiments and sauces laid out before them, they had the freedom customizing their sausage exactly to their liking.

Whether they preferred a classic pairing of onions and tomato sauce or mustard, they were able to create their perfect sausage. As they took that first bite into their savory creation, they were met with the perfect blend of flavors and textures, creating a satisfying experience that truly embodies the essence of a classic Aussie tradition.

It was a busy, eventful day for all involved. A big THANK YOU! Kathryn, for all your hard work organising this fundraising event and to the volunteers attending.



Amelia Earhart Sparkling High Tea

Brisbane South invites you to join them to support the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards Program on Sunday 28 July at The Brisbane Golf Club.

The details are below and to book your ticket, please use this link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1235871>



Amelia Earhart Sparkling High Tea

Supporting the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards Programme
Celebrating Women in Aviation and Aerospace

Sunday 28 July 2024 at 9.00am
The Brisbane Golf Club,
Tennyson Memorial Avenue, Yeerongpilly

Guest Speaker
Dr Tamara Sopek

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COULDN'T BE DONE

Amelia Earhart



Tickets
Adult \$68 pp Full-time Student \$50
includes welcome drink on arrival
Tickets available via [Trybooking](https://www.trybooking.com),
closing date Monday 22 July 4pm.



Diary Dates

09 July 2024 - Board Zoom Meeting
10 July 2024 - Membership Committee Meeting
16 July 2024 - Monthly Club Dinner Meeting 6:00pm
xx July 2024 - Service Committee Meeting TBA

07 July 2024 World Chocolate Day
07 July 2024 NAIDOC Week
11 July 2024 World Population Day (currently over 8 billion people living in the world)
14 July 2024 Bastille Day
21 July 2024 National Lamington Day
23 July 2024 Gorgeous Grandma Day
25 July 2024 Christmas in July
28 July 2024 Parents' Day

06 August 2024 - Advocacy Committee Zoom Meeting - every 1st Tuesday of the month - 6:30pm
13 August 2024 - Board Zoom Meeting - every 2nd Tuesday of the month
14 August 2024 - Membership Committee Meeting - every 2nd Wednesday of the month
20 August 2024 - Monthly Club Dinner Meeting - 6:00pm
xx August 2024 - Service Committee Meeting TBA
