

East-Enders



ZONTA

CLUB OF
BRISBANE EAST INC

BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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“Building a Better World for Women and Girls”



President's Patter

Jacinta and I enjoyed / survived the four-day convention - Yeah! The early mornings commute and coming home in the dark were part of my past working life, but it didn't take long to get back into the rhythm. We will report later in detail on the business of the Convention.

In the meantime, some memorable snippets - the Flag Ceremony is touching as each Zonta country presents their flag attendees rise quietly in their seats to acknowledge their country. When Diana presented the Ukrainian Flag – every person in the auditorium rose as one, and applauded to show our support.

We heard two amazing key-note speakers.

Rabia Siddique an Australian Muslim of Indian descent who is a criminal and human rights lawyer and retired British Army officer. In 2008, she successfully sued the UK Ministry for Defence for discrimination after it failed to acknowledge the role she played in the rescue of two captured SAS soldiers in war-torn Iraq. Rabia's book Equal Justice is worth reading.

Lisa Blair another inspiring Australian who has turned her many sailing world records into a campaign for Climate Action – Check out her online profile and read her book – Facing Fear.

As I waited, impatiently, for my morning coffee on the way to the convention, the young, noisy, chatty barista asked about how the walk went the day before. I reeled off the usual spiel about great opportunity to bring attention to Zonta, the bridges will be lit up etc. Then she quietly said – 'I walked out 18 months ago, it started with slamming doors, then he broke the door and it escalated from there'. I listened to her story, and she finished by saying: 'So I know about Zonta and the great work you do to support women. Keep it up and have a nice day'. She then turned to serve the next customer and I left with my coffee, humbled and proud to be a Zontian.

Susan

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Editorial

Definitely enjoyed the International Convention, and I will have ample photos and articles for several East-Enders editions! Susan has prepared a formal report for our next club meeting, but in the meantime, enjoy all the photos that have been posted on Zonta Clubs' social media – it's worth looking at Zonta International and Zonta International District 22 sites.

'Zonta Family' was promoted over Convention. I was proud to represent District 22 on the Breast Cushion Project stand in Marketplace. Early mornings, and each break, a rep from D22, 23 and 24 manned the display – most Australian Zontians came by to chat about their cushion fabrics / patterns, and their pride in this combined Australian Zonta project was palpable. Brochures and patterns were collected by Zontians from other parts of the world, as we told them about the success of this combined project – certainly impressed that Zonta Clubs provide approximately 15000 cushions to Australian hospitals each year. It was a great way for me to feel the 'Zonta Family' spirit, to catchup with D22 acquaintances, and to meet many more Zontians.

(Photo with Jenny D22 and Ann D24)



Photos confirming our attendance at Business Sessions, social gatherings and the Zonta Says No to Violence Walk through South Bank - apologies that we seem to have missed taking photos with Ros and Jo. Sincere thanks to Jo for transporting Breast cushions and display materials and setting up our stand, and then delivering and collecting our Orange Ladies for display around the space for Convention Sausage Sizzle.

Photo on the right - Kerstin with Gina (Zonta Club of Brisbane North) and Mary Do, student at Queensland Academy of Science Mathematics and Technology. Mary was recently awarded Young Women in Public Affairs Award by Zonta Club of Brisbane North, and then announced the District 22 YWPA and then declared a recipient of Zonta International YWPA Award.

[Meet the young pioneers who received the 2024 Young Women in Public Affairs Award \(zonta.org\)](https://www.zonta.org)

Sincere Congratulations Mary! I had the pleasure to meet Mary when she participated in our recent Dignity Bag assembly at her school – it was wonderful to catch up with her again, as

she joined approximately 1600 Zontians at Convention to support our Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women and Girls Campaign Walk.

Jacinta

Fundraising:

Do-Op Shop

We are very appreciative that Do-Op Shop chose to donate to Zonta Club of Brisbane East, as part of their community give-back program. This donation (\$2339) will help us continue to support local women and girls through our service and advocacy projects.

Do-Op's Vision is to create an environment that supports, engages, and empowers community connection. Do-Op Shops offer a wide range of well-priced donated recycled items; the sales of these items help fund their donations to local initiatives. As of June 2024, they have donated \$55000 to local charities and community organisations.

Not only are they a great place to buy that bargain, Do-Op shops also provide a safe space for a workshop or an opportunity to become involved in community events.

Do-Op Shops are located in Morningside and Annerley, and soon to open in Wynnum.

(Ed Note: Zonta members are encouraged to donate clothes, furniture, homewares or collectibles to the Do-Op Shop Morningside. Or if you are looking to buy such an item, please visit one of their shops. Their commitment to donating funds to local charities and groups is dependent on donations and sales of merchandise.)

[Do-Op Shop](#)

Fashion Parade, Blue Illusion

Our thanks to member Valerie for organising this fundraiser. Thanks to members who attended and invited friends, and to all who were tempted to purchase clothes / accessories. We are not yet aware of how much money was raised (will report in future newsletter), but all who attended had much fun; always lovely to spend informal time together.



Sausage Sizzle: 21st July 2024

Sausage Sizzles is our major fundraising strategy (best return, and raises most across the year). Though, we really need many hands to ensure success! Our next shift at Bunnings Rocklea is Sunday 21st July.

Jo is seeking members (and their family/friends) and HonZons to volunteer for shifts, and to purchase items prior. Please send her an email if you can assist – even for a short time.

Containers for Change

Keep collecting and depositing - our code is **C10671310** – funds slowly, slowly increasing.

ZONTA Leadership:

Congratulations to the **2024-2026 District 22 Board:**

Governor: Petra Ladwig
Lieutenant Governor: Robyn Liddell
Treasurer: Robyn Finlayson
Secretary: Emily Sharp

(Ed's note: photo of Petra and Robyn at D22 market stall at Convention)



And our Area Director (Area3) is Roslyn Scott.

For details of other ADs, and contact details for all Board members: [Zonta International District 22 | » District 22 Board \(zontadistrict22.org\)](https://zontadistrict22.org)

We look forward to working with this Board over the next 2 years, chatting with them at Club events, and attending Area Meetings and the next D22 Conference (Save the Date: 12-14 September 2025, in Mount Isa).

Zonta International Board 2024-2026:

International President: Salla Tuominen
International President-Elect: Fernanda Gallo-Freschi
International Vice President: Sandra Venn Brown
International Treasurer / Secretary: Souella Cumming

International Directors

Vivienne Shenn	Republic of China (Taiwan) D31
Ela Pandya	USA D9
Ofelia Bautista	Philippines D17
Christine Dersch	Germany D28
Unna Huh	South Korea D32
Phillipa Jacobs-Lory	New Zealand D16
Margaret Akofio-Sowah	Ghana D18

It is the role of the Zonta International Board to determine policy and provide general oversight of Zonta International; the Zonta International Board is supported by International Committees. *(Ed's note: Access information about our ZI Board and Committees: [Leadership and Structure \(zonta.org\)](https://zonta.org))*



Our warmest congratulations to Sandy Venn-Brown, elected International Vice-President. Sandy is a member of the Zonta Club of Stanthorpe Inc.

Many of our members will have met Sandy, as she joined Zonta in 2000, and has engaged warmly with clubs/members, especially during the years when she was District 22 Lieutenant Governor, and D22 Governor.

We know Sandy will embrace her future Zonta role with deep commitment, passion and good humour, and 'oodles' of Zonta Spirit.

Community Group Workshop:

Di Farmer MP is facilitating a community workshop – a professional development opportunity for local community groups, and Zonta Brisbane East has been invited to attend.

The agenda includes:

- How to increase your chances of success with grant applications
- How to get sponsorship for your community group or event
- Recruiting and retaining volunteers

Relevant and important information for Zonta BE, and an opportunity to meet members of other local community groups. Susan and Jo will be attending and will report to our August meeting.

Amelia Earhart Celebration

[Zonta International District 22 | » Amelia Earhart Brunch – Brisbane \(zontadistrict22.org\)](https://zontadistrict22.org)

Members are encouraged to attend this Brunch hosted by the Zonta Club of Brisbane South. On 28th July. Always a great event. Tickets available via link above.

(ED's note: You may recall that a short article about Amelia Earhart month was included in our January edition of East-Enders. If you'd like to review information about Zonta's Amelia Earhart Fellowship, and the 2024 ZI recipients of this award: [Amelia Earhart Fellowship \(zonta.org\)](https://zonta.org) [2024 Amelia Earhart Fellows.pdf \(zonta.org\)](https://zonta.org).

Zonta International Service Project: End Child Marriage

During Convention, Mansi Mehta from Global Cause Partnerships for UNICEF USA, presented a progress report on the Global Program to End Child Marriage.

Zontians voted to continue funding this program for the 2024-2026 biennium.

The UNFPA-UNICEF Global Program to End Child Marriage promotes the rights of adolescent girls to avert marriage and pregnancy, and enables them to achieve their aspirations through education and alternative pathways.

Examples of achievements (ref: [UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage | UNICEF](https://unicef.org))

- Girls participate in life skills education, increasing their ability to negotiate the delay of marriage
- Community members participate in discussions to promote gender equality, including specific sessions engaging men and boys
- Community welfare assistant committees established to train members in case management, sexual and reproductive health, and social protection programs
- Local women development groups supported to drive change

- Advocating for laws and policies that protect girls' rights

Mansi spoke of the success of girls accessing education – reporting 2.9 million girls have been able to delay marriage and to stay in school.

Zonta has supported ending child marriage since 2014, contributing US\$2 million to delay early marriage in Niger from 2014-2018. From 2018-2022, Zonta contributed US\$3.5 million to the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Program to End Child Marriage, and in 2022-24, Zonta International committed US\$1.2 million to UNICEF USA to support Phase II of the project.

(Ed's Note: The 2022-24 Progress Report is not yet posted on [Ending Child Marriage \(zonta.org\)](https://www.zonta.org/ending-child-marriage) I will continue to check and include an update in a future newsletter.)

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons: 30 July 2024

Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and violation of human rights. Almost every country is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims.

The theme for this year's global campaign is 'Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking'.

1 in 3 victims of human trafficking globally is a child; girls are disproportionately affected.

There is a call for accelerated action to end child trafficking: children are twice as likely to face violence during trafficking than adults.

(Ed's note: Access information: [World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - 30 July \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/world-day-against-trafficking-in-persons-30-july))

Diary Dates

04 July 2024 – Board Meeting – ZOOM

10 July 2024 – Fellowship Dinner shared with 2 Zontians from The Netherlands

15 July 2024 – Club Meeting – ZOOM

18 July 2024 – Community Groups Workshop (Invitation through Di Farmer MP)

21 July 2024 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea

30 July 2024 – World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

01 August 2024 – Board Meeting – ZOOM

12 August 2024 – Birthing Kit Assembly, at Cannon Hill Anglican College

19 August 2024 – Club Meeting – Hybrid (ie. At Bulimba Library or by ZOOM)

25 August 2024 – Fellowship – Amateur Theatre matinee

05 September 2024 – Board Meeting – ZOOM

16 September 2024 – Club Meeting – Hybrid



(Ed's note: The Flag Parade at International Convention has great visual impact – a diverse Zonta family)