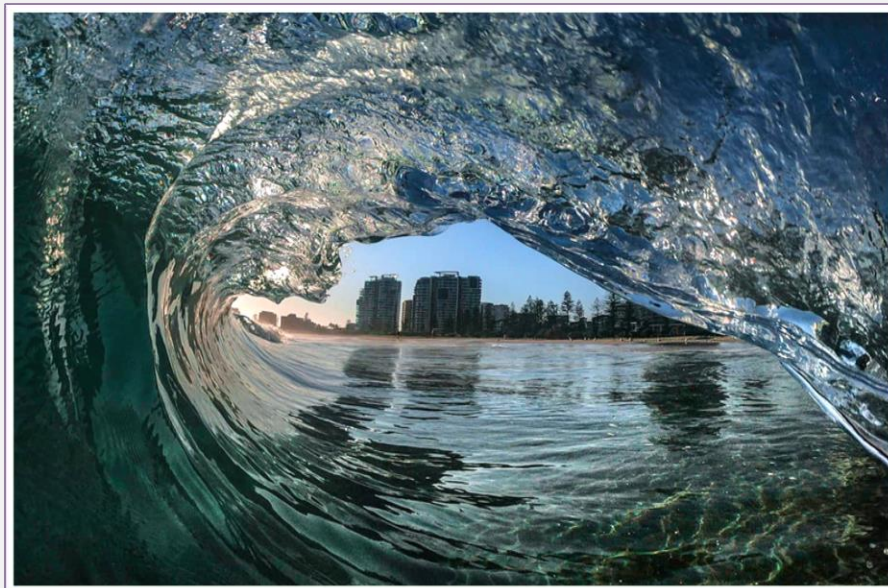


# Southern Gold Coast Tweed ZONTA NEWS JULY 2023



## Birthday Wishes

**SUSIE** 20/7  
**CAROLE** 31/7

## Thought for the Month

*"Have fun, remember to smile and bring joy to one another"*

Ute Scholz  
President 2022-2024

Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Dinner Meetings

Monday July 19th  
6-30 PM Qld time  
Secret Garden  
South Tweed Sports Club

### District Conference Mackay

8th-10th September  
2023

### International Convention

2024  
Brisbane Australia

## President's Message

This year is flying by so quickly. It is hard to believe we are over halfway already. It was wonderful to welcome our newest member Ronda Jenkins to our June dinner meeting, and this month we look forward to welcoming our other new members, Barbara Buckman, who has been visiting overseas and Eileen Guy. We extend a warm welcome to them being part of our club. Our members have been actively organising services helping local women in need and future fundraising events that make it all possible. We are looking forward to our next fundraising afternoon at Tugun Theatre for a matinee performance of 'Proof' on 12 August. This will not only raise funds but help in the promotion of Zonta and be a day for members to enjoy each other's company. Tickets are available by emailing [paulinebrown@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinebrown@hotmail.com)

This week it has been wonderful and heart-warming to see the respect and honour that has been paid to First Nation's elders as this year's theme for NAIDOC week. This admiration has led me to reflect on the broader Australian society and demonstrates how we can all learn from this, by showing respect, honour and gratitude to all elders.

In doing this I would like to recognize the contribution that Merle Stephen has shown over her 34 years of Zonta membership and the continued support as our newsletter editor and her happy, positive, friendly manner that she brings to meetings, even at the age of 87years. We greatly appreciate her wisdom and commitment.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next dinner meeting Monday 17 July.  
Warm regards

*Yvonne*

## District Governor Lyn Agnew

Zonta International District 22

Extract from July District 22 Newsletter

The month of July begins with NAIDOC week celebrations around Australia including many programs being run by national media stations. The theme for 2023 is “For our Elders”. All Zonta Clubs in District 22 acknowledge the local first nations peoples, recognising their contribution to history, culture and achievements of first nations peoples. But do we know what the acronym NAIDOC represents?

Before the 1920s, Aboriginal rights groups boycotted Australia Day (26 January) in protest against the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. By the 1920s, they were increasingly aware that the broader Australian public were largely ignorant of the boycotts. If the movement were to make progress, it would need to be active. In 1956, major Aboriginal organisations, state and federal governments, all supported the formation of, the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC). At the same time, the second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance for Aboriginal people and their heritage. Forward to 1991, with a growing awareness of the distinct cultural histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, NADOC was expanded to recognise Torres Strait Islander people and culture. The committee then became known as the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). This new name has become the title for the whole week, not just the day. The National NAIDOC Committee respectfully acknowledges the now defunct and inaccurate term 'Aborigines', whilst retaining the term in the title due to historic use by Elders in establishing this week of commemoration in 1938. To find more, see <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>.

## Convention 2024 Update



The Convention website is live! Find it at [Zonta Brisbane Convention \(zontaconvention.com\)](https://zontaconvention.com). Start checking this site regularly for more information from the Convention Committee. If you have some spare time, google Zonta Brisbane 2024 and see what other Districts are saying to their members. They're all keen to come to Brisbane. Facebook sites are also listed.

## SERVICE NEWS



This month we delivered 20 Breast Cushions to John Flynn Hospital and 10 cushions to Tweed Hospital.

The Tweed Broadwater Craft needed more material this was ordered and delivered.

The house manager of the refuge requested laundry detergent, so I delivered 2 boxes to be shared in the house, I also delivered 18 Toiletry packs.

I received a call from Sally-Anne the Co-Ordinator asking me to pass on to members their gratitude for our kind donation.

*Carole*