

# East-Enders



ZONTA

CLUB OF  
BRISBANE EAST INC

BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

**June 2024**

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

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



May was a time of joy and reflection for many. As we took a moment to honour and celebrate our Mothers, I hope you were able to share Mother's day with your family to celebrate the wonderful women in your life be they mother, daughter, aunt, sister or friend.

In the words of author Mitch Albom: “Behind all your stories is always your Mother's story, because hers is where yours begins.”

May was also the month for “Changing of the Guard”. As Zonta Brisbane East welcomes the new Board and celebrates the success of the previous Board, we say thank you to past and future Board Members for your dedication and service. Thank you also to Lyn Agnew, District Governor for attending the meeting to install the 2024 Board.

As May crosses over to June and the colder months arrive, there is no time to hunker down and hibernate. We have already held another successful Breast Cushion working bee at Jo's place which led into a very successful afternoon at Cannon Hill Anglican College: stuffing, sewing, wrapping, and labelling.

I briefly attended the Community Supporters Night hosted by the Member for Greenslopes, Joe Kelly. The Premier was also in attendance but unfortunately, I was unable to stay to hear him speak. The chat around the room indicated that it would be a lively discussion.

The newly formed Fundraising Committee held a productive meeting at the end of the month with plans to move forward on funding the projects that we are committed to for this year and ensuring funds are available for projects 2025. I look forward to members' comments and input to future fundraising discussions.

So on to the International Convention at the end of the month. Please read the documents relevant to voting at the Convention: Committee positions, ByLaws and Constitution Changes so that we can discuss the options at the June meeting.

Look forward to seeing you on line at the June meeting.

*Susan*

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## Editorial

May was definitely a busy month, as evidenced by all the photos in this edition. Having talked about Zonta International Convention for so long... it's almost here! Next edition, we will be featuring photos and short articles. Six of our members have registered, and will be keen to feedback to the club.



Winter has arrived – so a reminder that during June and July, we are not holding our monthly meetings at Bulimba Library. We will have videoconference meetings – we will be reverting to ZOOM, and the dial-in details will be in the agenda. So please join the meeting, from the comfort of your home! Guests can also be invited to attend via ZOOM.

If you need any help to use ZOOM, please contact one of the Board members – we will try to have everyone connected!

I take this opportunity to acknowledge our member Kirsten. She has just returned from Spain having presented at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Onati. Her presentation: 'Workshop on Changes in Society, Welfare, Penalty, Law, and Justice: Implications for the Future of Criminological and Socio-legal Theorising'. Kirsten was invited to present the first results from an Australian Research Council funded project which she leads on imprisonment in Australia.



Apologies that I am breaking my pledge to extend my knowledge about Zonta by including an article about Zonta International in each newsletter. I have just returned from a brief cruise to Papua New Guinea, so instead this month, I share these researched reflections.

Progress towards gender equality in PNG is slow, ranking 160<sup>th</sup> out of 161 countries on the Gender Inequality Index produced by UN Development Program. Rural women, children and people living with disabilities are the most vulnerable to intergenerational poverty, and violence. UN Women is providing training to PNG women who then promote peacebuilding and gender rights in their communities. One example - Benedicta Golu, in Bougainville, who while coaching soccer, talks about strategies to end violence in homes and communities. Sanap Wantaim (Stand Together) – a UN Women behaviour-change campaign has reached over 800 youths since 2016, and is considered one of their most effective prevention of gender violence campaigns.

[Papua New Guinea - UN Women Asia Pacific | UN Women – Asia-Pacific](#)

[Youth in Papua New Guinea stand together as advocates against gender-based violence - UN Women Australia](#)

*Jacinta*

## Promoting Zonta



### **Joe Kelly, Member for Greenslopes – Community Supporter’s Night.**

President Susan attended this event hosted by Joe Kelly at the Ukrainian Club in Holland Park. It’s always a great opportunity to meet managers, staff and volunteers of community services / clubs / organisations.

Susan had the opportunity to speak to Premier Steven Miles, and she discussed the service and advocacy projects of Zonta. She also promoted the Zonta International Convention in Brisbane at the end of this month.

### **Bayside DV Candlelight Vigil**

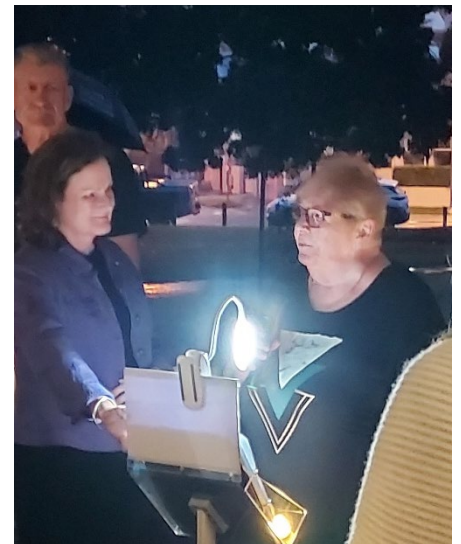
Ros was one of the speakers at this event organised by Joan Pease, Member for Bayside, with support from Zonta Brisbane East, Rotary and SCOPE.

Five members and two HonZons from Zonta Brisbane East joined the crowd of approximately 200 people, which included 50 students from Iona College.

Ros publicised Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign, and highlighted our Club’s service projects which aim to eliminate violence, and support women who have experienced domestic violence.

The vigil ended with the reading of the poem ‘I Got Flowers Today’, lighting of candles, and minute silence.

A very moving ceremony.



### **Family Fun Day: 9 June 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

Zonta Club of Brisbane East has been invited to support this community event – the focus of which is to promote an awareness of domestic violence and the services that are available, and to take action to reduce the incidence of domestic violence. This event takes place at George Clayton Park, Wynnum.

Our club will have a stand, and resources, such as Safety Cards, will be distributed. It’s an opportunity to partner with other community organisations who stand against gender-violence; to promote Zonta; to take action. Ros is our coordinator for this event, so please let her know if you are able to assist. Another opportunity to wear your Zonta shirts / caps etc.

### **Zonta International Convention – Zonta Says No Walk**

During Convention program, there will be a Zonta Says No Walk followed by a Sausage Sizzle in Southbank. Our club will have 4 Orange Ladies lining the walk, and Zontians who participate in this walk are encouraged to wear orange. A great way to promote our Zonta Says No to Violence campaign to the wider Brisbane community.



## Zonta Says No merchandise

Our thanks to the Zonta Club of Caboolture for ordering these orange caps. We have purchased one extra cap – if anyone would like to buy this (\$23), please contact Jacinta.



## Service:

### Dignity Bag Assembly

Our member Kerstin organised with her school – Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology, to promote Zonta through a Dignity Bag assembly. Ruth from Zonta Club of Brisbane River, and Jacinta from Zonta Club of Brisbane East spoke to the students about Zonta's Mission, our international and local service projects.



Students donated handbags, toiletries and personal items. The bags will be dispersed to women who have experienced domestic violence through Share The Dignity.

## Breast Cushions



Thanks to members and HonZons who sewed 50 cushions in preparation for our Breast Cushion event with Cannon Hill Anglican College – students wrapped these, and then stuffed and sewed more cushions.

Very much appreciated.

## Fundraising:

### Fashion Parade: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, from 6.00 p.m.

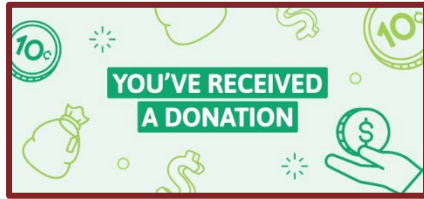
Blue Illusion at Carindale Westfield Shopping Centre will host our fashion parade on Thursday evening, 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Please invite family and friends to attend. Arrive 6.00 p.m for refreshments. Two Zonta Brisbane East members will model in the parade.

Purchase clothes, shoes, scarves, accessories or homeware – a percentage of sales will come to Zonta Brisbane East – essential for funding our ongoing projects.



## Containers for Change



For those who are helping with our fundraising via “Containers for Change”, please collect cans and bottles (with 10c return label) and wine and spirit bottles (these do not have to have the 10c return label).

Drop your bag of recyclable bottles and cans to a Containers for Change depot and quote the number **C10671310**.

A great effort in May – now \$55.20 deposited. Let’s aim to increase our monthly deposits. If you have been collecting bottles, but haven’t been able to drop to a deposit site, please contact Jo or Jacinta.



## Sausage Sizzle: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Next shift at Bunnings Rocklea will be 21<sup>st</sup> July. So please try to keep your diary open to volunteer at this sizzle.

Jo will be seeking members and HonZons to volunteer for shifts, and to purchase items prior.

## Fellowship:

Great fish and chips, and company, at a Wynnum esplanade café following the Bayside DV Vigil in May.

Members (L to R): Kerstin, Jacinta, Jo, Ros and Valerie, and HonZon Deb. (Photo taken by HonZon Rob).



As well as being our June fund-raiser, the Blue Illusion Fashion Parade will be a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. Hopefully most of our members will attend, and bring along friends, family, neighbours who will be keen to buy some item/s on the night.

[Zonta International District 22](https://www.zontadistrict22.org/) | » [Blue Illusion Fashion Parade – Carindale \(zontadistrict22.org\)](https://www.zontadistrict22.org/)

Members are reminded that they can attend the District 22 Welcome to Convention on 26<sup>th</sup> June, at Charming Squire, Grey Street, South Bank. Dinner from 6.30 – 9.30 p.m.

You need to purchase a ticket – see the link below. Tickets close 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11 p.m.

[ZI D22 Welcome to Convention - Sticky Tickets](https://www.zontadistrict22.org/)

We plan to have an ‘Aussie Welcome’ for Kirsten’s family who are coming from The Netherlands to attend Zonta Convention. As soon as date / time has been arranged, I will email the details.

Ros, Jo and Beverley joined Lynn for her birthday celebrations on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. All Zonta Brisbane East members send their ‘Congratulations’, and our very best wishes for the year ahead Lynn!



## Zonta Brisbane East Board 2024-25

Our sincere thanks to Lyn Agnew, District Governor, for attending our Annual General Meeting in May, and installing our Board members.

President: Susan Bamford  
Vice-President: Jacinta Fromm  
Treasurer: Ros Kinder  
Secretary: Jo Diessel  
Directors: Lesley Vogan, Sophie Papa, and Kirsten Besemer.



Unfortunately, Jo and Kirsten were unable to attend our AGM, and will be inducted at a future meeting.

### *Diary Dates*

- 06 June 2024 – Board Meeting – ZOOM
- 09 June 2024 – Family Fun Day / Zonta Stand, Wynnum Manly
- 17 June 2024 – Club Meeting – ZOOM
- 20 June 2024 – Fashion Parade, Blue Illusion Carindale Westfield, from 6.00 p.m.
- 26 June 2024 – District 22 Welcome to Convention – Charming Squire, South Brisbane.
- 27-30 June 2024 – Zonta International Convention, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
  
- 04 July 2024 – Board Meeting – ZOOM
- 15 July 2024 – Club Meeting – ZOOM
- 21 July 2024 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Date Saver: 12-14 September 2025: District 22 Conference, Mount Isa.