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NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Area 3—District 22

Charter Date 2.6.97

Dinner Meeting
TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024

6.15PM FOR
6.30PM: DINNER MEETING

VENUE: FUNCTION ROOM
AFL TIGERS CLUB
28 ASHTON STREET
LABRADOR

COST: \$30.00

Apologies/Guests: Please notify

Merrilee Lisle 0402 108 406 **by 10am**
Friday 17 May *if an emergency*
requires a late apology, please ring
Merrilee before noon on Tuesday. This
is a courtesy call and may not remove
the necessity for payment)

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PLEASE NOTE THAT
TUESDAY'S DINNER MEETING
WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

What a wonderful success the theatre night was.

Thank you Kathryn, firstly for pushing us out of our comfort zone and insisting on ticketing on line and your persistence in preparation. All members worked well together on the night, thank you to those of who sold raffle tickets and snack boxes. Marian and her membership team for manning the table for enquiries, Ros for wrapping the raffle prizes.

The next fundraiser is the BBQ at Bunnings, I'm sure we will once again work well together to make it another Zonta Paradise Point success. We must take time this meeting to prepare and volunteer for those necessary positions, as the June meeting is just before the Convention.

This dinner meeting is changeover of Board.

Although I have previously thanked the outgoing board, I thank you once again for your support and advice during the year, to our two new members Kathryn and Janet welcome.

Members I want you to consider stepping up and taking on the position of director, at present the Board is made up of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It would be a more balanced board if there were one or two directors. It doesn't entail a lot, a zoom meeting once a month, some months that doesn't occur. As a director you will assist the board "Propose policies, service projects, advocacy initiatives and other actions for the board to consider and recommend to the membership."

Merrilee

Remember:-

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible'"

Payment for dinner online

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Please ensure you mention in your details you name so that the Treasurer knows who it is from.

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention.

From International President Uta Scholz:

It is not enough for just one gender to strive for equality; gender equity can only be truly achieved when everyone is equally invested in the process. I truly believe women and men must work together. Only then can we create a society where all individuals, regardless of gender, can live free from discrimination and enjoy equal opportunities in all aspects of life.

Involving men in your local actions is something that all Zonta members can and need to do! According to the article, [MANDatory - why men need \(and are needed for\) gender equality progress, as published in Frontiers in Psychology, March 2024](#), men are generally more inclined to join gender equity movements when explicitly asked. One study found that men's low involvement can be due to a perceived lack of psychological standing, or perceived low legitimacy to act on behalf of this cause. ...

Now it's your turn! Ask the male members in your club, why they are building a better world for women and girls. If you do not have a member in your club, ask male friends, relatives or colleagues why gender equity is important. Their answer may surprise you, and they might be looking for the next opportunity to make equity a reality. Encourage them to attend a Zonta meeting to see what can and is happening in their community!

Honouring ANZAC Day: Remembering Our Veterans

Contributed by Kathryn

On April 25th, Zonta Paradise Point members Janet Burrage and Angela Aiken-Smith paid tribute to our fallen heroes by laying wreaths at the ANZAC Memorial located at the Runaway Bay RSL Sub-branch Cenotaph. Their heartfelt gestures symbolised our gratitude and remembrance for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



Janet Burrage represented Zonta at the Dawn Service, standing proudly beside the Zonta dedicated 'gate' entry to the Cenotaph, as captured in the attached photo. Meanwhile, Angela Aiken-Smith honoured our veterans by laying a wreath at the 10am service, demonstrating Zonta's unwavering support for our servicemen and women.



ANZAC Day holds significant historical importance in Australia, dating back to 1916. However, it wasn't until the 1920s that April 25th became firmly established as a National Day of Remembrance. This year, the theme of ANZAC Day was "Discover the stories of veterans in our local community," encouraging us to reflect on the diverse experiences of those who served.

Did you know about Martha Burns, a remarkable female WWI nurse and dentist who served on the Western Front in 1914? Her story, along with that of an estimated 1200 indigenous men who enlisted in WWI, sheds light on the often-overlooked contributions of minority groups to our nation's history. Tragically, many Aboriginal men faced discrimination during enlistment, with medical officers basing decisions on race rather than merit.

But why did they fight? For some, it was a sense of duty to defend their country in the Aboriginal sense of the land. Others sought opportunities for pay and travel, while some hoped for improved rights upon their return. One Aboriginal soldier expressed his motivation as a desire to prevent further invasions of his homeland.

Yet, the struggles faced by returned Aboriginal servicemen did not end with the war. Many were met with neglect and mistreatment, highlighting the ongoing battle for recognition and equality.

In remembrance of our veterans, let us reflect on their sacrifices and honour their legacies. As we commemorate ANZAC Day, let us also pledge to uphold the values of inclusivity, respect, and equality for all who have served...

Lest We Forget.

Links you may wish to explore. [Women in the Australian Military](#)

[Australian War Memorial \(awm.gov.au\)](#), [ANZAC Day & Aboriginal Service People - Deadly Story](#)

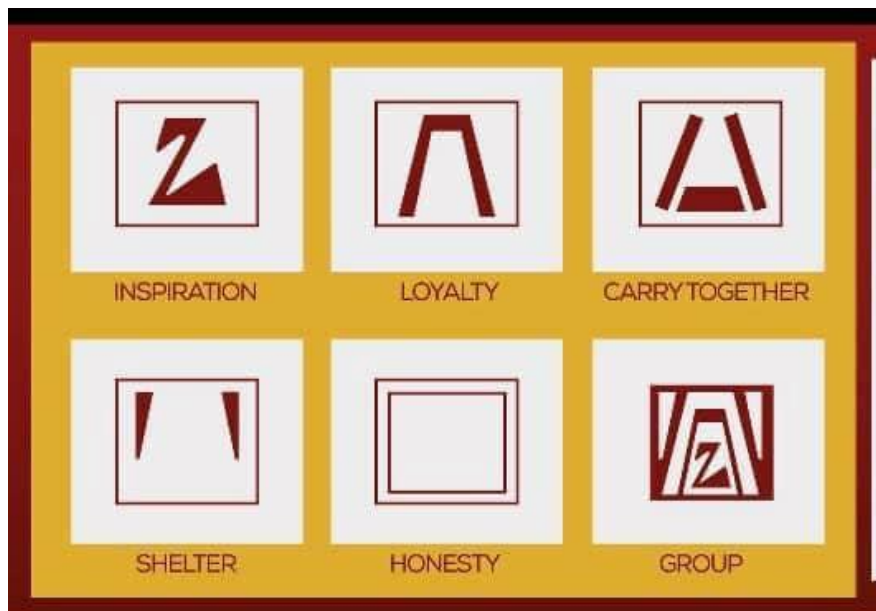


Jo, Angie Jenny and Marian preparing lunch at the recent Save the Girls event.



A very successful Theatre night held on Thursday May 9 raised \$5000 for Zonta projects. Congratulations to Kathryn and her team for organising the function and the placards.

The Zonta Emblem



*****Date claimer: *****

A breast care cushion 'stuff and sew' event will be held on Saturday 25 May at 11 a.m. at the Boutique café at Salacia Waters. Coffee and food at own cost. Please note the venue opens on to the river, so bring a jacket if it is cool



**May 16: Merrilee Lisle
20 May McPhail
28 Judy Wythes**

**June 1 Jenny Gamble
2 Zonta Club of Paradise Point**