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From the President's Desk May 2024

Wow, what a busy month we have had!!!

Congratulations to US. We won the 2024 Longman Community Achievement Award at a function last Tuesday night. The award was presented to us by our federal member for Longman - the Honorable Terry Young M.P. Glenda, Patricia, Carole, Pam B, Pam T/S and I were there to collect the Award on behalf of our club.

On Monday the 13th Carole, Pam B. and Karen Whalan attended the Moreton District Domestic Violence Services Assemblage at the Caboolture Hub. The purpose of the Assemblage is to create awareness of the DV Services available in the Moreton Shire.



Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

On Sunday the 19th we had one of our busiest BBQs ever, with very valuable funds raised for our projects. Thank you to those who worked double shifts to help others cope with the rush.

Our Breast Cushion stuffing and sewing day was a little more relaxed and definitely more fun. The Beachmere Bay craft ladies were presented with another Certificate of Appreciation for the donations of seat belt buddies, breast cushions and blankets.

On Wednesday the current Board had their final Board meeting after a social lunch. Pam B. joined us while Carole attended a meeting with Terry Young and the Shadow Minister for Child Protection and the Prevention of Family Violence, Senator Kerryanne Liddle.

Then finally, on Friday night, Patricia, Pam B, Glenda, and I attended the Scripture Union Helping Hope Happen, school chaplain fundraising night. It was a lovely evening with over \$170000.00 raised through raffles and auction.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard for our club this past month, whether it was fundraising, attending meetings, and attending Zoom meetings. Your contribution is so valuable and so appreciated. So, I will sign off now for my last President's newsletter. Thank you all for your support.

Sue Droughton President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 2024

Fellowship Morning Tea

We need to decide if you want to have a fellowship Morning Tea in June. If so when and where?

Prospective Members

Both Laurel Mills and Julie Schrag will be attending our May dinner meeting. The membership committee will invite them to a morning tea hopefully in June to inform them more about our club and to see if they wish to become a member.



31st Anniversary Lunch

Saturday 3rd August is our official birthday. This year will be a get-together with members, Honzons, partners and friends. A venue will be decided shortly, and an invitation will be sent via email to all members.

Zoom Meeting re Membership WOW

Cecil and I attended a zoom meeting with 42 other attendees from all over the world on Friday morning at 8.00am our time. The purpose of this workshop was to provide a fun, interactive program for attendees to take back to their club. It was recorded and will be available on the ZI website in the coming week. This meeting was a brief insight into what they are going to present at ZI Convention. They reminded each club that it is every member's responsibility to recruit prospective members. If we have 15 contacts and only recruit one new member then that is OK.

Orientation

The Membership Committee has decided that it would be easier to invite members who haven't had their Orientation since they joined to have a one-on-one meeting with each of them. We are going to update the Orientation paperwork first and then start the ball rolling. You will be contacted by a committee member and a date decided that suits each member.

Membership Chair

I would like to step down as Membership Chair and if anyone is interested in taking up this position could you please let me know.

Pam Berkett and the Membership Committee

Karen Whalan, Rosemary, Patricia, Lyn and Jon attending the Biggest Morning Tea at St Peter's for a cancer fundraiser



ADVOCACY Board Room, The Hub, Caboolture Library Wednesday 22nd May 2024 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Terry Young, Federal MP, had called a special meeting with Senator Kerrynne Liddle, Shadow Minister for Child Protection and Prevention of Family Violence.

Approximately 15 organisations were represented. These organisations were not government backed, but private and some organisations relied on volunteers.

Topic discussed were:

- Problems with not enough emergency housing
- Time delay in receiving the \$1,500 allocated to Domestic Violence survivors.
- The lack of education and no follow up for men with behavioral problems.
- Very few services available for newly released male prisoners
- Funds are available but take too long to access.
- The large amount of paperwork involved in filling in the forms for the special grants.
- Suitable office space for counselling, either not available or the rent is too expensive.
- The 500 community workers promised by Parliament have not come into place.
- CADA is looking after the number of people equivalent to the population of Tasmania.

Every organisation was given ample time to speak about their unique problems and concerns.

Zonta was recognized for their involvement in the safe room project at Police Stations and for supplying Safety Cards.

Pastor Dave Greig thanked Zonta for their contribution in assisting with rent for Domestic Violence survivors.

Senator Liddle thanked everyone for coming at such short notice and will take on board the concerns raised.

Carole Tomvald Advocacy

Carole Tomvald has been able to continue to distribute the blankets to C.A.D.A. and local police stations.



SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT MAY 2024

Due to Committee members being away or unwell, the Committee did not meet in May.

The Service Committee's planned Breast Cushion stuffing and sewing day was held as per our planning day at Sue Droughton's home on Saturday the 18th of May with 12 members being present and also some visitors. The Beachmere Bay Craft ladies have once again been busy, sewing breast cushions, seat belt buddies, drainage bags, and blankets. Rae Densley was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their generous donations. We stuffed and sewed 120 cushions with another 30 to be finished at members leisure.

Our Birthing Kits have been ordered and our Treasurer Glenda Moor has paid the account.

The Committee has received a request from Chisholm Inc. for financial assistance for a client, who is in a refuge with her disabled 6-year-old son. Unfortunately, she is in a position where she is unable to receive Centrelink assistance because she is on a visitor's visa. The request has now gone to the Board, for a recommendation to accept. The full letter of request will be read at the May Dinner Meeting.

Sue Droughton Chair Service Committee















EVENTS MEETING 24 MAY 2024

An invitation to our Events meeting was extended to all club members, however only 4 from the Events Committee attended.

IWD was discussed. Who/what do we want for entertainment/Guest Speaker for 2025 IWD?

Do all giftbags have to be the same colour and have the same contents? A couple of the 'trade' table people have booked for 2025 which is excellent. Is there any other person that you would like us/you to approach re having a table at this event?

BBQ

Ice is best purchased from Fresh n Save as it is the cheapest.

Who is available to collect things from the shed on the 11/8 and take them back at the end as both Arthur and Deb, and Lyn and Jon are away? We need tall people to help erect the Marquee and dismantle it at the end of the day.

ZONTA SAYS NO CAPS

200 caps were purchased and approx. 174 were sold. They went to Tasmania, Vic, NSW, WA, SA and QLD. When sales were slow Patricia secured a shared table at Convention to sell the remaining caps. The board felt that we should take the ones we have left to sell plus the 50 odd in the shed and see how many we can sell as the money is better in our pocket rather than in the shed which would be approx. \$1000 if all are sold.

FASHION PARADE

The Fashion Parade is being organized for September. Portofino is the fashion label that we are using this year.

Help will be required from 8 am on the day to set up the hall with chairs, tables, decorate the tables etc etc.

Patricia Clunes

Constitution & Bylaws Report May 2024

Amendments to Club Constitution

An email from the Office of fair Trading was sent 2 May to our Zonta Club. The Constitution Committee were not aware of this email until recently.

OFT require payment of the fee for lodging the amendments, and in addition, our club is a registered charity, 'As the Collections Act requires that all amendments to the constitution be approved by the delegate of the Minister, the attached amendment must be certified true and correct by two members of the management committee and returned to the Rules Unit for approval.'

This information is required 6 weeks from the date of the email, which means that this information, plus payment, must be made by 13th June.

Has this matter been required in previous years since registration as a charity?

Patricia and Cecil went through the original application form early April for OFC to approve amendments. Patricia as Secretary signed on behalf of the Zonta Club (as required in the form) and evidence of approval by the Zonta Club members at a general meeting was also provided. This was witnessed by a JP. No other approval was sought on the application form. Office of Fair Trading already have a copy of the amended Constitution, with amendments shown in red.

Action is required by our Club.

ZI Convention – Report of ZI Bylaws Committee

Cecil attended the Pre-Convention Webinar listed for Tuesday 21 May 3.00pm Chicago Time, which for us was Wednesday 22 May, 6am. The Webinar was presented through powerpoint summaries by the ZI By-laws Committee led by Ans (former District 22 Governor). Six from ZI, including the chair of the Bylaws ZI Committee were shown on screen, and about 25 participants attended (unshown).

Basically, we were given what changes are proposed, e.g., rename awards, and what resolutions are still current, mostly ZI matters. Nothing too controversial, and not many changes.

Voting on the changes will be at the Convention in Brisbane.

For interested members, go the International Website (<u>zonta.org</u>) and log in to My Zonta. There is reference to the Convention, scroll down, and on the right, there is a list of items, starting with Strategic Plan, and last on the list is **Mailing List 2024.**

Click onto that item, and a list is given for several papers for voting, including the proposed changes to the Bylaws, which you can download PDF.

Although thanks were given in the Annual Report, I would like to state at this stage, my appreciation for all the help and assistance from other Constitution Committee members, the previous Zonta Board and President, and our Club members for the work on the revision of our Constitution.

Cecil Nielson.



Brian and Karen Whalan with Pam Berkett at the 20th May Bunnings BBQ

Sue and Richard Droughton, Pam Berkett, Glenda Moor, Patricia and Neil Clunes attending the Gala Masquerade Dinner for Help Hope Happen, raising funds for Chaplaincy in our area.





MORETON BAY \$\infty\$NO TO VIOLENCE



An Initiative of Encircle Community Services Ltd

Join the 16th Annual Community March against violence. Stand Up. Speak Out. March Together.



Join us from 8:30am in Rotary Park, Redcliffe Friday 31st May, 2024.

March starts at 9:00am through Redcliffe to Settlement Cove. Finishes at Redcliffe Amphitheatre.









FOR FULL MARCH DETAILS AND ACCESS TO SUPPORTER RESOURCES:

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