

# Southern Gold Coast Tweed ZONTA NEWS MAY 2024

**BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**



17<sup>TH</sup> May  
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**Birthday Wishes**  
Lesley Anne 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## Thought for May:

*"To honour the devoted, loving, caring women, who have overcome adversity to fight for those weaker than themselves. They are the true warrior women."*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dinner 20<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00pm Secret Garden  
South Tweed Sports Club

**District 22  
Welcome to Convention  
Charming Squire June 26**

**Zonta International  
Convention  
Convention & Exhibition  
Centre  
South Brisbane  
27-30 June**



**Theatre Afternoon  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## President's Message

Mother's Day is a wonderful time to honour, remember, appreciate and show gratitude to mothers and women care-givers who have been in our lives. Also, it is a time when we can quietly and humbly honour ourselves for what we do or have done for others, without expectation.

Our club members were warmly welcomed and accommodated at the League Respect Round footy game at Seagulls Club at Tweed on Sunday 5 May. This initiative is being run by Queensland Rugby League for Saying No to Domestic Violence. It was a great day to network and promote our cause and forms a part of the **call on all men to be part of the conversation about gender-based violence.**

Some members attended the musical 'Dogfight' at the Spotlight Theatre at Benowa on 9 May. This was a fundraiser for Paradise Point Zonta Club and included a walk at intermission highlighting the club's service and advocacy projects.

The next month will be busy with the Zonta International Convention and our theatre fundraiser in June. I look forward to the opportunity to engage with our members, district and international members at the convention and our members, family and friends at our theatre fundraiser Crazy Ladies. Crazy Ladies is a comedy to be held at Tweed Civic Centre on Saturday 22 June at 2.00pm. Please book a table with as many people as you can. Tickets are \$30 each and include nibbles. Please buy tickets through our club members.

This month our club will farewell Merle Stephen who is moving to Victoria. Merle has been a member of our Zonta club for 38 years. If you would like to join us for a farewell lunch, please contact one of our members. Date TBA.

Next Monday 20 May our new board will be installed at our Changeover dinner meeting and we possibly have two new members. All positions have been filled. Many thanks to members who accepted the nominations and to Eileen who has taken over the editing of the monthly newsletter. Please bring along any interested friends or family, as financially it is a great time of year for new members to join. Looking forward to seeing you at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start at South Tweed Sports Club.

Warm regards

**Yvonne**

## Service and Advocacy Report May 2024 from Carole



Dropped into John Flynn 20 breast cushions.. things seem to have slowed up. I haven't heard from the Tweed Hospital but understandable with all the moving of premises. Alex from the Refuge was delighted with donation of pyjamas, socks, dressing gowns, cuddly blankets, tracks suits for the young children and some baby clothes for the 2-month-old that was staying at the refuge. Thank you, ladies, for your prompt reply to my email requesting approval to purchase these items ....it makes for a quick smooth turn around for the Refuge as they do not get very much notice.

## Respect Round QRL reports from Pauline

On Sunday 5 May, (photo below) our Zonta Club was invited to join with QRL at the Respect Round at the Tweed Seagulls rugby league game in Tweed Heads. This was a fantastic opportunity to join with other like organisations to promote respectful relationships. The QRL Diversity and Community Relations Coordinator, Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed Inc and Hearts of Purple were all represented and had stalls.

The organisers repeatedly mentioned our club and the other organisations present throughout the afternoon. Our Zonta Club was represented by Yvonne, Lesley-Anne, Kaye, Alex and myself all in our Zonta shirts. Lyn Agnew, District 22 Governor, and representatives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane Breakfast and the Zonta Club of Paradise Point also were also present.

This was a fabulous advocacy event, and we made great connections with other like organisations and individuals. Hopefully this will lead to some interesting partnerships, guest speakers and new members in the near future.



## Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Each May, Queensland hosts Domestic Family Violence Prevention Month to raise awareness of the impact of domestic and family violence and engage communities across the state in campaigns to prevent violence and harm. This year the theme is **“It’s in our control to end coercive control”**.

Some things that can be undertaken are:

- Access information / resources and promote this knowledge in your community. Have a look at websites such as
  - Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month | Community support | Queensland
  - Government [www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au) and [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)
  - Respect.gov.au – Violence against women. Let’s stop it at the start Campaigns - Domestic Violence Prevention Centre
- Support an event that is raising funds or resources for a domestic violence service.
- Share a post on social media!
- Attend a Women’s Safety and Violence Prevention Community Event: Women’s Safety and Violence Prevention community events calendar | Department of Justice and Attorney-General "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something." (Edward Everett Hale).

So, this DFV Prevention Month what is your “something” going to be? Part of a media release was sent out stating that Zonta members call on all men to be part of the conversation about gender-based violence this May.



### Editor's Note from Eileen

*It is with appreciation for Merle's dedicated work over many decades, that I humbly begin as your new editor. Merle wants to keep receiving the newsletters, so I hope to keep up to her standard. We will all, no doubt, never forget Merle for being such a bright, hard working, positive influence for all the fortunate Zontians who have come to know her.*

*We will miss you Merle and wish you good health and prosperity in your new home.*



**Tweed Theatre** proudly presents  
**CRAZY LADIES**

By Devon Williamson  
Directed by Gary Johns  
By arrangement with David Spicer Productions

**VENUE: (2024)**  
Tweed Heads Civic Centre  
Auditorium  
21, 28 June & 5 July @ 7.30pm  
22, 23, 29, 30 June &  
6, 7 July @ 2pm

**TICKETS:**  
available from  
Murwillumbah  
Information Centre  
tweedtheatre.com.au  
1800 674 414 or  
at the door



**CABARET SEATING**  
**BYO NIBBLES & DRINKS**  
Adult: \$20 Table of 6: \$18 each



Our next Fundraiser is a Theatre performance at the Tweed Civic Centre to see the play

“Crazy Ladies.”

2pm Saturday  
June 22nd

Please ask friends and family if they would like to join us, raise funds and be entertained. Friends of Zonta are



### **Zonta International Convention, 27-30 June 2024:**

Although Early Bird registration has passed, you can still register to attend convention – Zonta International | Brisbane 2024 | Women's Rights Convention ([zontaconvention.com](http://zontaconvention.com)) You will need to know your Zonta Membership Number – this was included in the email that members received from Zonta International on 18th January. Remember that the ticket prices are in US dollars, and GST will be added at online checkout. Book into workshops, and social events and tours. Note tour – Recipe for a Circus in a Teacup on 26th June 0800 – 1200; \$60 per person.

#### **District 22 Ltd Welcome to Convention event** on Wednesday 26 June 2024

All are welcome to attend. This will be held at the Charming Squire, a venue adjacent to the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday evening, 26 June. The event is open to partners and friends of Zontians, and attendees will NOT be required to be registered for the Convention. The evening will be informal, with time to enjoy a good chat, good food and beverages of choice. Tickets are now available via sticky tickets booking website via the link <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/Y18Z8>

#### **District 22 Auction**

The District 22 Auction is live! Our donation to this is an amazing colourful Aboriginal artwork titled 'Connected' painted especially for Zonta by Patricia Tyson a proud Aboriginal woman from Kamilaroi tribe. Her artwork incorporates unity, creating a sense of harmony, peace, honesty and wholeness by using similar elements and placing them in a way that creates a feeling of "oneness." Women being the symbol of life. The mahogany and gold reflect the colours of Autumn (and Zonta).



## Description

It is a vibrant painting with an Aboriginal perspective. Title of painting is 'Connected' 'United Dreaming Story'. Painted: May 2024

Artist: Patricia Tyson, 66 years old.

Patricia was born in a small town called Goodooga, near the town of Lightning Ridge, in Central West NSW, Australia, where beautiful opals are found, which are the national stone emblem of Australia.

She belongs to the Aboriginal Kamilaroi tribe and currently resides in Banora Point New South Wales, Australia.

Size: approx. 70cm X 50cm  
Acrylic on unstretched canvas, not framed

The auction site is GalaBid and is also available to overseas bidders. Please let your extended networks know about the auction and how to access it. The greater funds generated, the more money available for advocacy projects in District 22 and for donation to the Zonta Foundation for Women. The auction will be closed prior to the June 26

Convention so that items can be handed to the successful, highest bidder. Please see below to find out how to access the auction. Happy bidding!

### 1. Register via Browser

**Go to**

**<https://app.galabid.com/zontad22fundraiser>**

**Click on the 'Register' button**

**Follow the instructions to complete registration.**

### 2. Register via TEXT

**Text: zontad22fundraiser and your full name**

**To +61458678678**

**Example: zontad22fundraiser John Smith**

**Follow the registration link you are sent by text from GalaBid.**

### 3. Use QR Code



### Convention Keynote speakers:

**Rabia Siddique** - Australian criminal and human rights lawyer, retired British Army officer, author, professional speaker and hostage survivor. Rabia sued the British Government for sexism and racism – this was a catalyst for policy change for fairer workplace for women and cultural minorities in the British military. Rabia is a sought-after coach and mentor. She has provided equality and diversity training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Her first book is Equal Justice.

**Lisa Blair** - First woman to sail solo around Antarctica with one stop after surviving a dramatic dismasting at sea. Her yacht named Climate Action Now – this reflects her commitment to a sustainable future and inspired others to act through her post-it note campaign.

She has continued to amplify her message of Climate Action Now and collaborated with the Bureau of Meteorology, the Australian Institute of Marine Science, and the Seabed 2030 project. In partnership with Ocean Ops, Lisa's expedition to collect round-the-clock ocean health readings and gather 180 microplastic samples, earned recognition as a United Nations Decade of Ocean Science initiative. Author of Facing Fear, and Speaker on Resilience and Mental Agility.