



NEWSLETTER

From the President's Desk

April 2023

As I sit and write my monthly report, I have been reflecting on the past ten months, since the current Board was installed, and now we are about to vote and install a Board for the next twelve months.

This month my report is tinged with Pride, Hope, Optimism, Excitement, Happiness, and Sadness.

The death of our much-loved member Diana Wallman in September was very unexpected as she was over in the UK to visit her family and see her granddaughter get married.

I have been incredibly saddened by the shock and sudden death of Matthew, Patricia Clunes' eldest and beloved son, whilst I didn't know him personally, I have followed his journey through Patricia's eyes for the past 25 years, and more recently the death of Susan Lepper's father-in-law in the past few days, and we offer our deepest condolences to the Clunes and Lepper families.

My hope, optimism and excitement surround our soon to be new members Lynda Galway and Olga Catalano, along with members of the Advocacy Committee, with their amazing plans for the month of May, bringing awareness to Family & Domestic Violence & Coercive Control.

The Symposium that was held last September was a huge success, and I can't wait to hear the results of the DV & CC awareness programs to be held in our local gyms in May.

On a personal note of happiness, my much-loved granddaughter Stephanie gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last June, Mackenzie Susan.

My hope also includes our dear member Sarah McClelland, recovering from lifesaving surgery that she recently undertook. Get well soon Sarah, we look forward to having you back with us soon.

I am so incredibly proud of our Club and the achievements of the past ten months, and I will outline this in my Annual President's Report on Wednesday night.

See you all then.

Sue Droughton

Advocacy Report April 2023

The Committee met 4 April 2023. As agreed at the March meeting, Lawrence organised the ZOOM connections, and Advocacy Meeting (6.00pm) followed the Membership Meeting (5-6pm). In addition, the Advocacy Committee meeting combined with Lawrence's sub-committee (Susan, Olga and Lynda) organising Advocacy's major event, the May Gym Event.

Attendance at Combined ZOOM Meeting: Pam Berkett, Edith Fogg, Cecil Nielson, Lawrence Ezedinma, Susan Lepper, Lynda Galway, Olga Catalano, with Saran McClelland observing.

GYM Sub-Committee Discussions (led by Lawrence with Sub-Committee Members)

Matters discussed included:

- *Progress in contacting GYMs – Olga reporting on those contacted and willing to be part of the May event*
- *Social Media Ideas - Suggestion to use the DV banner poster from Caboolture Police Station display 'We're in this together'. Need to obtain permission from Police Station, Cecil to enquire.*
- *Planning how the message of non-violence can be given through video slides as participants do exercises*
- *Lynda and Susan will work on photos/video for social media*
- *Planning publicity means identifying target groups - local/state/federal politicians, local community newspapers, radio program*
- *Postings also online for universities (Caboolture campus), adult education, student unions.*

Many thanks to Lawrence and Sub-Committee Members

Child Marriage: Letter of Reply to Premier's Office

Final draft is being prepared.

Sign for Male/Female Toilets in Shopping Centres

Lynda has agreed to prepare the A5 size notice ready for printing. It was suggested that the localities be extended to include libraries. At this stage, a list needs to be made of shopping centres etc to approach, before deciding on printing numbers.

Request from Area 2 Director

Robyn Liddell Area 2 Director has requested our Club to contribute to a project called 'The Soft Room Project', where an existing room is revamped to make a more soft, comfortable and welcoming safe place for women and children. President Sue passed on the request to the Advocacy Committee to respond. Cecil will respond based on our Advocacy Committee's links with Burpengary Police Station, which already has a Vulnerable Persons Room, initiated by Senior Constable Michelle Dodds.

Updates during April

Remaining Banner will be displayed during May (organized by Pam)

Updated Safety Cards have been printed (Pam, in liaison with Redcliffe & Pine Rivers Zonta Club)
Cecil made enquiries at Caboolture Police Station re Display Poster and permission to use photo in GYM slides

Recording for CADA Candle Lighting Ceremony attended by Cecil 20 April – final version shown in May.

Cecil Nielson

AI Chair Advocacy Committee

Good afternoon Zonta District 22 Clubs,

My name is Liberty and I am the Social Impact and Inclusion Coordinator at the Queensland Rugby League.

I recently met with Lyn, along with Marie and Ans, to discuss the opportunity for our organisations to work together to promote the amazing work that Zonta are doing in our communities across the state. Following this, I would like to gauge availability for Zonta Clubs across District 22 to attend Rugby League clubs across Queensland throughout the month of May, which QRL are promoting as Respectful Behaviours Month by running a campaign around respect and promoting our clubs as a safe space for everyone. Once I hear back which weekends Clubs are available I will look to reach out to Rugby League clubs in your local areas and put you in contact to arrange opportunities for you to attend games (this will be dependent on each club's local draw). I understand some Zonta Clubs might have the capacity to do more than others, but if we could arrange for some members to attend Rugby League clubs to chat to attendees, hand out flyers with information about Zonta and local support services (if available) etc that would be fantastic.

If you could please reply to this email by EOD Monday 1st with which weekends you would be available during May to attend a local Rugby League Club that would be greatly appreciated. Please include day/s and approximate times your club is available and your local Rugby League Club if known.

I am very excited to work with Zonta during the month of May and into the future, so if you have any questions please reach out at any time (I understand you are volunteers so please don't hesitate to call after hours or on weekends).

Kind Regards

Lyn Agnew

District Governor

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Service Committee Report April 2023

The Service Committee was due to meet in April. However, due to my ill health the meeting was postponed.

The only update that I need to mention is the Breast Cushion Stuffing Day will need to be rescheduled due to the recent demand of Cushions.

The date was to be the Saturday the 12th of August, however, Lyn & Karen will advise the Committee of a new date, as we cannot wait until August.

This will be set at next Wednesday night's Dinner Meeting during the Committee Reports.

*Sue Droughton
Chair
Service Committee*



Karen Whalan and Lyn delivered more breast pillows to the hospital care nurses

Constitution & Bylaws Report, April 2023

In 2023, the Caboolture adaptation of the Brisbane Zonta Club's Constitution has been received and accepted by the Office of Fair Trading. In addition, the model example of internal grievance procedures from Fair Trading is now available.

So for 2023, there are some tasks ahead, which include adding changes decided by Zonta International Conventions of 2020 and 2022, and developing an appropriate grievance procedure for internal disputes based on the Office of fair Trading model.

Carole is now on leave dating from February. In March 2023, as the Chair and sole member of the Committee, I invited one or two members to assist me in the tasks ahead. Mitra Khakbaz has since kindly offered to join the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to help undertake these tasks.

A very warm welcome, Mitra.

As yet, no meeting has been held, but in May it is planned to have a working meeting to address the outstanding tasks.

Cecil Nielson

Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee

EVENTS REPORT APRIL 2023 (HELD VIA FB MESSENGER)

Attendance: Annette, Lyn and Glenda with Deb on Messenger (sorry Zoom did not work on Annette's Ipad as I didn't take my laptop)

Apologies from others who were at work or had other commitments.

Discussion regarding Events for the year included:

- IWD feedback
- BBQs
- Trivia possibility
- Fashion Parade

IWD:

2023 was a great success

Brief discussion about gift bags for 2024

Venue at Norths booked

Has anyone sent a Thank you to Norths for their service and donation?

Start thinking about guest speakers, colour theme

Trade tables (same or new ones?) Decision postponed

BBQS:

Prediction that we will get more BBQs but make less \$\$\$ due to other Bunnings opening

TRIVIA NIGHT

Possibility of a fun night eg Music Trivia. Glenda to investigate the local highschool Chaplain who runs a Music Trivia.

Patricia has another idea and will let us know more about that.

Date: ? June is a possibility

Venue to be decided

FASHION PARADE

Much discussion about the 2022 High Tea. We all agreed that it was problematic for a number of reasons and there is no good dwelling on the negative feedback. We just have to learn from the things that were out of our control and try next year to get it better\right.

Moving forward Items on the agenda include:

- We agreed that it is best if food is on the long tables at the side. People can help themselves and kitchen staff to top up.
- Other members to clean rubbish away, check tea and coffee etc.
- No towers: just large serving plates
- No hot food
- Start earlier
- All hands on deck, serving and topping up (so no members as models)
- Perhaps ask the local highschoools for the catering class to do the waiting on the tables for a donation (problem being a schoolday)
- We need heaps more raffles and a lucky door prize (only 15 on hand)– everyone to assist but don't ask businesses who have already donated for IWD
- Important to cater to the numbers in attendance (more control over how many items are required so we don't under or over cater)
- Who to MC?
- Hall has been booked for Sept 1
- Suggested theme: 1960s – dress and music of the era and for the young ones that included Rock N Roll! (to be voted on)



*The morning BBQ shift: I- r
Karen M, Jon Howells, Karen W, and
Pam B
Before things hotted up with the
afternoon crew including Patricia
and a “chatty” son, Luke.
Thank you to everyone who made
the Bunnings BBQ raising approx.
\$2300 tbc*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT APRIL 2023 (HELD VIA ZOOM)

Induction of New Members

We are excited to induct Lynda Galway and Olga Catalano at our April meeting. These two ladies have already been involved in many projects to date. They both have much to offer to our club with their fresh ideas and media skills. We welcome them with open arms.

Prospective Members

We have 3 prospective members who will attend our May meeting. One is Linda Anderson who attended our November meeting but has been away and in hospital since then. She is now back on deck and we will see her in May. I have had two other contacts Shelley Keehan and Trish Dunne who are also interested in coming to our dinner meeting. I will follow up with these two ladies early in May.

New Member Dress Shirts

We will have to decide what we want to do regarding the making of our red dress shirts. To date we haven't been able to find someone to make the shirts for new members.

30th Anniversary Lunch.

Sue and Pam Berkett met Wednesday 19 April to discuss the menu, cake, and decorations for our Anniversary lunch. Cecil was an apology as she was unwell.

We have booked the caterers and Sue is going to send out our "Save The Date" flyer in the next couple of days to members, past members and friends of Zonta. More details to follow.

Membership Committee Chair

Pam Berkett



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15th Birthday INVITATION

Dear Patricia

Bribie Pink Dragons would like you to join us to help celebrate, our 15th anniversary on 17 June, 2023.

We invite you to come and enjoy a leisurely paddle with us on the Saturday morning, starting at Spinnaker Sound Marina boat ramp, Kal Ma Kuta Drive, at 6.30am to 8.00am. Then, on Saturday evening we are holding our Birthday Bash of Champagne and Canapes at Sue's Bar and Grill, beginning at 5.00pm. We would love your company at either or both events.

Bribie Pink Dragon members have been united in paddling since 2008. We are a motivated, friendly group of breast cancer survivors, aided by our wonderful supporters and likeminded friends. All those years ago, we were founded by a small group of dedicated women. Now 15 years later, we remain a strong committed club.

We look forward to your company to help us commemorate our anniversary.

Yours in paddling,

Maree Mossler
President
Bribie Pink Dragons

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