

# Monthly Newsletter



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## President's Message

At last our visitor Alfred has left us. I do hope that all of you and your family came through the ordeal unscathed.

A big thank you to the Zontians and Honzons who were able to help out at the Bunnings BBQ. It was another successful day seemingly enjoyed by all, thanks to Bunnings for supplying two fans for the cooks, they certainly needed them.

The next major function will be the theatre night. Please start asking friends and family to keep the 8th of May free so they can come along and help us have another great night.

Tickets are now on sale with Humanitex.

Finally don't forget the Area 3 Meeting, 30th March, registration closes 24th March, 8:30am to 4:00pm.

St Lucia Bowls Club 9 Carr Street  
St Lucia

It is a very interesting day, especially beneficial for new members.

*"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes of your goal"*  
- Henry Ford -

*Merrilee*

### Dinner Meeting Information

#### Date

Tuesday 18 March 2025  
**6:00pm**

#### Venue

Function Room  
AFL Tigers Club  
28 Ashton St  
Labrador

#### Cost

\$30.00

#### Payment for Dinner

Zonta Club of Paradise  
Point Inc - Admin  
BSB 124-022  
Acc 1042 1645  
Reference: Your name

#### Apologies/Guests

Please notify:  
Merrilee 0402 108 406  
by 10:00am,  
Friday 14 March 2025

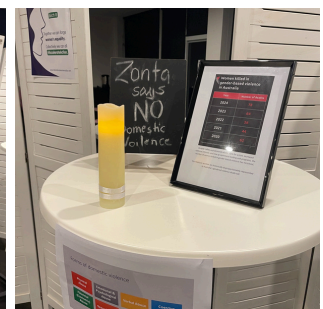
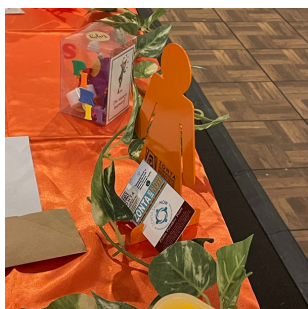
*If an emergency requires a late apology, please call Merrilee before noon on Tuesday. This is a courtesy call and may not remove the necessity for payment.*

# February Dinner Meeting

Our February Dinner meeting featured an exceptionally informative session, thanks to our club member, Helen O'Sullivan.

She shared her impactful experiences as a human rights activist volunteering in the occupied West Bank during September and October of last year. Helen provided a firsthand account of the numerous challenges she encountered while offering protective support to farmers and schoolchildren on their way to school.

Her hope is that her efforts, combined with ongoing discussions about the situation, will contribute to ending the persistent violence faced by the people of Palestine.



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## February Dinner Meeting - cont.

### Celebrating Yellow Rose Day – Honouring Educators & Advocating for Gender Equality

Leading up to March 8, the Zonta Club of Paradise Point proudly recognised Yellow Rose Day by presenting yellow roses to teachers, honouring their dedication to education and their role in shaping a more equitable future.

Zonta International first celebrated Yellow Rose Day on March 8, 1999, in conjunction with International Women's Day, to honour women's achievements and reinforce its commitment to gender equality. The yellow rose is a powerful symbol of friendship, optimism, and advocacy—values that align with Zonta's mission to empower women and girls through service and leadership.

It serves as a reminder that our fight for gender equality



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# February Dinner Meeting - cont.

## Honouring Trailblazing Women

At our February meeting, the Zonta Club of Paradise Point recognised the remarkable Amelia Earhart, a pioneering aviator and former Zonta member, by engaging in a fun and educational quiz about her extraordinary life and aviation feats. As we reflected on her courage and ground breaking achievements, we reaffirmed Zonta's commitment to supporting women in STEM and leadership.

The evening also included a special toast to Theresa Mitchell, an inspiring local Woman of Achievement and Founder of AGAPE Outreach. Since 2009, AGAPE Outreach has provided vital support for the homeless and disadvantaged in Tweed Heads and Runaway Bay, with a dedicated team of 200 volunteers and four employees. Inspired by Mother Teresa's words, AGAPE works to combat not just physical poverty but also the poverty of being unloved and uncared for.



On an international scale, we also joined in the "Raise Your Glass" tribute to Joanna Maranhão, an Olympian and advocate who has courageously spoken out against abuse in sports. Meeting with Lynne Foley OAM on the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, Joanna shared her journey of survival, advocacy, and justice, inspiring others to find their voices and stand up for change.

This meeting was a powerful reminder of the strength, resilience, and impact of women—past and present—who break barriers, uplift others, and fight for justice.

The February meeting also confirmed the club's 2025 Strategic Plan.

### Goal 1: Credible and Visible Voice

Zonta Paradise Point acts as a credible and visible voice on gender equity, driving change for gender equality.

### Goal 2: Club Success

Focusing on club success, 2025 will focus on developing strategies to increase club membership to support our work to build a better world for women and girls.

### Goal 3: Leadership and Sustainability

Zonta manages its resources, including both time and money, to meet Zonta's vision and ensure Zonta's long-term viability and success. Governance, leadership, and internal structures are addressed to enable the effective achievement for Zonta's mission.

Sustainability is crucial for any actions in building an equal, responsible, green, and clean future where the human rights of women and girls are recognised and implemented

### Goal 4: Engagement of Audience and Allies

To further Zonta's mission and extend voice, Zonta develops collaborations with like-minded organisations.

### Goal 5: Club Budget in both Administrative and Service accounts

To establish a Club budget for 2025



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# Bunnings Arundel Sausage Sizzle

## A Delicious Success with a Powerful Message!

On March 2, the Zonta Club of Paradise Point combined fundraising with advocacy at our Bunnings Arundel Sausage Sizzle, raising an impressive \$1,800 in support of our projects, including the Senior Schooling Bursary.

In addition to sizzling sausages, we took the opportunity to highlight International Women's Day (March 8) and this year's theme, #AccelerateAction. Using resources from the International Women's Day committee, we engaged patrons in meaningful conversations about gender equality.

- Many enthusiastically "struck the pose" in support of #AccelerateAction
- Patrons shared their personal pledges for advancing gender equality
- A photo square captured moments of solidarity and commitment

Those that participated were given a IWD Ribbon (in colours of IWD (Purple, Green and/or White) to wear for the following week and on IWD to promote discussion about the ways to accelerate action.

A huge thank you to our hardworking volunteers: Ros, Jenny, Janet, Judy, Merrilee, and our wonderful partners Rex, Ash, and Peter for their support. A special shoutout to Barbara, a prospective member, for generously lending a hand!

Together, we raised funds and awareness—one sausage at a time!



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## Runaway Bay Police Station - Soft Room

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for their generous support and confidence in our vision. This funding has allowed us to renovate a soft room at the Runaway Bay Police Station, which is vital in our mission to support and uplift our community through innovative projects.

Research has demonstrated that soft rooms provide a nurturing environment for women and their children during police interviews related to domestic and family violence, as well as other sensitive matters. Our goal was to establish a space where individuals feel safe, acknowledged, respected, and empowered during their interactions with law enforcement.

We are pleased to announce that we will be coordinating with the Officer in Charge to schedule a grand opening for this important facility. We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to this process. Together, we are driving positive change and creating a brighter future for our community.



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## Celebrating Our 2024 Zonta Senior Schooling Bursury Winner: Rahaf Afif

The 2024 Zonta Senior Schooling Bursury has been awarded to Rahaf Afif, a dedicated and passionate young woman committed to making a difference.

Guided by the Japanese concept of Ikigai, Rahaf aligns her talents with her aspirations, excelling as a debater, Year 10 Captain, and STEM Ambassador.

She plans to study a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at the University of Queensland to advocate for global human rights, particularly focusing on education for women and girls.

The bursary will support her schooling, debating pursuits, and advanced studies while enabling her to gain hands-on experience in humanitarian work.

We are proud to support Rahaf and look forward to the incredible impact she will make.





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## Zonta Club of Paradise Point Inc: Call for Nominations for the Zonta International Young Women in Leadership Award

The Zonta Club of Paradise Point is thrilled to announce that we have received three inspiring applications for the Young Women in Leadership Award. This prestigious award recognises youngwomen aged 16-19 who demonstrate leadership, commitment to public service, and a dedication to advancing the status of women.

Our selection committee is currently reviewing the applications and will conduct interviews between March 10–15 to determine the club’s nominee. The chosen applicant will be submitted to the Zonta District 22 Governor for further consideration, alongside nominees from other Zonta clubs in our district.

This award is an exciting opportunity to celebrate and support young women making a difference in their communities. We look forward to announcing our successful candidate soon!



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Winning the Zonta International  
Young Women in Public Affairs  
(YWPA) Award is an incredible  
honour and motivates me to  
continue my journey in service  
and leadership.”

**Mary Do**  
2024 YWPA Awardee  
Australia



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# Zonta Club of Paradise Point Inc: Major Fundraiser - Musical

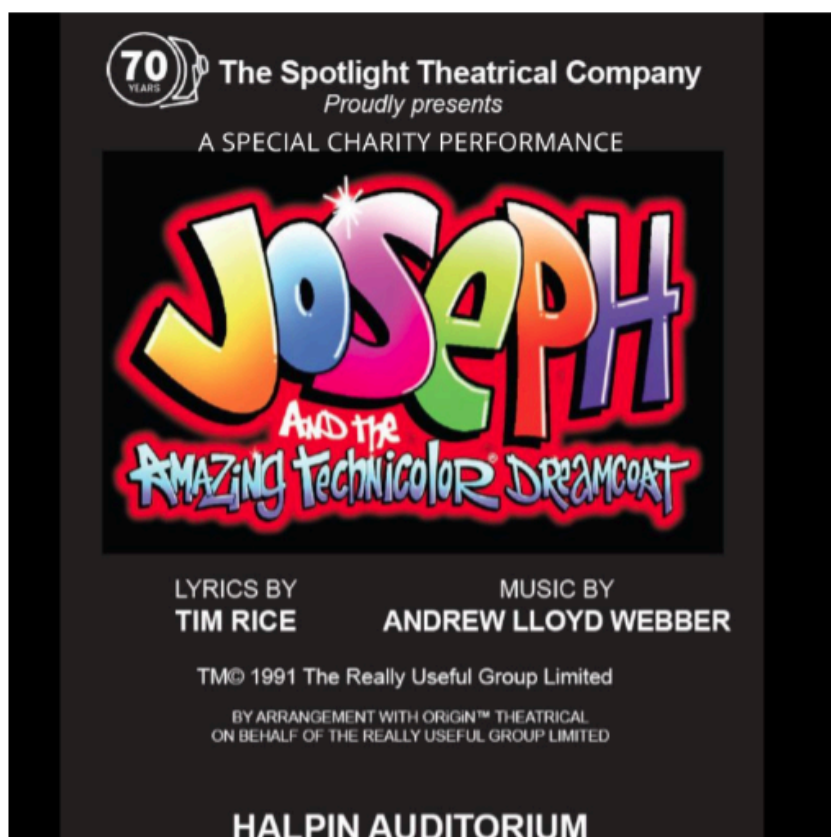
Join us for a magical night at the Spotlight Theatre Company's Charity Performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

[Thursday, May 8, 6:45 PM, Halpin Auditorium, Spotlight Theatrical Company](#)

This spectacular Andrew Lloyd Webber musical is packed with dazzling costumes, vibrant energy, and unforgettable music. By attending, you're not just enjoying a fantastic show—you're supporting the Zonta Club of Paradise Point Inc. in raising funds to build a better world for women and girls during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Get your tickets.

Zonta members, please help spread the word. Share this post and forward the ticket link to your friends and family. Let's fill the theatre for this incredible cause!



 In support of Zonta Club of Paradise Point with its mission to build a better world for women and girls through service and advocacy

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**Thursday May 8 2025**  
Bar opens 6:45pm - Show starts 7:30pm

Book now at [humanitix.com.au](https://humanitix.com.au)  
or simply scan the QR code

Order a delicious cheese platter when booking  
Adults \$40 Seniors \$35 Child (under 14) \$25

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# District 22 Area 3 Meeting

From Janet Hayward, President of host club Brisbane River:

Dear Area 3 Zontians,

On behalf of the Members of the Zonta Club of Brisbane River, we look forward to welcoming you on Sunday 30th March for our Area 3 Meeting .

Our Area 3 Director, Roslyn Scott, has been working hard to present an exciting program.

Just a few more details:

Venue:

St Lucia Bowls Club is spacious with ample parking

Bowls Club has car parking area entrance on right off Carr Street

Extra parking in Keith Street pathway leads into Bowls Club grounds.

Mobility access

Market Stalls:

Clubs are most welcome to hold a market stall.

Please advise me via Email [khayward@powerup.com.au](mailto:khayward@powerup.com.au)

Catering:

Welcome teal/coffee/juice early morning snacks on arrival

Morning Tea and Lunch

Bowls Club Bar open at close of meeting-own expense

Raffles:

Of course

Hope you will join us.

Kind Regards

Janet Hayward

President Zonta Club of Brisbane River.



## District 22 Area 3 Meeting

Hosted by Area 3 Director Roslyn Scott and President Janet Hayward, and Members of the Zonta Club of Brisbane River Inc.

*RAISON D'ÊTRE -  
REASON FOR BEING.*

### Leadership- Inspire & Support

Please accept our invitation to meet with District Governor Petra Ladwig, District Lieutenant Robyn Liddell and visiting district officers and club members to build your Zonta skill, knowledge and networks.

#### A Day to

- Connect with Area 3 members and enjoy fellowship.
- Hear key District 22 Representatives.
- Receive up-to-date Zonta International, Zonta Australia and Zonta Foundation information.
- Engage in Zonta designed workshops.
- Learn skills for club and leadership success.
- Embrace the reason for being, the inspiration, and the support to Build a Better World for Women and Girls.



GUEST SPEAKER -  
ZIG ZAG.ORG  
YOUNG WOMEN'S RESOURCE  
CENTRE

MC & KEYNOTE -  
LYNNE FOLEY OAM

WHEN: SUNDAY  
30 MARCH 2025  
TIME: 8.30 - 4.00

WHERE: ST LUCIA  
BOWLS CLUB  
9 CARR ST ST LUCIA

TICKETS: \$65

Donate a Milo tin to  
support the  
Z Club Zig Zag Pantry

Area 3 Club Market Stalls  
Welcome

Registration and Payment  
by 24 March

Book tickets here:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CZAI8>

Contact: Janet Hayward  
[khayward@powerup.com.au](mailto:khayward@powerup.com.au)



## District 22 Area 3 Meeting *Raison d'être - Reason for Being.*

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

8.30am Registration, Markets and Raffle  
9.00am Introduction – Lynne Foley, OAM, CEO PotentialPlus Solutions

#### Important Messages from

- District 22 Governor, Petra Ladwig
- Area 3 Director, Roslyn Scott
- Zonta Foundation, Alex Grove
- District 22 Treasurer, Robyn Finlayson

#### Informative Sessions

- Introduction – A Community Affair – Janet Hayward
- Guest Speaker – Zig Zag.org
- Z Club of Fortitude Valley State Secondary School.

#### Workshops

- Zonta Core Values & Membership Workshop: Robyn Liddell, Membership Chair District 22
- Being Visible – Sandy Venn Brown, Zonta International Vice President and Jane Reid, President Zonta Ipswich.
- Exploring Raison d'être & Remarkability - Lynne Foley OAM

#### Keynote

- Inspiring and Supporting Leaders – Lynne Foley OAM, CEO PotentialPlus Solutions

4.00pm Close  
5.00pm Bar closed



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# International Women's Day and Rose Day

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND ZONTA ROSE DAY

8 March 2025

Each year on 8 March, the global community celebrates International Women's Day, recognizing women for their achievements regardless of national, ethnic, linguistic, economic or political divisions. The Zonta International community also celebrates Zonta Rose Day on 8 March, a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered us.

## For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment

On 8 March 2025, join us to celebrate International Women's Day under the theme, "For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment."

This year's theme calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind. Central to this vision is empowering the next generation—youth, particularly young women and adolescent girls—as catalysts for lasting change.

Besides, the year 2025 is a pivotal moment as it marks the 30th anniversary of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#). This document is the most progressive and widely endorsed blueprint for women's and girls' rights worldwide that transformed the women's rights agenda in terms of legal protection, access to services, youth engagement, and change in social norms, stereotypes and ideas stuck in the past.

Engage media, corporate leaders, governments, community leaders, civil society and youth, and others with influence to take action in your communities. Ask leaders to take action and invest in promoting women's rights and gender equality. Share International Women's Day stories and messages on digital platforms, using the hashtag [#ForAllWomenAndGirls](#) to spark dialogue and inspire action.

[Click here for further information](#)



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## Women of Note: Sharyn Watson

Sharyn Watson from Watmar Electrical Contractors won the 2020 Gold Coast Woman in Business of the Year Award.

Sharyn is not only an amazing business owner but an incredible woman that volunteers and constantly gives her time to the community. She was awarded the Paul Harris award for creating and her leadership in Water for the West and became the Hope Island Rotarian of the Year in 2020.



## Women of Note: Adrijana Hanušić Bećirović

Adrijana Hanušić Bećirović has contributed to significant changes in laws, policies and judicial practices during her 15 years of professional and volunteer experience. One of the most notable achievements has been the establishment of the practice of awarding compensation to victims of conflict-related sexual violence in criminal proceedings in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has also been involved in key strategic human rights litigation, achieving important national and international outcomes.

Adrijana has authored and edited numerous publications in those fields and has contributed to the development of key international guidelines, including the UK Government's PSVI protocol on the documentation and investigation of conflict-related sexual violence, principles on preventing and addressing the stigma associated with those crimes and the Murad Code.

Adrijana met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to share her story as a refugee during the Bosnian War and highlight the significance of every person's story in the pursuit of justice. As a dedicated human rights lawyer and activist, she illuminates the hidden narratives of war crimes and passionately fights for a secure future for all.

[Click here to watch Adrijana's youtube video - Remarkable Women Powerful Stories.](#)



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# Zonta Club of Paradise Point Inc: Call for Nominations for the Zonta International Young Women in Leadership Award

We have **called for applications** for the prestigious [Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award](#). This award celebrates young women who demonstrate **exceptional leadership**, a strong commitment to **volunteerism**, and a dedication to the **empowerment of women** across the globe.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young women to be recognized for their positive impact and leadership in volunteer activities. We highly encourage all potential applicants to visit the [Zonta International website](#) to view the inspiring bios of the [2024 Young Women in Public Affairs \(YWPA\) Awardees](#).

## Eligibility Criteria

Women aged 16-19 on April 1st each year, living in a Zonta district or who are citizens of a Zonta country, are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate evidence of:

- Active commitment to volunteerism
- Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid)
- Volunteer leadership achievements
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs
- Support for Zonta International's mission of building a better world for women and girls

## Key Dates for Applications to Zonta Club of Paradise Point Inc

- **Submission Deadline:** March 1, 2025
- **Shortlisted Applicants Notified:** By March 8, 2025
- **Interviews:** Conducted during the week of March 10 to 15, 2025

The successful applicant from **Zonta Club of Paradise Point Inc** will be submitted to the District Governor for consideration, along with other applicants from Zonta District 22, Queensland.

We hope to receive applications and learn about the inspiring leadership contributions young women are making within our community.

2025

## ZONTA YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD



### DESCRIPTION

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



The program operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta International offers 37 international awards of US\$5,000. Each district may submit one applicant for consideration for an international award. The five largest districts may submit a second applicant for a total of two applicants.



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## Items of Interest



### Zonta Rose

The "Zonta Rose" was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention, thanks to the dedication and support of District 16 Zontians. In 1983, then Lieutenant Governor of District 16 (New Zealand), Valerie Webster, proposed that a breed of roses be developed as a living symbol of Zonta International.

[Click here for further information](#)



### Coersive Control Laws

From 26 May 2025, coersive control will be a criminal offence in Queensland.

It will be illegal for an adult to use abusive behaviours towards their current, or former, intimate partner, family member, or informal (unpaid) carer with the intention to control or coerce them.

[Click here for further information](#)



### Qld Women's Week

02 to 09 March

Every year Qld Government celebrates the achievements and contributions of women and girls across the state as part of Qld Women's Week. The week helps to raise awareness of women's issues and inspire action for gender equality.

<https://www.women.qld.gov.au/news-events/queensland-womens-week>



### Supporting Support the Girls

It's fantastic to see our club members, both past and present, uniting in support of a great cause! A special shoutout to Jenny, Marian, Jo, Irene, and Angela for lending their talents in the kitchen for the Support the Girls bra fitting event at Helensvale on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Our club treasurer, Janet, is the Outreach Support Coordinator for Support the Girls.

[Click here for further information about Support the Girls](#)



### Breast Cushions

Our club creates and distributes specialised cushions designed to provide comfort and support to individuals who have undergone mastectomy or breast surgery. These cushions are often used to alleviate discomfort, provide gentle pressure, and promote healing during the post-operative recovery period. The service aims to improve the quality of life for breast cancer survivors by offering practical support and assistance during their recovery journey.



### Happy Birthday!

Karen - 2 March  
Lisa - 6 March  
Kathryn - 9 March  
Janet - 28 March

*'Every birthday is a gift. Every day is a gift.'*

*- Aretha Franklin -*

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## Diary Dates

### Club Meetings

- First Tuesday of the Month - Advocacy Zoom Meeting - 6:30pm
- First Tuesday of the Month - Service Zoom Committee Meeting
- Second Tuesday of the Month - Board Zoom Meeting - 7:30pm
- Third Tuesday of the Month - Monthly Club Dinner Meeting - 6:00pm
- March 30 - District 22 Area 3 Meeting

### Significant Dates

- March - National Women's History Month <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/womens-history-month/>
- March 02-09 - Qld Women's Week
- March 04 - Shrove Tuesday
- March 05 - Ash Wednesday
- March 08 - International Women's Day & Rose Day
- March 10 - Canberra Day
- March 12 - National Girl Scout Day
- March 15 - National Napping Day
- March 17 - St Patrick's Day
- March 17-23 - Harmony Week
- March 20 - National Close the Gap Day
- March 21 - International Day for The Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- March 22 - Earth Hour

