

October
2024

**Thought for the
month**

Every woman and
girl has the right
to feel safe
everywhere.

Southern Gold Coast Tweed

ZONTA

Building a Better World for Women and Girls



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month we had the International Day of the Girl on October 11th. We all need to continue to raise awareness for justice and equality for girls worldwide, by talking about this and sharing information on social media. Thank you to Kay who continues to post updates on our Facebook page keeping us informed and aware of many initiatives and information for us to reflect on and then share. It is reported that 12 million girls are married before the age of 18 each year. That is 23 girls every minute. Nearly 1 every 3 seconds. An alarming 230 million girls and women have experienced female genital mutilation. Zonta International diligently continues to work to lessen both these dilemmas throughout the world and is a key NGO to build a better world for women and girls. Please look at the Zonta International website for more information.

A huge thank you to our members and Friends of Zonta who put in an exceptional effort at Bunnings Tweed on the long weekend. It was a great success, achieving our best profit for some time, which will help us achieve our goals to help women and girls locally.



The Tweed Broadwater Craft ladies who sew our breast cushions, are holding their annual Christmas Craft Morning Tea on Monday 18 November at 9am at The Tweed Broadwater Village. Entry fee is \$5 which includes morning tea. All proceeds go to Palliative Care. I hope it can be supported by our members and Friends of Zonta.

I extend a warm invitation to you to join us at our dinner meeting next Monday 21st October 6.00pm for 6.30pm start **NSW DST** at South Tweed Sports Club. All welcome.

Kind regards



Yvonne

Oct 11

DAY OF THE GIRL

**HOW DOES CLIMATE CHANGE
IMPACT GIRLS?**

For Dabor, aged 9, drought means more time walking for water and less time for school.



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Service and Advocacy Report from Carole

Hi ladies,

Things very quiet this month, I dropped in 20 Breast cushions to John Flynn. I reached out to Tweed Valley Hospital, but they didn't need any at this stage. I followed up Lauren from the Sexual Assault Department and dropped in 10 eye pillows that Yvonne made and 30 new undies of various sizes. She thanked all members.

Jan from the Tweed Broadwater Village wanted to let us know that they are holding their annual Xmas Craft Morning Tea on Monday 18th of November 2024 at 9 am, entry fee of \$5 and this includes a very yummy morning tea. All proceeds go to Palliative Care. Please spread the word.



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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

Since 1990, Zonta has given 1,128 awards, totaling US\$1,673,750 to 956 young women from 61 countries.

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

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- 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 in Zonta International's mission of building a better world for women and girls.

