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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



Outgoing & Incoming President,  
Suzanne Schulte & Catherine Benson

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## Meetings

### Dinner Meeting

6:00pm for 6:30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Harvey Road Tavern

### Board Meeting

5:30pm  
Wednesday before Dinner  
Meeting  
Windmill Medical Centre

### Advocacy Meeting

5.15 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Lightbox, Goondoon St

### Membership Meeting

5:15pm for a 5:30pm start  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Coffee Club, Nightowl Centre

### Service Meeting

5:15pm for a 5:30pm start  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
Coffee Club, Nightowl Centre

## The ZEAL Program (Zonta excellence and Leadership)

The Zonta Club of Gladstone conducted our inaugural ZEAL program with 18 young women attending our leadership program across three weeks.

Thank you very much to Jody McMullen and Colleen Tribe, and to the presenters: Kiara Austin, Gemma Pirie, Grace Duckham, Ellen Terry, Giorgia Papi-Morini & Jennifer Ross.

More on this in next month's newsletter.



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# ZEAL

*Zonta Excellence And Leadership*

An initiative of the Zonta Club of Gladstone, designed to develop our local young women, enabling them to achieve their goals, understand their potential and make a difference in their local communities.

**Applications close 15th July, 2015**

For enquiries about the ZEAL Program, please contact the 2015 Coordinators

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### A Message from our Outgoing President, Suzanne Schulte

#### What promoted you to join ZONTA?

I joined Zonta as its vision and mission really appealed to me and my own personal beliefs. I also like the people in the club more than any Rotary club meeting I had attended!

#### What has your path in ZONTA been like (committees etc.)?

I joined the club in 2011 and was an advocacy committee member for a while. In 2012/13 the club needed a minutes secretary and I figured it was an "easy, no commitments" style position so put my hand up. During that year I got really interested and involved in the "Zonta Says No" work and from there I then became the Vice President, and then President.

#### Can you recall any memorable/funny moments?

Oh, there haven't been too many Zonta Gladstone events that don't make me laugh or smile.

I think one of the funniest times would have been when Colleen, Kate, Hilary, Heidi and myself went to the Area 2 meeting in Bundaberg (2014). We were only going for one night and Colleen was driving us and had told us to all pack light because boot space was limited. Heidi packed a big suitcase because "she was bringing the club laptop". She had also packed her dressing gown, slippers and a big mirror too! Sheelagh always had hilarious Zondarme fines for everyone and more recently Trisha's "health check" made everyone a little giggly!

#### What have you gained from being in ZONTA?

What haven't I gained?!

Personally, I've met some truly amazing women who I'm privileged to call my friends. I moved to the region by myself and anyone that has made that type of move can attest to how lonely it can get. I was always welcomed at Zonta meetings with big smiles and warm hearts and I hope I can find an equally amazing group of women in my next Zonta club. There is also the sense that we have made some significant differences to the lives of women in our community and international areas. Professionally, I think being part of the club and specifically the board has really helped me to further develop my leadership skills.

#### What are your plans once you move on?

Well firstly, I'm going on a holiday!!! I'm moving to Brisbane and I'm not sure which Brisbane club I will be joining as yet.

The next couple of months will be all about getting my feet firmly on the ground, finding somewhere for me and Mr George (my dog) to live and getting my head around being in a new city and everything that is associated with that!

#### What do you wish for ZONTA Club Gladstone?

All the very best of everything!!! (and that you stay in touch – my email address and phone numbers aren't changing!)

I think in the years I've been a member we have really grown and matured as a club and are now, more than ever strongly aligned with Zonta International/ District 22 and its strategic objectives as well as their service and advocacy projects all while successfully servicing our own community. As a club I believe we've learnt to work "smarter rather than harder" and I really hope this continues because we are all time-poor professional women with competing priorities and Zonta should be a joy rather than a chore!

From a club programs point of view, my biggest wish is to see the ZEAL program pilot:

1. Be acknowledged for a District Service Award at the District Conference in October
2. Gain momentum with the regions young women so that there is enough interest and support to establish a Z Club in the region
3. See it develop and grow into the larger mentoring program we initially aspired to create.

From a club leadership point of view my biggest wish is to see more members nominating for leadership roles at club and at a district level. We all have so many professional skills that are highly transferable to Zonta leadership roles and whilst Zonta knowledge is important it is learnt and gained over time. We all have to start somewhere, right?!

Overall I hope that the ZCG continues on the course they have set themselves. I hope you continue to challenge yourselves to provide the best service to our community and our members. When you don't want to change or innovate because it's confronting I hope you continue to challenge yourselves and when you have great ideas I hope you continue to speak up and/or listen.

### Profile – Incoming President, Catherine Benson



I was born and raised on a coffee plantation in Papua New Guinea.

Growing up in a developing country I saw first-hand some of the extreme issues women have to deal with – poor health care and hygiene issues; lack of education; and a culture of domestic violence where physical and sexual abuse is accepted as simply part of life.

On a personal level I had the benefit of being raised to believe that I could be whoever, and do whatever, I wanted and that gender was not a barrier, despite meeting some real opposition to this from others. I was also taught that all people are born equal and that economic and educational benefits available to me were a privilege and not a right.

I was inspired by my parents who were very community aware and always contributing through various programs and fund raising events for those less fortunate. They were also adventurous and not afraid to tackle a challenge. I have, throughout my adult years, been involved in various community groups and assisted where I could with those less fortunate than myself.

From a young child I wanted to be a lawyer and advocate for those in need. When I began my legal career I was introduced to Family Law and have made that field my specialty. I have seen first-hand the impact of family breakdown on all, but especially, on women and children. A sense of real achievement for me is watching the emotional growth of a woman who has been abused or under the control of her partner or family attitudes as she develops confidence and a sense of empowerment, as I work with her through the mine field of the relationship breakdown. I have a particular passion for working towards a reduction in family violence which happens by working with both the perpetrators of such as well as the victims, and helping to educate parents on the horrendous effects of such behaviour on their children.

I joined Zonta shortly after I moved to Gladstone, in 2012 – introduced through Margaret with whom I work. I had been an active member of the National Council of Women in Cairns and been involved with the domestic violence association there. I was keen to meet other like-minded women and to become involved in the local Gladstone community.

I first joined the service committee where I have served until now, including chairing that committee for a year.

I enjoy being actively involved in the support of women in our community. We have such a diverse group of highly qualified, dedicated women (as there is in every community). I am constantly intrigued at hearing about the lives and stories that women bring forward and consistently amazed at the amount of volunteering and incredible support work that goes on in our community. As well as working to support women less fortunate, I am encouraged by the incredible depth of qualifications, knowledge and experience our women have to offer and feel proud to be a part of such a community.

Outside of work I am a passionate animal lover and feel very strongly about the need to protect our wildlife and environment.

July Dinner Meeting



It was an excellent meeting with Christmas in July, with the inaugural Trading Table which brought in \$40, and a most inspirational speaker, Kevin Berg, the Managing Director of Bechtel in Gladstone.

Kevin gave a most informative perspective of women today in industry within their company and Australia, plus their contingency plans for their company in Gladstone, as well as a perspective on his own life and travels. All so positive. It was one of the best meetings of the year I think. Thanks to the membership committee for organising the meeting.

Don't forget drink more water, eat more fibre, and squeeze the lemon. Trisha Jacobsen



**ZONTA International OBJECTS**

To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.

To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members.

To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

### August Dinner Meeting

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

Fellowship will be from 6pm, with a prompt start at 6.30pm, at the Harvey Road Tavern.

What would tempt your taste buds on Tuesday night: Chicken Supreme wrapped with bacon served with mash, broccolini, carrot and red wine jus, or Herb crusted salmon served with mash, broccolini, carrot and bearnaise sauce?

At this meeting, we will be honoured to induct Catherine Benson as our Chairperson.

Our guest speaker for August will be Area 2 Director for Zonta District 22, Jan Lansburg.

Please bring your items for the trading table and coins/dollars for the trading table and Zondarme.

### Newsletter Submissions

For submissions or ideas for the newsletter, or for questions or feedback, please contact me on [robyn-](mailto:robyn-liddell@netspace.net.au)

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### Facebook & Website

Zonta Club Gladstone has a Facebook page. Have you liked it and invited your friends to like it?

We are also on the Zonta Website

<http://zontadistrict22.org/district-22-clubs/zonta-club-of-gladstone-inc/>

Watch that space. More coming soon.



Outgoing President, Suzanne Schulte with Zontians in action. Thank you very much for all that you have done, and we wish you all the best for the future Suzanne.



## Coming Events

### Date Claimers

- The **District 22 Conference**, at Airlie Beach, Whitsundays, on 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015. For registrations:  
<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=142465>
- **Reclaim the Night** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- **Zonta's Birthday** is 8<sup>th</sup> October
- The **UN International Day for the Elimination of violence against women and girls** is 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- **16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence against Women** starts on 25<sup>th</sup> November, and ends on International Human Rights Day (December 10).
- **International Women's Day** for 2016 will be Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### Banking Details

Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633 000  
Acc: 154 176 531

### Membership Fees

Membership fees are due now and can be paid via internet banking, to our ZONTA account.

### Dinner Fees

Dinner fees can also be paid via a deposit into the bank account.

### Happy Birthday to Zontians with August Birthdays

Catherine Benson (9<sup>th</sup>); Kelly Boase (12<sup>th</sup>)

Hope the year ahead brings all wonderful things.

### ZONTA Gladstone Committees

President: Catherine Benson

Membership	Service	Advocacy
Tracy Sutton (Chair)	Astrid Baade (Chair)	Marianne Cornwall (Chair)
Margaret Esdale (Assis Treas)	Ruth Bishop	Kate LeLacheur
Trisha Jacobsen	Lola Kerr	Jody McMullen
Alison Kelly	Karen Marsh	Giorgia Papa-Morini
Robyn Liddell	Dianne Treveton	Jennifer Ross
Heidi Moller	Suzanne Neucom	Gail Sellers
Carol Thompson	Debbie Williams	Abi Shead
Val Cleary		Colleen Tribe
		Alison Young
		Kelly Boase

**The Trading Table – Happening again at the August Meeting**

Members may bring items for sale and price them yourself at a reasonable price (e.g. to cover the cost of materials). There will be a float there, so members **please bring cash** (notes and coins).

**Ideal goods to bring are:**

- **Baking and preserves:** biscuits, loaves, cakes, slices, pies, puddings, cupcakes, muffins, pikelets, sweets, homemade jams, relish, pickles, etc.
- **Plants:** potted or in a bucket (cuttings or pups like bromeliads), or bunches of parsley, radish, mint, herbs, chives, dill, even flowers fresh or dried.
- **Produce:** Eggs, fruit and veggies from your gardens (E.g. lemons, garlic)
- **Craft:** knitted & crocheted items, patchwork, pottery, works of art, decorated clothes hangers, scrap booking materials, craft materials, hand-made cards, mobiles like dream catchers, etc.
- **Brick-a-brac:** (Pre-loved in good condition, or new) Good magazines, books, CDs, DVD's, napkins, nice linen, unwanted presents, china ware, glass, candles, soap, frames, pictures, reference books, novels, bling, hats, belts, good shoes, children's toys & books, games, unopened makeup, perfumes, creams, bath stuff, anything new that's not wanted.

If a non-perishable item does not sell, whoever brings it may take it home, or Trish will take it and bring it back next time. After two months if still unsold it will go to a charity. (a different charity each time).

**August 2015**

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Advocacy Meeting	Membership Meeting	Gladstone SHOW DAY Service Meet				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Board Meeting			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Dinner Meeting					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
Early Bird regn closes for District Conference						

September 2015

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Membership Meeting	Service Meeting				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Advocacy Meeting			Board Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Dinner Meeting					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
International Day of Peace						
28	29	30				

October 2015

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Labour Day Advocacy Meeting	Membership Meeting	Service Meeting		District 22 Conference	District 22 Conference	District 22 Conference
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Board Meeting			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Dinner Meeting				United Nations Day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
				Reclaim the Night		

*ZONTA's vision is a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights*

November 2015

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Advocacy Meeting	Membership Meeting	Service Meeting				ZONTA's Birthday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Board Meeting			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Dinner Meeting					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		International Day for the elimination of violence against women White Ribbon Day Day 1 of 16	Day 2 of 16 days of activism on Violence against women	Day 3/16	Day 4/16	Day 5/16
30						
Day 6/16						

December 2015

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Day 7/16 Membership Meeting	Day 8/16 Service Meeting	Day 9/16	Day 10/16	Day 11/16	Day 12/16
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Day 13/16 Advocacy Meeting	Day 14/16	Day 15/16	Day 16/16 International Human Rights Day Board Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Dinner Meeting					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas Day	Boxing Day	
28	29	30	31			

ZONTA Club Gladstone Members

Zonta Club of Gladstone Membership List as at June, 2015									
Name	Address	Email	Phone	Work	Mobile	B/day	Committee		
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