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President's Report

Karen Shepherd

Hi Ladies,

Thank you to all members for looking after our wonderful Club while Martin and I spent time with family and friends in Adelaide. Being grandparents is the best.

We have a very exciting time ahead with our AGM on 21st April at Cafe Jacqui's. A new Board is always a good idea as it will bring new ideas and energy to our Club.

The Area 4 meeting in Dalby was a huge success and later you will read a great article from Jenny L. Also Jacinta has written an article on the talk Dee gave at the March Dinner Meeting. Having missed that meeting I am really looking forward to reading Jacinta's article.

Our Birthing Kit assembly day is 9th May and Sally will have more to tell us about this on 21st April.

See you all at the dinner meeting!

Regards
Karen

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Past Event - Area 4 Meeting in Dalby



The meeting was well attended and each Club in Area 4 was represented with about 50 ladies in attendance on the Saturday and about 35 on the Sunday.

It was held at the St. Joseph's hall beside the Catholic Church and the Dalby ladies made the food for the morning and afternoon tea, as well as the lunch. When we arrived we were each presented with a lei.

There were familiar faces and I had offers from several ladies to come sit with them so being on my own was okay. Even the accommodation I booked at the one particular Motel was full of Zonta Ladies and the owner of the Motel was Jane Grieve a founding member of the Warwick Club. She gave us all a free Continental Breakfast. The Saturday night dinner was held at a local Hotel and we were all upstairs and there was a live band and young ones downstairs. We all (from the Motel) walked to and from the event together. Dalby had devised a treasure hunt which created a lot of fun and then there were jokes and our Area Director Sandy had everyone in stitches, so a good night was had by all. The District Governor also attended the whole weekend.

That covers the social aspect of the weekend, now the business. The 3 words for Zonta this Biennium are Conviction, Commitment and Courage. A Social Worker from Dalby who works with disengaged youth talked about her Conviction to work with young women of Dalby to help them achieve in life. The Dalby High School Deputy who is a member of the Club talked about her

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Commitments in life and how she stays committed to what she does. It was a lively and invigorating talk, which is the personality of this lady. Another member of the Dalby Club talked about the Courage it takes to be a farmer's wife. This lady had lived on a property in the far west of NSW and had raised, schooled and worked beside her husband through droughts and all else that country women deal with.

Small group discussions followed to determine where each club felt these words fell into place for their club.

Ans Van Erp talked about Membership and instead of talking about how to get members she talked about why people join Zonta and then choose to stay. She then suggested Clubs sell membership with these stories.

A lady talked about Branding and Identity and it was basically that Clubs have to sell their identity to the public to be heard. Another lady talked about Publicity and Promotion and this was really all about using the internet and Facebook to promote our Clubs.

A Dalby member who attended the International Convention talked about the Convention. She made it sound as if they are a very enjoyable experience.

On Sunday the District Treasurer talked about spreadsheets and presenting financial reports. It was really interesting and there were lots of questions asked and answered. Her presentation was to be put up on the District website for all Clubs to access.

Judith the District Governor talked about Zonta International and how it all works. It was also very interesting hearing about the UN and Zonta's voice on the UN.

A lady from the Dalby Forum talked about how a meeting should be run and she was also interesting and ran out of time. She advised all Clubs to engage someone from a Forum Club to come and talk to the Club regarding this. Did you know the Secretary cannot move that her minutes are correct? It has to be someone else move and someone else second. I did not know this. Also the Correspondence Secretary and the President are the people who prepare the

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Agenda for the meeting. She talked about protocol and many other things that I cannot remember now, but I know I found them interesting at the time. I have printed information if the Club would like it.

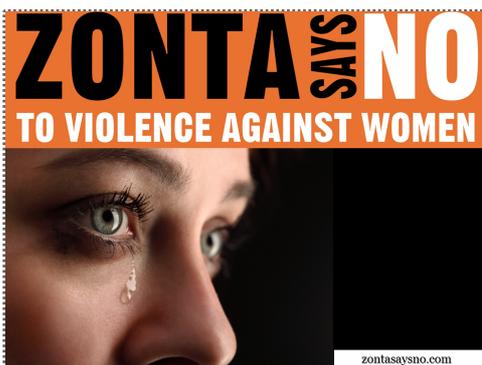
Each club had to give a report about their own club. As I find public speaking difficult and I was last because Warwick is "W" and last I gave what I felt was a fair report about the club. I covered the Club's involvement with disengaged girls and all the club had done in this area like buying Formal Uniforms for the High School, giving money to The Hub etc. I mentioned the club had held a second hand book sale which got everyone talking, as well as our Aussie Day Breakfast. I did not want to repeat what the other clubs had talked about but wanted to present the different things our club does.

Next year the meeting is in Roma and they have promised to put on a good weekend. They all turned up to the dinner in grass skirts and leis and are a real scream when out and about so it will be a good weekend.

Contributed by: Jenny Loy

Past Event - March Dinner Meeting

Dee Mayo Speaker



Following is a summary of Dee Mayo's presentation on Domestic Violence to the March Dinner (prepared by Jacinta Fromm).

The Prime Minister of Australia has called for an urgent national approach to tackle

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domestic violence. In 2014 across the nation, 88 women were killed by their partners and current figures for 2015 show 20 women have been killed. On average across Australia one women is killed by her partner every week.

The Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland, chaired by The Honourable Quentin Bryce, delivered their report to the Premier in February 2015. This report tables 60,016 occurrences of domestic and family violence reported to Qld Police in 2013-2014; the annual cost of domestic and family violence to the Qld economy is estimated to be between \$2.7 – \$3.2 billion. The Qld Taskforce recommended:

1. Increasing awareness and reinforcing intolerance of domestic and family violence through education and engagement.
2. Gain a better understanding and challenge the 'myths'.
3. Support women and children by empowering the community to intervene and hold perpetrators to account.
4. Establish pilot sites (3) funded for minimum 5 years, to develop and deliver a model for integrated service response, including a common risk assessment tool.
5. Develop and implement training and specialised practice materials for police, judicial officers and front-line service providers. This would include creating specialist domestic and family violence courts, with specialists magistrates that can deal with both civil and criminal DV issues.

Other points made:

- The biggest risk to women's health in the age range 15-44 years is domestic violence.
- DV can occur anywhere and to anyone regardless of socio-economic status.
- Drugs and alcohol are not the cause of DV, but may be used as an excuse.
- Women are not responsible for the partner's violence and do not cause him to use violence to solve his problems.
- There are many reasons that make it difficult for a women to leave her home.
- Children are at high risk of developing psychological trauma; they feel unsafe, insecure, fearful, withdrawn and confused.
- Children who have witnessed and been subjected to domestic violence are at risk of becoming adult perpetrators of violence.

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What can we do at an individual level:

1. Report incidents of possible violence – hold family, friends, neighbours accountable for violent and unacceptable behaviours.
2. Lobby State and Federal members to reinstate funding of Domestic and Family Violence Services.
3. Support current initiatives such as White Ribbon Campaign, Anti-Bullying Programs, Media Advocacy Project, Eliminating Violence Against Women Media Awards; Respectful Relationships Education Programs.

Zonta says No to Violence Against Women is a Zonta International campaign to raise awareness of, and increase actions to end violence against women and girls around the world. The campaign features the service and advocacy actions of Zonta clubs and districts to prevent and end violence against women and girls in local communities. It also refers to Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW). For further information, refer to <http://zontasaysno.com/>

Current Campaigns

These are the campaigns our district and club are currently involved with:

Young Woman's Bursary

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Bursary from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to a girl who may be considering leaving school due to financial pressures.

Forthcoming Events

AGM - 21 April:

To be held at Cafe Jacqui's. All positions will be declared open.

Birthing Kit Assembly - 9 May:

To be held at Scots PGC campus, Locke Street, Warwick. Commencing at 9.00am we will pack 1,000 kits in approximately two hours. This is a busy day and Zonta Club Warwick appreciates the support and assistance of members, students and the community. Members please arrive by 8.45am and bring morning tea to share. We need to vacate by 11.45am so please attend early.

Dorothy Haig - A Retrospective - 11 June:

Exhibition opening at the Warwick Art Gallery - 6.00pm start. Tickets will go on sale at the Warwick Art Gallery from 19 May - \$25. This event is a fundraiser for ovarian cancer research with 20% of art sales on the

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night being donated.

Young Women in Public Affairs

The goal of Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The program works at the club, district and international levels.

Birthing Kit Assembly

The club continues to fundraise for and assembles 1000 Birthing Kits each year. These are sent by the [Birthing Kit Foundation](#) to areas of need throughout the world.

Breast Care Cushion Project

The club works with Queensland Corrective Services, giving the materials needed for breast care cushions to women prisoners who then sew the cushions as part of their community service work. The cushions are then provided to the Toowoomba Hospital for their breast care patients and they provide

Snippets

Jenny and Graham Eldridge have welcomed the arrival of grandson Thomas Eldridge McArdle who was born on 9 April weighing in at 7lb 8oz and 60cm long!! Congratulations!

Knitted Knockers Australia “Communities Helping Women” – www.knittedknockersaustralia.com

This is a community project of Burwood Neighbourhood House; a non-profit organisation engaging women and groups all over Australia to knit prosthesis that are very soft and light to wear, and can be worn just after mastectomy and/or during radiotherapy treatment. A Sunshine Coast branch has now been established. Jacinta Fromm has contacted the group for more information on how we could assist this project.

Do You Own 'The Red Box'??

Are you missing a red plastic box? The box was used to prevent water going everywhere from a flower arrangement given by Zonta at our Australia Day Breakfast, but we would like to return it to its rightful owner. Is it yours? If so please [get in touch](#) and let us know so we can

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immense relief to patients who have lost a breast to cancer.

Fundraising Projects

Our club also has ongoing involvement in local projects we support via fundraising efforts including **Warwick Safe Haven, Olive McMahon Cancer Lodge**, and the **International Women's Development Agency** to promote sustainable cottage industries run by women in Timor.

return it.

Birthdays



April:

2 - Lois

7 - Rhonda

May:

18 - Janet

Our best wishes for a very happy day!



Happenings on Facebook

Domestic violence is still a big topic over on Facebook:

China's women's rights activists were arrested over their protests about domestic violence - [read article](#).

We shared an interesting article from White Wolf Pack on **native American quotes** about women that show the respect with which they are held - [read here](#).

We shared **White Ribbon's** domestic violence wheel and their statement that 1 in 3 men don't believe checking a partner's phone constitutes domestic violence - [see it here](#).

We shared **Ashley Judd's** article after she was abused on Twitter for daring to share an opinion about sport - some of the comments were just shocking - [read it here](#). (**language warning)

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Committee Notes/Jottings

March Raffle: won by Dee Mayo who will donate the prize for the April dinner meeting.

Advocacy Committee:

We are getting everything organised for the Birthing Kit Assembly Day on 9 May where we will pack 1,000 kits for distribution.

Service Committee:

Rosa's husband Greg is home and doing well. Rosa is on leave from Zonta at the moment.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

21 AGM - Cafe Jacqui's - All positions declared vacant and nominations received. New Board to be sworn in at Changeover Dinner.

MAY

9 Birthing Kit Assembly day - Scots PGC campus, Locke Street, Warwick from 9.00am. Members please arrive by 8.45am.

22 Changeover Dinner - Cafe Jacqui's - cost TBC

JUNE

11 'Thread is My Connection With Other Worlds' Exhibition by Dorothy Haig - Warwick Art Gallery. An artwork will be donated as the main raffle prize and Zontians are asked to donate smaller raffle prizes, and to cater for this function (canapés and wine)

JULY 2016

2-6 Zonta International 63rd Convention - Nice, France

Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

21st April - Cafe Jacquis, 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

Guest speaker: tbc

Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Sunday 19th April**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.

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Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

Apr: 14th April at 5.00pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).

May: 5th May at 5.00 pm

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

Board 2014/2015

President:	Karen Shepherd
Vice President:	Jenny Eldridge
2nd Vice President:	Rosa Hardy
Minutes Secretary:	Leanne Olsen
Correspondence Secretary:	Jacinta Fromm
Treasurer:	Louise Cox
Assistant Treasurer:	Rhonda Betts
Directors:	Dee Mayo; Nola Roach; Sally Carr

Archivist:	Mary Goyne
Newsletter:	Jacinta Fromm; Lyn Prowse-Bishop

Committees 2014/2015

Service:
Rosa Hardy (Chair), Jenny Loy, Faye Marley, Karen Shepherd, June Stewart, Jacinta Fromm, Dorothy Haig.

Membership:
Jen-Rose Holmes (Chair), Nola Roach, Mary Goyne, Louise Cox, Dee Mayo, Lois James, Louise Clarke.

Advocacy:
Sally Carr (Chair), Jenny Eldridge, Leanne Olsen, Mary Johnson, Valerie Rose, Rhonda Betts, Lyn Prowse-Bishop, Janet Forbes.

Nominating Committee:
Jacinta Fromm, Louise Cox

District 22 Governor: Judith Trevan-Hawke

Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown

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