

Monthly Newsletter



ZONTA
CLUB OF
PARADISE POINT INC



President's Message

Here we are already into February.

The annual Planning Meeting went well, with all contributing to plans we have noted on the annual calendar.

With such a busy month in January with family visits and a few days away I wasn't really concentrating on Zonta issues. Now that I'm able to, I've been seriously thinking about the combined committees. It appeared that each committee was having to hold a meeting to discuss what to bring to the Combined Committee Meeting.

This was simply duplicating the process. I have sent an email detailing my concern and it appears from the replies I've received that you simply don't want an additional meeting each month. I can understand that. Once I have a majority decision I'll confirm the result.

So let's go into 2025 with a fresh mind set, ready to face the challenges ahead. We have planned well, let's celebrate another Zonta year.

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

- Michael Jordan -

Merrilee

Dinner Meeting Information

Date

Tuesday 18 Feb 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 Feb 2025

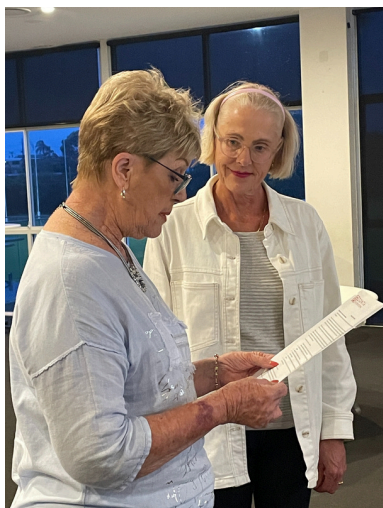
If an emergency requires a late apology, please call Merrilee before noon on Tuesday. This is a courtesy call and may not remove the necessity for payment.

November Dinner Meeting: Celebrating Zonta's 105th Birthday

Our November meeting was a special occasion as we celebrated Zonta International's 105th birthday. The event highlighted the Every Woman, Every November Campaign and showcased our commitment to the 16 Days of Activism by incorporating the colors orange and white.

A highlight of the celebration was the lucky dip, where members eagerly reached in to discover their prizes. It was a joyful moment that added to the festive atmosphere.

Happy 105th Birthday, Zonta International! Let's continue our work with renewed focus and enthusiasm to build a better world for women and girls.



Induction of New Member

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new member, Karen Egbars.

Karen, you are now one of more than 27,000 members around the world who believe in making the world a better place for all by empowering women and girls.

Click on the link below to watch the New Member Orientation Video:

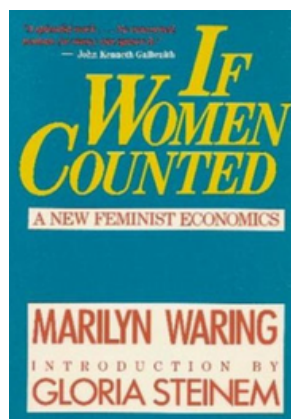
[New Member Welcome Video](#)

Raise Your Glass: Marilyn Waring

Marilyn Waring is indeed a remarkable New Zealand figure in feminist economics and public policy. Her 1988 book, *If Women Counted*, is a groundbreaking work that challenges traditional economic measures by highlighting how women's unpaid labor, such as housework and caregiving, is often excluded from economic value. This exclusion, she argues, skews our understanding of economic growth and well-being. Waring's critique of GDP and the United Nations System of National Accounts (UNSNA) underscores how these systems can misrepresent economic health by valuing activities like oil spills and wars while ignoring essential, unpaid work.

'counts oil spills and wars as contributors to economic growth, while child-rearing and housekeeping are deemed valueless'

Her influence extends to academic circles, government accounting practices, and even United Nations policies. Since 2006, she has been a Professor of Public Policy at AUT in Auckland, New Zealand, where she continues to focus on governance, political economy, gender analysis, and human rights.



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BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Fundraiser

Summer Splash Event by Kathryn Janovsky

On Saturday 18 January 2025, Summer Splash was a successful event raising approximately \$2200. Janet will give a full report at our next meeting.

A big shout out and sincere thank you to Viv and Wayne for their efforts wrt to BBQ trailer, pick up, clean up and return. Let alone cooking and serving at the first session.

All members really contributed to the success: Helen (thanks for staying longer and cleaning and promoting advocacy aspect to the event), Janet and Rex for their time and collect more sausages etc and Janet for being interviewed, Ange, Geoff, Marian, Bernard, Judy, Graham, and Karen for their effective cooking and/or serving and support for event.

I would also like to express my thanks for Peter for his assistance before, during and after the event. It was great to have Irene, a former member, who stepped in to assist. Thanks Irene.



Orange the World

16 Days of Activism

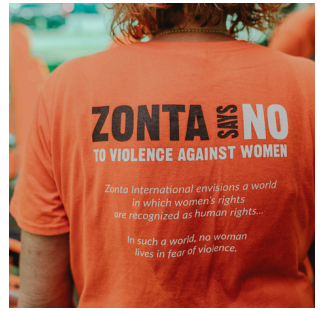
Every year, from November 25th to December 10th, the world unites for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. This global campaign, known as "Orange the World," aims to raise awareness and drive action to end violence against women and girls.

This year, our club organized a walk from Surfers Paradise to Pratten Park on a very warm Sunday morning. The walk was successful as we stood out from the crowd and had the opportunity to hand out brochures and "Orange the World" leaflets, highlighting what individuals can do to promote the 16 Days of Activism. The color orange symbolizes a brighter future free from violence and shows solidarity with the movement.

A big **THANK YOU!** to Rachael Weber for the fabulous photos taken on the day.

Orange city lights throughout the Gold Coast included the Isle of Capri Bridge, Surfers Paradise sign and decorative garden lighting in Surfers Paradise, the Broadbeach sign and lighting in Victoria Park (Broadbeach).





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.

Items of Interest



Purple Bench

The Purple Bench Movement
Raising awareness about
domestic and family violence.
An initiative by Soropamist Gold
Coast and Cr Shelley Curtis
Divison 4. For advice and
support, call 1800 RESPECT -
1800 737 732
City of Gold Coast



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.
Your teamwork and dedication
shine as brightly as the smiles you
bring.



International Women's Day

Saturday 08 March 2025
International Women's Day is
celebrated every year in many
countries around the world. It is
a day when all women are
recognised for their
achievements.

<https://www.iwd.net.au/>



Happy Birthday!

Marian - 4 December
Helen - 8 December
Karen - 2 March
Lisa - 6 March
Kathryn - 9 March
Janet - 28 March

*'Every age can be enchanting,
provided you live within it.'*

- Brigitte Bardot -



Diary Dates

Club Meetings

04 February 2025 - Committee Zoom Meeting - 6:30pm

11 February 2025 - Board Zoom Meeting - 7:30pm

18 February 2025 - Monthly Club Dinner Meeting - every 3rd Tuesday of the month - 6:00pm

Dates of Significance

02 February 2025 - Physical Disability Awareness Day

04 February 2025 - World Cancer Day

09 February 2025 - Chocolate Day

10 February 2025 - Royal Hobart Regatta

10 February 2025 - Teddy Day

14 February 2025 - Valentine's Day

14 Feb - 02 Mar - Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

16 Feb - 22 Feb - Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week

17 February 2025 - Random Acts of Kindness Day

20 February 2025 - World Day of Social Justice

21 February 2025 - International Mother Language Day

Acknowledgements

16 Days of Activism - Photographer Rachael Weber.

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