

## President's Message

Hi All

I can't believe that another month has passed! I hope that you are all keeping well.

I am looking forward to the social night at Pam and Kath's and looking forward to catching up with people on a less formal basis.

Congratulations to the Advocacy Committee on a major milestone in the Domestic Violence Help Information stickers for toilet doors. The stickers have landed! This has been a long-term project and it is great to see tangible progress.

May is shaping up to be a busy month for the Club. We have the DVAC Candlelight Vigil, the Theatre night, a breast cushion working bee and the Area 4 Workshop. There is also a Sausage Sizzle! Details for these will be further down in the Newsletter.

Busy though May will be, hopefully it's a sign that we are emerging somewhat from the COVID world.

Take care.

*Leanne Roberts*

## CLUB NEWS:

### Fundraising.

Good morning Zontians,

As promised, here is the request for workers for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 8 May 2021.

To meet the requirements for COVID-Safe guidelines, we will need six people plus a runner's assistant for each of two shifts, 4 hours per shift.

That's a total of 14 people – we need 3 more shifts to be filled & another runner for morning & afternoon to help Pam, please.

Morning Shift, Starting at 8.00 – 12:00	Afternoon Shift - Starting 12.00 – 16:00
Bronwen Cottman ©	Kath Everett – Cook ©
Wayne McDonnell	Lisa Schubert
Pat Evatt	Ian Schubert
David Hamill	Ros Bolton
Jane Reid (cashier)	
Pam Lane - Runner	Pam Lane - runner

Pam will be the Runner for the Day and general helper. Thank you!!

**C - Captain for the shift**

To RSVP your spot, please reply to [ipswichzonta@gmail.com](mailto:ipswichzonta@gmail.com) (please do not Reply All) and cc Bronwen in your reply [bcottman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bcottman@optusnet.com.au) - I am coordinating the responses.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to hearing back from you.

Bronwyn Cottman  
0402 121 457

**Service.**

Packing Care Packs at the last Committee meeting.



L-R Kath Everett, Bronwen Cottman and Brenda Ryan.

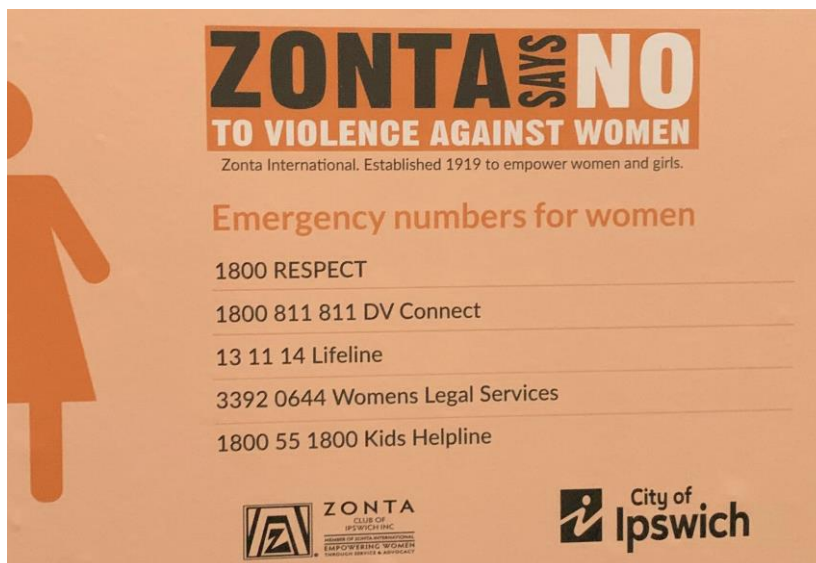


Lyn Birnie and Jill Lucht

## Advocacy:



L-R: Robyn Hargreaves, Mary Smith, Marie Dixon, Pam van de Hoef and Margaret Llewellyn.



The long-awaited DV information stickers for public places have been produced and are soon to be posted in Ipswich Physiotherapy Centre, and public toilets and other sites approved by ICC.

## UNITED NATIONS UPDATE.

War, a humanitarian crisis, a looming famine, a health system close to collapse and the deepening impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have led to a “catastrophic situation” in which a woman dies in childbirth every two hours in Yemen, according to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA).

Childbirth can be harrowing in even the best of times but the cascade of humanitarian crises in Yemen have made the journey to motherhood more dangerous than ever. The country’s long-running conflict has depleted the health system. Currently only half of all health facilities are functioning.

The pandemic has only aggravated the situation, with roughly 15 per cent of the health system shifted to deal with COVID-19 cases. Only 20 per cent of functioning health facilities are providing maternal and child health services.

Today, a woman in Yemen dies during childbirth every two hours, almost always from preventable causes. And now, the threat of famine looms.

Moreover, women's and girls' vulnerability to violence has greatly escalated under the country's crisis.

UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem recently paid a three-day visit to Yemen. "The situation is catastrophic," she said and child marriage is increasingly being used as a coping mechanism by impoverished families.

UNFPA sites, which are among the very few safe spaces for women and girls", Dr. Kanem said.

UNFPA is supporting eight such shelters and 51 women's and girls' safe spaces. Last year, UNFPA provided more than half of all health facilities in Yemen with essential life-saving medicines and reached more than 1.2 million women and girls with reproductive health services.

But much more support is needed. "The women and girls of Yemen deserve peace. For too long, they have been caught up in a conflict that is not of their making," Dr. Kanem urged. "The world must act now."

(United Nations Website News)

*Eirys Jones*

## **DATE CLAIMERS:**

### **BUNNINGS \$500 VOUCHER RAFFLE (DRAWN 28<sup>th</sup> June)**

Tickets are now on sale- check your emails.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased a variety of ways including:

1. from Pam Lane on 0411706541
2. Credit card details to Jill Lucht on 0409494312
3. Direct debit BSB 064-417

Account number 00925322

Reference: mobile number and surname

4. Via [eventsipswichzonta@gmail.com](mailto:eventsipswichzonta@gmail.com)
5. Via Facebook [Zonta Club of Ipswich Inc.](#)

### **\*From DVAC:**

You are invited to make and light candles for National Domestic and Family Violence Remembrance Day.

**\*Candles & Conversations - Candle Making Workshops for a Purpose 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April**

You are also invited to join Domestic Violence Action Centre, Sip N Dip Australia and Missick & Co to learn of to [make candles](#) and join in with conversations about the impact of domestic violence in your community and how you can be part of the solution.

These workshops are casual and fun events with a serious side conversation. It is hoped workshop attendees will bring their newly made candles with their friends, family, and colleagues to the Remembrance Day Candle [Vigil](#). Find out more (see emails) and book your candle making workshop.

**\*[Domestic Violence Remembrance Day Candle Vigil](#) on **Wednesday 5th May** at 5.30 p.m. at Tulmur Place, in the Ipswich CBD. At this event, the Ipswich community will come together to pay respect and remember those who have been killed due to Domestic and Family Violence in a local march and candle lighting ceremony. It will be a solemn event that remembers lives lost to domestic violence but it also an opportunity to learn, to find your voice, call out violence, promote equality and be part of the solution to say no, not now, not ever to domestic violence.**

Guest speakers include Vanessa Fowler, Chair Alison Baden-Clay Foundation, Teresa Harding – Ipswich City Mayor, Amie Carrington – CEO Domestic Violence Action Centre, and Superintendent Dave Cuskelly, Queensland Police Service.

Any Zontians attending (before the theatre!) please wear Club shirts.

It would be appreciated if you could extend these invitations within your networks. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like further information. We do hope to see you there.

Kind regards,

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**\*ANZAC DAY 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

A wreath will be laid on behalf of our Club by Rachael Reihana.

**\*APRIL CLUB MEETING - A GENERAL MEETING Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

A Fellowship, not fundraising Dinner will be held at the home of Pam Lane and Kath Everett. It will be a guest night with an Australian theme. We can look forward to being musically entertained by Ian Schubert.

**\*ZONTA THEATRE NIGHT**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** 8 pm at the Incinerator Theatre, Burley Griffin Drive Ipswich.

Ipswich Little Theatre presents 'Savannah Sipping Society' by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten

\$25 per head

Ring or SMS Pam Lane for tickets on 0411706541

**\*BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE** Saturday **8<sup>th</sup> May** (see Bronnie's letter above)

**\*BREAST CUSHION MORNING** Sunday **16<sup>th</sup> May** At Jill's place at Thagoona. All welcome. Sewing skills not necessary. Bring something to share for morning tea.

**\*AREA 4 WORKSHOP**, hosted by Zonta Club of Ipswich **22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Details to be announced soon.

**\*DVAC GALA DINNER** **29<sup>th</sup> May**- to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DVAC.

**\*District 22 CONFERENCE** Mackay 2-5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Reminders for Members:**

\*Please continue to Like and Share and use hashtags on our Club Facebook page. And check out the latest Facebook post from Melissa Horton!



In April, we celebrate with these **BIRTHDAY BABES**:

**Gaye Anderson, Lyn Birnie and Bronwen Cottman**

Hope your celebrations will be special, and that the coming year will be filled with good health and happy days.

## From the Archives:

With the Area Workshop coming up soon, I thought that members may like to see the programme (yes, I am old school) that our Club organized for the 2008 Area 6 Workshop held at "Woodlands" of Marburg.

Accommodation was available in converted Expo prefabricated buildings.

There was much merriment, and everyone had a great time.

We even got to have drinks in the cellar.

The keynote speaker was our very own, Pam van de Hoef, and such an enjoyable and delightful presentation it was. Please enjoy photos of the delegates and members.



### *Area 6 Workshop—Women: The rich tapestry of us*

*Saturday 5 April 2008*

*Morning Chair—Helen Walker - Zonta West Moreton President*

*9:00 – 10:00 Registration and coffee*

*10:00 – 10:05 Welcome to the City of Ipswich, Councillor Sheila Ireland, JCC*

*10:05 – 10:30 Welcome delegates to District, Patricia Lawson, District Governor, Dist 24*

*Welcome delegates to Area 6, Ans Van Esp, Area 6 Director*

*10:30 – 11:00 Keynote speaker Ageing and Happiness Pam Van de Hoef, Zontian and Psychiatrist, The Park Centre for Mental Health*

*11:00 – 11:15 Zonta (and the umbrella) - Eirys Jones*

*11:15 – 12:15 Workshop 1*

*Concurrent stream 1a—<sup>1st room</sup>Vanessa Horstmann, Journalist  
The How and Why of Media Engagement*

*Concurrent stream 1b—<sup>1st room</sup>Gillian Smith, Member Zonta Club Dalby  
Recruitment*

*Concurrent stream 1c—<sup>2nd room</sup>Denise Conroy, Zontian and Senior Lecturer at QUT,  
Member of Zonta Club, Brisbane East  
Advocacy*

*12:15 – 1:15 Lunch*

*Afternoon Chair—Kath Everett - Zonta West Moreton*

*1:15 – 2:15 Workshop 2*

*Concurrent stream 2a: Helen Fletcher, Zontian Toowoomba Garden City  
Fundraising*

*Concurrent stream 2b: Maria Stevenson, Zontian West Moreton  
Fellowship—a key to retention*

*Concurrent stream 2c: Denise Conroy, Zontian and Senior Lecturer at QUT, Zonta Member  
Advocacy (repeated)*

*2:30 – 3:00 Plenary Session—Workshop facilitators to report*

*3:00 – 3:30 Afternoon Tea*

*3:30 – 4:30 Showcase of West Moreton Zontians  
Pam Lane, District Mgr West Moreton and South Burnett Health Dist  
Alison McGrath, Managing Director, Recruitment Queensland*

*4:30 – 4:40 Closing Remarks, Helen Walker*







*Helen Walker*



**Inducted to the DFV Prevention Honour Roll**  
in recognition of our organisation's action to prevent domestic and family violence, raise awareness and support people impacted by domestic and family violence in Queensland.

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