

November 2024 NEWSLETTER



President Ange Hill



Details: Please Note Changes

The next dinner meeting is 9th September at Fiction Bar Raby Bay 6pm for 6:30pm. Please note changes to structure of the dinner All members will need to order their meal from the menu and pay individually.

All apologies to Robyn before Fri 6th

Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland Board

President	Ange Hill
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Director	Marilyn Smith (Chair Advocacy)
Director	Barbara Wills; (Service)



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President's Report

Ange Hill - President's Report

Not sure if others are asking this question with only 13 weeks left of 2024, 'Where has this year gone?'

Congratulations to our member Pat and her husband Bill who celebrated 60 years of marriage. What an achievement!

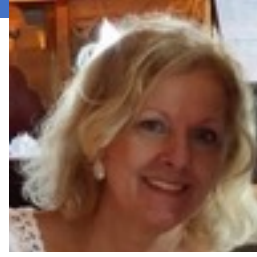
Our Homelessness Forum is scheduled for 12 October and thank you to our members who have stepped up to ensure community providers and organisations are available and we can provide information to our community to address the needs of those who are homeless and what can we do to change this.

Planning is almost complete for our Derby Day function on 02 November with thanks to Barbara, Service Chair.

As District 22 Co-Chair, the 16 Days of Activism (25 November , the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women to 10 December, International Human Rights Day) is foremost in my mind to increase awareness of gender based violence with some educational and thought provoking events planned throughout our District.

Why orange? As a bright and optimistic colour, orange represents a future free from violence against women and girls. Keep an eye out for landmarks lit orange, orange figures and orange shirts





Membership News – Zora Abbott

This morning I received an email from Jenny (Judith's sister) with an update on Judith's health and the celebration of her 77th birthday. She has also attached a few photos that I could only open on my phone.

Previously I sent her an email with the best wishes for Judith's birthday on behalf of all of us from our Zonta club.

Dear Zora and Julie

Thank you so much for your messages and apologies for not getting back to you before now. Judy (as we call her in England!!) was so pleased to hear from you.

She is improving much more now and is able to communicate well; albeit with some pauses as she searches for words. Her right-hand movement is severely impacted but the physiotherapy is helping her to exercise the arm and leg. She can stand with assistance but is unable to walk at present.

The plan is for Judy to be repatriated back to Brisbane now that she is fit to travel but this will take some time to organise through her travel insurance as she will need to travel on a stretcher in the plane.

In the meantime, I thought you might like to see a couple of photos from her recent birthday. The two people with Judy are my middle daughter, Jo, and her husband Paul.

It's a long journey ahead for Judy but I know she is keen to get home amongst the rest of her family and all her very good friends.

Very best wishes – Jenny

Club members might remember Julie Hossack who was a valued member of our club and a close friend of Judiths.

Hi Jenny

Could you pass on to Judith my Birthday wishes for the 22nd September and give her a hug for me. We share a birthday in September and usually try to celebrate our long history of friendship - 24 yrs this year. Look forward to our 25th year of friendship next year when hopefully she will be back in Australia.

I am keeping in touch with her stepdaughter Missy. I understand she is now in a stroke Rehab so hopefully there will be some further improvement in speech and mobility.

I feel for you coping with your own medical event journey whilst supporting Judith in hers.

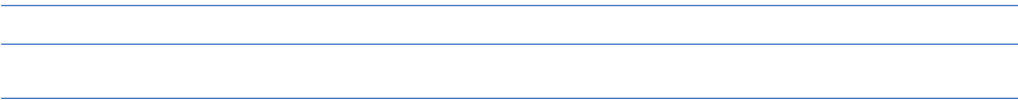
Take care

Julie Hossack

Past President Pat and Bill celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary and Bills 90th birthday, wonderful milestones. Congratulations Pat and Bill.



Janet is back from Sicily and would recommend it as a travel destination.



Service News – Barbara Wills

It's all systems go now for the major fundraiser for 2024. Derby Day invitations have been sent out and if every Zontian got one table (8 people) to attend this will be a great success. All the focus has been on providing a fun day at budget prices. At \$65 pp they will get a lovely two course lunch with a welcome drink entertainment and a chance to win on the sweeps and the raffles, to say nothing of the best dressed prizes and the fashion parade. There is plenty of parking at the Wynnum Bowls Club We really need this to be a success as funding of our project is becoming very difficult.

Our Focus now is on Derby Day which will be held at the Wynnum Bowls Club on 2nd November and the Forum on the 12th of October.

We also completed Robyn and Jans work with 12 breast cushions and drainage bags and 10 toiletries bags for distribution to the hospital and schools. However, the sewing day this month is to be advised as the 10th does not work with the forum on Saturday 12th.

A reminder to all that raffle prizes for Derby Day can be brought to Mondays dinner meeting



Advocacy News -Marilyn Smith

All we need now to have a successful outcome next Saturday 12th October is lots of people to hear the message. The forum starts at 9.30 and is free of charge. We are simply asking attendee to bring some contribution in the form of non perishable food stuffs or toiletries. These will be distributed amongst the speakers as a thank you for their contribution to the event. Please show how involved Zonta members are to the less fortunate in our community.

Motions

Love Bites: Ange had investigated the program and questioned the necessity for participants to undergo full training again to incorporate the changes. Part training on the new section would be less expensive. It was pointed out that this was originally a District project and was part of the HPA curriculum. It was agreed that club is not in the position to fund four nurses at \$500+ per head. Brisbane East club has negotiated a different out come and it is the boards recommendation that we donate the \$800 to Brisbane East to assist with the training.

Motion: The Zonta Club of Wynnum Redlands will support the Love Bites training with a contribution of \$200 x 4 nurses. These funds to be sent via Brisbane East Zonta Club.

Save the date Zonta 2024

Date Claimers

Advocacy Service Membership. Annual Events

October	TBA 12 th 14 th 28 th	Breast Cushions Forum Dinner Meeting Board Meeting
November	2 th 11 th 14 th 20 th 25 th	Derby Day Dinner Meeting Breast Cushions Board Meeting 16 Days of Activism Begins International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
December	9 th 10 th	Dinner Meeting 16 Days of Activism Ends International Human Rights Day
January		
February		

Good news from NSW

Two teenage children fled their family home after learning their father was attempting to organise separate forced marriages for them, a court has been told.

The teenager – aged 15 and 17 at the time – escaped from their father’s home in regional NSW after learning of the plot, prompting an investigation by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in February 2022.

The siblings had moved to Australia with their father, 51, in 2021.

However upon arrival discovered their father was trying to organise their marriages against their wishes.

While the teens weren’t sure who they would be marrying or when the weddings would be, police found messages and other evidence of wedding plans on mobile phones during a search warrant of the father’s home.

AFP Commander Kate Ferry said human trafficking is underreported as young victims often don’t want their family to “be in trouble’ with police”.

“There are usually two types of forced marriages. One is where unwilling participants are threatened, deceived or coerced to enter a marriage. The other is where someone cannot legally consent to marriage due to their age,” Commander Ferry said.

“This crime type is one that generally involves perpetrators offending against younger, more vulnerable family members.”

The 51-year-old man pleaded guilty to two counts of attempting forced marriage in October 2023 after the case was prosecuted by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

He was sentenced to three years and four months in jail at the Downing Centre District Court on Friday.

The 51-year-old has been given a non-parole period of one year and 11 months.

AFP Sergeant Chantal Pravaz said the victims “placed their trust in the AFP”, with their “openness” assisting the investigation.

“The AFP is here to help all victims of human trafficking and we will work tirelessly to ensure the wellbeing of victims who seek to escape their situation,” Sergeant Pravaz said.

“Forced marriage reports are treated on a case-by-case basis to ensure the most appropriate resolution for victims. Each case is treated with compassion, care and respect.