

## ***The Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc. - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.***

***President:  
Meredith Sutherland.***

The Zonta Club of Rockhampton **received its Charter on 05 August 1983** and on the weekend of 10 - 11 August will **celebrate 30 years of service** delivering local and global projects undertaken by the Club and Zonta International. A Celebratory Luncheon is planned for Saturday to be attended by Zontians. Invitations have also been issued to Zonta supporters who have made it possible during those 30 years for Zonta to continue its work of making a difference in women's lives. Breakfast Radio host Jacquie Mackay will be guest speaker at this function.

A Celebratory Dinner is also planned for Zontians for the Saturday night with past Zontians also invited. District 22 Governor Judith Anderson will travel from Brisbane to be the guest speaker at this function. A relaxing brunch for Zontians will follow on Sunday Morning.

A **History** of the club has been prepared which documents activities over the past thirty years. During that time, **thousands of dollars have been raised** most of which has been returned to the Community by way of local projects.

Rockhampton Zontians are proud to be part of a **worldwide organization of 30,000 members in clubs from 69 countries** around the world with members who are committed to **improving the lives of women everywhere**. The Zonta club funds award programs for women, supports self-help and development programs for women in local and global communities, determines and implements strategies to eradicate violence against women and children and improves women's lives through action and advocacy.

### **Some of Zonta's Local Projects:**

- **Education Awards:**

Since 1985, through Central Queensland University, Zonta has supported awards for women in the areas of Engineering and Science and recently introduced an award for the STEPS preparation for tertiary studies program.

- **Young Women in Public Affairs Award:**

The annual Young Women in Public Affairs Award is designed to encourage secondary school women to enter careers or seek leadership positions in social policy-making, government and volunteer organizations. The program ultimately increases the number of women in decision-making positions in order to make a difference in the lives of women and men worldwide.

- **Breast Care Cushions:**

In 2001, the club adopted the service project of making Breast Care Cushions for distribution to patients who have undergone breast surgery. The club has made and delivered over 1400 cushions since that time.

- **Women's Shelter:**

The local women's refuge was the first to receive donated funds and clothing in 1983 when the Zonta club began its work in Rockhampton. This support has been consistent over the years with monetary and in-kind donations made every year.

- **Girls' Time Out:**

Zonta also supports Girls' time Out which is an organization supporting young 'at risk' women aged between 16 and 25 years.

**Since 1956 as an International Organization, Zonta has worked with the United Nations to improve the lives of women worldwide.** Two of the many global projects undertaken since 1956 have been in the area of restoring education, healthcare and hope to the women of Afghanistan and in preventing violence against women in India. Zontians believe that they can make a difference for women and their families in developing countries. Zontians have little power as individuals but if Zontians band together, they can make significant changes.

All functions will be held at the Plaza Hotel and for information re the weekend celebrations, phone 4922 3314 or email [rockhampton@zontadistrict22.org](mailto:rockhampton@zontadistrict22.org)