

Reef Talk .



Zonta Club of the Whitsundays September – November 2024

What a wonderful photo.- Birthing Kit Day at Proserpine State High School

What fabulous participation



President

How proud can we be. . This is what Zonta is all about. Making the world better for women and girls on so many levels. Education of the students, giving of time and learning from the students, our pleasure in their enthusiasm and the end result healthy babies being more born more safely with our international neighbours

The months are flying by and we as a Club we have not slowed down. What with advocacy and preparation for 16 days of activism, scholarship, birthing kits, social morning and preparing for Christmas it is all happening. Everyone has been doing their bit to ensure that our Club is prospering and vibrant. We welcomed a new member had several guests as well as some excellent speakers for our meetings. Christmas is on..... with the several stalls to be held and our not to be missed Christmas party. Lots of travelling for our members and family gatherings over the Christmas season

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas everyone.

Merry Christmas

Marlene Reiffel 0407 288 244

Membership report -

I'd like to thank the ladies who have been able to join in the fun of socialising over the last couple of months, I know some of you have work & family commitments and can't always join in. BUT... keep us in mind ladies, we'll surely find something to make your day!! Suggestions ALWAYS welcome! In October, we welcomed a new member, Vicki Krogh, to our club... 🧑🏻...such an enthusiastic lady (with a very big smile) another of our talented crafty people...ice Banner for Derby Day... my gosh...loved it!!! 🙌 . Congrats to our Corrie's family, Caroline, for opening the Xmas shop in Proserpine on the 1st of November and opened by our mayor, Ry Collins...purchased some lovely pieces ladies... if you haven't had the opportunity yet, get some friends together and go take a look. The PEC continues to be a great source of entertainment with the latest morning melodies, "Andrews and Bing" on 5th December (\$10)11am start, and then on the 14th & 15th December the show "Christmas Actually" ...all details on the PEC website...with times and pricing. See photos attached: I and my family will be heading out to spend 10 days on the north island NZ early December, (YAY!! Cooler weather!) doing the Hobbiton movie set tour, Weta workshop. All related to the Lord of the Rings series, glowworm caves, the hot springs...museums etc...and back in OZ for Xmas. So, to all Zonta ladies and your families...and just in case I don't see you pre-Christmas, have a **Wonderful Xmas and a Brilliant New Year.**





Andrews & Bing
Christmas Swing



Christmas Actually



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Jo - Director membership

Service Committee -

Carole Lindsay

Zonta BBQ

Our last Zonta BBQ for the year was held on 19 October and again it was a successful fundraiser.

Thank you everyone for volunteering again this year. It is a lot of work preparing for the day, but the

results are always worth it. Lots of time to chat with our friends, between sausage management.... and the wonderful public who love having us there, compliment us on our best sausages and generously donate change and extra money into our tin. It is rewarding to know how much the public respect our Club.

I am sure we will do it all again next year.



Birthing kits We ordered 400 birthing kits this year and the packing was shared between St Catherine's College, Proserpine State High School and ourselves. This project is always rewarding, and it is always combined with learning, friendship and good humour. The students develop a real sense of awareness when

the birthing conditions of many third world countries are discussed, and they realise how fortunate they are in this country.

Pamper Packs and Christmas Hampers

It is time to prepare our pamper packs for Whitsunday Counselling and Support and make up a couple of hampers to share a little Christmas cheer.

Bowen Cup



To warm up for the racing month, eight of our Zontians booked a table under the trees.

We Drove up early in the day, packed a fabulous spread and enjoyed champagne and nibbles, while having a few bets and watching the amazing fashions around us.

The horse racing was fun and had a few winners as well as losers.

Wrapping Day for Derby Day at Marlene's house

A number of us gathered at Marlene's house to wrap all the raffles prizes for Derby Day. It is a big job as there were over 50 raffles and we had to make sure they looked classy and terrific. All in black and white papers and lots of ribbons. Morning tea was held afterwards and was a lovely social morning.

Derby Day

Derby Day went off with a bang, with guests looking forward to more events in the future.

This was our fifth year of running the event and it was very close to a full house. With the amazing generosity of Brittany and La Tabella, the restaurant looked amazing, and the food was good. The staff are always wonderful, and the guests won plenty of prizes with good bidding on both our auction and silent auctions.

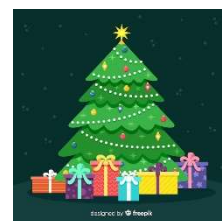


Thanks to our wonderful supporter Marianne from Airlywood we held our popular fashion parade again with our talented models, Janice, Carole, Margaret and Lauren who added such elegance and poise to our event.

We had our best dressed and hat, winners of sweeps and lots of raffles. Everyone went home happy with the request that it be held again next year. Thankyou everyone who put in so much effort to ensure its success

Christmas party

Our annual Christmas party will be held at Carole and Peter's house on 7 December. This year it will be bring a plate and drink. We will have a Chris Kringle and optional donation to the Christmas AFADU fund. (Every \$50 supports a child in clothes and books for the coming year).



Donation to AFADU

General meetings

VMR was not available for September and October, and Dawn generously offered her house to hold the meetings. Several Zontians provided the Food which was really a feast, and the sweets were to die for.

Thank you everyone who contributed to both nights. We had Barb Hill speak to us in September and Sharon from the Counselling Support Service to speak in October, Both speakers were excellent and we were given an overview of what they do and Sharon also spoke about the new consent laws which have been introduced into QLD.

Farwell to Cath Fernbach



We are very sad to lose Cath. She has made the decision to move to Townsville to be closer to her children. Cath has been in our Zonta Club for over 20 years and has given so much to the Club in her time. Her MC skills were exceptional and her knowledge of the Zontian rules was outstanding, she has held a number of positions on the Board and has contributed 100% at meetings and functions. She will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best for her move and happy to know that she will be visiting us from time to time.

Good luck Cath

Hello to some past Zontians

A luncheon for some former Zontians was held at Malene's and it was wonderful to catch up with Sandi Hanse, Annie Lloyd – Lewis, Wendy Downs and Noelene and Fiona Helman. All are doing well and enjoy following our current activities.



Advocacy

Children's week – Whitsunday Counselling and Support (WC&S)



WC&S asked if we would like to host a stall at the children's week held at Abell Point Marina 7th September. Marnie and Meleeta volunteered, and they prepared a hamper for a raffle and 'guess the lollypop'. The aim was to highlight our club and support the WC&S. It was a successful day, and all funds raised were donated to the Service. Thankyou Marnie and Meleeta for preparing and managing the day.

16 Days of Activism 25 November to 12 December

Our Zonta says NO sign which has been updated will be prominently displayed on the billboard on Airlie Hill

Dame Carol Kadu's Early Learning Centre PNG

As you will be aware Dame Carol Kidu was the guest speaker at our International Women's Day luncheon back in March.

Our club donated some funds to assist with final completion of the early learning centre, including water tanks that will benefit the whole community.

The Centre opened in late August, and we have just received this update from Carol.

"The opening of the learning centre went very well but it has opened up a whole new spectrum of challenges to ensure that the building (which I am very pleased with) becomes a hive of learning activities. A building alone is not development, and I need to facilitate the process of transforming the building into a centre for sustainable development for the large population who have become marginalised from the formal systems.

Of course, I cannot do it alone and I am very grateful that the Kokoda Track Foundation (KTF) led by Dr Genevieve Nelson has partnered with the Centre and is funding and managing the Pari/Taurama FODE Centre for second chance education as well as the Early Learning Centre. They are doing incredibly good work providing second chance education for people in PNG.

The Learning Centre is also partnering with Kyeema Foundation to do coral gardens and mangrove rehabilitation as well as small scale village chicken projects.

It will also be a sub-centre for Ginigoada Foundation which offers community based lifelong learning and skills development opportunities for the marginalised with a focus on women and young people.

I do feel overwhelmed but as more and more good people get put in place the way forward will become clearer."

I Have attached a photos They show one of the water tanks (the second one is at the back of the building) that were provided by Whitsunday's Zonta Club. The funding plus a little extra from me covered the 2 tanks and fittings and cement slabs for installation. Our sincere thanks to everyone for this very important addition to the learning complex which people from the main village can also get their water from.

Best wishes to all

Carol Kadu

Carol has invited us to visit her at the Centre, which is at the Tu Tu Beach Resort, outside Port Moresby.



Janice

My Greek Adventure

This September/October, Barry and I had the opportunity to join a friend on his boat, on a month's cruise through the eastern islands of Greece.

The weather was kind, the sea so blue, the islands barren and rocky, and the ports and villages a treat of white washed houses, harbour side restaurants and narrow streets.

We day-sailed to 12 different ports and islands and spent a couple of days in each harbour. Enough time to explore the back streets, small shops and local restaurants. Lots of history to wonder about and white and blue mansions set on barren hillsides.

The ports are full of small traditional fishing boats, all in perfect order and proudly flying the Greek flag.

There are Greek Orthodox churches and little shrines everywhere. Lots of them were open and welcoming, and don't forget the cats. Cats everywhere – don't seem to belong to anyone in particular but not strays. Just community pets.

A bit of trivia – a Greek salad comprised the usual tomatoes (SOOO good), cucumber, red onion, olives, capsicum and feta, but also capers and bits of dried bread for crunch. Dressed with lots of olive oil and herbs.

Not a lot of English spoken, once one is off the tourist strip, so we had some wonderfully funny hand conversations. Try asking for mince – they don't have it on display – just done to order.

Thoughts on Equality



- Women are like teabags. We don't know our true strength until we are in hot water." —
- "There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." — Michelle Obama.
- "A girl should be two things: who and what she wants." — Coco Chanel.
- "Human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights." — Hillary Clinton.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to you.....

September Janice and Katakai

October Judy B, Corrie and Jo



Dates to remember:

- ***16 Days of Activism Nov 25, 2024, Dec 10, 2024***
- ***Christmas party Saturday 7 December- Pammie's house***
- ***IWD 9 March 2025***

Regular Dates

- ***Knitting group April to Nov last Monday of the month at 10.00 am.
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Editor November 2024

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