



Zonta Club of Warwick Inc

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*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

Zonta Club of Warwick Inc  
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Area 4 District 22

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## Committees 2013/2014

**Service:** **Rosa Hardy (Chair)**, Rhonda Betts, Faye Marley, Jen-Rose Holmes.

**Membership:** **Mary Goyne (Chair)**, Lois James, June Stewart, Dee Mayo, Louise Cox.

**Advocacy:** **Mary Johnston (Chair)**, Lyn Prowse-Bishop, Jenny Eldridge, Sally Carr.

**Nominating Committee:** Jacinta Fromm, Dee Mayo, Louise Cox

(Karen Shepherd, Leanne Olsen, Jenny Loy, Jacinta Fromm to assist committees as required).

**NEXT DINNER MEETING (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month): 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014, at Café Jacqui's, Cnr Albion and Victoria Streets Warwick, 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm start.**

Please contact Sally on [daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com](mailto:daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com) or text message to **0421 782 962** by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, to advise if you are bringing guests, or if you cannot attend. Please note that it is too late to change bookings if you contact Sally on Monday!

**NEXT BOARD MEETING (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month): 4<sup>th</sup> March, at 5.30 pm (approx 5.30-7pm). Board Meetings are to be held at Rhonda Betts' (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## *From President Karen*

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a very happy Christmas and New Year period. We had a very busy year and I for one really needed a few days of R&R to stay at home and potter! So now we are ready to finish off our Zonta year.

We had a wonderful Australia Day Breakfast at Mary J's with 96 in attendance and raised enough money to purchase our Birthing Kits, so that we can assemble them in May.

Our IWD Breakfast will be on Thursday 6th March at the TAFE College with Brooke Dwan as our guest speaker. Tickets are on sale at Style Shoes from Wednesday 12th February with a limited number available.

We have further events organized for later on during the year, more information at the meeting on Tuesday 18th February, look forward to seeing you there.

We have had a few ladies ask for leave this year and we wish Lois and John all the best while they help their daughter Sarah and her family through her medical condition. Faye is also taking leave. Louise is well on the way to recovery after her several recent periods in hospital.

Regards

*Karen*

## ***Forthcoming Events***

### **Dinner Meeting:**

Monthly meetings will continue to be held at Café Jacqui's in 2014. Sally will run a bar at the dinner meetings; a glass of wine will be \$4. Our Guest Speaker at the February meeting will be Cheryl Bullion, Warwick State High School Principal. We will also be hosting 2 African sorghum breeders; Gladys from Burkino Faso and Rachel from Kenya.



### **International Women's Day Breakfast: 6 March 2014 (This event is organized by Zonta Club of Warwick)**

Venue: Horizon's Restaurant at TAFE Warwick  
Time: 6.45 a.m. for 7.00 a.m. start; completed by 8.15 a.m.  
Cost: \$30  
Tickets available: Style Shoes, Palmerin Street – from Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Note: 30 tickets available for sale at February Dinner meeting. As you know this is always a very popular event, so arrange your table and buy tickets early. Numbers are capped at 100. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday 26 February – there will be no tickets sold at the door.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day is: Ending Poverty for Women and Girls through Economic Empowerment.

**Guest Speaker: Brooke Dwan (nee Stockham)**

Brooke represented Australia at two Paralympic games winning four bronze medals in swimming– three in Sydney in 2000 and one in Athens in 2004. She is a two time nominee for the Queensland Sportswoman of the Year Awards. Brooke's career as an educator brought her to Warwick when she accepted a teaching position at The SCOTS PGC College. She has now settled in Warwick with her husband Matt and daughter Willow.



At our February meeting, members can volunteer to assist with raffle sales and ushering guests to tables, or volunteer to donate prizes for lucky door etc.

**International Women's Day Lunch: 7 March 2014  
(This event is organized by Zonta Club of Toowoomba)**

Venue: Toowoomba Golf Club, Rowbotham Street, Toowoomba  
Time: 11.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.,  
Cost: \$65 (2 course meal)  
Guest Speaker: Fiona Simpson, Speaker Queensland Parliament  
RSVP: 3 March

**Zonta Area 4 Meeting: 15 – 16 March 2014**

Venue: Concordia Lutheran College, Toowoomba  
Theme: Lifting the Cloak of Visibility – Reaching our Biennial Goals  
Dinner: Gipps Restaurant (on Saturday night)

To register:

Please use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9BBH6HW>

Register by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

Costs: 2 day meeting: \$70; 2 day meeting with dinner: \$125  
Single day: \$45

Contact: Rhondda Bridle, ph 0458387901 or  
[zontatoowoomba@gmail.com](mailto:zontatoowoomba@gmail.com)

## **Montrose Access Charity Concert: 23 March 2014**

The concert will feature a performance by Mark Vincent, along with a performance by 60 voice choir conducted by former local, James Cuskelly.

Venue: Warwick Town Hall

Zonta Club of Warwick Inc will prepare and sell afternoon tea at this concert (tea/coffee/slices/cakes/sandwiches etc) for a gold coin donation. Zonta will donate ½ proceeds to Montrose Access.

At February meeting, members will be asked if they will be available to prepare items and/or to attend on the day to sell refreshments.

## **Cooking for a Cause: 3 May 2014**

**(this event is organized by Zonta Club of Toowoomba)**

Venue: Highfields Cultural Centre

Chefs: Jarvier Codina (Moda Restaurant)  
and Josh Lopez (Go Ma Restaurant)

*(Editor's Note: I attended this event in 2012, and thoroughly recommend it to anyone who loves cooking! We will look out for more details)*



## **Compilation of Birthing Kits: 17 May 2014**

Venue: Presbyterian Girls' College, Locke Street

Sally will be coordinating this event, and will advise more details closer to the date.

We recently received a letter from Hilary Carruthers, Assembly Day Coordinator of Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) who advised that the number of women in desperate need of our help to improve clean and safe birthing conditions in remote and marginalized parts of the world is ever increasing. As an example of one of the Foundation's partner's work, Hilary provided this link: [http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au/lib/pdf/News20130912\(PygmyTrainingDRCongo\).pdf](http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au/lib/pdf/News20130912(PygmyTrainingDRCongo).pdf) (This doctor has distributed over 70,000 kits in Democratic Republic of Congo, and has trained over 850 traditional birth attendants).

# ***Past Events***

## **Dinner Meeting: 19 November**

Dorothy Haig was Guest Speaker at this meeting, and talked to the art exhibition she was working on at that time: "I Love to Stitch in Red".

She talked about the 'red' in her life, from her early years growing up in Central West and Far North Queensland; she described a wonderful childhood with parents who allowed her to make choices and encouraged her to succeed or preferably excel at whatever she attempted. Early years included the show circuit, riding horses, piano



lessons, sport, helping on the property and driving trucks to the markets. Their property was home to many migrants, and Dorothy had the opportunity to experience and absorb cultural differences.

Dorothy trained to be a teacher in Townsville and travelled to and from college in a red Toyota Corolla. She commenced teaching in Brisbane, but was pleased to transfer back to the north (Mareeba), and then joined the Relieving Staff, travelling around schools. It was during this time that Dorothy developed a new passion – flying and received an unrestricted private pilot's licence. She talked about meeting Lores Bonney, a Qld woman who was the first woman to fly solo around Australia (she had also flown to England and to Cape Town). This meeting was about the time of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her flight around Australia, and Dorothy planned to recreate the flight – this she did in 1980 even though she only had a total of 80 flying hours when she left! When she returned to Brisbane, Mrs Bonney presented her with the Solid Silver and Agate Talisman which she had always flown with.

Her teaching career continued, with a permanent posting at Jundah, which led to meeting the man she was to marry, and writing the History of Jundah for their centenary in 1983. Also Dorothy was appointed as Director of Priority Country Area Committee that was responsible for administering Federal Education funds for isolated children. This involved lots of travel as the area stretched from Karumba to Birdsville, west to the border and east to Windorah and Hughenden.

Following her marriage, and travel to China, Dorothy resigned and started her family, welcoming Alexandra in 1985. Her hobby during this time was history study through the University of Queensland. She also became involved with the Barcoo Shire Committee and the restoration projects and proposed museum in the lead up to the Bicentennial. Dorothy opened a café and catering business in Jundah to add to the income (difficult times in the wool industry), and then returned to teaching at Windorah, even though a new baby, Arabella, had arrived. Eventually, Dorothy moved as Principal at Infracombe School (near Longreach).

Around this time, Robyn Johnston (wife of Vaughan) started the Zonta Club of Longreach, and Dorothy was one of the inaugural members. She described this as a dynamic group of western women! The family left the west in 1994 to offer better educational opportunities to their 2 girls, and so they came to Allora (where Peter had originated). That was almost 20 years ago.

Dorothy says that she now has time for some more red in her life. She retired from teaching, but returned to University full-time to study undergraduate visual arts. Since then she has completed 2 Masters Degrees, one in Visual Arts and one in Cultural Heritage. In 2011, as a member of the Southern Downs RADF Committee, she curated the exhibition RADF 25 Years, in Stanthorpe and Warwick. This was the stimulus for the collection of life stories, particularly the bullocky – Eric Reis' life story. Dorothy was been collecting stories from the residents at the Killarney Memorial Aged Care Home, and is now involved in a second collection of oral history projects in the Killarney District.

Dorothy's new art exhibition, "I Love to Stitch in Red" explores the parallel worlds of women internationally. By using textile techniques, stitches and fabrics common to many places, it will add imagery which embraces diverse aspects of women's existence. She is exploring the red in our lives: passion, strength, romance, excitement, speedh, heat, ambition, leadership, danger, blood, war, anger, respect and the love of humanity. Dorothy concluded her address with this quote: "Life is how you see it, Life is how you live it, but MOSTLY Life is how you love it!"

*(Editor's note: Dorothy also completed the artistic design on the Perspex at the Wood Street underpass near St Mary's. Her life is certainly colourful –she has experienced lots of Red!!)*

## **Dinner Meeting: 10 December**

Fiona Smali addressed our December meeting to update on results of fundraising for the Chinese orphanage, Hidden Treasures, and to highlight the successful outcomes of the ongoing work of the Australian therapy team. It was obvious that Fiona and the team of therapists are making a difference – we could see more equipment, children in better positions for social interaction, play and learning.

Invitations were issued to members of Red Cross, Catholic Ladies, and Probus, as these groups have also financially supported the purchase of wheelchairs and therapy equipment.

Leanne organized Christmas games, and members exchanged gifts. This was a great way to celebrate together.

## **Australia Day Breakfast: 26 January 2014**

Thanks to Mary J who hosted this successful Zonta event in her beautiful garden. Zontians (and partners) were busy prior to, or on the day, and all had a great time. Valerie's Australia Day Quiz was as challenging as ever, and made us realize that we don't take in local events as well as we could! Proceeds from this year's event is being put towards the Birthing Kits (aiming for \$3000)

There will be a full report at our February meeting



Jen-Rose was guest speaker and spoke about living in China; she described the joy she experiences teaching early childhood studies to 150+ students with the assistance of interpreters, and exposing them to singing, play dough and creative play. Jen-Rose returns to China for another semester, and hopes to be able to visit Hidden Treasures (inspired again by Fiona at the December meeting).

## ***Committee Notes/ Jottings***



**December Raffle: won by Jenny Eldridge.**

**Jenny will donate the raffle prize for the February dinner meeting.**

### **Nomination Committee:**

Dee, Louise and Jacinta will be keen to hear from members who would welcome the opportunity to be Zonta Board member in 2014-2015. As a number of positions must be vacated at the AGM in April, we will be approaching members over the next few weeks to ask you to consider taking up a position which best suits your talents and experience.

Leanne will step down from the position of Treasurer, as she has fulfilled these responsibilities for 4 years (the longest she can serve in this position). The tenure for all other positions is 2 years. Members can be re-nominated to a position they have previously held (as long as not longer than 2 consecutive years), or to another position on the Board.

Jacinta will step down from Newsletter editor, so that the newsletter remains interesting – it is time for some new ideas!

### **Breast Cushion Update:**

Mary G has received another batch of breast cushions completed by the Women in Custody program, and thanks to June for wrapping and to Mary J for delivering these cushions to St Vincent's Hospital, Toowoomba. The Breast Care Nurse had emailed our Club requesting more cushions.

## *Welcome to New Member: Nola Roach*



Nola Roach was inducted into the club in November.

Nola is photographed being presented with Zonta Rose, Zonta badge and booklet about the Zonta Club of Warwick Inc by Karen.

Club members warmly welcomed Nola to the club, and we look forward to her contribution. Nola has promised to write her profile for a future newsletter.

## *General Information*

Sue Hamlet has sent dates for WOW Events to Connect + Inspire Women of Warwick

1. **Women at the Waterhole** (supported by Warwick Chamber of Commerce) to be held at Warwick Hotel, commencing 5.30 p.m. on the first Friday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2. **WOW Breakfasts** (supported by Heritage Bank)

Breakfasts commence at 6.30 a.m.

Breakfast: Tuesday 1 April - Ticket release: Tuesday 11 March

Breakfast: Tuesday 3 June - Ticket release: Tuesday 13 May

Breakfast: Tuesday 5 August - Ticket release: Tuesday 15 July

Breakfast: Tuesday 7 October - Ticket release: Tuesday 16 September

Breakfast: Tuesday 2 December - Ticket release: Tuesday 11 November

Email: [womenofwarwick@gmail.com](mailto:womenofwarwick@gmail.com)

Join the conversation on Facebook

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## ***Birthdays***

***January: Jacinta (19<sup>th</sup>)***

(and I had a great birthday this year – I reached that 5 years cancer-free target!)

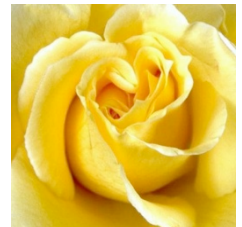
***February– no members have a birthday this month.***

***March: Karen (14<sup>th</sup>) and Sally (23<sup>rd</sup>)***

***- Our very best wishes for a very happy day!***

**Please send all contributions to the newsletter to  
[robertfromm@bigpond.com](mailto:robertfromm@bigpond.com)**

**Deadline for next edition: 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Next issue: sent to members by 11<sup>th</sup> March**



*Editor's Note: My apologies that a December newsletter was not published. Due to the Dinner Meeting being held earlier in the month, and all the usual Christmas activities, I just didn't manage to get to press!*

*PLEASE send articles for the newsletter to keep it interesting for all members!*