



Issue: 368 Date: April 2021

## DATE CLAIMERS

### **Tuesday 20th April**

Board/General Meeting  
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm

### **Thursday 29th April**

Coffee at Everyday's

### **Saturday 8th May**

Area Meeting at  
Nerang RSL

### **September 4-6**

District Conference in  
Mackay

### **June 25—29, 2022**

Zonta's 65th Convention  
Hamburg, Germany



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear Zontians

With the fresh mornings coming in I guess we can say goodbye to Summer and prepare for the cooler months ahead.

What a wonderfully full room we had at last month's dinner meeting with five prospective members joining us! Some exciting times ahead, I look forward to welcoming those who choose to join, showing them what a wonderful club they have chosen to be affiliated with. I am eager to get to know you all better.

With the Area 3 meeting just around the corner, I encourage as many members as possible to come along on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May the theme is Transitions, Changes & New Opportunities, it is a great informative day and a great way to meet other members and share ideas from our Area. I am sure we could organise some car pooling for the event.... Tickets can be bought on-line or through direct deposit see the flyers circulated for details.

The Slate has been set by all accounts, so our next meeting we get to meet the in-coming executive for the next year of Zonta Club Beaudesert Area Inc. and prepare for our end of year formalities.

A reminder that membership fee invoices have been circulated are now due for payment.

I am sure you are all looking forward to celebrating Anzac Day in your own way, I would like to pay homage to the Women in Wartime, to their contributions and sacrifices that they have made, make and will in the future do. Lest We Forget!

Yours in Zonta

**Michelle**



*Next Dinner Meeting  
Tuesday 20th April 2021*

*at*

*Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30 pm*

*Committees will meet at 6:00 pm*

*Board will meet at 5.00 pm*



Please order your meals before the meeting.

Let **Pam** know if you are an **apology**. This is now mainly for setting up of the room.

Txt or call on 0432 192 212— or email her on [prograss@bigpond.com](mailto:prograss@bigpond.com) preferably by Monday arvo.



Thursday, 29th April is the date of our next coffee morning.

We'll meet again at Everyday's at 10.00 am.

As there are no **April** birthdays we will celebrate Pennie Hammond's on the 5th May.



**MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO YOU PENNIE**

## MAY IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

Each May, Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month (DFVP Month) to raise community awareness of domestic and family violence and to send a clear message that domestic and family violence in families and homes will not be tolerated.

The Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland in its ['Not Now, Not Ever' report](#) recommended that individuals, community groups and the private sector work together to help prevent domestic and family violence and support those affected.

The awareness raising events, projects or activities held during DFVP Month each year support the [Queensland Government's response](#) to the 'Not Now, Not Ever' report.



Each year we erect our banner on fences in Beaudesert.

Sometime at the Primary School (see left), sometimes at the sawmill or on other school fences such as Woodhill.

Search the address below for more info

<https://www.qld.gov.au/community/getting-support-health-social-issue/support-victims-abuse/domestic-family-violence/my-situation-is/how-do-i-help-my-community-understand-domestic-violence/domestic-and-family-violence-prevention-month>

## Member's Biographies: This month it is Robin Powell who joined Zonta in July 2005.

I was born in Coffs Harbour in August of 1955 where I lived for my childhood.

I am the second of 5 children. My sister and I often talk about how lucky we were growing up, we had the best childhood ever! (possibly very spoiled I guess!!) We lived at the jetty overlooking the harbour where we could explore on a daily basis. My mum would hang a towel out the window when she wanted us to come home! Imagine doing that today!

We spent weekends and school holidays camped on the banks of the Bellinger river where we swam and learnt to water ski. Great memories for ever have been made on that river! We now camp there with our 5 children and their families every Christmas.

My sister and I became mad about horses so my parents bought a small farm on the edge of town where we could really get into the horse thing! Lots of pony club and shows around the district for the next 10 years.

I did go to school... Coffs Harbour Primary where athletics became my thing. I could beat the boys at everything from running races to arm wrestling! My teacher wanted to put me in the football team but in those days it was done on weights and I was too heavy! My secondary education was at N.E.G.S in Armidale. In those days we were all boarders. I loved my years there and made life long friends from my school years!

After school I moved to Brisbane where I studied early Childhood education at the Kelvin Grove Kindergarten Teachers College. It was during this time I met my to be husband John and all my priorities became somewhat confused and I didn't finish my studies. John and I were married in December 1976 so we are now in our 45<sup>th</sup> year of marriage! We began our married life on a cattle property near West Wyalong where John was a Jackeroo! We then moved to the New England to work and manage a family property there. Our first 2 children were born in Armidale. Then we moved to Beenleigh where John started up a Quarry business for his family. When this sold we bought our own business Beenleigh machinery Centre. We had 3 more children while living there. Unfortunately we hit some hard times and lost the business. I took a job in a child care centre in Brisbane and John took a job managing a turf farm at Mundoolun. We moved to the farm where I was employed as the Office Manager! It was the perfect job as the office was in our home and therefore I was paid to stay at home! Perfect for me with 5 children!

When we moved to Beaudesert I was lucky enough to get a job as Assistant at the C&K Community Kindergarten in Tubber Street. I loved this job and worked there for 17 years. It was during these years that I joined Zonta. I really enjoy the fellowship I get from being a member and it is very satisfying to know that the work we do may make a difference in the life of women and girls in our community as well as worldwide.

We were lucky enough to do some travel visiting children who were and are living overseas. We have a son who lives in Finland so while doing a trip to visit him we also went to Ireland, England, France and Hong Kong. Also a trip to America to visit another son who was living there for 3 years.

John and I now have our own Agricultural Project Management Business. I spend a lot of time at Wongaburra where my Mother lives with Dementia. I also do Volunteer work there. School holidays are busy with grandchildren. We have 10 and another one very soon!!

I have had a simple but happy life and wouldn't change anything! John and I look forward to many more years together!

THE END!

***Save enough courage to start and enough heart to finish.***

***Jessica N. S. Yourko***



Willing workers at the Breast Care filling afternoon.



Anne & Ellen at the Jimboomba Quota IWD luncheon.

