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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

# **DATE CLAIMERS**

# **Tuesday 18th May**

AGM 6.00 pm
General meeting immediately
following AGM

# **Thursday 27th May**

Coffee at VK's

### September 4-6

District Conference in Mackay

June 25—29, 2022

Zonta's 65th Convention Hamburg, Germany



Dear Zontians

April has shuffled off and now we are mid-May.... I am not sure that this a pattern I like!! ... The months and seasons are moving too quickly! I am sure it was only last week I sat down to write the April newsletter.

What an epic week at Beef Week 2021, who would have thought Royalla Ventura a Shorthorn bull from Yeoval NSW would have won the Supreme Champion Bull, it was a nerve-racking judging ring..... Oh, hang on I am meant to be talking about Zonta.... Well, I did promote and hopefully recruit a new member for the Warwick club whilst I was in Rockhampton amongst the networking and socialising.

A busy night coming up next Tuesday night with the 2021 AGM and general meeting starting @ 6.00pm, a reminder to board members no board meeting. Looking forward to the recap from the committee chairs of our a very successful year despite Covid-19.

The Area 3 Meeting was successful with great Zonta content and a thought-provoking mindfulness session with Petris Lapis. We would love to see more members attend in future, as always, a great networking opportunity. Always lovely to hear what other clubs doing and how they have survived the effects of Covid-19. As we are all aware, the opportunity for all clubs carrying on their normal activities has been a very difficult, the snapshot of the four clubs was very informative.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current Committee Chairs for their stewardship over the past twelve months. To the current Board thank you for the company over the journey of my first year as club president, a revised constitution and many great events, many lessons learned! Hopefully, this year will track along nicely with not too many hiccups. I am looking forward to inducting the new board, welcoming our new members and am excited to move on to the 2021-2022 Zonta year.

Area 3 Director:

Jo Diessel

This time next month I will have given my only son away to his new Bride (I think this may be difficult to do, he is my boy!! Apparently, I should be pleased I am gaining another daughter, and am not really losing him, it is a toss-up!) Peter and I are looking forward to a lovely ceremony and reception at Providence Farm Hall on Beechmont with family and friends.

Yours in Zonta

Michelle

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Next Dinner Meeting Tuesday 18th May 2021 at Beaudesert R.S.L

AGM begins at 6:00 pm
followed by General meeting
After dinner Wanita will be telling
us about her beauty products.



Please order your meals before the meeting.

Let <u>Pam</u> 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 preferably by Monday arvo.

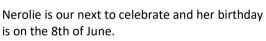


Thursday, 27th April is the date of our next coffee morning.

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

Pennie Hammond's was on the 5th May.

Pennie also had the stress of moving house so hope all is going well.



Happy birthday Nerolie.



### FROM THE ZI WEBSITE

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END OBSTETRIC FISTULA

#### 23 May 2021

The United Nations has observed the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula since 2013. This day is meant to raise awareness of this issue and mobilize support around the globe.

#### REMARKABLE WOMEN, POWERFUL STORIES

#### 26 May 2021 - Kendra Sharp

Each month during this leadership series, hear a remarkable woman share her achievements and personal story.

Register to hear these stories hosted by D22's Lynne Foley OAM

https://www.zonta.org—under News & Events you can register to catch these stories.

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and here are a couple celebrating...



Carolyn and Kevin became very excited grand-parents on Friday 7th May... Polly Maeve Lancaster.

Is it my imagination or are they both looking a little nervous here??



Area 3 Director:

Jo Diessel

# Member's Biographies: This month it is Pennie Hammond who joined Zonta in July 2010.

My story started in the small town of St. George in 1948.



At the age of 7, I was off to boarding school in Southport for a year. I then went to the Surfers Paradise State School for a short period. I thought it was so very exciting to use a slate and line up and march into the classroom each morning. After this little interlude I was at the Presbyterian Girls College in Warwick for the next 10 years. I was very happy and made lifelong friends during this time.

Sydney was the next chapter at Karitane Mothercraft Nursing at Woollahra for about 2 years. I loved Sydney and the work with the babies and children.

As Denise said -- yes, I married a cowboy !!! We were married at Surfers Paradise as I had spent quite a lot of my teenage years there. My parents had a house there so it seemed the obvious place to be married.

Life near Hebel in the 1970's was very busy and, at times, lonely. Angela and Nick were born during this time. In 1976 we went to Longreach to manage properties and had a wonderful 2 years there. We came back to Hebel to faces years of drought, low commodity prices and unfriendly banks. After being on the stock routes droving our cattle for 5 months we sold them and came home to grow cotton. I can't remember what happened to our beautiful merino sheep, I think most of them may have died. Farming wasn't really our thing. We managed to "hang in there" until we were offered a fair market price and we sold the property.

Eventually, here we are at Beaudesert!! We enjoyed our years out at "Lincolnfield" and the Zonta functions we were able to have there; our first High Tea/Fashion Parade and several Christmas parties.

As I write we are about to move to our new home at Gleneagle...perhaps a Zonta morning tea one day??



The Beaudesert crew lunching with a couple of Wynnum Redlands ladies.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with Mother Teresa great love.

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