

Coral Coast Chat

 **Zonta Club
of Bowen**
Member of Zonta International

Club 1476 Area 5 District 22

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Diary Dates

*Club meets every 2nd Wed
of the month at 7.00 pm Central Hotel*

5 th Feb	SOW, PR, Comm, UN - 5.15 pm
11 th Feb	Board Meeting - 5.30 p.m. Dinner Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
19 th Feb	F&F, Prog Meeting - 5.15 p.m.
8 th Mar	IWD Luncheon
28/29 th Mar	Cairns Area Conference
TBA	Q150 Book Launch
25 th -27 th Sept	Townsville District Convention

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From the President's Pen

New Year is the time for resolutions and while I do consider my goals and lifestyle choices, I'm generally hopeless with resolutions. Each day, I make resolutions.....you know that self talk you give yourself in the morning before you get out of bed as you mentally run through your plan for the day. Yes and each day I still fail to achieve everything I aimed to do and put it yet again on the list for another day. I feel the secret is in knowing how much is possible in a day, allow for time to attend to the needs of others and particularly time to develop and maintain relationships with family and friends. I now have a three to five year plan (the time gets less as I procrastinate more) – 1. To learn to dance (preferably tap); 2. To learn or attempt to learn a foreign language (I'm struggling with a choice here); 3. To organize all my photos and albums (I can only tell one child apart from the other as babies by the clothes I'm wearing and how much hair Robert has); 4. To read 'War and Peace' and many of Jane Austen's books. It's sounding a little like "the bucket list" but I have learned that each day creates a new opportunity and maybe my "list" will be replaced or superseded by something more meaningful.

For Zonta, my goals or New Year's resolutions (with your help) include: Supporting the mentoring program; Greater interaction with our neighbouring Zonta clubs (including Race Day); Increased involvement in the empowering of women both locally and internationally (including offering a Zonta bursary/scholarship).

The following was cited in the correspondence we received in November 2008 from ZI regarding contribution to the Rose Fund. *On 7 October, 2008, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon stated: "The global financial crisis is forcing all of us to save and cut costs where we can. But our work for women of the world must continue undiminished.... When you empower a woman, you empower a family.....when you empower a woman, you change the world"*

I urge you to consider your New Year's resolutions for our club and bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the meetings.

*Bev Lowcock
President*

Committee Clippings

PR & Communications Report

Preparations for advertising for International Women's Day (IWD) are under way.

Advertising in the Bowen Independent:

- 'Date Claimers' column' from the first week of February.
- An editorial and advertisements for the 2 weeks prior to the event.

Flyers for IWD are in the process of being compiled. Copies will be emailed to members, FOZ and neighbouring Zonta Clubs. A copy will also be available at our February meeting for members to place in various locations around Bowen and Collinsville.

IWD will also be promoted on radio Gem FM.

New Member Information

Committee functions:

- Media relations – use of newspaper, radio stations and television stations for promoting our club and advertising.
- Public relations and communications – promote, facilitate & evaluate all contact between the club and the public.
- Archives and history
- Club Newsletter – produced monthly or bi-monthly providing information to members, FOZ, Zonta clubs, media contacts and local community contacts.
- Club Brochure, Calendar and Website

Kerry Picknell

Chairperson (edited version)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Zontian Bon Wharley on her grand-daughter Amy Andison's academic achievement. Amy achieved an OP 2 and now looks forward to a bright future.

Q150, SOW & UN Report

Q150 Report

Sponsorships

The historical book project to date has raised over \$2200 in sponsorships. By supporting the Q150 project, the following organisations and businesses are committed to helping the local communities of Bowen and Collinsville. All profits from the sale of the books will be returned to the community.

Abbott Point Bulk Coal Pty Ltd
Bowen Lion's Ladies Auxiliary
Bowen Independent
Century 21 Coral Coast Realty
Denison Hotel
Fahey and Ponti Certified Accountants
Hickmott's Supanews
Jochheim's Pie Shop
Ports Corporation of Queensland
Queensland Country Credit Union Ltd
Whitsunday Regional Council

SOW Report

Zonta Emergency Care Packs

On Saturday January 17th many Zontians and friends of Zonta got together to organise the care packs and enjoy a social afternoon tea. Several members on the day generously purchased and donated toiletry products which were in short supply. The care packs were well received by the Bowen Neighbourhood Centre who helps victims of domestic violence.

International Women's Day Lunch - Our Women, Our State
Sunday March 8th 11:30
Bowen Golf Club
Cost \$25

This year's International Women's Day will celebrate 150 years of amazing women and reflect on the achievements of the women who have contributed to making Queensland the State we have become.

The SOW committee is pleased to present special guest speakers all inspirational women who have made significant contributions to our community and state.

Honorary guests who are involved in the community, past and present and support Zonta projects have also been invited. A variety of entertainment is planned for the afternoon as well as our impressive raffle.

Ticket price includes a 2 course buffet with many delicious desserts, tea and coffee, guest speakers, entertainment and door prize raffle. Ticket outlets are:

Hickmott's Supanews Herbert St
Learning Network Centre Lynette Klukas 4786 6996
Hortense Ingram 4786 4606.

Hortense Ingram
Chairperson

Committee Clippings

Finance and Fundraising Report New Member Information

Committee Functions

- Support the Treasurer and give assistance if required or requested.
- Maintain 2 separate accounts [Operating and Service] and ensure deposits and expenditure is allocated to correct accounts.
- Maintain a level of funds in both accounts to cover any emergency requirements.
- Formulate a Budget for Club activities. Provide a separate budget for Operating expenses and Service expenses
- Devise fundraising projects and work in cooperation with other club members to see them implemented
- Ensure that all plans and projects are approved by the Board
- Ensure all plans and projects are ratified at a General meeting
- Keep all members informed of progress on fundraising activities, dates, level of assistance required, etc
- Evaluate projects on completion
- Submit audit of hours on completion of a project
- Retain project information, action plans, and evaluation for archiving
- Keep fundraising folders and boxes in safe keeping and pass on promptly to next chairperson

Christine Coventry
Chairperson

Program Report

The committee chairman has promised 'something special' is planned for the club's February meeting.

Reminder

Members wishing to nominate a guest speaker to attend a meeting are required to complete a nominating form and forward to Bonnie Kohlhasse. Please email Bonnie to obtain a form.

OM & C Report

We have had the induction of our newest member, Linda Sologinkin. Marion de Forest Classifications were noted for the two women who attended our January meeting and are interested in joining.

Jill is liaising with Lynette re: producing specific instructions to new members in order for them to be able to access easily the Zonta Club Manual on-line. A very pleasant fellowship opportunity arose with some of our new and potential new members joining us to create the Zonta Emergency Care Packs for the Neighbourhood Centre to distribute.

Nan Hansen
(Chairperson)

Thought of the Month

**Management is doing things right,
Leadership is doing the right
thing.**

**By
Peter Drucker**

Want to learn about the stock market, skype and selling on eBay?

Join in one of the exciting "Linked Learning" short courses to be presented through Learning Network Queensland Centres in 2009. Stock market, Skype and Selling on eBay are courses already scheduled for 2009 with further programs also open for registrations of interest. For a 'fact sheet' or further details of these courses and others contact LNQ Bowen Centre

Ph: 47866996

Email: Bowen@LNQ.net.au.

Full course listing, further details and registrations of interest also available via ACE website "Linked Learning" section www.LNQace.com or LNQ ACE Centre ph 07-5581 8574

Upcoming Events Snippets



Who's 21 Again?

Joy **January 29**
Julie **February 21**

Thank-you

A pleasant afternoon was spent at member Denise Lewis' residence, when members and friends of Zonta gathered to prepare the emergency pamper packs for clients of the Bowen Emergency Crisis Housing. Thank-you to Denise for opening her home to us and a big thankyou to all who joined in this social working bee and to everyone for the goods donated.

Help Is On The Way

Townsville medicos, Professor Ajay Rane, Clinical Nurse Audrey Corstiaans and Dr Paul Fladjoe visited India in August 2008 to perform surgery on women with gynaecological problems such as fistulas and prolapses. Their work is giving women who live in outer lying provinces back their lives. These women may even trudge 400-500 kims to receive this treatment. Professor Rane thanked the generosity of North Queenslanders and the Zonta Clubs of North Queensland for making their mission possible. Professor Rane and his team have previously visited Bowen with assistance from several Zonta members. Addressing an enthusiastic crowd of Bowen and Collinsville women they provided information on gynaecological disorders and highlighted their work in under-privileged countries. (Source - Townsville Bulletin, 16.08.2008.)



International Women's Day Luncheon

This year's theme is 'Our Women, Our State' and celebrates Queensland's 150th birthday. Mark your calendar for Sunday March 8 and gather your friends and colleagues for an interesting and inspiring social outing. Tickets - \$25 p.p. will be available at February meeting and at Hickmott's Supa News, LNQ (Lynette) and from Hortense.

White Elephant Stall

The Finance and Fundraising Committee are planning a White Elephant Stall as our club's major fundraising activity for this year. Members are requested to start collecting items in preparation for this activity.



IWD Raffle

A voluntary monetary contribution or a gift to the value of \$10 can be donated by members at the February meeting to go towards the IWD raffle.

SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS



Our President Bev's new Grandson Zac with his proud Mum and Dad.

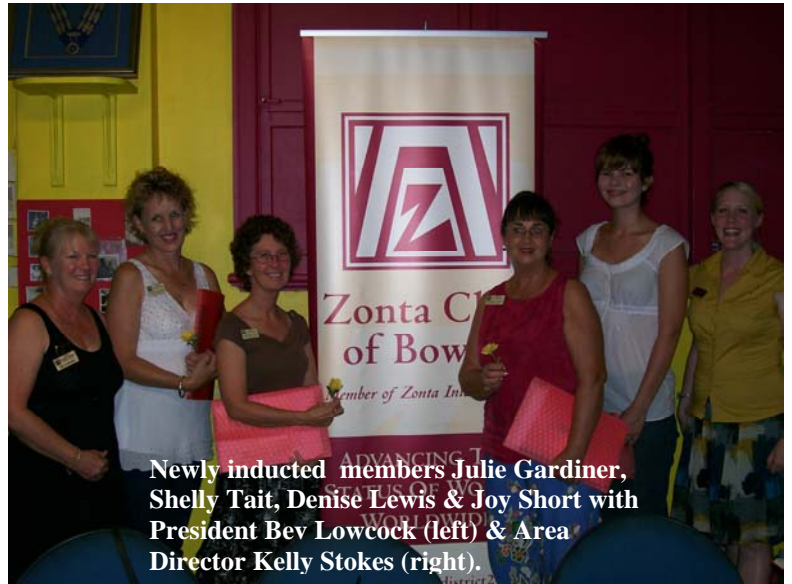


Ports Corporation of Queensland, Matthew Magin, presents \$500 to Q150 Project members Hortense Ingram, Lynette Klukas and Christine Coventry.

SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS



President Bev Lowcock (left) & Area Director Kelly Stokes.



Newly inducted members Julie Gardiner, Shelly Tait, Denise Lewis & Joy Short with President Bev Lowcock (left) & Area Director Kelly Stokes (right).



Left - Bonnie Kohlhasse presenting Joy Short with Christmas Tree and envelopes containing member donations for use by Bowen Neighbourhood Centre towards Christmas hampers.



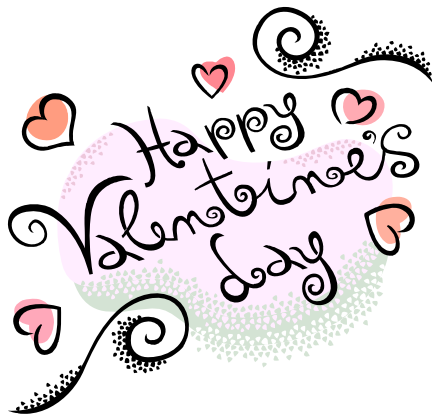
Shirley James presents Joy (on behalf of Bowen Community Council) with \$1500 for the Bowen Emergency Crisis Housing, while Denise Lewis presents Joy with an emergency pamper pack.



Meeting activity poster – members had to guess the baby/child photo.

“Great Queensland Women”

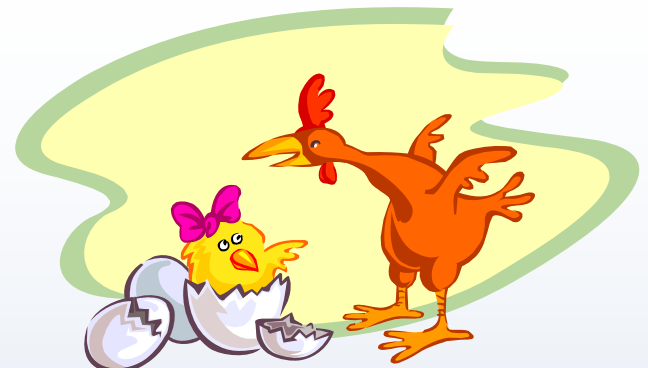
This superb coffee table book on the achievements of women in the history of Queensland was tabled at our last meeting by SOW Chairperson, Hortense. Much interest was shown in this book, which is available free in either hard or soft cover. If you are interested in obtaining a copy log onto the website: www.women.qld.gov.au. This will take you to Office for Women, click on resources, and then click on Queensland Government bookshop. This will take you to the catalogue where you can proceed to order a copy.



Love is a miracle, sweet as can be,
That will always remain a complete
mystery.
For though it is something that's
centuries old,
It cannot be purchased for silver or
gold.
But instead must be given of one's own
free will,
And received with no promises it must
fulfil.
And once it's exchanged in this time-
honoured way,
There's nothing that love cannot
manage to say.
No problems too great and no
problems too small,
For love, like a miracle, conquers them
all.
And leaves in their place such a feeling
of peace,
That joy, just like love, cannot help but
increase!

Source: www.imagination.com/valentines_day_verse_poems_quotes.htm

From the Editors



New Year is gone; Australia Day celebrated, Valentines Day is around the corner and Easter on the way. Amid all the holidays another busy year has begun. The plans afoot for IWD, Cairns Conference, Q150 Book Launch, White Elephant Stall and District Convention in Townsville indicate we are in for an exciting, inspiring and empowering year. Don our joggers and let's hit the ground running.



Kerry & Veronica