

the Zonta Club of Mackay

Newsletter

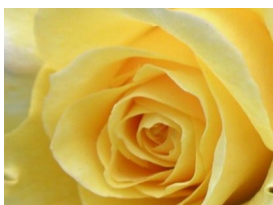
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A worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.



President's Report

Hello everyone, what a busy Sunday it was with our *Get Active with Zonta* walk recently! Not only was everyone kept busy on the day but the lead up also had many of us hopping to ensure we had a successful day and maximise our partnership with the Mackay Regional Council in opening the new section of the Blue Water trail in the city. In particular, following a bag pipe band down the streets of the town was a lot of fun, as was 'harassing' people to provide a gold coin donation to register to walk or have a piece of fruit. For the morning's work (not counting the numerous meetings and anxious moments about what the morning might involve) we raised just over \$300 from registrations and donations, not a bad effort given there were around 200 people attend the event, many of them family groups intent on getting active, enjoying the sun when it peaked out and winning a bike!

It was a privilege for the Club to have naming rights for this walk and certainly opens up a new dimension to our relationship with our council, one that will provide us with future opportunities to strengthen our visibility in the community (as did our new caps) as well as further fund raising opportunities. Having local health professionals such as Breast Screen Qld and Life in Motion along with many others, including service clubs such as the Men's Shed added to the atmosphere for the morning's walk and provided added exposure for them.

The recipients of all this work, The Mackay Hospital Foundation also added their support to the morning and I look forward to presenting them with funds to assist with their parenting room at the hospital.

Thank you once again for a great team effort.

Bridget Mather



World's Longest Bra Chain



Zonta Mackay wants your bras for cancer research - and to beat the Kiwis!

The Zonta Club of Mackay is encouraging local women to donate their old or ill-fitting bras in an attempt to help achieve the world's longest bra chain.

The world record attempt which is being officially judged in Brisbane on October 5, 2103 is currently held by a group of New Zealand Girl Guides and includes 170,000 bras measuring over 170 kilometres. Queensland's goal is to accumulate 200,000 bras by September 1, 2013. The initiative is designed to create awareness and raise funds for cancer research with women encouraged to contribute \$1 for every bra they donate.

All proceeds from the \$1 donations will go directly to the Queensland Cancer Council while the bras will be joined to form the chain. After the world record attempt is judged all bras will be donated to less-fortunate women throughout the world and here in Australia.

Local collection points for bra donations include BB Print, Centrelink, Marvic Uniform and Embroidery, P Comino and Sons, and Style 'n' Size.

Zonta Mackay members from left L-R, Kathy Farren-Price, Leanne Shepherd and Judy Spannagle with Narell Schmidke and Bridget Mather (front) pictured the bra donation boxes which can be found in some local business.



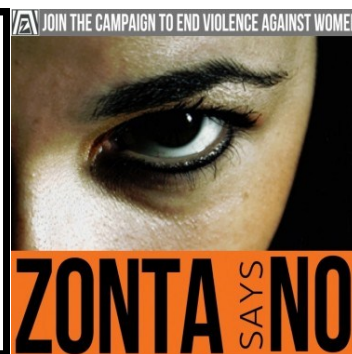
White Ribbon Night

White Ribbon Night – 26 July <http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/night>

We all like to think that our family, our friends, our neighbours and ourselves are safe at home. Most of us would believe this to be a basic human right and would be outraged if it were taken from us. But sadly, for many, this is not always the case. In Australia, at least one woman is killed every week by a former or current partner. And one in four young Australians has witnessed violence against their mothers. This year, White Ribbon Night falls on Friday 26 July. On this night, we ask all Australians to have a night in to get the word out about the seriousness of the issue of violence against women in Australia. Our hope is that communities across Australia will unite in support to bring an end to this insidious violence.

Violence against Women: Vital research

The Government will invest \$3 million to support vital research looking at ways to prevent perpetrators of violence against women from reoffending. Minister for the Status of Women, the Hon Julie Collins MP, said the new work is part of the implementation of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022. The research will be carried out through the National Centre of Excellence and will be funded with \$3 million over three years from the Government.



MDG 2013

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of 8 articles kindly contributed by our President, Bridget Mather.

The Gender Dimension of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Report 2013

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2013/7/the-gender-dimension-of-the-millennium-development-goals-report-2013>

MDG 1 Targets:

- Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than \$1 a day
- Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people
- Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

Where are we?

According to the Millennium Development Goals Report 2013, the world has reached the poverty reduction target five years ahead of schedule. In developing regions, the proportion of people living on less than \$1.25 a day fell from 47 per cent in 1990 to 22 per cent in 2010. Extreme poverty is also falling in every region. Nevertheless, the gender gap in employment persists, with a 24.8 percentage point difference between men and women in the employment-to-population ratio in 2012.



Women who Inspire

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka from South Africa appointed as new UN Women Executive Director

(New York, 10 July 2013)



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the appointment of Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka from South Africa as the new Executive Director of UN Women, the organization leading UN's work on advancing gender equality and women's rights.

The announcement was made through the Spokesperson of the UN Secretary-General at today's news briefing. The statement says: "Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka brings to this position, a wealth of experience in advocating for women's issues with a combination of strategic leadership, consensus building and hands-on management experience. She was the first woman to hold the position of Deputy President of South Africa from 2005 to 2008. Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka initially became a Member of Parliament in 1994 chairing the Public Service Portfolio Committee. She was Deputy Minister in the Department of Trade and Industry (1996-1999), Minister of Minerals and Energy (1999-2005) and briefly served as acting Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology in 2004.

Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka was Young Women's Coordinator for the World Young Women's Christian Association in Geneva (1984-1986) and served as the first President of the Natal Organization of Women, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, when it was formed in December 1983. Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka established Umlambo Foundation in 2008 to provide support to schools in impoverished areas in South Africa through mentorship and coaching for teachers and in Malawi through school improvements with local partners.

Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka holds a Master's degree in Philosophy in Educational Planning and Policy from the University of Cape Town (2003) and a BA in Education from the University of Lesotho (1980). In 2003, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Western Cape.

Born in 1955, Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka is married with three children.

Editor's note: Thank you to Vassie Comino who contributed this article to the newsletter.

Member Profile-Narrell Schmidtke

Date of birth:

22 December 1954

Joined Zonta Mackay

21 May 2013

How I Heard about Zonta

From my friendship with member Gail Clark

Reason for Joining Zonta

I believe in the ideals of Zonta. After finishing my sporting days I felt a need to contribute to the community and especially to women and girls. I had been attending the birthing kits assembly and other Zonta projects for a few years and since my three grand daughters were born I really felt the need to try and improve the conditions of others that were born into less fortunate circumstances. I could not do that alone but with other like minded women I stood more of a chance. Zonta was one way of doing that and also help with my own personal development .

Positions Held in Zonta

Member of Finance and Fundraising

Resources and Skills Available to Zonta

I have co-ordinated many functions over the years through sporting channels and also with the church.

Area Meetings, District Conferences and International Conventions attended

None as yet. Interested to go to the conference in September but have another grandchild due on the 26th of September.

Career Background

Mostly administration work, but have worked in many fields. Have been a member of numerous committees.

Current Career Information

Reception at Consolidated Plastics and Epoxy.

Family

Husband Paul and three children Stephen, Karen and Michael and five grandchildren— Bridie, Bailey, Charlotte, Cooper and Abby.

Hobbies and Interests

Basketball, family history, reading, puzzles.

Future Goals

To enjoy my time with family and friends and keep active and involved in my community.

Travel and keep on learning.



Advocacy Committee Report

NAIDOC Week activities happening locally from 7th to 14th July.

Bunnings has verbally confirmed our sausage sizzle date for White Ribbon Day in November. Viv has organised the ACF to assist with cooking sausages on the day, and will also discuss donation of the sausages.

Viv to organise registration with the White Ribbon Foundation for merchandise to sell on the day. Correspondence received from Judith Anderson regarding Zonta recognising the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women rather than White Ribbon Day. Given Zonta's general consultancy status and close links with the UN, it is preferable that we refer to 25th November as the UN day rather than White Ribbon Day.

Order forms received for "Zonta Says No" ribbons. Orders close on 31st July 2013.

Viv has been in contact with George Street Neighbourhood Centre regarding the multi-cultural women participating in a United Nations Day activity (24th October). Further discussions to be held over the coming months.

Planning to be undertaken in the coming months for 16 Days of Activism, which is to be held in December.

Viv

Whitsunday Anglican School Z Club

Members from the Whitsunday Anglican School (WAS) Z Club recently presented a donation of \$300 to Samaritan House at a senior school assembly. The funds were raised through a bake sale that the Club members held in recognition of International Womens Day. This term the Club is organising a drive within the school for the collection of kitchenware, sheets, towels and other household goods to be donated to Samaritan House to assist women leaving the Centre to set up their independent living arrangements.

Marie



Holy Spirit College Z Club

The HSC Z Club held their charter breakfast on 30/7 at the school. Parents and friends as well as the Principal, Dr Lyons and the guiding force behind the club, Ms Vicki Heggie attended what was a very successful event. The ceremony was followed by the new club executive, Maggie McCusker (President), Christa Wessels (Treasurer), Claire Parkinson (Secretary) and Tyler Johnson (Director) being presented to the whole school at their regular assembly. The club joins three other Z Clubs in Mackay at North High, Mirani High and Whitsunday Anglican.

Membership Committee

What: INFORMATION EVENING

When: WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST AT 6PM

Where: AT RIO TINTO OFFICE, 25 EVANS AVENUE, NORTH MACKAY

Who: FOR MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Why: Drinks and Nibbles to be served!



Congratulations and welcome to our newest member, Jennifer Hickey.

Thank you to us!

Dear Marie

I just wanted to thank you for the invitation to participate in the Zonta Get Active Event and for the way you and your fellow Zonta members assisted Chris and I, and made us feel so welcome there besides your stall. You were all a great encouragement to us and it was a great way for us to promote the Men's Shed and display and sell our products.

I've just been looking up the Mackay Zonta Club website to acquaint myself with what Zonta is all about. The involvements of the Club are very impressive and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours as you work with and for women of all ages.

God bless you all.

Kind regards

Ken Whitby



CALENDAR DATE CLAIMERS

- * Saturday 27—Sunday 29 Sept Zonta District 22 Conference, Noosa
- * Wednesday 14 August Information night Rio Tinto offices North Mackay
- * Tuesday 20 August Zonta meeting Reef Resort Hotel

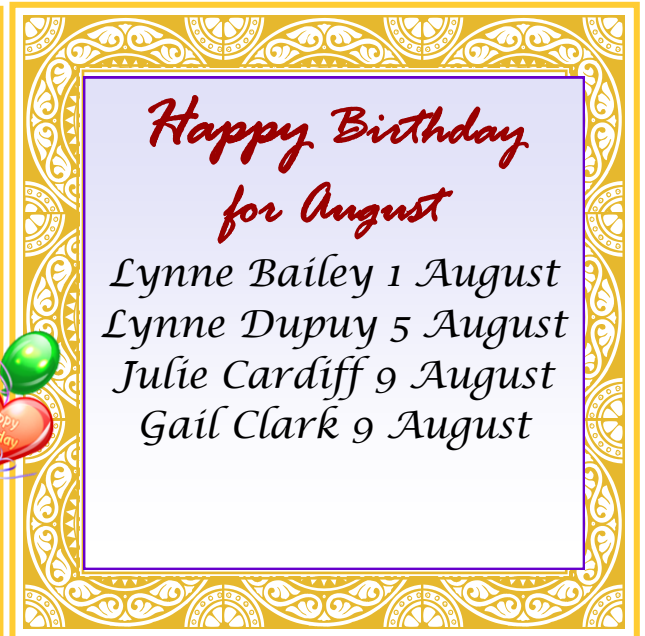
*Happy Birthday
for July*

*Judy Spannagle 7 July
Fiona Kruger 28 July*



*Happy Birthday
for August*

*Lynne Bailey 1 August
Lynne Dupuy 5 August
Julie Cardiff 9 August
Gail Clark 9 August*



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