

METRO MUSE

*The quarterly Newsletter of the
Zonta Club of Brisbane Metro Breakfast*



Muse (myōōz)n.
(a) A guiding spirit.
*(b) A source of
inspiration*

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Leida Pirts

Vice President:
Leanne O'Shea

Immediate Past
President:
Michelle Baran

Treasurer:
Tricia Walker

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Ruth McKeown

Directors:
Jo Jones
Isabelle Torralba
Ruth McKeown

President's Message

Welcome to our club's second newsletter of the year.

In May, our club held both its Annual General Meeting and elected new club officers. I am incredibly humbled to have been elected by members as the new President of our club. Joining me as Vice President is Leanne O'Shea, and our Directors are Ruth McKeown, Jo Jones and Isabelle Torralba. I would like to give a special acknowledgement and thanks to Patricia Walker who continues as our club's treasurer, a role which I believe is the most difficult and time-consuming, and needing the highest attention to detail. Our nominating committee did a great job finding a slate of candidates – many thanks!

The financial and committee reports accompanying the AGM also highlight the great year which the club has had. Members should be justly proud of our numerous achievements over the past year and know the positive impact we have made on the lives of many local women and girls through our ongoing fundraising, service and advocacy activities.

Our club will be holding a fundraising movie afternoon on 19 June 2016 at the New Farm Cinemas with the soon-to-be-released film, Me Before You. Tickets are still available and Flora has put together several fantastic raffle prizes. Thank you also to New Farm Cinemas and Merlo Coffee for donating prizes.

Planning is well underway for our Anniversary Dinner in July and our annual Trash & Treasure on 28 August. We have secured a new location for our Trash & Treasure sale. Thanks to Jo Jones and TAFE Qld Brisbane Southbank Campus for hosting us.

Later this month, I will also depart to attend the International Convention in Nice, France. During Convention, I will be attending training in preparation for my role as the new District 22 Service Committee Chair, and discussing and voting on bylaw changes and resolutions. Of particular interest are the resolutions to introduce a youth membership category and to continue the very successful Zonta Says No advocacy campaign in the new biennium. I look forward to updating our club, and our proxy clubs, on the outcomes of the Convention.

Leida Pirts, President

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Fundraising

Flora's "Op Shop"

Following another influx of good quality donated clothes, both female and male, Flora has found it necessary to re-open her Gordon Park OP Shop. Her young neighbour Sabrina has had some success selling some of the young fashion pieces on-line and total sales to date amount to \$152.00. Unfortunately many of the items are between sizes 6 and 8 and there are not a lot of customers for these sizes! Any unsold items from the Op Shop will be taken to the Trash and Treasure in August with the hope of finding some slim young bodies to fit them.

Entertainment Books:

Jo and Louise attended the launch in April and Jo was lucky in winning a \$100 dinner voucher. Digital Memberships have been very popular and we have already sold out of hard copy books and have had to reorder



FUNDRAISING MOVIE EVENT
Me Before You
3.30pm for 4.00pm movie start
Sunday 19 June 2016
The Bronze Room, New Farm Cinemas
701 Brunswick St, New Farm

\$25 per person

Based on the best selling novel by Jojo Moyes,
ME BEFORE YOU is the story of a woman in a small town who forms an unlikely bond with a recently-paralysed man she is taking care of.

YOUR ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- Movie ticket
- Your choice of either:
 - Glass of house champagne or house wine; OR
 - Small popcorn & small soft drink or bottled water

Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event

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Your generous support helps us support local Brisbane women and girls through funding great causes, providing scholarships, and assisting us in our advocacy goals.

To purchase tickets, email us at:
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Movie Night:

Tickets are selling well for our fundraising Movie Night on Sunday June 19th. The Movie screening is "Me Before You". Based on the best selling novel by Jojo Moyes, it is the story of a woman in a small town who forms an unlikely bond with a recently-paralysed man she is taking care of.

Tickets are \$25 which includes a drink on arrival. Flora, in her inimitable style has gift wrapped some wonderful hampers and prizes for the raffle, so gather your friends for some fellowship and fundraising

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Committee Reports

Advocacy

A new Advocacy Committee formed this month under the leadership of Leanne. This is a good opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months of activities undertaken by the previous committee.

One of the committee's primary roles is to increase the visibility of Zonta in our local community. To this end, members created an 'event kit' which we can use to promote our club at events (comprising Zonta brochures, speaking notes and business cards), and continued to write congratulatory letters to women who achieved success throughout the year.

A fellowship walk was held in December 2015 to mark the United Nations' 16 Days of Activism. Wearing our orange Zonta Says NO shirts, members and guests walked a route around Southbank and the Brisbane CBD visiting sites of significance to the Brisbane suffrage movement. The walk concluded with a fellowship brunch and it was also featured on the international Zonta Says No website. The new Advocacy Committee is busily investigating activities which the club can participate in to mark this year's 16 Days of Activism. *Leida Pirts.*

Membership

The Membership Committee for 2016/2017 includes Ruth as Chair, Louise, Emma and Flora

"Recruit Rejuvenate, Retain" are the goals of this committee. With these in mind the Committee plans to:

Recruit: "Get the word out there". Advertisement rates in local newspapers are being investigated, a new flyer with a catchy headline is being developed which will be placed on noticeboards of Member's workplaces and the organisations which we support. We are also investigating the possibility of manning a stall at one of the City markets and the possibility of collaborating with other City Clubs to combine our resources in order to roster the stall

Rejuvenate: Our Club's new meeting system whereby all Committees meet on the same night with optional fellowship beforehand, followed by the Board meeting (with optional fellowship afterwards) has been given the thumbs up. It allows members the chance to catch up for a chat as our Breakfast meetings don't allow much time for fellowship. Many thanks to Jo Jones of TAFE for allowing us the use of a quiet meeting room with kitchen facilities.

Retain: Quarterly Member Survey, Buddy System, keeping in touch with those on Leave of Absence and those who have previously shown an interest in joining Zonta. *Ruth McKeown, Chair*

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Committee Reports cont.

Service

The Service Committee has begun the 2016/2017 year with four members; Jo Jones (Chair) Kate Green, Karen Quinlan and Kathy Wu. The Estee Lauder event on April 30th was successful with 51 tickets being sold, resulting in \$510 in funds raised. The makeup and skincare items donated by Estee Lauder will be used for future raffles.

Prices and Menus are being collected from various restaurants around town for the Annual Membership Dinner to be held on July. This year we are celebrating 18 years since our Club was chartered. The dinner is always a popular and well attended fellowship evening when partners are welcome and new members are pinned.

Emphasis this year is to be placed on “hands on” involvement in addition to our normal fundraising. Committee will investigate lending a hand at soup kitchens for the homeless, and to enquire from other not for profit organisations such as The Nest and Lady Musgrave trust if our club can be of assistance.

The Committee is following up on the possibility of holding a High Tea at Government House as a fundraising and fellowship event.

Toiletry items are being collected and the Club has donated \$500 to the Sexual Assault Unit at Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital. *Jo Jones, Chair*

On the Couch with.....

Tricia Walker (*Treasurer and member of ZBMBC for five years*)

Favourite TV Show? **Grand Designs.**

Celebrity Man Crush? **Hugh Grant**

Chocolate or Vanilla? **Chocolate (Lindt raspberry)**

Coffee or Tea? **Coffee, long black not burnt and cup filled to the top**

Favourite QLD holiday destination? **Salt at Kingscliff, or anywhere on a surf beach**

What do you do in your downtime? **Look at property, camp on South Straddie catching fish & crabs**

Where would you like to be in 10 years time? **Retired**

What is something people don’t know about you? **I get up every morning at 4.30 so that I can enjoy either a morning run or walk**



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Service Projects

Breast Cancer Cushion Sewing Bee

Our quarterly sewing bee was held at mumma Di Lizio's at Gordon Park on Saturday 28th May as she has the more comfortable facility and the bar!

We completed 23 breast cushions on the day which was a great effort given that we had to start from the cutting of the fabric (by our very obliging new member Kathy who was thrown into the deep end at her first session!) and only had two sewers for a good part of the afternoon, I think we did quite well.

Thank you to all the attendees who included our members, friends and family – Leida, Ruth, Louise, Kathy and Kate. It was great to see Alana come along and looking fantastic after her surgery. She also brought her mum Ann along who helped with the stuffing. Goes to show that more hands make light work!

Ruth is investigating which hospital presently has the most need and will deliver in due course.

It was a great fellowship day enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who gave up their Sunday afternoon to attend.

Flora Di Lizio



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Muse News

Our immediate past President, Michelle Baran, gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy, Henry Thomas Millard on May 9th, weighing 3595g (7lb 15). Hopefully Michelle will bring baby Henry to breakfast to meet us all soon



Gorgeous little Henry Thomas Millard

Vice President Leanne O'Shea and husband Peter have just returned from a sojourn around North America. Their trip began in San Francisco, followed by a conference in Washington DC, then on to NYC followed by a cruise from Montreal to Boston.



Congratulations to President Leida who has accepted the role of District 22 Service Committee Chair. As she mentioned in her President's message she will soon be off to beautiful Nice, France for the ZI International Convention starting on July 2nd. Leida will be carrying the proxies for a number of Brisbane Clubs who are unable to send a representative

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Flora, Leida, Kate, Karen, Isobelle, Jo & Louise had a great afternoon at the Lady Musgrave Trust “Women Supporting Women” High Tea at the Marriott Hotel on May 6th. Our Club was acknowledged by LMT for our support and Flora got a special shout out from the host (Ian Skippen), then immediately went on to win a big raffle prize!



Flora, Leida, Ruth and Tricia attended the Area 1 and 3 Meeting at Nambour on April 24th. One hundred enthusiastic Zontians were in attendance at a very interesting and fun meeting and our “Zonta on a Stick” stall proved very popular.



Alana & partner Graham who “lost his hair” for support

ZBMB member Alana Kenny was unfortunately diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2015. Her cancer journey has involved thirteen weeks of chemotherapy followed by a mastectomy and reconstruction surgery. We are pleased to say that Alana is recovering well however still has to undergo more reconstruction surgery. She has made good use of our pink satin breast cushion but has also received a peanut shaped cushion from St Columbans School and a big “jelly bean” cushion from St Pauls School, so is now the authority on the most comfortable, best shape, best fabric, best looking breast cushion in Brisbane!! Alana would like to thank ZBMB for our support and encouragement as she continues her journey back to good health.