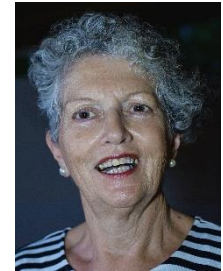


MAY 2019



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

The new Board has been formally elected and our new President Patsy Morgan will have a great team to work with. Patsy I welcome you as leader of this great club, I'm sure that you will enjoy the journey.

This is my last President's report and I would like to thank those behind the scenes people who have been a sounding board for me, those friends who have lent an ear and those wise advisors who were able to clarify points of procedure.

That said, the best source of all information and advice is most certainly the Constitution and our Zonta Manual, I leave this position far more informed than when I started the job twelve months ago.

I wish Patsy and the board an exciting year ahead and anticipate being part of lots of new projects.

Warm wishes, Cath

### SERVICE REPORT

BBQ Coordinator required for SUNDAY May 26th. Carol will be overseas.

This may need to be cancelled if no one steps forward!! Don't forget to wear closed in shoes.

Next round of BBQs will be August 18th and 24<sup>th</sup>

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday

*Carol Bolton, Director*

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Committee has decided to trial some social events for our members and their guests. We will have Morning Tea on the second Thursday of the month at 9am at a designated cafe and lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month at 12pm also at a designated cafe. Our first lunch will be on the 23rd May at 12pm at Capers. No need to book, just show up and enjoy. Any inquiries contact Ann Cleghorn (0409 626 383)

Our first Morning tea will be on 13th June at 9am at the Rainbow cafe. Once again just show up with your friends and enjoy. Inquiries Ann (0409626383) Dates and Cafe's will be in the Newsletter each month. Come along and enjoy.

Membership is looking at training someone for the position of Data Manager. If you have basic computer skills and would like to give it a go, please contact me Judy Brown (carlandjudy@whitsunday.net.au) or Claire Jardine (clairejardine@live.com) Claire has done an amazing job but will be leaving us at the end of the year and would like the opportunity of training her replacement.

I have several Zonta shirts that have been donated to the club. If you are looking for one, please contact me and we will see if one fits. *Judy Brown, Director*

# ADVOCACY REPORT

## AIRLIE BEACH EVENT

Car that we sponsored



Note: Young ladies that we sponsor



## BOWEN EVENT



I just wanted to say a personal thank you to each and every one of you. The event wouldn't have been half as successful without you all. At tonight's Rally Whitsunday's Presentation Night at Mantra Club Croc, the Mayor personally thanked Zonta during his speech and our logo was included in the official acknowledgment list as shown in the picture. I had to share that! After talking to Jan, it sounds like the event was a huge success (unofficially) and something that they will endeavour to continue (unofficially).

Not only that. Rally Whitsunday president Paul (owner of Abell Point Marina) gave a special shout out to the Zonta members who were Marshalls for the rally. He said "Even though we had a lot of Marshalls who were green on the field, they were enthusiastic and were an asset to the event. I was pulling my hair out when we went from 150 marshals to 30 but the ones we had, more than made up for the ones we lost. Especially the Zonta marshals." The rally girls didn't make podium however the unofficial scorecard reads them as 4<sup>th</sup>! Just outside of a trophy. They are winners to me! After talking to other driving teams, Mel is regarded as "one to watch". Not because she is a female driver but because she is a talented driver. Every one of them said "She is very fast!"

*Amanda Walter, Director*

### Report on Keisha:/ 18 April 2019

**From CQUniversity:** Dear Keisha:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that you have been successful in obtaining a place in the October-November 2019 CQUGlobal Outbound Cambodia program. You are also being awarded a scholarship of AUD\$3,000 under the New Colombo Plan Mobility Program to assist with expenses for your trip to Cambodia. You are required to reply to this offer, either accepting or rejecting the scholarship. Rejected offers will be reissued in a secondary round offer. Upon your return you will be asked to give testimonial about your experience. Your testimonial may be posted on the student webpage for International Mobility and used in university promotional activities for subsequent trips.

A few of us had lunch with Keisha to congratulate her on her achievement and catch up with her busy life...she is still studying (but will finish this year!) & working several day's a week. We are so very proud of her.

### Report on Phoebe:

Dear Zonta ladies: Hello to you all,

I would like to express my gratitude for your generous bursary contribution towards my participation in the cert 3 in early childhood education and care this opportunity allows me to pursue one of my chosen carrier pathways. I've always had a passion in working with children. I'm always happy to provide you with updates with my work and tell you how I'm going.

Thanks again,

Phoebe Thorn

Proserpine State High School

### Mez Bowen's Invocation

*(Many of us missed this at the last General Meeting & it is definitely worth ALL of us reading)*

A few years ago, the money machines stopped giving out \$20 notes, and I used to get irritated by it. Mainly because, around the time they started doing this I wasn't very financially stable and could hardly ever afford to take out \$50 at a time...Sometimes, all we need is \$20. So, I'd like to talk to you about our need to take more notice of the Australian fifty dollar note....

And I can hear you thinking WHY????? It's because of Edith Cowan. Now she had a tough life, her mother passed away when she was young. Her father made her an orphan at 14 by killing her stepmother and in turn, getting himself executed. But she never let her past define her, or stop her from standing up for what she believed in.

She became involved with social issues and injustices in the legal system, especially with respect to women and children. In 1894, Cowan was one of the founders of the Karrakatta Club, the first women's social club in Australia. Therefore, Perth's leading women mastered public speaking and shared their reading on health, literature and women's rights: She became prominent in the women's suffrage movement, which saw women in Western Australia granted the right to vote in 1899. (Qld women only got that right in 1905) Cowan was also a leading advocate for public state education and the rights of children (particularly those born to single mothers).

She was one of the first women who served several terms on the North Fremantle Board of Education, one of the few public offices then open to women. She worked with the Ministering Children's League (from 1891) and the House of Mercy for unmarried mothers (Alexandra Home for Women) from 1894.

A foundation member of the Children's Protection Society in 1906, She helped to lobby successfully for the passing of the State Children's Act in 1907, which resulted in the creation of the [Children's Court](#) the following year, which enabled her to pioneer its 1909 day nursery for working mother's children.

She was among the first women appointed to the children's court bench in 1915; also an early woman justice of the peace (1920), she constantly urged the appointment of women to such positions. In 1921, Western Australia passed legislation allowing women to stand for parliament. At the age of 59, she stood as the [Nationalist](#) candidate for the [Legislative Assembly seat of West Perth](#) because she felt that domestic and social issues were not being given enough attention.

She won a surprise victory, defeating the [Attorney General, Thomas Draper](#), who had introduced the legislation that enabled her to stand. Cowan was the first woman to be elected to an Australian parliament.

She championed [women's rights](#) in parliament, and also used her term to promote migrant welfare, and infant health centres: she 'was convinced of the necessity of motherhood endowment', even defended the idea, in parliament, of a housewives' union, and continued to press for sex education in state schools. She succeeded in placing mothers in an equal position with fathers when their children died without having made a will and was one of the first to promote [sex education](#) in schools. The Women's Legal Status Act, which she introduced in 1923 as a private member, opened the legal profession to women.

So now, every time I go to the ATM to get out money and feel the resentment at having to take out \$50, I can look at my note and be thankful that women like Edith Cowan were around, because without people like her we may all be sitting around discussing health, literature, and our lack of women's rights.



**In-coming Presidential Inaugural Speech  
Patsy Morgan 18-04-19**

Good evening Ladies, my ladies! Thank you for your wonderful introduction.

MEDALS! You have all very kindly offered me the Presidential Medal/Badge/Pin to take on and I feel very honoured and would like to give you a glimpse of my tumultuous emotions when Cath beckoned me over and uttered those immortal words; 'Patsy, you'd better sit down, there's something I need to say.'

Over the weeks since then I have come to realize what a great honour this is and what enormous presidential shoes I have to fill. Those great Australian Presidential ladies will look at me, fold their arms, sagely nod their heads, and say to themselves, 'go on Patsy, let's see you try!!' OK! I accept your challenge!

AUSSIE PRIDE! I am totally amazed that you let a BRIT POMMIE loose in your Zonta club! and not only that, give her free reign to run your prestigious club. But I have calmed down now and my stiff upper lip has softened and I've learnt your essential vocabulary, THONGS, SNAGS, TINNIES and not forgetting the phrase, "she'll be right!"

So, as a trainee Aussie, my greatest pride tonight is to say 'YES, THANKYOU' and lead a band of strong, diverse, multicultural and caring people into 2020 and beyond. Accepting this covetous medal will not be easy as President John F. Kennedy once so famously quoted, I accept it because it will be hard. I liken my situation to standing on the Olympic podium accepting the gold medal, whilst listening to your country's national anthem with justified achievement and valour. That medal on your chest means far more than just hard work; it means dedication, honour, responsibility, respectability, accountability, pride and leadership. I haven't done any of those things yet, I need to earn this medal after I have received it.

EQUALITY: It's not our baby carrying capabilities that makes us who we are in Zonta. It's about being human beings that encourage other less fortunate human beings to empower women. I know Zonta will stay as a ladies club in my lifetime but I firmly believe that in my granddaughter Freya's lifetime Zonta will expand exponentially and become a club for human beings, non-generic and all encompassing, to promote and encourage both deserving ladies and gentlemen. After all, our 'say no to violence against women' needs to be taught, ultimately to men and boys; and that bullying and domineering mindset needs to change and that's where we need to start, in schools, colleges, universities and canteens.

In my 'Thank you' speech I said 'people' and not 'ladies' as I feel that behind every successful lady is a husband, partner or family member who is your rock and your support. Our club values, ideals and future focus should encompass all the people that you hold dear in your family. Like a dropped pebble, the ripples will spread out to your inner circle of family and they will in turn spread out wider and wider to the community, town, city, state and country.

As our first tentative steps towards this, I feel that 2020 is the year of the non-generic transition here in the Whitsundays, where loved ones are brought into the fold and integrated into functions and activities as much as they wish. In this age of equality, fairness and transparency, I hope to instigate many chances for our partners and loved ones to join us in the fun, cocktail evenings, murder mysteries, games, quiz nights and general frivolity throughout the year.

Our first 'handover' function will be at the Rainbow Café on the 1st of June from 3.30 until 6.00. The high tea theme for this is:



**FRIENDS and FLOWERS**, so come in your finest flowered ensemble and we shall do the rest. It's an open invitation to all partners, family and friends too.

You can be dressed as flower power, Hawaiian, chintz and Liberty prints or even Eve with a strategically placed bunch of flowers, in fact anything that's got flowers in it. The cost is \$36.00 and you get bubbly on arrival and high tea. Could you please sign the papers on the table to say you would like to be there and dispatch \$36 to the Zonta account ASAP. I will send out 2 reminders; one in the middle of May and one the week before the handover. So put this date in your diaries

**Saturday 1st June Rainbow Café, 3.30 until 6.00: Flowers and Friends**

**HELP WANTED: Maxine has put her hand up to become newsletter editor. A second to work with her is MUCH needed. Laura & P.J. have been at it for many a year. It's great to have 'back up' as we all have busy lives and travel.**

**As you can see, you can produce it on Word. No need to use Publisher as we did. You can 'work at home' and put your creative skills to work. Please put your hands up – we found having 2 of us worked well in case one was away.**

**MEMBERSHIP: Also needs a Data Manager to help with posting to Dropbox, Facebook & Newsletter articles.**

Mark your calendars for Bunnings Barb-b-que

May 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday; Cath & Lauren

August 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday and 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Knitting Group – last Monday of every month – contact Laura Morrison

Book Club last Wednesday of every month – contact Kerry Kenyon



**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

None in May!

June: 13<sup>th</sup> – Christine Mayne

30<sup>th</sup> – Catherine Moscato

Visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitsundayZonta>

District 22 Facebook:

<https://www.facebook/District-22-Zonta-International>



**Zonta Club of the Whitsundays Contact Details**

President: Cath Fernbach [cathfern@bigpond.com](mailto:cathfern@bigpond.com)

President Elect: Patsy Morgan

Vice President: PJ Halter [pjhalter@hotmail.com](mailto:pjhalter@hotmail.com)

Vice President: Laura Morrison [morrison.laura@bigpond.com](mailto:morrison.laura@bigpond.com)

Past President: Kerrie Adam [kerrieandken@gmail.com](mailto:kerrieandken@gmail.com)

Secretary: Janice Lake [bjlake@iinet.net.au](mailto:bjlake@iinet.net.au)

Treasurer: Betty Whitehorn [bwhitehorn@adam.com](mailto:bwhitehorn@adam.com)

Reef Talk Editors: Laura Morrison, PJ Halter

**Whitsunday Festival of Motoring Survey Report.**  
**By Zonta Whitsundays Volunteer Group. 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

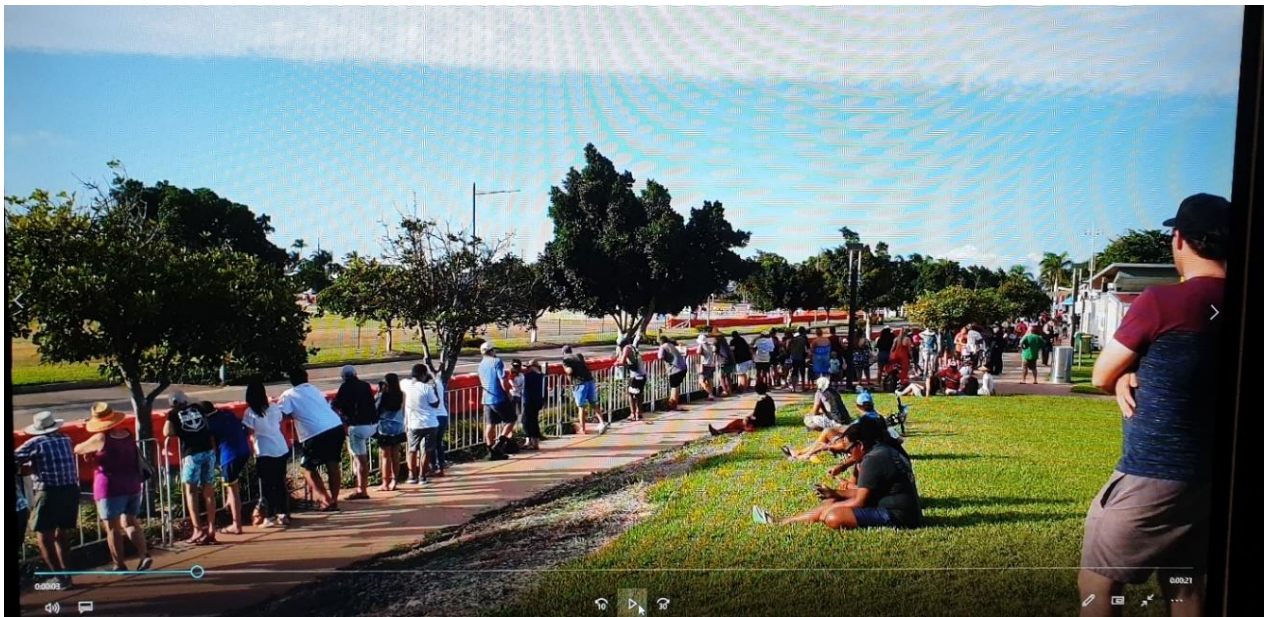
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May Abell Point Marina.**

- Majority of attendees were local to the region.
- Family members visited from the area from Townsville and Mackay.
- Some came from interstate NSW and Vic. Some tourists but no non-Australian tourists.
- Age groups varied. Families with young children to families with teenagers. Grandparents were included in the family mix. A balanced mix of all ages.
- An even mix of male and female attended
- Mix of non-club and club members.
- Fantastic vibe and buzz about the event. All attendees wanting to know more about the drivers and cars.
- Negatives. Lack of parking.
- Most asked questions, “where are the toilets?” & “where is an ATM”.



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of May – Bowen Foreshore and Grand View Hotel.**

- Majority of attendees were local to the region.
- Spectators came down from Townsville and up from Mackay.
- Some interstate travellers with the motoring associations and clubs
- Non club members from interstate that follow dirt bikes, rally cars or go karts.
- All age groups. Plenty of Children and families.
- Equal mix of both genders.
- Fantastic location. Plenty of room and atmosphere.
- Spectator highlights. Beach bike races and official rally.
- They also loved the show and shine cars which allowed spectators something to do between events.
- The kids absolutely loved the jumping castle and fighting arena.
- Negatives – Lack of communication about delay in times. People not happy about being stranded on either side between foreshore and Grand View Hotel for an hour until spectator centre access was allowed making people walk around back streets. This caused people to go home before the rally came through. Lack of shelter in the centre spectator area.
- No questions were asked. A lot more people wanted the program and to know what and when things were happening. Some were interested to know what was happening Sunday in Proserpine. The buzz at this event make people think about attending the Sunday events.





**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Mantra Club Croc.**

- Not a lot of spectators at the closing ceremony.
- Various ages, mostly family that came for a 10 – 15 mins, had a jump on the castle, walked around the cars and went home. Older attendees walked around for 10 – 15 mins and went into Mantra to have a drink and food inside. Feedback from vendors and show and shine vehicles – Tonka park was the place to be on Sunday, they had a lot of spectators of various ages. Proserpine was quiet for attendees.



**Conclusion:**

Very well received by all the attendees. Most would come again. There were a lot of smiles and happy people that enjoyed all the events. A great way to spend a long weekend.

Regards,  
Amanda Walter.  
Advocacy Director.  
Zonta Whitsunday.



**HELP WANTED: Maxine has put her hand up to become newsletter editor. A second to work with her is MUCH needed. Laura & P.J. have been at it for many a year. It's great to have 'back up' as we all have busy lives and travel.**

**As you can see, you can produce it on Word. No need to use Publisher as we did. You can 'work at home' and put your creative skills to work. Please put your hands up – we found having 2 of us worked well in case one was away.**

**MEMBERSHIP: Also needs a Data Manager to help with posting to Dropbox, Facebook & Newsletter articles.**

Mark your calendars for Bunnings Barb-b-que

May 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday; Cath & Lauren

August 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday and 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Knitting Group – last Monday of every month – contact Laura Morrison

Book Club last Wednesday of every month – contact Kerry Kenyon



**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

None in May!

June: 13<sup>th</sup> – Christine Mayne

30<sup>th</sup> – Catherine Moscato

Visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitsundayZonta>

District 22 Facebook:

<https://www.facebook/District-22-Zonta-International>



**Zonta Club of the Whitsundays Contact Details**

**President: Cath Fernbach** [cathfern@bigpond.com](mailto:cathfern@bigpond.com)

**President Elect: Patsy Morgan**

**Vice President: PJ Halter** [pjhalter@hotmail.com](mailto:pjhalter@hotmail.com)

**Vice President: Laura Morrison** [morrison.laura@bigpond.com](mailto:morrison.laura@bigpond.com)

**Past President: Kerrie Adam** [kerrieandken@gmail.com](mailto:kerrieandken@gmail.com)

**Secretary: Janice Lake** [bjlake@iinet.net.au](mailto:bjlake@iinet.net.au)

**Treasurer: Betty Whitehorn** [bwhitehorn@adam.com](mailto:bwhitehorn@adam.com)

**ReefTalk Editors: Laura Morrison, PJ Halter**

## **DISTRICT 22 IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **DISTRICT22 BOARD NOMINATIONS for next Biennium 2020-2022**

Nominations for District 22 Board positions are still available, and I urge any members who have held Club Board positions to consider if they would like to step up to the next level. Obviously, there are criteria regarding District Board positions and these can be found on the D22 website (no user name or password required):

Go to “news and updates”

Click on “News from the District committees”

Click on “nominating committee” There are 11 positions available

Then under “call for nominations 2020-2022 biennium “ all the relevant information can be found, including a nomination form that must be sent to Ansmarie Van Erp with original signatures by the 28 May together with a candidate biography as this will be published in the conference handbook.

Please contact Wendy (District 22 Nominating Committee) for assistance and more information.

### **The annual AREA 5 MEETING is being held this year at the Historic Charters Towers**

**Wendy, P.J., Amanda & Laura are going! Like to learn & have a good time? Join us!!**

The meeting is being held on 24-26 May and is always a great weekend which includes some great presentations and a lot of fun with our fellow Zontians in Area 5, which covers 9 clubs from Mackay to Mt Isa to Cairns so you'll make some new friends. If you haven't attended one before – it is definitely worth it.