



Zonta Club of Mackay Newsletter

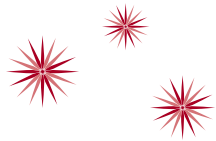
New Year Edition 2014

President's Report
As most of us do at this time of the year, we reflect on the year passed and the opportunities for the future.

Although busy and sometimes unpredictable, I think we can justifiably feel proud of the things achieved over the past 12 months. In particular the visibility that we achieved over the 16 days of activism.

Starting with the Zonta Says No Dinner and despite getting off to a shaky start with the numbers (the Mackay tradition of not booking anything until the day before!) we managed to significantly raise the issues with very orange aprons for our celebrity waiters, radio interviews, TV promotion, newspaper articles and a very active Zonta Mackay [Zonta Mackay Facebook](#) page (thank you Lynne and Nikki).....and raise over \$5,600 for the night! This combined with the sausage sizzle the next day meant we raised over \$6,600 for the weekend! It was also a wonderful demonstration of how all members of the club come together to make things happen. It is the attention to all the practical behind the scene jobs, club member donations, participation of partners and friends and cooking sausages that ensures success and makes all the difference.

Totally unexpected during this period, the club also became the



Happy New Year!

recipient of funds raised by the Femnasium Gym through the 24 promotion of their new 24 hour opening arrangements. The added advantage was SeaFM radio broadcasting from the gym and talking about Zonta throughout the period. More great visibility and more detail in the new year!

We finished the year with a relaxing (??) and enjoyable Christmas party at my place and I look forward to seeing you all at the planning meeting on 18 January 2014 where we will reflect on 2013 and formulate new strategies for 2014.

Thank you for your commitment to raising the status of women locally and your continuous generosity of time and spirit over the year.

Bridget

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This January, Zonta International celebrates Amelia Earhart month. More than 1400 women in 68 countries have been able to pursue post-graduate study in aerospace-related science and engineering through Zonta International's Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowships.

Today, women remain a distinct minority in science and engineering, representing approximately 10 percent of professionals in these fields.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship program helps talented women, pursuing advanced studies in the typically male-dominated fields of aerospace-related sciences and engineering, achieve their educational goals. The Fellowship enables these women to invest in state-of-the-art computers to conduct their research, purchase expensive books and resource materials, and participate in specialized studies around the globe. Amelia Earhart Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force.



[Skin cancer researcher Adele Green named 2013's top woman of influence](#)

Adele Green has played a crucial role in - convincing Australians that putting on - sunscreen is a good way to fight skin cancer. Recognising her efforts, Green has been named the overall winner of The Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of Influence awards for 2013



Rural Woman of Year - [QLD runner up Terressa Ford](#)

Terressa's Award ambition is to host a series of workshops to up skill rural women and their families in finance, technology, mental health and wellbeing to help them make business decisions with confidence.

Terressa is an active member of the north-west Queensland beef community. Through her community work, Terressa has identified a need to up skill rural women, to help them stay abreast of important issues and assist them to make business decisions with confidence.



Mackay cane grower Robyn McFarlane took over the State Presidency of the QCWA



[The National Centre of Excellence to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children](#) Limited announced the appointment of Ms Heather Nancarrow as the Chief Executive Officer.

The coming year will be very important for the NCE as it commences its principal function as a research centre within the National Plan by announcing and proceeding to administer its first Research Program. Ms Nancarrow is exceptionally well-qualified to lead the NCE in this critical national role.



Sam O'Malley, Biggest Losers Contestant; Gail Clark and Bridget Mather, Zonta Club of Mackay; Jess O'Malley, Biggest Losers Contestant; Tim Mulherin, Member for Mackay; Kerry Beck and Narell Schmidke, Zonta Club of Mackay ; Dr John McIntosh, Mackay Super Clinic; Jennifer Hickey, Zonta Club of Mackay and George Christensen, Member for Dawson.

A great night was had in late November as the club held the Zonta Says No dinner. Not only was it a great night in that it was a very visible statement that violence against women was unacceptable as our political leaders and local identities donned orange aprons to demonstrate their commitment and support of the issue, but we also raised over \$5,000 on the night thanks to great sponsorship and the generosity of guests on the night. A very big thank you to Carol and her staff from the Coffee Club for their terrific effort and support.

If you haven't started to plan your year give some thought to learning a whole lot more about Zonta and meet wonderful women from all over the world at the [ZI Orlando Convention 2014](#)

