



Zonta Whitsundays Newsletter: June 2019

Hello all Zontians and their families,

So this is the birth of a new era, a new president and leading up to a lucky zero year 2020! It's all full steam ahead and ready to go with lots of exciting things ahead.

Flowers and friends, handover party:

Thank you to everyone who attended the handover party wearing flowers of every size and colour. It was fantastic to see our secretary Claire and future President and daughter who went to a lot of effort to come TOTALLY dressed as sunflowers and daisies! You rocked it ladies! The tea and cakes were scrumptious and the bubbles went down pretty well too...😊

Next General Meeting

Our next General meeting is this Thursday 20th June at the usual time in the VMR. Unfortunately, Linda, our caterer is in Perth so cannot feed us 😞 So, we will be having a half and half pot luck plate night!!!! (try saying that after a couple of gins!)

President's Report (con't)

If you don't want to cater then bring your usual \$25 but if you do want to cater then read Janice's email about what to bring. These nights are always very good and we all end up being very well fed! Linda will be back for the July meeting so it isn't too onerous.

Our club really needs your help with welcoming members to positions of support and leadership. On Thursday I will be outlining the positions in our club that need filling— some quite urgently. We are not just a social club; we are a service to the community club and as such, need everyone's support and intervention. So come with your diaries and volunteer to help run our own Whitsunday's club.

I am really looking forward to my year with you and hope, with your help and support, it will be as successful as all the other 20 years; I have big shoes to fill.

Best wishes,

Patsy



Induction of 2019/20 Board members

Sunday, 1st June saw us celebrate the incoming Board members for 2019/20 with High Tea at Rainbow Cafe.



Past and present
Presidents: Cath &
Patsy

Board members: Laura Morrison, Janice Lake, Judy Brown, Amanda Walter, Carol Bolton, Mary (Mez) Bowen and President Patsy Morgan being inducted by Member and Past President Carole Lindsay.

Flower Power



Change over in pictures



Carol needed a break but probably not this type!!



THAT WAS YUMMY, MUMMY!!

I promise to be good!!



Membership Report



Firstly I want to congratulate Joanne Richardson on 20years with the Zonta Club of Whitsundays. Many of our members may not know Joanne as she lives and works overseas but visits when she can and has remained a member. Congratulations.

Membership held their first Luncheon last month see below for Ann's report on it.

Our first **Morning tea** will be held at the **Rainbow cafe 9.00am** on the **13th June** and again at the same venue 9.00am on the **11th July. The second Thursday of the month.**

Our next **Lunch** will be held at the **Sailing Club** on Thursday **27th June** at 12 noon.

The fourth Thursday of the month.

Judy Brown

Membership Director

Ann's Report

Hello the first luncheon went off with a Bang at the new Airle beach pub/ hotel. What a welcoming venue. A choice to sit outside or inside. A pensioners discount and many specials. We had two tables and two men folk joined us. Glenda is a Brisbane zonta lady and her husband Rick attended. My Mario joined us to make Rick welcome. There were about 12 ladies. All smiling and happy. Mae was the first to arrive and Diane and I the last to leave.

It was a lovely chance to catch up and chat.



Laura, Ann and Noelene enjoying breakfast at Rainbow Café with guest speaker Rick Brown, Rick spoke about the history of and his work with VMR.

Ann Cleghorn

ADVOCACY



On the weekend of 24th/25th May, Amanda, PJ, Laura and Wendy attended the Area 5 Meeting at Charters Towers. “Resilience of Women in Rural Areas”. Mandy’s full report on this will be attached as a separate email.



The food is delicious—another reason to attend the Conference, ladies.



Advocacy Report



“ Zonta have given me that opportunity. I wouldn’t be able to do it without them.” Proserpine State High School year 11 student Phoebe Thorne speaking after being presented with her Zonta Scholarship to enable her to complete her Certificate 3 in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Phoebe is pictured with Roz Jennings and Mez Bowen.

Advocacy Report (con't)

Advocacy had a huge month this month. I feel like I say that every month but this month was very special on so many levels. I will try to keep it brief.

Zonta Whitsundays was well presented at the Area 5 Charters Towers District Conference at the end of last month. The spotlight was on advocacy and the Whitsunday Festival of Motoring event that not only promoted Zonta to a new demographic but highlighted our 100 years of Zonta, Equal Opportunity by supporting women in rally racing (the only female team), brought awareness to Queensland's May Domestic Violence Prevention Month campaign and showed the community how important we are in the Whitsundays. I took copious notes from the meeting and they will be available in Dropbox. Our showcase impressed so much that we have been invited by Sandy Venn-Brown to submit our showcase for nomination for the Inter-District Showcase Line-up— which I have done. 3 showcases have been submitted so far but only two will be chosen. The conference will be held in Brisbane on Sept 6th-8th. All the information is on the district website. There are some fantastic resources there so please, have a look.

We had a special thank you from the Mayor, the event organisers and the Rally Clerk of Course Rally Whitsundays. Also a letter of congratulations from Whitsunday Counselling and Support for our Domestic Violence Campaign during the event. The media attention reached an unknown amount of people but it is estimated at well over 30,000. Our own Facebook page post of the girl's video reached over 2800 people. Melissa Bergmann and Larisa Biggar are so grateful for our sponsorship and support that they have agreed to keep our Zonta stickers on the rally car for the rest of the season. How fantastic did the rally car look?

Advocacy (Con't)

They said, "We feel empowered, emboldened and grateful for the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays support. They truly do empower women." Melinda told me a story about how they stopped at a service station in Rockhampton and the attendee said, "I have seen a lot of rally cars come through but this is the best looking one by far. I'm sure it will win." It was eye-catching. I will keep us up to date on their progress through the rest of the competition. I think they will do great and I'm very proud of them. They also empower, honour and encourage other women in their work and sporting careers.

We have another A&A award nomination up for approval this month. Her story is truly heart breaking. I will explain more at our general meeting. On a lighter note, our previous recipient, Phoebe Thorne, Roz and Mez were in the Whitsunday Times last week. Beautiful write up about how we are helping her and what the funds will be used for. This is what makes our efforts all worthwhile.

Thank you everyone for your help and support during our various activities. We wouldn't be successful without you all.

I am honoured to represent Advocacy for another year.

*Amanda
Walter,*

*Director of
Advocacy.*



Service Report

“Why be the Service Director?”

For 20 years, the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays has established some excellent service and advocacy projects that improve women’s health, education, economic status and end violence against women and enhance women’s self esteem.

Reflect on what we have achieved!

* We have raised the awareness of the status of women’s issues at our IWD annual event, with our banner on the Airlie Beach Hill, our Birthing Kit project and the 16 days of Activism.

* We provide education and development to women through our Books from Birth Project, our awards in the three High Schools, our assistance program and our School uniform project.

*We publicise and raise funds for local status of women projects with the Memory Cards we gave to Whitsunday Counselling & Crisis Support, assisting the women’s rally team and volunteering at the Whitsunday Festival of Motoring.

* We raise funds for the current International projects when we donate one third of total funds raised.

We can continue to do all of that and more in the future if we continue to raise the dollars. We currently have established, excellent fund-raising activities. Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Christmas Gift Wrapping, Bowen Cup Race Day,

and our IWD event. Fund-raising dollars are extremely hard to raise. Let's not be complacent and let these minimal participation activities be taken over by other organisations.

Please consider being part of the Service team and take on at least one role so that we can continue to do amazing work in our local community.

Carol Bolton

(Former Service Director)

PS:

I have put my hand up to co-ordinate the Christmas Gift Wrapping. And I believe that IWD is sorted too. If someone will consider co-ordinating the BBQ's (sorry, they start too early for me!!) and the Race Day, if we still want to do it, we will be set. Remember, the alternative to these activities is probably selling raffle tickets!!

We are a Service Club. We all need to do our bit even though we might have done it before.

Carol has set up some amazing fund raising activities— let's keep them going.

Maxine Thiele (Editor)



Thank You

It is a big thank you to Mae McPhee that our Zonta club got off the ground. She gave us much support and was very generous of her time. Mae couldn't attend our birthday meeting but sent a donation. I am sure that you all would recognise her in the photo book— she was the one sky diving!!

The story goes that she said that if our club got off the ground— she would go sky diving— she went sky diving!!

Attached is the letter that Cath sent to Mae.



23/5/2019

Dear Mae,

I'd like to thank you for the work that you put in to starting the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays all those years ago. Women such as myself (member for 18 years) have reaped the rewards that have flowed from this vision that yourself and our inaugural members had. The community too, both local and international has benefited over the years as Zonta has assisted many young women and girls to achieve their dreams and make a better life for themselves.

I would like to thank you too for the generous donation that you made to acknowledge our twentieth birthday, we will see that it goes to a good purpose.

I am enclosing a small photo album of the 20th birthday celebrations and a USB containing a powerpoint that was made for International Women's Day 2019. Whilst it is a light hearted look at our activities, it reflects the club activities that have raised funds and raised morale over the last twenty years.

Warmest good wishes and many thanks for your interest

Cath Fernbach

President Zonta Whitsundays.

Farewell Kerrie Adam

It is with some sadness but with excitement for her that we farewell Kerrie Adam and her husband Ken. Kerrie and Ken have decided to move to much cooler climes and have sold their home at Mt. Julian and will soon move to Stanthorpe— where it snows!!

Kerrie joined our club in 2011 and during her time has served on the board for 5 years— consecutively. Kerrie served as Service Director, President Elect, President and then Past President. She has given our club wonderful service, always with a smile and her calm way of dealing with life.

I am sure that I speak for the entire club when I thank you most sincerely for your service and wish you and Ken a wonderful life in Stanthorpe.

Come visit often! And no doubt we will see you in Stanthorpe.

Maxine



Member's Moments

Congratulations to Noelene Helman as she welcomes another Great Grandchild.

Luna Bea was born on 25th May to her grandson, Ben and his partner Elle.

Luna has two adoring brothers, Sonny (8) and Zephyr (3) to look after her.

Noelene is expecting another Great grand daughter in the next few days too. This time to grandson Andrew and his wife Sarah in Belgium. So, watch this space!



Birthdays this month:

June 13th: Christine Mayne

June 30th: Catherine Moscato



Dates to remember:

Morning Tea at Rainbow Café:

13th June at 9.00am

11th July at 9.00am

Lunch at Sailing Club:

June 27th at 12noon

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From the Editor:

I hope that you will all enjoy this, my first edition of Reeftalk. I have tried to keep the Publisher format even though I had no idea what I was doing!!

I would like to thank PJ and Laura for their many years of putting this newsletter together. I have VERY big shoes to fill.

I would also like to thank Mary (Mez) Bowen for agreeing to be my sidekick. Just a slight twist of the arm is all that it took!!

And of course, thanks those members who have contributed to this edition.

Maxine Thiele



