

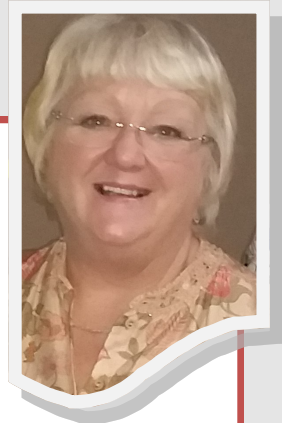


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Zonta Club of the Whitsundays Newsletter: November 2019

President's Report:



This month has been all about Awards!

Nothing makes me happier than to see the look on a young girls face when she hears she has been offered a substantial award for working really hard and receiving the accolade that is due.

This was my delight last week when both Proserpine High School and St. Catherine's Catholic College invited me to present awards at their Awards Ceremonies.



On Wednesday October 30th, at Proserpine High School, Bella Taylor was awarded the Whitsunday Zonta Club Bursary and she was delighted. She said she would be very happy to come in one evening to thank you all personally.

Then on Friday 1st November, at St. Catherine's College, I presented prizes to both Bridget Patullo and Kate Blain, for the Z Club and Zonta Service Awards.



It was a very proud moment for me as President to

be able to witness and justify very significant and well-deserved honours to these 3 girls. Congratulations to all winners of these awards and for those who did not succeed this year, then there is always next year!



President's Report Cont.:

Merry Christmas



Christmas Party Friday 29th November

Our Christmas Party this year will be held at the VMR from 5pm until 9pm.

Music by Whits End (Steve & Ange Janicki and Rhonda Campbell).

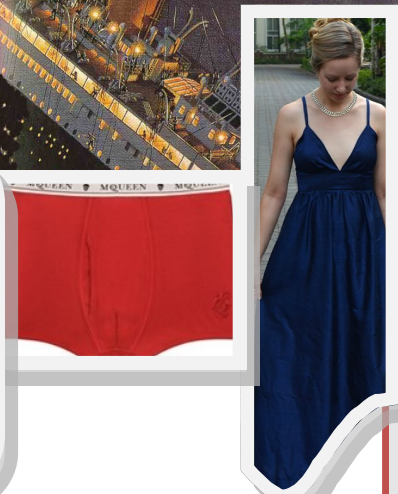
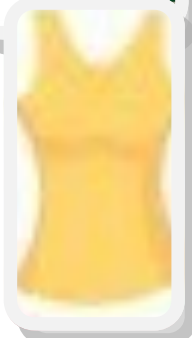
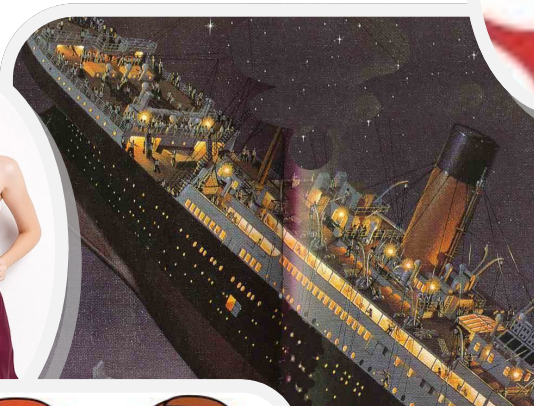
Dress: What you were wearing when the ship went down

I have been asked to remind you all that your **Secret Santa** gifts must be there at the party, wrapped, under the tree and costing around \$10-15; mark if it's for a gentleman and bring along any game that you think would be jolly good fun for us to play!

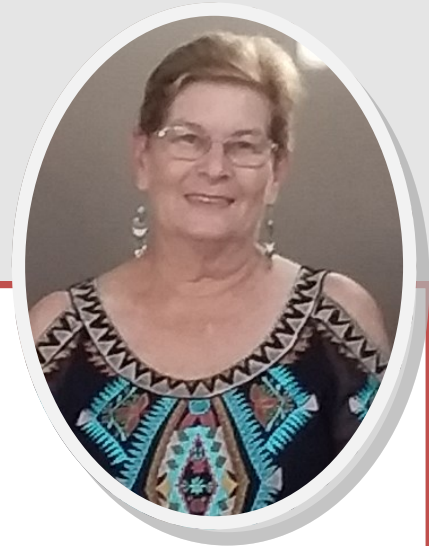
Ladies, don't forget to organize a lift home if you are going to be merry!

So, what will you be wearing when the ship goes down?????????????????

Patsy



Membership Report:



Firstly I want to thank everyone who has bought a guest to our meetings in the past year. Without our guests we wouldn't have potential members. Our club has been fortunate in keeping our numbers fairly stable.

I will be bringing the library along to the November meeting so check it out and take home a couple of books for a holiday read. Just put your name, the book title and the date on the list. When you return the book make sure you add the return date. Enjoy a good holiday read.

Judy Brown Membership Director

Zonta International Birthday

Our next GM to be held Thursday Nov 21st will be when we will celebrate the 100th birthday of Zonta International.

Leave space for cake!!

Maxine (Editor)



Service Report:

Bunnings BBQ

Congratulations once again ladies for a wonderful result from our two Bunnings BBQs. To those who worked on each day— thank you. I do believe that the public are starting to understand what we stand for and the support is becoming very apparent. It is no doubt a wonderful way for us to get our message “out there” and to make the money we need to support our young women and girls in their quest for a better future.

Some of us were swanning on the high seas and the Melbourne Cup but to those who worked— well done!!



Whitsunday Plaza Christmas Gift Wrapping

We have again been asked to do the gift wrapping at the Whitsunday Plaza. This will take place from December 12 to the 24th— the 13 days of Christmas!!

I will be looking for quite a few volunteer wrappers for this period. Please think about when you might be able to help. This is again a great fund raiser with very little effort— just time really. I will have a roster available at the GM. Please put your name somewhere on it. Thank you.

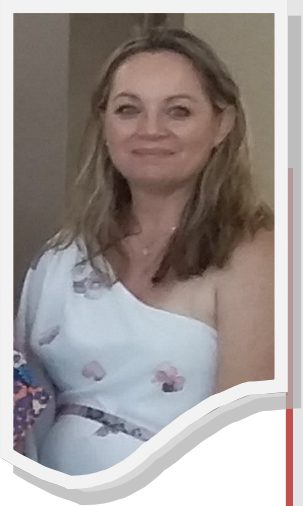
Maxine Thiele



Advocacy Report:

We have had a great month receiving a lot of attention from the community and Whitsunday Times Newspaper.

Our Zonta members have been very active knitting blankets for our Elderly, Birthing Kits, Breast Cushions and Safety Blankets for Rest and Recovery Team and much more. Our breast cushions were highlighted as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month and the safety blankets were highlighted as part of Sexual Violence Prevention Month. Thank you to everyone involved. Our blankets have already been used twice in the first week. We are currently making more in preparation for the Airlie Beach Festival of Music and Schoolies this month.



White Ribbon Day

This year Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre is holding a community event for White Ribbon Day.

It's a community BBQ and Remote-Control Racing Car event. The proceeds of the event will go towards the Women's Refuge, Co-Ordinated by the Whitsunday Counselling and Support Service.

Zonta Whitsundays has been invited to participate but we have decided not to. We have a bit going on!! The event will be held on the 22nd of November at 11am. Racing will begin at 12pm. Located at the Whitsunday Lion's Park next to VMR. You may like to go along , have a bit of fun and support this event.

Advocacy Report Cont.:

Rally Community Support for Zonta.

I had a fantastic conversation with Larisa Bigger the other day, (co- driver of the “Zonta Car” at the Whitsunday Rally). We spoke about Zonta Whitsunday’s achievements in our participation with the Whitsunday Festival of Motoring event and campaign. She was literally blown away that our little campaign had generated such an enormous amount of interest. She shared our presentation with the rally community is here is some feedback from them.



Larissa,

This is a great presentation and I genuinely love the use of the term “girls” – it is not derogatory as some people see it, but a true term to describe a team of women looking after themselves and proud of their achievements.

As the Clerk of the Course of what was a major sporting and social “experiment” to bring the rally to the Whitsundays, I am very pleased that the efforts and foresight of Zonta, and of course you and Melinda, achieved so much. At the Mantra Show and Shine it was a wonderful thing for me to see the Zonta “team” having so much fun and obviously feeling safe and fulfilled with the Rally “family”.

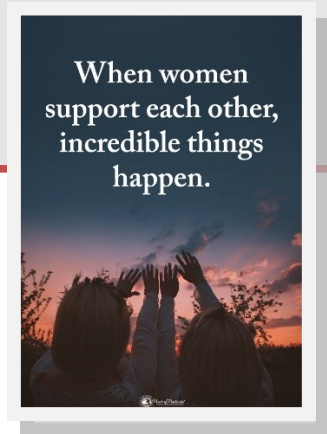
Clay Weston and I are working hard to get a truly wonderful rally for 2020 and I hope that Zonta and all their girls will be part of it.

Congratulations

Paul Woodward

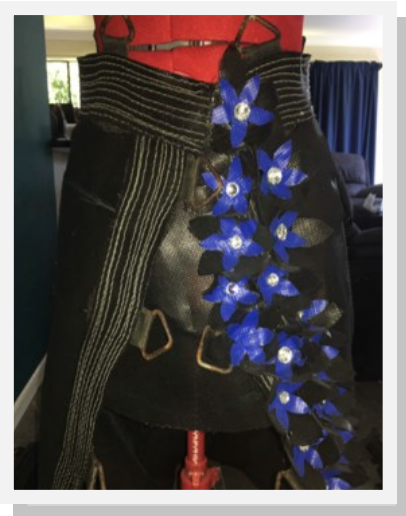
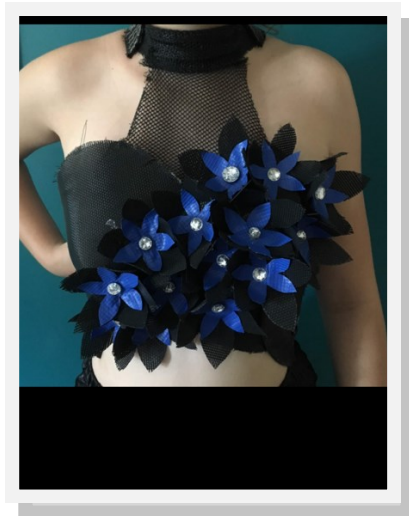
I have also been asked to write something for the Queensland Rally Championship Website. Perhaps a mini version of the presentation. Larissa also asked if she could use our Zonta stickers on her next race in NSW. She explained how it was much more of a “boy’s club” down there and she intended on sneaking our stickers on the car. We will HAVE to sign her up as a Zonta member ☺.

Advocacy Report Cont.:



A&A & Service/Bursary Awards

So proud that we have been able to award 3 A&A awards this year. Phoebe, Yasmin and now Tia Gibbs. Tia is our last recipient for the year. Such a worthy candidate and I'm sure we will see her grow and have a wonderful career in the fashion industry.



I still can't believe the dress in the photos were made from a trampoline mat! She looks fabulous and I hope she can design our next Zonta shirts.

This year Proserpine High School had a lot of difficulty finding a winner for the Zonta Education Bursary Award with 3 very suitable candidates. This year the award went to Bella Taylor.

The Whitsunday Christian College Winner was Kate Blain and the Z Club Award went to Bridget Patullo.

Huge effort this year by the Advocacy Committee and I'd like to say a special thank you to Roz and Mez. Without your help none of these girls would have the opportunities they now have because of our support and commitment to them. They are now part of the Zonta family.

Thank you for all the members support this year. As we look back over the year, we really have accomplished a lot for women in our community.

Regards,

Amanda Walter.

Director of Advocacy.

Birthing Kits:

Another 1000 Birthing Kits assembled by our local high school students

Since 2004, Zonta Whitsunday and Proserpine State High School senior students have worked together with the annual Birthing Kits Assembly day, this year assembling another 500 kits – resulting in approximately 7500 kits which have been distributed to more than 28 developing countries. Each kit provides a clean, safe birthing area which will assist in the prevention of infection and mortality. The students are studying “early childhood”



so this project fits well within their education and goals, and their passion shines through with their dedication and thirst for knowledge.

Some years later, St Catherine’s Catholic College requested to be included in this program and have also assembled 500 kits annually – approximately 4000 kits – and the assembly day also includes Zonta members, for set up and assistance. 3

years ago, Zonta member Sandii Hansen was instrumental in assisting the students to set up the first Z Club in the Whitsundays and it is this group of students who are so passionate about the project. They are inquisitive, open-minded and supportive, plus they are always such a joy to work with. They show their passion by fundraising for all or some of the cost for the kits.

Funding for this project is provided by Zonta Whitsunday via our fundraising activities (now \$5000pa). The first few years of the project the cost per kit was \$2.50 and has since risen to \$3 and this year to \$5. Unfortunately supplies have to be purchased, packed and delivered, and despatched after the assembly day – there are no donated items. Therefore, the fundraising activities of St Catherine’s Z Club is very much appreciated.



Birthing Kits Cont.:

Both groups of students have been presented with their certificates for this project, which will be inserted into their folios when looking for work to support their further education or employment.



A big thank you goes to the school staff who totally support the students in this project. Another big thankyou to the Zonta Whitsunday members who gave up their time to assist on both assembly days.

Wendy Downes OAM

Zonta Whitsunday

Birthing Kits Co-ordinator



Advocacy Spotlight:

As you all know, Sandii has been pounding the pavement (in more ways than one!!) over the month of October to raise awareness and much needed money for Junior Diabetes Research. Here is her summary of her efforts.



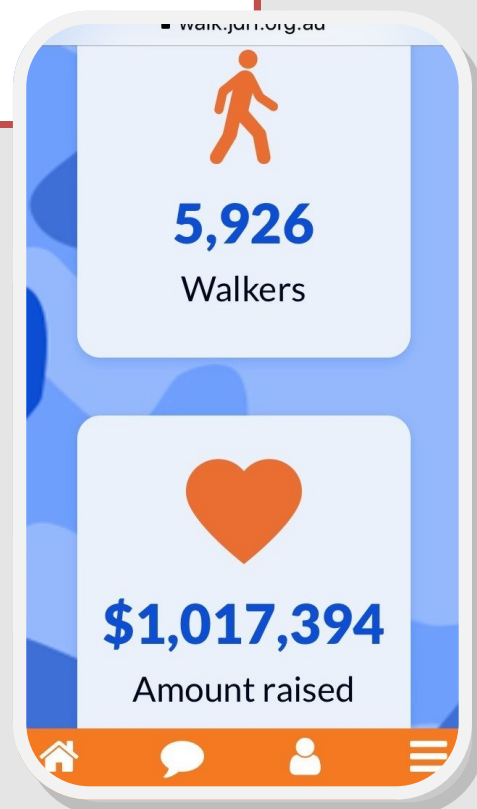
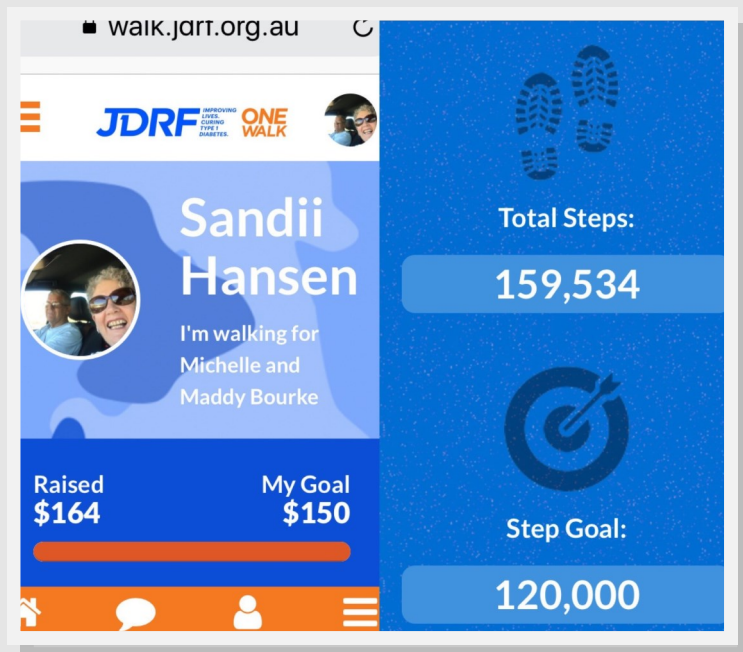
Along with my fellow Whitsunday team members, we joined 5926 walkers Australia wide to raise an amazing \$1,017,394 for Junior Diabetes Research.

TYPE ONE INTO TYPE NONE

I am walking for Chelle and Maddy . I covered 138km, raised \$164, helped raise awareness for Junior Diabetes and even ended up with a black eye!!

But it was worth every step— face plant into pavement and all!!

Sandii



Great effort, Sandii. Well done!

Member's Moments:

It seems that there is no keeping Noelene home these days. She has just been to NSW again— this time to attend the wedding of her grandson, Ben and long time partner Elle.

Fiona and I have been away again— this time to my grandson Ben's wedding to his long time partner Elle at Crescent Head in NSW. They wanted a laid back affair on the beach with their family and friends. We had a lovely day— bit gusty with a strong wind blowing but a lot of fun with plenty of kids and dogs to help and then we had a party back at the airbnb house that he had hired.

They had only been back home in Nymboida a few days when the fires came very close and they had to be evacuated on Thursday 7th to nearby Grafton. Heir eldest boy Sonny's small school had been evacuated a couple of days before due to nearby back burning. They spent two nights in a hotel and are now in an airbnb for a week as their property has no power or water. They are all well and safe and that is the most important thing and their house suffered no damage.

We arrived home the evening before the Melbourne Cup and as I always like to have an interest in the race, I quickly chose a few horses— mostly whose names I like. This year as we had been at the wedding I chose Vow and Declare as there had been a bit of that going on during the previous week!! A lovely surprise to win as I don't think that I had ever done that before.

Noelene



Smoke haze

Dates to Remember:

Nov 21st: General Meeting
Nov 29th: Christmas Party
Dec 12-24th: Christmas Wrapping
 Whitsunday Plaza



*“What do you think Patsy—
have they all been good??”*



November Birthdays

6th : Kerry Kenyon
14th: Carol Bolton
26th: Claire Jardine
27th: Roz Jennings

December Birthdays

10th Sharon Dewsbury

Life's Lighter Moments



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