

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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From the President:

PLEASE NOTE!

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
Ph 4928 7880 (W)
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by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.

**Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$25.00.**



Area 2 Meeting:
Peppers Pier Resort
Hervey Bay
27-28 April 2013

District Conference:
**Noosa Convention &
Exhibition Centre**
Australis Resort
27-29 Sept 2013

Welcome to January – February in Australia!
Yachting- cricket – tennis – bushfires and floods.

We enjoyed the first three and are all impacted somehow by the latter two. As I sit here, my leg encased in plaster, watching the Fitzroy slowly rise, I realize how lucky we are to escape the worst ravages of Mother Nature. A fallen tree, power loss and lack of communications is small duress compared to what residents of some other Queensland towns are enduring. Some of these towns are home to Zonta Clubs, and we feel for members whose lives have been ravaged by Mother Nature. When I wrote the first draft of this newsletter, many communities were fighting bushfires and drought – overnight floods have struck, and bushfires still attack the Victorian ski fields.

Such is Australia in summer!

How pleasing it was to see such a good attendance at our planning meeting in January. Making money always creates discussion and spending it even more so. We were sorry to farewell Janine who couldn't resist the pull of the West and very impressed by our impromptu stars who recreated the story of Amelia Earhart. Supporting educational opportunities for women will be awards to CQU, STEPS programme and CTC. Support will be given to Zonta awards YWPA and JMK – Let's find nominations. We have committed to donating to Girls Time Out—the Young Women's Support Service – two new children's car seats for their vehicles and healthy food and drink options for their Pregnancy Support Groups. In our fight against domestic violence, we will make Pamper Packs and support the Rape Crisis Centre. The importance of supporting such groups is reinforced if you read Trent Dalton's article in the Weekend Australian magazine Feb 2/3. WE will also make Breast Care Cushions and support a PLAN child in Mali.

To support all these causes significantly, we all need to throw our energies behind any fund raising ventures. We are business women – time poor – but really good planners – so let's work with our strength and plan some really impressive fund raisers this year.

IWD is fast approaching – 8 March and our committee is organizing our annual breakfast at the Leichhardt Hotel. Jan has emailed nomination forms for "The Living Treasure" award. Please distribute them to your networks, and bring donations for the MultiDraw raffle to the next meeting.

This year Rockhampton Zonta Club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary and we are honoured that DG Judith Anderson will join us on the weekend of the 10/11 August.

The Area 2 Meeting is planned for April 27/28 at Hervey Bay as per your email. Recent events in Hervey Bay may cause a change of plans, but we will wait for an update and support the members in Hervey Bay.

The focus for Zonta 2013-2014 is Zonta says NO – to fight violence against women. The goal of the campaign is to raise internal and external awareness of Zonta's efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls, locally and globally. Club activities will be recorded in a special campaign section of the ZI website, so let's be noticed!

At our February meeting I'd like to consider the strategic plan which has been emailed to us.

I hope you are all high and dry as the Fitzroy nears its peak, and let's hope our airport isn't closed for too long – and if anyone finds a couple of large pumps washed down the Fitzroy, let me know!

Kind regards,
Meredith (President).



Notices:

MEETINGS.

Board Meeting:

6.30pm:
2nd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Club Meeting:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm
3rd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Committee Meetings.

OMC:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

LA & A / Program / PR & C/ United Nations/ Newsletter /Archives:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Service:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Calendar:

FEBRUARY

12 Committee Meetings /
Board Meeting
19 Dinner Meeting

March:

12 Committee Meetings /
Board Meeting
19 Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

4 Feb – World Cancer Day
6 Feb – International Day of Zero Tolerance of
Female Genital Mutilation
20 Feb – World Day of Social Justice

“Be like a postage stamp and
stick to it till you get there”.
Anon.

Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the
Dinner Raffle follows the listing
in the Members Directory.

February: Trish C
March: Glenys C
April: Valda F
May: Pauline F

Please give your
raffle prize to Elizabeth.
to co-ordinate.



February
18 Janet Young



Date Claimer.



Area 2 Meeting

27—28 April
Hervey Bay
Peppers Pier Resort
www.peppers.com.au/pier-resort/

*Positioned waterfront opposite the famous pier on
Urangan Beach, Peppers Pier Resort provides a
unique vantage point from which to enjoy all the
natural wonders of Hervey Bay.*

District 22 Conference

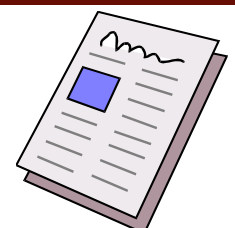
27—29 September
Noosa
Australis Noosa Lakes Resort

www.australisnoosalakesresort.com.au

Australis Noosa Lakes Resort is situated along the beautiful Sunshine Coast of Queensland and provides relaxing resort accommodation in excellent proximity to the many leisurely activities of Noosa. The property is positioned on seven landscaped acres by the shores of Lake Doonella and the Noosa River.



If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter
please forward articles to Berenice Payne
either by
Fax: 4922 3315 or
Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com
Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



Club financial commitments for the coming year.

The table below shows the Service commitments which were approved for the coming year at the planning meeting which was part of the agenda at the January dinner meeting, Some figures are approximate but are a good indication of the cost involved.

Details of fundraising ideas were also discussed during the planning session and will be finalized at the February dinner meeting.

<u>Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc. – Service Commitments for 2013.</u>			
COMMITMENTS			
Zonta International Foundation (approx. 1/3 of funds raised)	Approx-. \$2000	Approx - \$2000	
Awards			
2 Central Queensland University Encouragement Awards	\$1000		
1 Central Queensland University STEPS Award	\$500		
1 Young Women in Public Affairs Award	\$500		
1 Jane M Klausman Award	\$500		
1 Capricorn Training Co. Award	\$300		
		\$2800	
Other			
Christmas Hamper – Women’s Shelter	\$300		
Pamper Packs – Women’s Shelter	\$100		
Clothes – Rape Crisis Centre	\$200		
Breast Care Cushions – Breast Care Nurse	\$350		
Pregnancy Support & Safety Car Seats – Girls Time Out	\$1000		
		\$1950	
Plan International – Foster Child	\$516		
		\$516	
TOTAL COMMITMENTS			\$7266

Celebrating 30 years.



On the 5th August 2013 the Zonta Club of Rockhampton will celebrate 30 years of service to the local community and 30 years of financial contributions to international projects implemented by Zonta International Foundation. This has been made possible by the loyal support of Zonta’s fundraising activities by the local community.

A history of the service given over the past 30 years can be found on the club’s webpage at www.rockhampton.zontadistrict22.org/district-22-clubs/zonta-club-of-rockhampton-inc/

Planning is underway for events to be held on 10/11 August to celebrate the charter of the club and the achievements since its charter.

An update on our plan child. (received from Plan in August 2012)

Our thanks to Elizabeth for being the contact person for our club and Plan International. Elizabeth has provided the following information re Nassiga as an update. Nassiga has been our Plan 'child' since 2003.

Nassiga Doumbia lives in an area of Mali called Bancoumana which is made up of various communities. Bancoumana lies on the left bank of the Niger River, 60 kilometres to the south west of Bamako, the capital of Mali. Nassiga is 16 years old and attends primary school. It takes less than 30 minutes to reach school and Nassiga's favourite subject is listed as science. She keeps good health and the nearest health facility is about 30 minutes away.

The information received from Plan not only gives information about Nassiga but also how our donation benefits the community in which she lives. Plan takes part in programmes such as quality teaching to train teachers to be responsible in managing schools in accordance to the rights of the child. In the area of health, children's health is monitored with ante and post natal consultations, vaccinations, and weights and heights of children checked, all services which we take for granted. Nutritional monitoring groups are also a part of the program. Financial help to build an early childhood development centre was listed as an earlier program. Other projects listed for Bancoumana were immunisation for children and pregnant mothers, dental checks and treatment for children and the provision of mosquito nets.



Nassiga—2002



Nassiga—2012



Bancoumana



<http://zontasaysno.com/> (Please visit this site to learn more about the 'Zonta says NO' campaign.)

ZI President Lynn McKenzie.

"We can't and mustn't ignore the fact: violence against women and girls is still pervasive in all kinds of countries and societies. It's in our back yard. Zonta International has been committed to its prevention and eradication for many years. In 2013, as the UN's Commission on the Status of Women focuses on fighting violence against women, we support the initiative with "Zonta Says NO", a worldwide campaign saying no to violence against women. Do not look away. Join us!"

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A campaign to end violence against women and girls.

The Zonta International Public Relations & Communications Committee is pleased to announce the launch of “**Zonta Says NO**” – a Zonta International campaign to raise awareness of and increase actions to end violence against women and girls around the world. **The campaign, which began in November 2012 and will continue through December 2013**, will feature the service and advocacy actions of Zonta clubs and districts to prevent and end violence against women and girls in their local communities. It will also highlight Zonta International’s ongoing efforts to end violence against women and girls through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women (ZISVAW) program and through Zonta’s partnerships with the United Nations and its agencies.

Zonta Says NO has two phases. Building off the 2012 16 Days of Activism and the theme of the 2013 CSW – elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls – the **Zonta Says NO** campaign invites all Zonta clubs and districts to participate by sharing their new and ongoing actions to end violence against women and girls between now and November 2013. **These actions will be featured on a special Zonta Says NO campaign web page and official social media pages.**

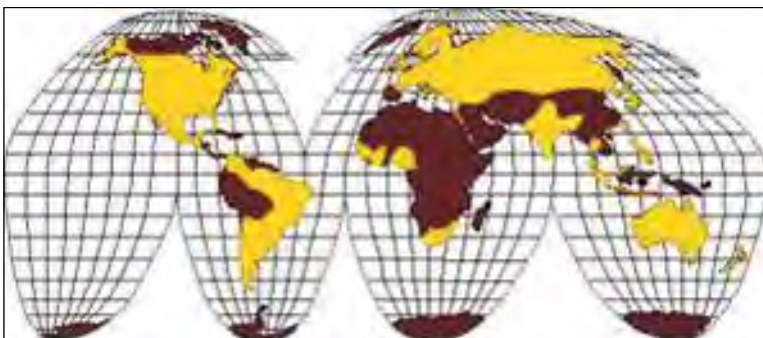
<http://zontasaysno.com/> (Please visit this site to learn more about the ‘Zonta says NO’ campaign.)

The **second phase will feature one common action by Zonta clubs and districts around the world in November 2013** to illustrate the collective commitment of Zonta’s nearly 30,000 members to preventing and ending violence against women and girls.

Please join us! To learn more about **Zonta Says NO**, please visit the **Zonta Says NO** website. If you still have questions about how you, your club or your district can participate, please email pr@zonta.org. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls in our local communities and around the world!



Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



District 22

- A Queensland Australia
- B Northern Rivers Inc.
New South Wales Australia



1983–2013: 30 years advancing the status of women