

Coral Coast Chat

 **Zonta Club
of Bowen**
Member of Zonta International

Club 1476 Area 5 District 22

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Diary Dates

*Club meets every 2nd Wed
of the month at 7.00 pm Central Hotel*

28 th Oct	SOW, UN - 7.00 am
28 th Oct	F&F, PR Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
2 nd Nov	Program meeting - 3.30 p.m.
7 th Nov	Birthing Kit Assembly Day
11 th Nov	Board Meeting - 5.30 p.m.
	Dinner Meeting - 6.30 p.m.
18 th Nov	OMC meeting - 9.00 a.m.
25 th Nov-	White Ribbon Day & 16 days
10 th Dec	Of Activism
6 th Dec	Christmas Party - 6.00 p.m.
9 th Dec	Board Meeting - 5.30 p.m.
	Dinner Meeting - 7.00 p.m.

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From the President's Pen

With people moving on for work, family or leisure reasons, there has been some minor reshuffling of committees. Bon now chairs SOW with Shelley, Carol, Cheryl and Vicki. SOW meets with UN consisting of Bev, Amie and Elise. PR & Communication chaired by Kerry and including Cath, Von and Shirley meet with F & F chaired by Therese with Angela, Christine, Lynette and Bonnie. OMC consists of Nan, Jill, Denise and Hortense while Rhonda and Leesa are responsible for program. Hortense continues to drive the Q150 project with her band of helpers and hopefully all members will be able to support the planned launch of the books. We wish Julie well as she moves to Townsville and hope that she gets back into Zonta there when she is settled and maybe Joy will make connections with Zonta groups internationally as she travels. Committee reports will be held over until the general meeting unless a motion re finances needs to be approved at board level. I urge everyone to read the reports which are circulated before the meeting and should there be issues of concern have it placed on the agenda with the secretary. Basically committees should be functioning autonomously regarding all non-financial decisions but looking to the rest of the club for support in running events or assisting with projects. Everyone is more than welcome to attend any committee meeting where they may have input into projects which may be of special interest to them.

Bev Lowcock

Thought of the Month

**Give a man a fish and you will feed
him for a day.
Teach him how to fish and you will
feed him for a lifetime.**

Anonymous

Committee Clippings

PR & Communications Report

Book Launch

- Photographs of 2 authors from both Bowen and Collinsville and an editorial appeared in the Bowen Independent 7th October. The Bowen photograph also included club members Veronica and Hortense.
- Reporters from Bowen Independent have been invited to attend launch.
- Member Hortense will talk on Gem FM regarding the launch.
- Advertising in the Bowen Independent leading up to the day.

Newsletter

- Latest edition will be emailed mid October.

District Conference

- The District Conference at Townsville 25th – 27th September provided an excellent opportunity for promoting our club and communicating with Zonta members from many other clubs in the district. Ten members enjoyed the ceremonies, informative sessions, fellowship, socialising, camaraderie and dancing.
- Our club presented a very special and very moving memorial service on the Sunday morning. This was the Zonta Club of Bowen's contribution to the conference. Feedback at the conference and via email described the service as very professional and emotional and one of the most memorable.
- All members who attended collectively donated \$210 (some members also gave individually) to Zonta International and were able to sign Zonta's 90th birthday card.

Future Promotions

- Plans are underway to promote our Birthing Kits Assembly Day, White Ribbon Day and presentation of care packs to the Neighbourhood Centre for the Crisis Housing project, in the Bowen Independent and on Gem FM.

Kerry Picknell

OMC Report

With 10 members attending the Zonta International District 22 Conference in Townsville 25-27 September 2009, we were able to cover all 3 concurrent workshops on Sunday morning. One was the "Innovative Ways to Recruit, Retain and Rejuvenate our Membership into the 21st Century". We were urged at a club level to keep both the members and the general public informed on our activities and achievements. By keeping Kerry up to date with all reports, and happenings our "Coral Coast Chat " Newsletter and Club Calendar are alive, educational and entertaining.

The dinner meeting in November has been set aside for members to invite guests who are candidates for membership in the future. Prospective members will get a chance to see what projects we are involved in. From our reports such as SOW and Q150 they will hear about our Birthing Kit Assembly Day, White Ribbon Day and the Q150 project. We will have the opportunity to showcase projects that are unique Zonta, which help to advance the status of women, not only locally but worldwide.

Please put the names forward to OMC Nan Hansen by the 28th of October before you invite your guests to ensure that they are eligible for membership such as working in, **or have experience in**, a decision making capacity. Areas currently not represented or with minimal representation – legal, hospitality, finance/banking, arts, sport and recreation, marketing, professionals, information technology, science and engineering, multicultural. If you know someone in these occupations, especially if they represent another culture and think they would benefit our Club, please refer them to the OMC with their name and a few details.

Prospective Membership form is attached which you may wish to fill in of your nominee. Please don't be put off nominating a woman if you don't have these details, someone else may know the person.

When their names have been cleared with members and OMC you are able to invite your guests. However, the OMC is happy to post an invitation, if you provide their name, address and possible phone contact to Hortense (ghingram@optusnet.com.au).

If every member brought just one guest we could easily increase our membership by another 3-4 people.

Nan Hansen

Committee Clippings

Finance and Fundraising Report

Fishing Classic Stall

Drinks stall at the Fishing Classic was very successful. Expected profit for the drinks and raffle combined is (approximately) \$2,200.00. It was an 'easy' stall in terms of product sold. We had an excellent position, good signage and enthusiastic workers. Thank you to all involved whether it was help on the weekend, help in the lead up to the weekend, selling tickets or donating prizes to the raffle.

Opening of Front Beach

We will be holding a drinks stall at the Front Beach Opening on Saturday November 14th. Roster will be distributed at the October meeting. Stall operating hours will be 3 – 9pm.

Binoculars at Flagstaff Hill

Special Guest Matthew Magin, NQBP (Nth Qld Bulk Ports) addressed the meeting with regards to the proposed upgrade/improvements to be carried out at Flagstaff Hill. Included in this upgrade is the installation of 2 sets of coin operated binoculars. The club first showed interest in this project about 12-18 months ago. If Zonta is successful with its submission, the project would be a joint venture with NQBP, Zonta Club of Bowen and Bowen Tourism. The extent of involvement of each of the parties is yet to be worked out. The Club is to submit a letter of Expression of Interest to NQPB, setting out how Zonta contributes to the local community as any money collected from the binoculars should support our local projects.

Therese Mayhew (edited version)

Q150, Report

Book Preview - The books Reminiscences of the 20th Century and Coalfields to the Coral Sea can be previewed at the October meeting.

Book Launch - Thurs Oct 15th 2009 4:30-6pm at NQCYC Fellowship Dinner - Following book launch 6:45/7pm Open to partners, family and FOZ.

Guest Speakers - Whitsunday Regional Councillor Jennifer Whitney and Jayne O'Regan, the great great great grand daughter of Captain Henry Sinclair.

Book Sales - Books will be on sale at the book launch at \$15 each or special price of \$25 for two book package consisting of a copy of each book plus book mark. After the book launch the books will be available through Hickmott's Supanews. The special price will be extended to members for the rest of the year and orders can be placed at the Oct, Nov or Dec meetings. The books make a great Christmas gift.

Hortense Inaram (edited version)

Program Committee Report

Dinner Meeting 14 Oct – report from District Conference – each attendee to share what was the most important aspect of the conference to them.

Dinner Meeting 11 Nov – “Bring a Friend”

Venue: Whitsunday Sands Restaurant from 6.30pm. A La Carte & Specials Board from \$15 – 25, desserts from \$6.50. We are to collect money and make one payment for table.

Guest Speaker: Tracie Bazzo from 'Girls Night In'.

Xmas Party Saturday 5 Dec – “Zonta International Projects”

Venue: Rhonda's house, poolside, 21 Mt Nutt Rd. Bring a plate from a country where Zonta supports a project. Be ready to explain what it is, i.e. the dish & the project. BYO drinks. Partners welcome.

Dinner Meeting 9 Dec – Central Hotel – will try for a traditional Christmas menu.

Preliminary report from races – everyone had a good time and our tent was full. Judging of 'Fashions on the Field' went smoothly. Thanks to everyone for making it special.

Rhonda Nilsson (edited version)

SOW & UN Report

All preparations for Birthing Kit assemble day have been done. Assembly to be at Rhonda's workplace on 7 Nov at 10.am Friends most welcome to join us. The committee is still formulating and fine tuning criteria for Bursary to be offered to girls attending university next year. We are in discussion with Lions and Rotary for holding a combined meeting at Coral Cove restaurant on 24 Nov to tie in with White Ribbon Day and in support of the 16 days of Activism for the prevention of violence against women. A display will be set up in the Whitsunday Council window for both UN day 24 Oct and White Ribbon Day. A family day activity is being conducted by Bowen Community Council at Queens Beach on Saturday 21st November from 9am to 1pm promoting harmony with the family and Zonta has been asked to help. Further particulars will be given at dinner meeting.

As we have so many commitments with the next few weeks we agreed not to organise a Reclaim the Night march or get together.

Bon Wharley (edited version)

Upcoming Events

Snippets



Birthday Wishes

Amie	13 September
Shelley	13 September
Kerry	12 October
Cath	14 October
Jill	14 October

Reminder

Bowen's Biggest Girls Night In

Join Zonta members on Saturday 31st October at 6p.m. for a fun night and raise money for breast and gynaecological cancers. Wear a pink hat, bring a plate to share, b.y.o. drinks and donate what you would spend on a night out. An auction is being held during the night. Coolers can be purchased on the night or from Tracey at the Pool Shop if not going.

Q150 Book Launch

The launch of our historical books -Reminiscences of the 20th Century & From Coalfields to Coral Seas- was very successful. It is pleasing to know that the launch was mentioned in a media release from the QLD Premier's office. A review & photos will be included in the next newsletter. Books are available at Hickmott's SupaNews for \$15.00 each. The special price of 2 for \$25 will be extended to members for the rest of the year and orders can be placed at the November or December meetings.

Birthing Kit Assembly Day

This year we are meeting at Community Solutions on Saturday the 7th Nov at 10am. Ladies bring your friends and enjoy a pleasant social activity while assisting in a worthy cause.

16 Days of Activism

A window display of Zonta projects is being organised to highlight the 16 Days of Activism which begins on November 25th International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women, White Ribbon Day & concludes on December 10th International Human Rights Day. The display will be in the front window of the Bowen office of the Whitsunday Regional Council. This will be in the capable hands of one of our young members Elise. Drop by and view her handiwork.

Donation

A huge thankyou is to be extended to Queensland Contracting Services for their very generous donation of \$200 in support of the worthy causes our club raises funds for.

Relay for Life

Bowen is having their own Relay for Life on 15/16th May 2010 at the Bowen Showground. As a major fundraising event for the Cancer Council Queensland people are being urged to get a team together and sign up now.

Hope for the Children

Our club is continuing to sponsor a student through Hope for the Children as a B Project. This year we have decided to sponsor Agnes, a university student.

Gazebo Grant

Congratulations Hortense on the success of a grant for a gazebo. Whitsunday Regional Council recently approved the grant which will be an asset to our fundraising and promotional activities.

Bowen on Don Regatta

The Building Safer Communities Action Team (BSCAT) is holding a fun day filled with activities on November 21st at Yasso Point. Help is being sought.

SNAPSHOTS OF CONFERENCE



Members waiting for the Opening Ceremony to commence.



Cath & Hortense chat to Zonta International President Beryl Sten.



Beryl Sten congratulates winner of YWPA District Award Emma Batten.



District Governor Vicki Varthas congratulates Emma Batten & Danielle Young winner of JMK District Award.



Guest speakers (L to R) Pauline Woodbridge, Dr Debra Miles & Beth Tinning addressing domestic violence.



Hortense Ingram watches as creativity unfolds.

SNAPSHOTS OF CONFERENCE



DG Vicki Varthas & ZI President Beryl Sten cut Zonta's 90th birthday cake.



Angela Cornwell (centre) listens intently.



Veronica Hickmott (R) casts a keen eye over table 15's creation.



Therese Mayhew & Kerry Picknell (R) chat to Wendy Downes (L).



Nan Hansen (L) holding her table's doll.



Zonta Club of Bowen choir prior to the memorial service.



Cath Morgan (L), Leesa Greene & Rhonda Nilsson (R) work intently on their doll.

SNAPSHOTS OF CONFERENCE



Bev Lowcock uses her skills to outfit a doll.



Nan Hansen enjoying the night



Kerry Picknell presented with a certificate for Bowen club's participation in the advocacy display below.



Rhonda Nilsson & Leesa Greene (R) celebrate conference with a glass of champagne.



DG Vicki Varthas & ZI President Beryl Sten with Zonta's 90th birthday cake.



Bowen Club attendees on the dance floor with YWPA winner Emma Batten.

Area 5 Director Kelly Stokes (R) dances between the tables.



Zonta Club of Bowen's flag flying high.

Conference Snippets

Townsville District Conference

Ten members from Bowen club thoroughly enjoyed the conference weekend returning home eager to share the experience and knowledge gained. Some ladies are excitedly looking at venturing to the International Conference and are looking for more members to join them.

Zonta International 90th Birthday

Conference attendees joined in the celebrations for Zonta International's 90th birthday, sharing a delicious sponge birthday cake and generously donated \$210 collectively to ZI, while some members also donated individually.

2010 International Conference

The next conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, USA from the 25th June 2010. Start planning now if wanting to attend. Attending conference is exciting, informative and inspiring.

2010 Area Meeting

The Zonta club of Ayr will be hosting the 2010 Area meeting on the 17/18 April. Keep this weekend free.

SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS



Zonta Club of Bowen's tent at the Bowen Cup race day held on the 10th October. (above & above right)



Member Cath Morgan and son Drew at the Bowen Cup day races.



Therese Mayhew (L) & Bev Lowcock (R) welcome new inductee Colleen Aberson.

There comes a point in your life when you realize:

Who matters,
Who never did,
Who won't anymore...
And who always will.
So, don't worry about people from your past,
there's a reason why they didn't make it to your future.

Author unknown

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



awareness

Reminder to Members

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Xmas Party
Saturday 6th
December at 6pm
Rhonda's Home
BYO Drinks & a plate
of food from a
country where Zonta
has projects. Each
member to say what
country & project
their food
represents.

From the Editors



Mother Hen believes we have experienced one of the busiest and most productive years that she can recall during her 15 years in Zonta. This possibly relates to the fact that we have such a vibrant group of community minded and socially conscious ladies who strive to step forward and achieve. It is noticeable that our club is receiving higher recognition and is now seen as one of the leading clubs within our community. Keep up the good work.

Kerry & Veronica