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## Newsletter November 2014

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# President's Report

**Karen Shepherd**

Hi Ladies,

As you read this I shall already be retired. I decided for the third time that I would retire on 7<sup>th</sup> November. The first one lasted 6 months, the second 2 days. This will give me more time (with Martin) to visit the grandchildren in Adelaide, spend time with friends in Warwick (and have coffee and lunch) and of course more time to spend on Zonta 'stuff'.

Things have been a little quiet lately, but the end of November will see us having a BBQ outside IGA to show support for 'Zonta Says No to Violence'. So please make the time to come along and help, last time we held this function it was a lot of fun with good support shown by the public.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the November dinner meeting.

Regards

Karen

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**Current Campaigns**

These are the campaigns our district and club are currently involved with:

**Young Woman's Bursary**

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Bursary from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to a girl who may be considering leaving school due to financial pressures.

**Young Women in Public Affairs**

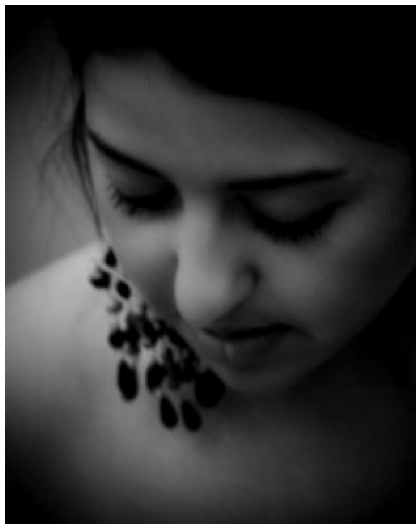
The goal of Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The program works at the club, district and international levels.

**Birthing Kit Assembly**

The club continues to fundraise for and

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence**

25 Nov - 10 Dec



The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is a global campaign to raise awareness about violence against women and its impact on a woman's physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Human rights cannot be universal without human rights for women.

The 16 Days of Activism begins on 25th November on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on December 10th International Human Rights Day. These two dates highlight that violence against women is a human rights abuse. We invite community members and organisations to coordinate or participate in an event to unite in the struggle to end violence against women.

During the 16 days, activists around the world

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assembles 1000 Birthing Kits each year. These are sent by the [Birthing Kit Foundation](#) to areas of need throughout the world.

### **Breast Care Cushion Project**

The club works with Queensland Corrective Services, giving the materials needed for breast care cushions to women prisoners who then sew the cushions as part of their community service work. The cushions are then provided to the Toowoomba Hospital for their breast care patients and they provide immense relief to patients who have lost a breast to cancer.

### **Fundraising Projects**

Our club also has ongoing involvement in local projects we support via fundraising efforts including **Warwick Safe Haven, Olive McMahon Cancer Lodge**, and the **International Women's Development Agency** to promote sustainable cottage industries run by women in Timor.

### **Make the Call**

The *Make the Call* campaign encourages friends, family

use the campaign to further raise awareness about the prevalence and devastating impact of gender violence, to celebrate victories gained by the Women's Rights Movement, challenge policy and practice that allow women to be targeted for acts of violence and demand that violence against women be recognized as an abuse of human rights.

For further information on the 16 Days of Activism visit the [Amnesty International website](#).

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Open Garden - 8 November:**

From 8.00am to dusk at 185 Doyles Road, Clintonvale. Entry \$10. Proceeds to Cambodia to support tertiary students. Morning and afternoon tea available - \$5.

### **St Mark's Restoration 150th Anniversary Dinner - 7 November:**

### **Self-Harm Prevention and Management Evening - 10 November:**

Guest speaker for this event has been sponsored by Zonta Warwick Inc.

### **Fashion Arty - 15 November:**

See flyer below.

### **BBQ - 16 Days of Activism - 23 November:**

There will be a BBQ outside IGA to promote awareness of the 16 Days of Activism - 8.00am to 12.00 noon.



**The Warwick Artists**

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members, neighbours and colleagues of people experiencing abuse to call the DVConnect helpline for confidential advice on safety strategies and available support. Find out more information [here](#).



### Happenings on Facebook

Congrats to [Zonta Club of Kitchener - Waterloo](#) who assembled their 10,000th birthing kit since they began in the autumn of 2009!

On 16 October - World Food Day - Action Aid were encouraging the government to invest in smallholder women farmers, recognising them as key players in global food security. [Read about it here](#).

The campaign to end street harassment continued with the posting of a video by actress Shoshana Roberts who was harassed 108 times as she walked the streets of New York during a 10-hour period. [Read more here](#).



**The Warwick Artists Group Inc.** invites you to join in the fun, an exciting evening with a

Parade of **Fashion**  
and  
**Wearable Art**

*"FashionArty"*

The evening includes bubbly and canapés on arrival, music and parade of entries.

Bring your friends and support the creative Arts, enjoy a very different evening

**Tickets \$20.00 p.p.**

(prepurchase essential)

Williams Hall,  
Uniting Church, Guy St  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
6.30pm for 7.00pm

Ticket sales Barbara Bokenham  
0418110502, email: [barbri@people.net.au](mailto:barbri@people.net.au)

## Past Events

**October Dinner Meeting - Janet Forbes**

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11 - Louise Clarke  
 12 - Louise Cox  
 13 - Jenny Loy  
 26 - Dorothy Haig

Our best wishes for a very happy day!

Guest speaker at our October dinner meeting was Janet Forbes who linked her presentation to International Day of Rural Women - 15 October.

**Brisbane Craft & Quilt Fair - 12 October**

This trip was supported by 38 attendees - with three members (Mary J, Louise Cox and Karen attending).

**Warwick State High School Annual Awards Night - 29 October**

Karen attended this event and presented the Zonta Young Women's Bursary. Recipient for 2015 is Loretta Kelly; \$750 was provided to WSHS for costs incurred in secondary education for Loretta.

**Committee Notes/Jottings**

**October Raffle: won by Jacinta Fromm who will donate the prize for the November dinner meeting.**

**Advocacy Committee:**

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Bursary from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The committee selected a winner for our current bursary and the successful applicant - Loretta Kelly from Warwick State High School was presented with the bursary at the WSHS Annual Awards Night on 29 October.

The Advocacy Committee has now turned its attention to the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and has been busy distributing applications to our local High Schools. (See article below)

Thank you to Jenny Eldridge for all her hard work coordinating this project. The Application Packages were delivered around Warwick on Monday with a closing date 20 February, 2015 and the Award to be presented at IWD Breakfast 6th March, 2015.

"Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women 2014 Campaign" begins on 24 November, 2014 with 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. Warwick Club will mark this day with an "Awareness" BBQ outside IGA on 23 November from 8.30am to 12.00 midday.

There will be a roster for Helpers at the next Dinner Meeting.

**Service Committee:**

The Service Committee has been working on the International Women's Day Breakfast to be held on Friday 6 March. The venue has been secured: Horizons Restaurant at Southern Downs TAFE and they are currently arranging the guest speaker.

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## Happy Birthday Zonta!

On 8 November 2014, Zonta International will celebrate its 95th birthday. We invite you to join the celebration by helping to change the lives of women around the world.

During November, the Zonta International Foundation is asking all Zontians to make an individual donation to the Foundation. As a Zontian, you have already made a personal commitment to build a better world for women. The projects and programs supported by the Zonta International Foundation help women achieve a life free of violence, and help them overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education and professional advancement.

By making your personal donation to the Foundation this November, you will not only be reaffirming your commitment to Zonta International, you will also be making a lasting impact toward preventing gender-based violence, discrimination and reducing early marriage and early pregnancies. Please make your annual donation today, and join [Zonta International](#) in its mission to empower women.

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## International Day of Rural Women - 15 October

Janet Forbes was guest speaker at the October Dinner Meeting and spoke with admiration for rural women who facilitate education of their children enrolled in School of Distance Education. Janet with her husband Russel were the Field Team with Education Queensland based at Mt. Isa School of Distance Education for 3 years, 2011-2013. They travelled all over North & West Queensland/Northern Territory going to the homes of students and their families who were home schooling through Mt. Isa School of the Air.

The first International Day of Rural Women was observed on 15 October 2008. This international day recognises “the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty.” United Nations highlights that rural women are key agents for achieving economic, environmental and social changes required for sustainable development, but limited access to credit, health care and education are among the many challenges they face.

Janet was able to elaborate on the educational programs offered through Mt Isa School of the Air, the support provided to mothers and governesses, and the importance of social activities within the educational calendar. Her stories and photos were endearing, and it seemed as if Janet learned as much from this rural experience as she would have offered the children and families in Far North – West Qld and Northern Territory.

## Young Women in Public Affairs

The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the

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advancement of the status of women.

Women of age 16-19 on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year, living in a Zonta district/region, or a citizen of a Zonta country, who demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

- Active commitment to volunteerism.
- Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid).
- Volunteer leadership achievements.
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs.
- Advocating for Zonta International's mission of advancing the status of women worldwide.

Zonta Club of Warwick Inc Advocacy Committee has initiated the application process, with schools being contacted, and information posted on our Facebook page. Applications must be received by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (either emailed to [warwick\\_zonta@yahoo.com.au](mailto:warwick_zonta@yahoo.com.au) or posted to PO Box 784, Warwick). The successful applicant will receive YWPA Award at the International Women's Day Breakfast hosted by the Zonta Club of Warwick Inc on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Zonta District 22 evaluating committee reviews the applications and selects one applicant to submit to Zonta International Headquarters. The Zonta International YWPA Committee recommends ten international recipients from the district/region applications to the Zonta International Board. After approval by the Zonta International Board, the Zonta International Foundation provides awards and certificates to the district/region and international recipients.

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Zonta International Day
- 10 Self-Harm Prevention and Management evening
- 18 Dinner Meeting
- 23 Barbeque outside IGA to commence 16 Days of Activism for "Zonta Says No" Campaign
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence begins

### DECEMBER

- 2 Board Meeting
- 10 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence ends
- 16 Christmas Dinner Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day

### 2015

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day

### MARCH

- 6 International Women's Day Breakfast - Horizons Restaurant, Southern Downs TAFE
- 28-29 Area 4 Workshop, Dalby

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## Next Dinner Meeting:

(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 - Cafe Jacquis, 6.15 for 6.30pm start.**

Guest speaker: Jane Waite, Director of Nursing at Warwick Hospital. Topic will be Community Engagement. Jane will facilitate discussion on consumers' input into hospital services.

Please contact Sally on [daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com](mailto:daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com) or text message to **0421 782 962** by **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.

Note: Our December dinner meeting will be the Christmas function and will be 16<sup>th</sup> December at Leanne Olsen's place.

## Next Board Meeting

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

**Nov: 4<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00 pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).**

**Dec: 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5.00pm**

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

### Board 2014/2015

**President:** Karen Shepherd  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Rosa Hardy  
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**Correspondence Secretary:** Jacinta Fromm  
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**Newsletter:** Jacinta Fromm; Lyn Prowse-Bishop

### Committees 2014/2015

**Service:**  
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**Membership:**  
**Jen-Rose Holmes (Chair),** Nola Roach, Mary Goyne, Louise Cox, Dee Mayo, Lois James, Louise Clarke.

**Advocacy:**  
**Sally Carr (Chair),** Jenny Eldridge, Leanne Olsen, Mary Johnson, Valerie Rose, Rhonda Betts, Lyn Prowse-



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Bishop, Janet Forbes.

**Nominating Committee:**

Jacinta Fromm, Louise Cox

**District 22 Governor: Judith Trevan-Hawke**

**Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown**

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