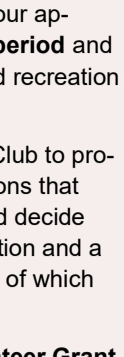




ZONTA
CLUB OF
ROCKHAMPTON INC
 MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS



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Area 2—District 22
 Incorporation No: 1A

Message from President:

eNewsletter: March 2020

The start to the ZONTA year was a little later than in previous years as we did not have a formal January Dinner Meeting. We have subsequently decided, as a club, that this will be our approach in the future as most organisations **close down for the December/January period** and it is important that our hard working members have an appropriate amount of rest and recreation over the holiday season.

We did, however, have an informal working group meeting at the Frenchville Sports Club to progress plans for International Women's Day Breakfast, discuss the sale of the laminations that have been safely preserved in cold storage since our store at the Arcade Markets and decide the focus for our application for Volunteer Grant Funding. After some lively conversation and a great deal of good will, clear directions were established for all of these activities, two of which have now been completed.

We have just now received word from Michelle Landry that applications for the **Volunteer Grant Funding** far exceeded the money available and that our submission was not successful in the first round of the process. I sincerely thank Jan Landsberg for the time and energy she committed to gaining members' input into the content of our grant application and for completing the paperwork involved. Even though we weren't lucky this time, the discernment process by which we determined our future needs was valuable.

Our **IWD Breakfast held on Friday 6th March** at the Frenchville Sports Club was, however, an outstanding success and I warmly thank all members for your efforts in ensuring that this was the case. Sincere thanks are also extended to **Ergon Energy** for their **generous sponsorship** of the occasion and the **Frenchville Sports Club** for their in-kind support over the many years they have provided a venue for this event. The wet weather did not deter the crowd or dampen spirits, with more than 190 guests booked for the occasion. Sharbarée deserves a special award for hosting the largest table. Aurizon Holdings Limited was there in force.

A lot of work was done before the event - planning, ticket sales and publicity - thanks to Jan, Trish, Meredith, Berenice, Valda and Elizabeth. Guests appreciated the warm welcome from Zontians, especially Cara and Elizabeth, who directed visitors to their tables. Elizabeth also ensured that our trophies and plaques were ready and Jan was well prepared with plenty of ZONTA information and certificates for our award winners. Valda, Jenny and Karen (and her daughter) did a magnificent job setting up the prizes, selling and drawing raffle tickets and raising well over \$800. Sincere thanks to all members who generously donated prizes and congratulations to our very persuasive ticket sellers.

Trish glided gracefully from making toast in copious quantities to 'toasting' our guest speaker, Magistrate Philippa Beckinsale, and Living Treasure Award Winner, Rose Swadling. Meredith ensured that our **Young Women in Public Affairs Award Winner**, Ridhi Beotra was an appropriate recipient and warmly acknowledged. The Cathedral College was justifiably proud of Ridhi's achievements. Guests genuinely enjoyed our speaker's presentation which was peppered with some amusing slides and personal anecdotes; both our award winners were recognised as worthy recipients. Informal feedback suggests that the IWD Breakfast was enjoyed by all. A hearty breakfast on a cool wet morning was a great way to start the day.

The next event on our calendar, apart from our Club Meeting on Wednesday 18th March when we will host special guest, Sandra Peters, Area 2 Director, is the Area 2 Meeting in Bundaberg 3 - 5 April. Several members plan to attend this meeting and the agenda looks interesting so it should be an enjoyable and rewarding weekend.

My warmest thanks again to all members of ZONTA. Your hard work and generosity of spirit is genuinely appreciated.

Catherine Dunbar

President ZONTA Club of Rockhampton Inc.

"We believe in making the world a better place by empowering women and we find joy by working together toward gender equity in a supportive community of like-minded professionals that even extends to other countries and cultures."

— Susanne von Bassewitz, 2018-2020 President of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation

Dates to note in 2020—Please mark them in your calendar:

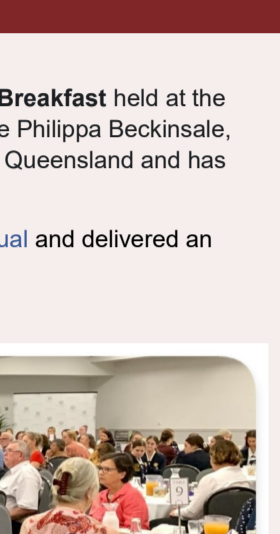
06 March: IWD Breakfast—Frenchville Sports Club

29 March: Women's Wellness Expo: 10.00am to 2.30pm
 Robert Schwarten Pavilion—Lamington Sales

04—05 April: Area 2 Meeting—Bundaberg

04—08 July: Zonta International Convention—Chicago

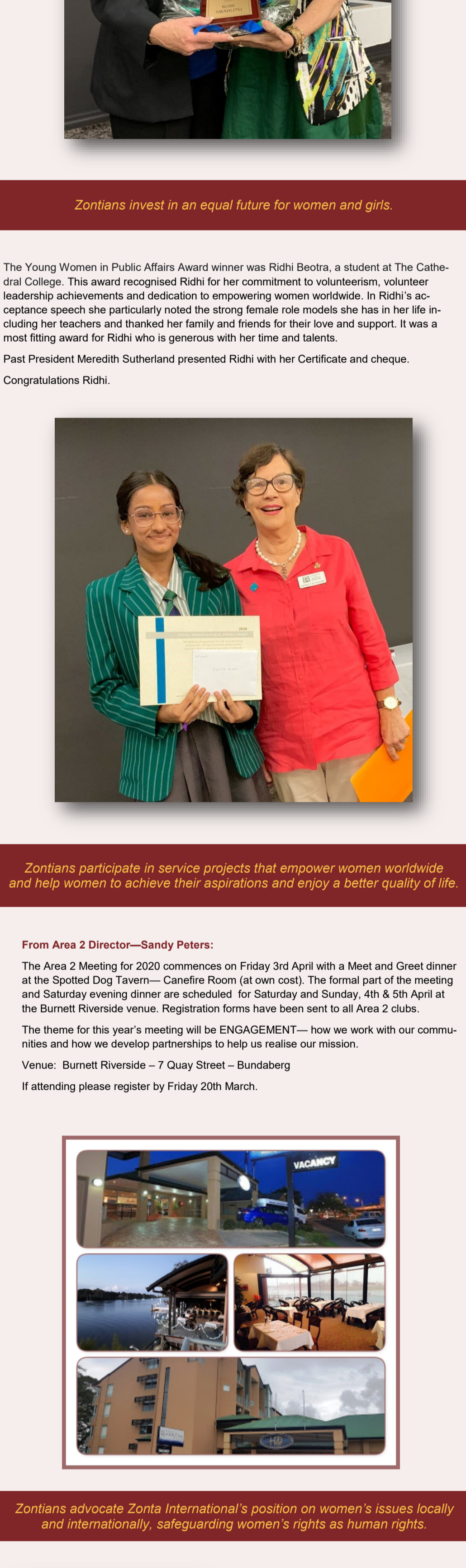
25 July: Lunch—Christmas in July—NRSHS



"empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy"

Almost 200 guests attended the **Zonta International Women's Day Breakfast** held at the Frenchville Sports Club. Guest Speaker was Rockhampton Magistrate Philippa Beckinsale, who was recently appointed as a member of the Magistrates Court of Queensland and has been appointed to serve Rockhampton for three years.

Magistrate Beckinsale focussed on the 2020 IWD theme **#EachforEqual** and delivered an inspiring address.

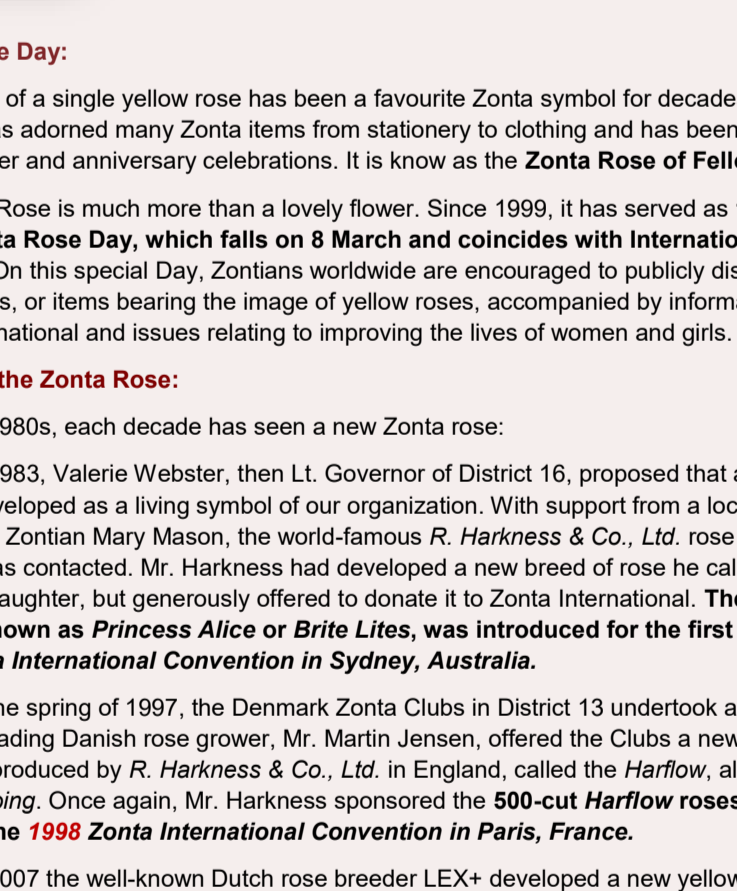


Zontians volunteer time and talents in initiating changes that will strengthen women's role in the world.

Members and guests also celebrated the achievements of our **2020 Living Treasure Award** recipient, Rose Swadling, who recently announced her impending retirement, after twenty-six years of serving the citizens of Rockhampton through her position as a local councillor. Her service to the city, above and beyond the call of duty, was acknowledged.

She was known for responding to every individual or group which came to her with a concern. Vice President Trish Collins presented Rose with her trophy and certificate.

Rose is a much loved member of our community. Congratulations Rose.



Zontians invest in an equal future for women and girls.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award winner was Ridhi Beotra, a student at The Cathedral College. This award recognised Ridhi for her commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide. In Ridhi's acceptance speech she particularly noted the strong female role models she has in her life including her teachers and thanked her family and friends for their love and support. It was a most fitting award for Ridhi who is generous with her time and talents.

Past President Meredith Sutherland presented Ridhi with her Certificate and cheque.

Congratulations Ridhi.



Zontians participate in service projects that empower women worldwide and help women to achieve their aspirations and enjoy a better quality of life.

From Area 2 Director—Sandy Peters:

The Area 2 Meeting for 2020 commences on Friday 3rd April with a Meet and Greet dinner at the Spotted Dog Tavern—Canevine Room (at own cost). The formal part of the meeting and Saturday evening dinner are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 4th & 5th April at the Burnett Riverside venue. Registration forms have been sent to all Area 2 clubs.

The theme for this year's meeting will be **ENGAGEMENT**— how we work with our communities and how we develop partnerships to help us realise our mission.

Venue: Burnett Riverside – 7 Quay Street – Bundaberg

If attending please register by Friday 20th March.



Zontians advocate Zonta International's position on women's issues locally and internationally, safeguarding women's rights as human rights.

Zonta Rose Day:

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for decades. The yellow rose has adorned many Zonta items from stationery to clothing and has been used in many charter and anniversary celebrations. It is known as the **Zonta Rose of Fellowship**.

The Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the **symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day**. On this special Day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women and girls.

History of the Zonta Rose:

Since the 1980s, each decade has seen a new Zonta rose:

1980s: In 1983, Valerie Webster, then Lt. Governor of District 16, proposed that a breed of rose be developed as a living symbol of our organization. With support from a local rose grower and Zontian Mary Mason, the world-famous *R. Harkness & Co., Ltd.* rose nursery in England was contacted. Mr. Harkness had developed a new breed of rose he called *Hartanna* for his daughter, but generously offered to donate it to Zonta International. **The Hartanna, also known as Princess Alice or Brite Lites, was introduced for the first time at the 1984 Zonta International Convention in Sydney, Australia.**

1990s: In the spring of 1997, the Denmark Zonta Clubs in District 13 undertook a rose project. The leading Danish rose grower, Mr. Martin Jensen, offered the Clubs a new breed of rose, also produced by *R. Harkness & Co., Ltd.* in England, called the *Harflow*, also known as *Easy Going*. On this special Day, Harkness sponsored the **500-cut Harflow roses introduced at the 1998 Zonta International Convention in Paris, France.**

2000s: In 2007 the well-known Dutch rose breeder LEX+ developed a new yellow rose, and through the efforts of Ingeborg van't Hoogerhuijs, Chairman of the 2008 Convention Committee, the rose was registered with the name Zonta+. It was introduced at the **2008 Convention Opening Ceremony in Rotterdam; 2006-2008 ZI President Olivia Ferry** was joined by Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Maria van der Hoeven for the formal naming of the Zonta+ Rose.

Zontians encourage and help students to develop leadership skills, explore career options, and participate in community projects.

Rockhampton Zontians, Jan, Berenice, Norma and Elizabeth enjoying the newly launched Zonta roses at International Conference in Rotterdam in 2008.

Zontians work with government and community leaders who share common goals.

Dinner Raffle:

Gifts for the dinner raffle follow the listing in the Members Directory.

March: Margaret

April: Jenny B

May: Karen

June: Trish

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

Zontians envision a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights

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Zontians connect with Zontians from all professions and cultures worldwide and share their passion in organizing women's projects.

Meetings:

Club Meeting:
6.30 pm: 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street
 Rockhampton.

Board Meeting:
5.30 pm: 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street
 Rockhampton.

All Standing Committee Meetings:
5.30 pm 2nd Wednesday of the month
 Venue: Rocky Sports Club
 1 Lion Creek Rd. Wandal

Zontians unite with other members to foster high ethical standards and world fellowship.

Zonta clubs around the world. (Click [here](#) to find Zonta Clubs around the world).

As a Zontian, you are one of 29,000 Zontians celebrating a century of service and advocacy empowering women.