



JANUARY 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the New Year of 2017. Our Club completed a momentous 6 months of 2016 with very high achievements for everyone:

Selling our Domestic Violence Calendars, 16 Days of Advocacy with the Orange Ladies, Trivia Night, Education Bursaries awarded, Entertainment Book Sales, Bunning's Sausage Sizzles, achieving 40 members, commencing the initiation of Z clubs, guest speakers at our meetings, a home meeting at Christina's, an away meeting at Palmers Restaurant-TAFE, Toasts-Invocations-Members Spotlights and Birthday Celebrations, participated in the Airlie Beach Running Festival and the St. Cath's Morning Tea, time spent sewing breast cushions and knitting blankets, Book Club, Birthing Kits, Christmas Party, initiating White Ribbon Workplace at Council, Reef Festival Parade, Books from Birth, Pamper Packs and Adopt-a-Family. You name it, we did it.



I am so proud of our Board, Committee Chairs and all the General Membership who made up the teams that enabled us to do above and beyond my expectations. Everyone has pitched in without question and with a smile on their face and happy to do their part. That is what makes us such a successful club. Thanks to you all for your dedication and commitment.

Now to the New Year and what a year it will be. We have so many things lined up IWBD, YWPA, AGM, Changeover Dinner, Prossie Movie Night, Presidents Breakfast and much much more. Just watch this space.

Now, as well as all our activities, it is the time to think about our future as a Club and turning the reigns over to a New President and Board. All of you should be considering if you would like to put your hand up and take a leadership role in our Club. Our nominating Committee is: Laura Morrison, Ann Cleghorn and Christine Garabedian.

All of you have different strengths and interests and can add a great deal to our club. Take a close look at yourself and you will see where you shine and what role is the one for you. All you have to do is let one of the nominating committee members or your President Elect, Kerrie Adam, know of your interest and they will take it from there.

I can assure you that being on the Board and taking a Leadership Role is a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. Your confidence and personal growth will expand greatly and you will finish your term with a satisfaction of achieving something special. So please consider your options, your strengths and your interests and put your hand up for the 2017-18 term.

I have had the opportunity to catch up with quite a few of you at the Breakfast meeting to get to know Xinyan and how our help impacted her. I am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon at the January General Meeting where we will launch the New Year with a Big Bang. See you soon.

Connie Riley, President

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to a New Year. I hope that those who attended our Christmas Party had a fabulous time. We hope to retain and grow our Membership in 2017. Any potential New Members are welcome to be invited to our General Meeting as guests to be introduced to our members.

We will continue with our Knock Knock dinners. Anyone wanting to host a dinner, please contact Judy (carlandjudy@whitsunday.net.au) to get Knock Knock started for the year. Hostesses' responsibilities: the meal, the theme, number of guests, setting the date and the cover costing is up to you.



We will also continue with the Thumbs Up Award. Members are reminded to see Sue to nominate someone for this award. Looking forward to the New Year, Judy Brown, Director



SERVICE

Knitting Group: The group had it's last meeting in November until April 2017. We presented the Crisis & Counselling Service with 6 blankets and the Aged Home with 4 blankets and a Calendar. All were extremely pleased to receive these.



IWDB:-The Committee will be meeting this month towards final arrangements and for advertising etc. We will most probably use Whitsunday Tickets to do online ticketing & I am meeting with Wendy who will help set this up for us. This will save a lot of work in the long run. I will contact Lure regarding parking tickets for guests.

Sewing Group:-No further dates

Pamper Paks:

We do these every year for those in need in our community.

Books From Birth: No further news
Entertainment books: No further news



The Calendar:-I think that we have made around \$4000 so far & arrangements will be made for a stall at Centro to sell at \$5 per calendar this month. Dawn can give the exact profit figure.

Carole Lindsay. Director



We made selling the calendar fun, as well as raising awareness about Domestic Violence to the community, all the while raising funds:



ADVOCACY

"Violence against women is a worldwide pandemic. It crosses every social and economic class, every religion, race and ethnicity," said Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough. " We in Zonta International cannot accept this. We need to use our energy to eradicate violence against women both locally and internationally through our service and advocacy."

- **Bahamas Zonta clubs kick off Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign with 'Paint the Town Orange' event**
 - **Zonta Club of Luxembourg meets with Dutch Embassy**
- **Zonta Club of London II provides goods for gender-based violence survivors**
 - **Zonta Club Kathmandu distributes badges, translates booklet**

These are just a few of the ZONTA initiatives throughout the world and our own Zonta Club of The Whitsundays made powerful inroads into getting the Zonta International ZONTA SAYS No campaign message "OUT THERE"

1/ SIGN ON AIRLIE BEACH HILL

2/ PRODUCTION OF CALENDARS AND MARKET STALLS TO SELL PRE CHRISTMAS – (Tally so far close to \$4000 worth sold) plus \$200 worth of public donations AND ZONTA RAFFLE OF ORANGE RUGS, which made \$400 and were won by a very delighted Sally Bryan from Giggle Kids and our own Lauren Haack.

3/ WHITSUNDAY PUBLICITY FOR WHITE RIBBON DAY 23rd NOVEMBER AND FANTASTIC NEWS THAT WHITSUNDAY COUNCIL IS NOW WORKING TOWARDS BECOMING A WHITE RIBBON WORKPLACE

4/ AWARENESS MARKET STALL

As a fitting and powerful display to really get our message across, our members painted up 23 pairs of SHOES, Orange and displayed them at the markets to signify the tragic loss of 23 women who die every year in Queensland in domestic violence situations.



WE have to give a huge thank you to Laura Morrison for donating our new banner that we can reuse whenever we need to highlight the dismal statistics each year in QLD.

ADVOCACY



ZONTA BURSARIES: On Nov 30th at Café 22 in Main Street Proserpine, a few of us had the pleasure of meeting Cherlika Gordon and Grace Barille who were both such worthy winners of this years ZONTA bursaries. WE will look forward to meeting them both at the January meeting.

On Jan 5th Coffee Club was the venue chosen for the informal breakfast get together to meet Xinyan Dunlop, who was the recipient of a bursary in 2014 enabling her to take up an Honours Degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology at the University of QLD. She spoke eloquently about why the \$2000 bursary, that our Whitsunday ZONTA club gave her, enabled her to live on campus for her initial 6 months so that she could settle and meet friends in a city where she knew no one.

This was the first time many of us had met Xinyan, however, we all warmed to her very quickly and found her sweet personality and determined nature to succeed, (after many hurdles had been put in her way) quite inspiring. All her marks have been very high and she works extremely hard to achieve them however her explanation of how her degree will be able to help people in need from sportsman to the elderly was impressive. 15 of us were lucky enough to attend.

Pam Harrison, Director



....And more wonderful news on bursary recipients....



On Wednesday 30th November (L to R) Pammie, Wendy, Cath, Lesley & Sandii met with Grace & Cherlika at Café 22 in Proserpine to present them with their very well deserved Education Bursaries.

Cherlika Gordon is planning on attending James Cook Uni and studying Physiotherapy and she works part time at Westend Store in Proserpine. Her request was for help with purchasing an Apple Macbook Air 13"128GB laptop - with appropriate software - the total cost being \$1898.

Grace Barrille who attends St Catherine's and she will be doing Year 12 in 2017 (the first group at the school to do so.) Grace's future plans involve Tourism and Journalism. She works part time at the chemist at Centro. Grace is very keen to help her Mum and ease the stress involved with school and bus fees, uniforms. She would also like a laptop (\$500-800). Total \$1310.

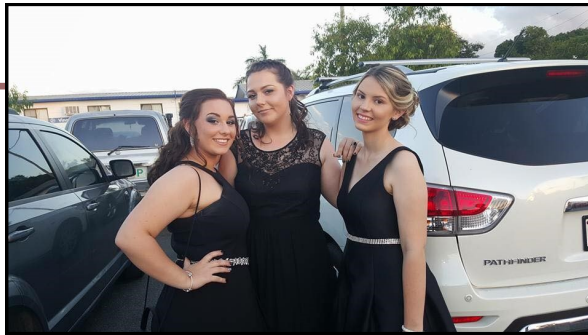
The girls were very appreciative of receiving their Bursary of \$1000 each and are both going to come along to our next General Meeting in January where you can all meet them and get to know them better. These young women are amazing and I am sure you will see for yourselves what truly wonderful young women they are and look forward to keeping in contact them with them in their future endeavours.

Sandii Hansen, Education Bursary Chair



"Our" Keisha: "Not sure if I told you this, but I brought a car end of last year. Red Honda jazz 2010 model from Mandy Coles. She sold her family business (fun rentals) to go travelling overseas for a year and offered me one of their rental cars for a really cheap price, and is letting me pay it off whatever I can afford. I am still on my learner license but I've been doing driving lessons and hope to have my license sometime this year."

Hey Zonta: I'm incredibly sorry I haven't gotten in touch sooner. I've had a really hectic and busy past few months. I ended up getting a B on my QCS exam which I sat the end of August. I also got a mix of B's and A's on my final assessment pieces. My formal was on Wednesday and my graduation was today (I've attached some photos of me with some friends and my siblings at my formal). I've applied for a bachelor in biomedicine, a bachelor in laboratory science and a bachelor of accounting at JCU in Townsville. I've also applied for a bachelor in biomedicine and a bachelor in accounting at University of Queensland. I'm looking forward to speaking again. Miranda Matthews



Four fabulous young women we've been fortunate to assist and get reports from, all in one month! How good does THIS make you feel for standing out in the hot sun, selling calendars?

Worth every minute, eh?

P.J., Editor

Date Claimers

January:

10th (second Tuesday): Board Meeting

19th – General Meeting – 6.00 for 6.30 start – Reef Gateway

Book Club: Last Wednesday of Each Month – Contact Kerry Kenyon

February:

7th: Board Meeting

23rd—General Meeting—6.00 for 6.30 start—Reef Gateway

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5 March:

International Women's Day Brunch—Lure at Abell Point Marina



Member Profile: Carol Bolton

My background: Born in a small country town, Deniliquin in the south of NSW. My parents Jan and Lindsay Renwick a hard working couple from hard working families. I have one sister Georgia, three years younger than I. We always worked, we always played sport, we always had fun.

My parents loved waterskiing and were good at it too. As a baby I slept in a bassinet in the ski boat; as a toddler I sat in the front seat of the boat. I did have a life jacket on. I waterskied as a teenager, as did my husband, as did most people in Deni. We had long hot dry summers there. Everybody played sport of some kind.

My dad was a builder/site supervisor working for his brother's building company. That meant we moved around a lot. My primary school years we lived in Griffith, my high school years in Albury, then when mum and dad bought a pub back in Deni, my senior high school years in Deni. I debated long and hard as to where I saw my future - do I study to be a PE teacher, a Primary school teacher or do this new thing – Outdoor Education.

At the Bendigo College of Advanced Education, I study an Associate Diploma of Outdoor Education. It was an amazing two years of my life. I put my physical and mental being to the test constantly, participating in activities I had never done before and many I have never done since. In the first year of that course we learnt how to rock climb, abseil, canoe and kayak, cross-country skiing, down hill skiing, bushwalking and orienteering. In the second year we taught those skills to other high school students. Maybe I should have stayed on and got my Degree; as the Outdoor Ed industry is huge these days, but the chance to travel calls and I head to Camp Ockanickon in New Jersey USA to be a camp counselor for 8 weeks. In those days the exchange program was English based so I extended my trip and had time in England, and a brief gaunt as a back packer in Europe. I'm hooked, I love this travel thing.

My Year 10 sweet heart, now husband Peter, sends me a letter and I'm back in Oz within a week. We spend the next ten years travelling around Australia, him permanently employed as a welder building tanks, me picking up any work I can. You name it I've done it- picked lettuce, de-stemmed mangoes, bar and restaurant work.

We marry in 1989, our first born, Kirby arrives in 1991, we decide to settle and "have a go" in Darwin. Our son Jack is born in 1994. We start are own business that year – P&C Welding and Constructions. We work mainly for fuel companies, mines and government bodies; building or demolishing tanks, building fuel lines and various other steel constructions. We had many contracts in remote communities throughout the NT and WA.

In the late 90's I become a swim teacher initially doing the school learn to swim programs for Austswim, then starting my own swim school in our back yard. Awesome way to earn some cash while my children are at primary school. I worked in the swim industry for ten years, but a few skin cancers and winning some big contracts with P&C Welding meant the closing of "Splashabout". At night school I studied MYOB to manage the accounts for our business and in 2013 I gained a Cert 1V in Occupation Health and Safety.

Most proud of – my marriage, my children, the success of our business and that Peter and I are able to work together, play together and travel together.

Why am I living in the Whitsundays – Whilst holidaying in the Whitsundays we were checking out a block of land bought in Jessies Way by a work colleague. We loved the view, the town, and the lifestyle. We bought a block in the same street.

My Introduction to Zonta – A Darwin girlfriend introduced me to Ann Cleghorn, and Ann invited me to International Women's Day 2016. I was so impressed with the ethos of Zonta and the work done in the Whitsunday community. I was inducted April 2016

Favorite activities outside of Zonta –Travel, keeping a reasonable level of fitness doing yoga and walking, Theatre – musicals and reading.

Motto – Hard work will get you everywhere, be consistent and patient. I totally believe in Karma.

Have a great day!

LIFE'S GOOD!



January

Carole Lindsay Brauner—2nd

Noelene Helman—6th

Susan Beale—9th

Shirley Wodson—10th

Judy Brett Johnston— 18th

February

Marlene Reiffel—9th

“We are an army, who through friendship, understanding, cooperation and goodwill, are an irresistible force to secure that women’s rights are human rights”

Message from International President Sonja Honig Schough

DID YOU KNOW?

Bridget Mather of the Mackay Club and our Area 5 Director is ALSO a member of the International Advocacy Committee?

Judith Anderson OAM, our past District Governor (2012-2014), is Zonta International Director?

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