



JUNE 2018

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello everyone,

I took the opportunity to introduce our new board and acknowledge the work done of our past President Kerrie and her Board at Zonta's changeover meeting on May 27th.

In Reef Talk this month I want to elaborate more on the board's responsibilities and touch on the projects that we as a club manage- both fundraising and assistance

Some of these are offering local assistance and others are international initiatives. As well, we are committed to Zonta International projects which you will hear more of in the following months.

Please believe I'll never write a Presidents report of this length again but I want to give our new members an understanding of our club inner workings.

The President's duty is to conduct all meetings of the club and the board and act as the Chief Executive Officer of the club.

In collaboration with the board, the president appoints chairmen of standing committees and all other committees (except the Nominating Committee). The president is entitled to sit on all committees except the Nominating Committee.

The Vice President performs the duties of the president in the president's absence and as well the vice president may serve as chairman of a committee or project. (PJ Halter & Laura Morrison)

The Secretary keeps a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the club and the board and conducts correspondence not specifically assigned to other officers or committees (Janice Lake)

The Treasurer is responsible for the funds of the club and administers them in accordance with the approved club budget. The treasurer makes monthly reports to the board and the club and is an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee. (Betty Whitehorn)



Directors leading committees

* Membership committee led by Director Judy Brown. Contacting and maintaining contact with potential new members, encouraging club commitment and maintaining database, fellowship maintaining membership kits, organising information days, birthdays anniversaries celebrations, inductions/and also club brochures. WOW!!

* Service committee led by Director Carol Bolton, fundraising ideas and activities.

* Advocacy committee Director Lesley Pratchett, Assistance and Awards reviewing applications for assistance, ensuring our values are well publicised.

* Finance Committee led by Treasurer Betty Whitehorn

* Nominating Committee responsible for putting forward names for committee members for the following year.

Zonta District 22 (our club is in District 22) Rep PJ Halter & Sandii Hansen

Each of these officeholders form our board and meet on a monthly basis to discuss project proposals that members might put forward , applications and initiatives from District 22 and information from Zonta International.

Projects you may have heard of:

* Our club sponsors Z Clubs - Sandii Hansen, for secondary school students The aim of the program is to develop future leaders who will participate in local and international service to advance the status of women worldwide, we currently have one Z Club at St Catherine's however in time we aim to have on in each of the local secondary schools.

* Books from Birth - Lauran Haack , it involves collection of quality used children's storybooks sorted boxed and posted to young children and their mothers who have few resources and would benefit by owning storybooks

* Breast Cushions, a sewing group - Kerrie Adam , providing cushions to women in hospital who are recovering from breast surgery

* Carol Lindsay hosts a knitting group who make beautiful comforting rugs for gifts and for people in crisis in both Africa and locally.

* Birthing Kits -Wendy Downes and Pammie Harrison working in conjunction with secondary school students to collect and package safe and hygienic birthing equipment for women in third world countries.

* Bookclub - Kerry Kenyon providing opportunities for a shared meal and book discussion.

These ongoing projects are opportunities for fellowship and friendship in a relaxed atmosphere and allow members to get to know each other better.

Fundraising

We are always on the look out for good fundraisers to enable us to support our aims of advocacy and empowerment some of these proven fundraisers are:

- * Bunnings sausage sizzle
- * International Women's Day lunch/brunch/breakfast
- * Raffles and Auctions.
- * Melbourne Cup day
- * Bowen Cup event.

I would like you to think about what skills and talents you have to offer the club and which committee you might like to work with, some committees meet monthly and some (such as International Women's Day) convene to work very hard for a few months leading up to the event. Keep an eye out in Reef Talk for meeting dates. I strongly urge you to become active in the organisation as it will enrich both your experience and that of the club.

Warm good wishes

Cath Fernbach

President



ADVOCACY

To cover all the responsibilities of an Advocacy Committee (see Club Manual p30), members already committed to this team (Roz, Meagan, Patsy, Mandy, Maxine, Mary & Sandii) have accepted responsibility for specific areas and they will be seeking your assistance throughout the year. The most urgent call for action at our June meeting will be to plan and implement our presence at the Reef Festival Parade, to be held on Saturday 4 August; Patsy will be seeking ideas as well as participants for this committee.

We would like at least one major advocacy project to advertise the aims of Zonta and publicise our Club. Previous initiatives have included our ongoing Orange Ladies and the Orange Shoe display at the markets. One of the best sources of ideas are the websites or Facebook pages of other Zonta Clubs (and those featured on <https://www.zonta.org/Local-Action/Local-Service-Advocacy>), so please access these, be inspired by the amazing work of Zontians around the world, and tell us of anything we might implement.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

An important decision at the Zonta International Convention will be the selection of major projects to which funding will be directed during the 2019-20 Biennium. A full list of current projects can be accessed at <https://foundation.zonta.org/> (or from the ZI home page click on Foundation at top left) and go to 'our programmes'.

In advocating fundraising for Zonta, we should highlight the distinction, both at local and International level, between Membership fees, which cover administration costs, and Fundraising contributions, which are 100% directed to the projects we support.

Also note that every ZI project is in partnership with a United Nations organisation and as such is well researched, long term and effective. All are closely monitored with detailed reports regularly released. Of all the impressive achievements documented, a recent report on the 'Let us Learn Madagascar' project was particularly close to my personal focus on the education of young women. One of many milestones reached in 2017 was:

Catch-up Classes • 100 school teachers and principals from 36 lower secondary schools were trained to provide catch-up classes to students before the start of the new academic year in October. • An estimated 700 girls who had dropped out of school participated in catch-up classes, exceeding the original target by 42 percent.

<https://foundation.zonta.org/Portals/0/Foundation/Programs/MadagascarProjectUpdateNovember2017.pdf>

A few years ago we held a discussion to select the Zonta International project to which our Club donation should be directed. There was no decision! Members voted for every project in almost equal proportions and we send the funds to ZI to allocate as they choose.

It was no surprise that such carefully targeted and effective projects are appreciated by our club members. As members of Zonta International we can be proud to contribute. So 'watch this space' for projects in the new biennium.

Lesley Pratchett, Director Advocacy

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership numbers are remaining healthy even after losing four very valuable members, Connie , Sue, Odette and Kim. Please keep bringing your guests along to our meetings.

As mentioned in our last Newsletter the membership committee are planning on doing a wedding photo competition at our July GM, so please bring along a postcard size (or similar size) photo of your wedding if you would like to participate. Please put your name on the back.

Membership is also putting together a small lending library of donated books which we will have on display at the sign in table at our General Meetings. If you wish to borrow a book just fill in the details on the accompanying list. **You must bring the book back to the next GM.** If you have any books that follow the ideals and realms of Zonta and wish to donate them to the library please bring them along as I'm sure the members would enjoy sharing them with you.

Ann Cleghorn has kindly offered to host another morning tea for members and their guests on **Saturday 30th June**, from 10am till 12md. Please come along and bring a plate to share

Judy Brown Membership



Cliff and I would like to thank the membership for their well wishes for our imminent move from the Whitsunday's to Mareeba on the Atherton Tablelands. We are having a home built to our design in a Lifestyle Resort (Savannah Lifestyle Resort), this is due to be finished 6th August. We have been out of our home since early March and have been fortunate enough to spend time with friends at Hydeaway Bay, then the last 6 weeks house sitting at Shutehaven. We have another house sit coming up with Pammie then we plan to make tracks with our Caravan in tow to get closer to our new home.

We came from Sydney in 1995 and have loved our time in the Whitsunday's, crossed paths and made life long friends with some lovely people. I have loved my 19 years in Zonta, there are so many wonderful memories of goodtimes with past and present members, our social calendar has always been full.

I am so excited for the Club with the influx of new and dare I say younger members who are going to bring so much new enthusiasm to our club. Cliff and I will watch the Club blossom at a distance and hope some of you will visit it us in our new home. We wish Cath and her board every success for the coming year.

Kindest regards Sue & Cliff Hansen

Donation to St Catherine's



Thank you to the members of Zonta Whitsundays for your donation towards the purchase of books for our library for the SCCC Literature & Arts Festival. *After months of preparation, with the help of my committee, the amazing SCCC Literature & Arts Festival will come to fruition on Monday 21 May and Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 9:45am at Manresa Campus.*

We will have 7 authors and 3 artists coming to present and workshop with the students of not only our College but also select students from Whitsunday Christian College and Proserpine State High School.

The authors we have attending are; David Burton, Josh Donellan, Kathy Hoopmann, James Moloney, Giulio Saggin, Edwina Shaw and Andrew Stewart. Whilst the artists will include Linda Forrester, Paul Johnson, and Cherie Lynch.

I can't wait for the students and staff to fully immerse themselves in reading, writing and the visual arts.

I must say a HUGE thank you to Arts Queensland and Whitsunday Regional Council. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Whitsunday Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

Thank you also to Townsville Catholic Education Office, Zonta Whitsunday and Whitsunday Food Service. Without your generous support and donations, this opportunity would not have been possible.

Kind Regards Sheridan Faletti

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Donation of blankets to the Proserpine Nursing Home.

VERY much appreciated.



The annual Airlie Beach Running Festival will be held on 22nd July, and every year to date Zonta have held a water station for the runners at Coral Sea Resort. I note that Zonta have always supported the Triathlon too, and it has been very much appreciated. Even though both of these events were my babies from the beginning, I am no longer involved in the race organisation but still passionate of course. I already booked your spot and hope that enough ladies will be able to assist. It is a fun morning – handing out water to runners as they go past – some of them coming past many times (the marathoners 8 times! The camaraderie is amazing – you will love it. It's an early start but with enough ladies we can have 2 shifts. 4-5 on each shift is good.

Please respond to me if you are able to assist and I will forward your names to the event Volunteer Co-ordinator. I will be away at the time otherwise I would be there too.

Cheers

Wendy



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ADAM FAMILY



**2017 - 2018
BOARD**



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NEW BOARD



**ALL FRIENDS AND A
GREAT DAY**





**PRESIDENTS AWARD
CONGRATULATIONS
NOELENE**



**THANKS TO CATH & NICK WE
ALL LEARNED A NEW GAME
FINSKA GREAT FUN**





Christine Maine	13th June
Catherine Moscato	30th June
Angela Spicer	15th July
Christina della Valle	16th July
Kerrie Adam	17th July
Dawn Green	18th July
Pammie Harrison	18th July
Joanne Richardson	23rd July
Ann Cleghorn	25th July
PJ Halter	31st July

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Date Claimers

General Meeting VMR 6pm for 6.30pm \$25 per head for all attending 21st June
Blanket Club last Monday of each month Laura's House 8 Palm Drive
Book Club contact Kerry Kenyon last Wednesday of every month at Lindy's 5 pm
Reef Festival 2-5th Aug
Bunnings SAT 25th Aug & Sat 1st Sept
Bowen Race Day 29th Sept

Visit our FaceBook page



<https://www.facebook.com/WhitsundayZonta>

District 22 FaceBook There is now a district 22 FaceBook also.

<https://www.facebook/District-22-Zonta-International>

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