



JULY 2017

PRESIDENTS REPORT

This last month has flown by so quickly, we manned the door at the Coral Sea Resort Wedding Expo, a beautiful day and because we had a lot of members attend we were all able to get around and watch the fashion parade and visit the stall holders. Sandii, Judy and I went to St Catherine's and met the students who will be forming our first Z Club, former Zonta member Susan Beale is doing a fantastic job with these kids. Friday we worked the BBQ at Bunnings, my first time and I really enjoyed the experience, I look forward to doing it again.



I have just finished reading, A Mother's Story, by Rosie Batty, it took me a few days to read because I found myself needing to put the book down at times mainly to wipe away tears. The more I read the angrier I became, angry at police, angry at the Family Law Court system and yes at times angry at Rosie. A Mothers Story is a book I think we all need to read if only to get an understanding of the frustration and helplessness she must have felt. The good thing to come from this tragedy is that the awareness of Domestic Violence is now higher and more talked about openly than it ever has been.

SOME PROMISING QUEENSLAND BUDGETS FACTS

In the Queensland Budget 2017-2018 \$69.5 million has been allocated to continue the specialist domestic and family violence court at Southport and to roll out courts in Beenleigh and Townsville, including circuit courts to Mount Isa and Palm Island. This includes \$40.4 million over four years provided in the 2016-17 budget. Women and children fleeing domestic and family violence in South-East Queensland will soon have access to two new shelters, with a budget commitment of \$6.9 million over 3 years. The funding is additional to the \$4.4 million over four years in the 2016-17 budget for shelters in Charter Towers and Roma.

Yours in Zonta Kerrie Adam

SERVICE

A big thank you to all the helpers that assisted with Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings 23 June. We have a lot of sausages and drinks left over that will be used at our next sizzle. So not a lot of profit at this stage - \$249.05



Next Sausage Sizzle is at Coles 22nd July. Advantage of Master Butchers / Coles venue is we can buy sausages as needed. Brumby's will donate bread. Pending success of July BBQ, we will book sizzles for the rest of the year. Need volunteers three per shift. Email Carol. Have only 2 volunteers at this stage.

General discussions with members suggests that they are happy to continue with the BBQ's, as it is easier and effective with a potential to raise \$2800.

* Wedding Expo

A pleasant day had by 8 members manning the door to meet and greet attendees at the Wedding Expo held at the Coral Sea Resort. We collected \$165 in Gold Coin donations.



Sewing Group

To resume Friday the 28th, 10am at Kerrie's. Kerrie has been busy making Drip Bags that have been sent to Mater hospital.

* Knitting Group

Has been meeting & working on a few knee blankets to finish & take to the nursing home for the winter. Last meeting was attended with 8 ladies working, lunching & chatting. The next meeting is at Judy Brown's home at 10am on Monday the 31st July & the group expect more ladies at this meeting as a few were away for the last one.

*Books from Birth

We currently have 6 Boxes of books and magazines for children and teenagers. We have received 2 letters of encouragement; one from Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre in Ingham, the other from Palm Island Children and Family Group; both thanking us for our wonderful support and contribution of books. Next meeting in August to be confirmed - check with Lauren

Carol Bolton

ADVOCACY



Are we as a club interested in being part of the Reef Festival Parade again this year? I had thought that it might be a nice thing to do again but we need participants and unfortunately I will be away (!!). My thoughts were to make it simple. Just a Ute or a car and 6x4 trailer (box, I think you call them in Qld!) so that we can display a couple of orange ladies, one or both of our signs and then members would walk wearing either our club shirts or orange "say no to violence" t-shirts. There are a few around. We could hand out sweets and/or balloons to the children and flyers to their mothers and have a short spiel about what we do for the parade announcer. All very simple. What do you think?

Maxine Thiele

Advocacy Director



Z Club

St Cath's Z club will have its formal Induction and Installation Ceremony in the 2 or 3rd week of August with a formal ceremony with the girls over a morning tea or light lunch. This will also be acknowledged at a full school assembly with the presentation of their official Charter Certificate which has now been completed and remitted to Zonta International!

Congratulations must go to Susan for the magnificent work she has done and her amazing students. I am happy to report that Annie is the Zonta liaison person attending their meetings now too! What a team!

“Walk in her shoes!” St Cath's Z Club held a fund raiser providing a Sausage Sizzle, patty cakes and the opportunity to do a walk around the school in high heels! It was a great turn out with Kerrie, Judy, Annie and Sandii attending. The girls raised \$130 and this will go to women in 3rd world countries and \$125 will help send a girl to school for a year.

This is the second fund raising event St Cath's Z Club has held this year and for term 3 they are holding a Trivia night on the 1st of September with the funds raised from this to go towards Birthing Kits!

What can we do? As soon as the Induction and Installation ceremony date has been formalized come along and join in. Put in your date claimer for the Trivia night on 1st September! Another Date Claimer is for Open Day on 19th of August for Z Club photo both!

Sandii





We are in the process of establishing a special memorial space for our beloved Pam at the Cannonvale State School.

Already plants have been purchased and planted around the area where this will be.



MEMBERSHIP

It was great to induct Claire into our club at the June General Meeting. It was even better having Bridget (our Area 5 Director) officiate. Welcome Claire.

The Zonta Picnic held on the 11th June was a very pleasant get together. The skies were overcast and it threatened rain which held off for us, while we shared lunch and a good chat. Thank you to those who attended.

The Zonta Christmas Party will be held on Friday 1st December at the TAFE College. Put this date in your diaries.

District Conference: 8th-10th September, in Brisbane. Early bird registration by 31st July. Attendees so far: Sandii and PJ. Anyone else wishing to attend contacts Catherine: re payment, Sandii any other enquiries.

Blue Cards: Anyone needing to renew or apply for a blue card visit: www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/renew Print your form, fill it out and bring it to the GM with your identification documents ie: drivers licence & Medicare card (also a photo copy of these for us to send with your form).

Judy Brown

Membership Director





July Birthdays

Angela Spicer	15th
Christina della Valle	16th
Kerrie Adam	17th
Dawn Green	18th
Pam Harrison	18th
Joanne Richardson	23rd
Ann Cleghorn	25th
PJ Halter	31st

Update of Boomerang Bags

You may have seen in last week's Times the photo and article update of the bags. 500 have been made by volunteers - lots of different colours and prints made it a very colourful array.

The big problem is that people are not returning them to the stores.

Shoppers can buy them if they wish for \$5 and that money is used to purchase material and cotton for the sewers.

It is preferable if they are returned and re-used, some are real keepsakes - if you see Cr. Jan Clifford out shopping ask if she has her latest purchase and check it out.

Read the message on it - It really is great !!!

IGA at Jubilee Pocket is right behind the bags and has now done away with plastic bags using only re-cyclable bags for fruit and vegies and boomerang bags for groceries..

Our council is also planning on banning plastic bags.

Volunteers are always needed to cut out and sew - Barb Adamson has materials for the bags so if you feel inclined contact her

Phone: 49467572 Email: barbaraadamson@bigpond.com

I know she would love to hear from you. Noelene

Date Claimers

22nd July Sausage sizzle in front of Master Butchers in the Coles Shopping Centre

**20th July General Meeting Reef Gateway 6pm
for 6.30 pm Start**

8 th - 10th Sept District 22 Conference

At royal on the Park , Brisbane

1st Sept Trivia Night at St Cath's Z Club

1st December Christmas Party Palmers Restaurant

**Book Club meeting last Wednesday every month at
Kerry Kenyon**

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