



# Reef Talk

NOVEMBER 2017

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Here we are again another month gone.

I know I have said already but November is a very busy month for us Zontians, firstly we are committed to decorating a room off the library at Cannonvale State School in memory of Pam Graham. Pam was loved and respected by all of us in the Zonta Family and she deserves our best efforts in this venture.



In order to make this room a colourful, appealing place that students and staff will like to use we need to spend some money, therefore the Trivia Night we are holding on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at the VMR needs to be supported well, so get your tables (up to 8) organised, contact me if you have something to donate to the rolling raffle, bring your own nibbles and I hope to see you all there.

This time of the year we organise Pamper Packs for the Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Centre and Christmas gifts for our two Adopted Families. This is a really feel good thing to do. Wrapping day is at my place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30am and I hope to see you.

What a fabulous General Meeting last months was, there was such a relaxed atmosphere in the room, the food was fabulous (nobody does it better) and Cath, Lesley and Maxine's talks were interesting and entertaining.

Many thanks to Gale at the VMR who made our change of venue very smooth.

I saw this little quote while I was in Proserpine this week:

Yesterday is History  
Tomorrow is a mystery  
Today is a gift  
That is why it's called The Present

**Kerrie Adam, President**



## SERVICE

### PAMPER PAKS

We will be making 10-12 this year. Personal care items & special treats are needed for ladies who are under care with the Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service.

Please bring suitable items to our Next General Meeting November 16th  
Wrapping day is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30am at Kerrie's.



### Adopt a Family

Family 1 - Female 56, Boy 10, Girl 10, Girl 9 and boy 8  
Family 2—Male 88 and Female 88

Please bring suitable items to our Next General Meeting  
November 16th

Make certain they are well marked as to whom they should go!!

### BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY'S

No woman should die while giving life and Zonta International with Birthing Kit Foundation Australia is a leader in saving the lives of women and babies in developing countries. The last financial year saw over 1 million birthing kits distributed worldwide.

We are proud to be part of the annual Birthing Kits Assembly program which has been ongoing in the Whitsundays since inception, for about 17 years, commencing with the Proserpine State High School students 14 years ago.

St. Catherine's Catholic College joined in and both schools have this program included in the curriculum. St Catherine's now have their very own Z Club (mostly year 7 students) who this year held a fundraiser to fund 400 kits (\$1200). On 6th October, with 21 students (mostly Z Club) and 10 Zontians, we assembled 500 kits in just 2 hours. The enthusiasm, intelligence, fun and commitment was outstanding.

On 18th October, we were at Proserpine State High School, assembling another 500 kits with 31 students (yrs 10, 11 & 12) plus 8 Zontians, again within 2 hrs. It was a joy to be working with these students who are so interested in the "what, when & how" of the project.

Having co-ordinated this program since inception, I can honestly say that the actual assembling of the kits this year was the best ever.

Our next assembly day is in March on Hamilton Island – our 3rd annual assembly day on the island with the ladies of the "Whine Club".

**Wendy Downes, Birthing Kits Assembly Co-ordinator, Whitsundays**



## ADVOCACY

### UN Happenings this month:

*25th Nov is UN International Day for the Elimination of violence against Women.*

Violence against Women is a human rights violation.

Why is it still happening in pandemic proportions around the world?

It is undoubtedly the product of inequality and discrimination against women. Until we can achieve gender equality, this problem will exist. Our International President, Sonja Honig Schouch touched on this in the latest edition of "The Zontian". She has stated that the Sustainable Goals are all interconnected and cannot be met until Sustainable goal no. 5--- *achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls*--- has been met.

In December 1999, the UN General Assembly designated 25th Nov as Elimination of Violence against Women Day and invited governments, international organisations and NGO's to organise activities that would bring awareness of this issue into the public eye.

Women activists had already been using this date to advocate against violence toward women since the brutal slaying in 1981 of the three Mirabel sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic. Their slaying was ordered by the then ruler of the Dominican, Rafael Trujillo.

Zonta aims to bring public awareness of the issue of violence against women with the 16 Days of Activism campaign ---- Say No to Violence against Women--- which begins on 25th Nov-- UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ends on 10th Dec--- UN International Human Rights Day. The UN Secretary- Gen has invited everyone to "Orange the World". We will be doing our bit--- watch out for our ladies around town!

They will be at the Bunnings BBQs, at the Quiz night and will be placed around the markets on Sat. Nov. 26th and Dec 2nd and 9th. Our sign will be displayed from 4th -18th Dec on Shingley Hill. This was to accommodate Rotary but has given us more days to our campaign. So, in essence, our campaign will run from 11th Nov to 18th Dec.

**Maxine Thiele, Advocacy Director**

When asked, do you have a bit of trouble explaining

**"What is Zonta?"**

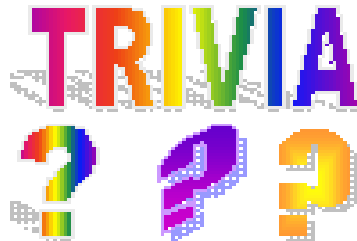
The ZI Representative, Utz Scholz recommended **"Zonta is an international human rights organization, focusing on the rights of women and girls"**.





# ZONTA TRIVIA NIGHT

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**



**VMR 6.30 TO START AT 7PM**

**\$15.00 PER PERSON—TABLES OF UP TO EIGHT**

**BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES**

**DRINKS AVAILABLE FROM THE BAR**

**TICKET AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

**ROLLING RAFFLE**

**FUNDRAISING TO DECORATE READING ROOM AT  
CANNONVALE STATE SCHOOL**

**HONOUR OF PAM GRAHAM**

**For any further information contact Kerrie on  
0409331639**

**Tickets available at the door.**





ZONTA

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

COLONIAL PALMS - HERMITAGE DR.

TIME 6PM ONWARDS

COST \$50 PER PERSON

PARTNERS & FRIENDS WELCOME

THEME COLOURS BLUE, GOLD & SILVER

CHRIS KRINGLE \$10 (MAX)

FOR LADIES ; PLEASE WRAP IN SILVER & GOLD

FOR MEN; PLEASE WRAP IN BLUE

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(THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MAY HAVE  
A FEW CHRISTMAS SURPRISES!)



**November Birthdays**

**6th—Kerry Kenyon**

**14th—Carol Bolton**

**26th—Claire Jardine**

**27th Roz Jennings**

**December Birthday**

**17th—Connie Riley**

October Reef Talk had an spelling error due to an over enthusiastic spell check. If you read my report on Bowen Cup, it reads "we gambled and gambled" this was because spell check didn't understand the high spirits of Gambolling..which I'll share with you now ... so no, we didn't spend all of our \$\$ on the ponies!!

Verb: run or jump about playfully. "The lamb gambolled towards its mother"

Synonyms: frolic, frisk, cavort, caper, skip, dance, romp, prance, leap, hop, jump, spring, bound, bounce

Submitted by Cath Fernbach, President Elect



Zonta Whitsunday is very proud to announce that one of our founding members, Wendy Downes OAM, was nominated and has been accepted as a Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Bearer, representing the Whitsundays on 19th March 2018 as the baton makes its way down the east coast to the Gold Coast. Suffice to say, Wendy is very excited and we will be out there cheering her on.

Wendy makes us proud in many ways—she is a Past President, of course, and as held many other Zonta positions..

Our aqua ladies sure know how to work out, eh?  
Not a bad way to introduce a couple of potential members to our club





## BUNNINGS BAR-B-QUE SCHEDULE

	Saturday Nov 11th		Saturday Nov 18th
Coordinator	Carol Bolton to Set up and pack up	Coordinator	Wendy Downes
8:00- 10:00	Carol Bolton	8:00- 10:00	Wendy Downes
	Pam Harrison		Pam Harrison
	Sue Hansen		Cath Fernbach
10:00-12:00	Carole Brauner	10:00-12:00	Kerrie Adam
	Maxine Thiele		Ken Adam
	Annie Lloyd-lewis		PJ Halter
			Steve Halter
12:00-3:00	Claire Jardine	12:00-2:00	Roz Jennings
	Lauren Haack		Claire Jardine
	Carol Bolton		Betty Whitehorn
	Stephanie Bacon		
		2:00- 4pm	Carol Bolton
			Cath Fernbach



## Date Claimers

**November: 6th– Board Meeting at Lesley’s**

**11th—Bunnings BBQ—Carol Bolton coordinator**

**16th—General Meeting– 6pm for 6.30 start—VMR**

**17th—Trivia Night—VMR**

**18th—Bunnings BBQ—Wendy coordinator**

**23rd—Christmas Wrapping Day—Kerrie’s—10.30**

**December: 1st—Christmas Party—Colonial Palms**

**Book Club meeting last Wednesday every month: Contact Kerry Kenyon**





## PROFILE

### BETTY J. WHITEHORN

How did I come to be in Airlie Beach? When I was about six years old a teacher came to the Swan Reach school and told the class about the Great Barrier Reef and Madagascar. It was on my list of things to do.

In 1988 I brought two of my children, Tim and Jo, to see the Great Barrier Reef and we came to Airlie Beach to do it. We had a great time, stayed one week and saw the reef every way that was advertised. We flew in a light aircraft to the reef and walked on top of the reef and the brave amongst us (Tim) snorkelled. Tim loved the toad races

My last year at school, I was awarded a leaving teaching scholarship but was too young to go to teacher's college. I started work at the Bank of New South Wales to wait out getting a year older. I did get older but gave up the scholarship and kept the job at the Bank. "The Beatles" came to Adelaide that year and we watched them be driven along King William Street from the General Managers office on the mezzanine floor. Wage and gender discrimination were standard operating practise that I didn't question then. The bank did give me an opportunity to travel. I worked in Darwin for three months pre-cyclone Tracy. It was great adventure for me at the time, as we didn't travel much as children.

After my short stint in Darwin, I grew bolder and got some extended leave to go for a working holiday like everyone else was doing at the time. I went with a girl friend to New Zealand. We sailed from Sydney to Wellington. (I was sea sick most of the way). We got a job together in the police barracks kitchen. I got homesick and my friend found another bolder travelling partner and stayed on while I went home and back to Adelaide and the bank.

In Adelaide my girlfriends and I used to go out dancing most nights and that was where I met my husband Tony. We married in 1968. We had our first child in 1971 and, before her first birthday, we were involved in a near fatal car accident. We all suffered injuries. Suzanne suffered the worst and after she finally became conscious again she had follow up treatment for years. ABI I think the label is now days. Now she is married and has two lovely children Ryan and Hayley. (and a husband Colin). We had two other children Tim and Joanne.

Tony was a cabinet maker and took an opportunity to go into a small business making billiard tables. He did that for eighteen years until the country had the recession we had to have. That heavy lifting job has left him with a crook back, and a good excuse not to dance. Things were not easy financially and I eagerly returned to work. I managed to secure a job with Telstra back when it was the post office. I worked for Telstra for twenty-five years. I started as a telephonist, worked in public relations, sales, customer service and billing and finally managed the retail store in the head office. I worked at a very exciting time. (Started as a public servant and finished in a private enterprise business). When I was managing the Telstra shop I won a trip (for two) to Phuket; a prize for managing the highest performing store in South Australia.

I always dabbled in learning new things of some sort. A nitwit sewing course was one venture. I taught myself macramé. I did ceramics for a couple of years. I crocheted billiard table pockets and I am not a bad knitter.



I completed a Women's Studies Certificate at TAFE, and started a Diploma of Women's studies at University of SA. I got bogged down in work and didn't finish University much to my regret. I completed a TAFE Community Health Certificate 3, and worked in the community and in an aged care facility as a care worker. I did a bit of further study, completed a diploma of enrolled nursing, and then an advanced diploma. I nursed in aged care until I retired in September last year. Wound care was my special interest and I had some great successes.

We have done only a bit of travelling - some camping at various places in Australia when the children were small. Uluru – I made it to chicken rock. Climbing that rock of course is soon to be banned. Petra – I have clung on to the neck of a donkey teetering along a very narrow pathway while being assured by a nice man I was completely safe. (I had been thrown from horse at a friend's property only a couple of months before that- I was wary) .

I have travelled to the west coast of America, Canada, Vietnam and Egypt, Thailand, ventured out on a couple of cruises, with my sea sick tablets, and hope to get overseas a couple more times, maybe to Madagascar.

My mother has been independent and a role model for us to be the same. She had a stroke within six weeks of us moving to Queensland and that has been hard (for me) emotionally to deal with. Her brain injury was such that she no longer has ability to manage at home. We siblings together have placed her into care. She had all the paper work in place in readiness for such an event, making it easier for her and for us.

I was for many years very involved in the local church and helped in many ways. I managed rosters, had been the secretary and the treasurer. I became disenchanted with the way the church managed the abuse claims and eventually I decided that wasn't the place for me to be. I still have a faith in a higher being.

I took up the game of lawn bowling about five years ago – willing but half- hearted. The game and the people I met soon increased my interest and now it is one of my greatest pleasures. Since being in Airlie Beach we transferred our membership from our old club and we have been made to feel very welcome here.

Back to why I am I Airlie Beach: Tim returned here probably ten years ago, maybe more. We came to visit him each year, and now my husband, Tony, decided that this is where he would like to retire. We looked for a place to buy and bought a unit in the Pinnacles. It was in the rental pool for a couple of years but when I retired this is where we came to. We sold up every bit of real estate we had in South Australia and came here to live. Now Tony doesn't have to be worried with garden maintenance – it should be helping his "back problem" but he still hasn't returned to dancing. I live in hope.

I am not sure where I first heard of Zonta, but I was aware of its existence. Here in Airlie, I met Wendy Downes and she invited me to the 2016 IWD event. From there I attended some meetings before becoming a member. I am glad to be a member an organization that does make a positive difference to women.





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