



SEPTEMBER 2018

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

*Changes, changes, changes*, just as we are welcoming into the club, Liz Robinson, Alicia Palmer and Dianne Trueman as new members, we are losing our fellow member and friend

Lesley Pratchett, who is shifting with husband Dave to the brighter lights of Townsville. Lesley has served on the Board in a number of positions and has refined our procedures along the way, she has contributed to member personal growth by conducting public speaking workshops and initiating debates on important member perspectives such as NGO charities.



Last month Lesley ran a workshop for our club on attracting and retaining Club members in a community where everyone is time poor. Thank you all for your input, we received loads of interesting perspectives, these have been collated and will be presented at the October meeting.

We thank Lesley for her contribution over the years and wish her and Dave well in the future.

Lesley's position as Board chair of Advocacy will be now held by Amanda Walter who has some great ideas for promoting Zonta's values paired with some fundraising. This is still in the planning stages with organisers so we look forward to hearing more about these initiative in the future.

Sandii Hansen continues to hold the chair of Z Clubs and is being ably assisted by Christine Maine.

The Birthday Party team has now had their first meeting and are putting plans in place to celebrate our 20th Birthday next year in conjunction with International Women's Day.

**Thank you and well done:** I'd like to acknowledge three of our long standing members

Pammie Harrison for her ability to chat to amazing random women whenever she is out and about. Pammie always invites along to a meeting and whilst not everyone joins Zonta but they sure do know a lot more about it. Pammie I wish that I had your outgoing bubbling exuberance to do this....I'm a kind of bubbler on the inside!!

Wendy Downes also has great networking abilities that she uses on behalf of the club and paired with her commitment to The Birthing Kits project she is a stalwart, we will hear a lot more from Wendy very soon.

**Saturday The 14<sup>th</sup> of October is the date to put in your calendar**

Zonta Race Day filled with fun, flowers, fancy ladies and frolicking ponies or is it frolicking ladies and fancy ponies anyway we are out for a great time.

Carol Bolton has arranged our own Zonta Marquee which will be gorgeous day out for those who like a bet on the ponies, we had a fantastic time last year and I can personally vouch for the “bet on a girl jockey” picking scheme.

Tickets are selling fast so if you want to be there please contact Carol soon.

Have a great month

**Cath**



## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Report:

I thought I'd start my report this month explaining the Invocation (previously titled interpreting the Zonta Code) which is given at the beginning of the meeting by a different member each month.

Individual members select one aspect of Zonta which they are passionate about and speak about this for 1-2 minutes. This has produced a huge variety of very personal thoughts which strike home to all members.

There are many examples of this in Dropbox (General Membership) under Invocation so please accept your chance to deliver your views when asked.

If you bring a guest to the meeting please point out and give them the brochures that are on the table where you pay. These brochures give an overview of Zonta.

**Christmas Party: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at VMR. Starts at 4.30pm, Bar and Band shuts at 9.30pm. It will be a Hawaiian Theme, with Linda catering, the price to yet be decided.**

**Z Clubs: St. Cath's have raised \$1300 towards birthing kits. This is a fantastic result. Congratulations to Susan Beale and her Z Club.**

**Judy Brown – Membership Director**



## SERVICE



**Bunnings BBQ Saturday November 3rd and 10th.**

**BBQ coordinator required for Saturday November 10th. ( Carol will do all purchasing)**

**We raised \$1279 profit from 25<sup>th</sup> of August and 1<sup>st</sup> of September.**

**Well done Carol and thanks to those who helped.**

**Good morning ladies.**

**In case you were not at the last meeting, a decision was made to invite our Partners to the next GM to be held on 20 September. We are privileged to have Sergeant Simon Walter, Whitsunday Police, speaking about Domestic Violence.**

**You don't need to reply now, just put it in the diary. Claire will collect rsvps when she sends out the notice of meeting and request for apologies and guests. There will be the usual catering cost of \$25 per person.**

**Regards**

**Janice Lake**

**Secretary**



## ADVOCACY

I have been privileged to be a member of Zonta Whitsundays and delighted that as I move away, the club seems even more vibrant than when I joined.

There can be no better leaving present than the knowledge that those taking on roles I have held will expand and enhance them. I was able to thank Noelene for encouraging me to become Secretary by passing the baton on to Janice, and because so many members committed to Advocacy, this is now a strong team.

Mandy, our amazing new Director, has already identified what may be our biggest PR opportunity to date! Roz Chairs our Awards and Assistance Committee with committed members. Mez will manage Orange Ladies and Signage, and is working with PJ to organise new artwork for Zonta's Centenary. Patsy has already organised our presence at the Reef Festival and will look after this section of the A&A portfolio. Many other members have contributed and there is always room for more, so I hope new members will become involved.

I remain a member close enough to visit, so I look forward to news of our club, as it approaches its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in style! Thank you all for enduring friendships and the opportunity to use my talents without expecting me to sew or cook.

**Lesley Pratchett, Outgoing Director Advocacy**





***Firstly thank you to Lesley for your service, mentorship and guidance. I think I speak for all of us in saying you will be sorely missed!***

***We wish you well in Townsville, I'm sure it will all work out as planned and be everything you have dreamed of.***

***Thank you also for your pursuit to get me to join Advocacy from the moment I joined as a member and recognising how suited Advocacy would be.***

***I'm looking forward to working with the Advocacy team, the board and members and I am humbled by the opportunity, encouragement and support.***

***We have a huge year coming up with a lot of opportunities going forward while we celebrate 20 years for our club and Zonta's Centenary.***

***There has never been a better time to raise awareness and much needed funding.***

***As mentioned, one major project coming up is, we have an opportunity to be involved in the Whitsunday Festival of Motoring which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May next year.***

***This 3 day festival will be sponsored by Whitsunday Council and Tourism Whitsunday and showcase our beautiful Whitsunday region drawing, what has been estimated as, thousands of people to the area. As it will be held in the month of May, it coincides with Domestic Violence Month and we have been invited to promote Zonta, volunteer in specific events and raise money as part of the festival. This festival will not only be a one off event, it will be an ongoing annual event getting bigger every year.***

***A committee will be established to work out how to best promote ourselves, projects we can create and also asking for volunteers.***

***This will all work in perfectly with our banners, orange ladies, new signage, centenary celebrations and showcase exactly what we do on a big stage.***

***It will also give us an opportunity to work with Bowen Zonta as the festival will incorporate the whole region.***

***I hope we can get as many people as we can involved with this project. I will give more details and information as it comes to hand.***

***I can honestly say I can't sew very well either, or knit but I can cook!  
Lesley, expect a lot of emails from me over the coming months. ☺***

**Amanda Walter, Incoming Director Advocacy**



**THE VISIT – Duval Road - September 8<sup>th</sup>  
2017**

*With apologies to Wordsworth and thanks to  
Maxine for the inspiring daffodils*

**We wandered in a growing cloud  
Of packing, seeming without end  
When all at once we saw a crowd  
A host of happy Zontian friends  
Chatting and laughing on the deck  
And keeping our sad thoughts in check**

**They brought food plates with all the frills  
That only Zontian cooks can make  
And Maxine crafted daffodils  
To crown a really yummy cake  
But most of all they brought good cheer  
And memories we'll hold most dear**

**So when we go we'll keep in touch  
For we aren't moving far away  
I'll stay a member and as such  
Come back to visit you some day  
Meanwhile I'll like our Facebook site  
And read Reef Talk in bed at night**

**And when in Townsville thoughts arise  
Of all those we no longer see  
We'll bless that we did not downsize  
And have rooms for a B&B  
So our new home anticipates  
Long visits from our Zontian mates**



**William Wordsworth, 1770 - 1850**

**I wandered lonely as a Cloud  
That floats on high o'er Vales and Hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden Daffodils;  
Beside the Lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.**

**Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the Milky Way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.**

**The waves beside them danced, but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:—  
A Poet could not but be gay  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
What wealth the shew to me had brought:**

**For oft when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude,  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the Daffodils.**



Hi all,

I am still clearing out lots of old "stuff" and found the following which may (or may not) give the Book Club Ladies a laugh.

I also wonder if they have seen the new Jane Fonda film about her Book Club. Good idea for a film night when it is available.

Cheers Noelene

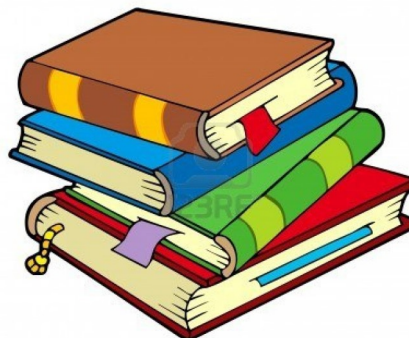
## THE PAGE TURNER

The laundry basket overflowed  
Unto the very brink  
I had not mopped the kitchen floor  
And dishes filled the sink.

It was that way all week, alas  
Since I got back from town  
And dipped into a brand new book  
Then couldn't put it down !

Well, now the housework's all been done  
But all things being equal  
The sink will soon fill up again  
For I've just got the sequel.

Flora McSporran







### Zontian Brides





Wendy, Sue and Joan accepting their Exemplary Appreciation Awards

#### Annual Birthing Kits Assembly dates.

The annual assembly days are getting close and I am soon ordering 5 boxes of Kit Supplies, to assemble 1000 kits. The kits cost \$3 each and supplies arrive in lots of 200. For the really new members – a \$3 birthing kits can save the life of mother and/or child, or risk of infection, during birth in an underprivileged world.

The first assembly day will be on 12<sup>th</sup> October at St Catherines College and I am still awaiting a date from Proserpine State High School. Both dates will be in term 4 and usually fairly close together. Both schools will assemble 500 kits each.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, St Catherine's Z Club have raised funds towards the kits and this year they raised \$1300, meaning Zonta Whitsundays only need to provide \$200 towards their assembly day of 500 kits. It is so wonderful for these students (the amazing Z Club) to be able to donate the funds, which gives them a much better perspective, and joy, as to why they are part of the process to save lives.

Pre-event preparation will need to be carried out and, as always, member assistance is greatly appreciated. We have our regulars of course, but it would be great to have some new members join in, for either the pre-event preparation or on the day assistance. You don't need to be an expert – it's really easy, and very rewarding. Please think about it and let me know if you are available for the 12<sup>th</sup> October – all morning. PSHS date TBA.

Please contact Wendy on 0418 768 493 if you want to "be part of this amazing project.





**Condolences to Marlene and Ann**

I'm sure the Zonta community will join with me in offering condolences to Marlene Reiffel whose mother passed away in early September in Melbourne and to Ann Cleghorn whose father passed away recently in Adelaide. On both occasions the parents had come to the end of a long life well lived and they died with their family beside them. We send both Marlene and Ann our warmest good wishes and know that they will be comforted in the knowledge their parents received the best of loving care to the end.

*Hi ladies*

*Thank u for your support.*

*My father David Cleghorn , 85 yo, slipped away in Adelaide on Thursday 23rd Aug 2018.*

*I was with him after he had his stroke. Can not thank Flinders hospital enough for the undivided care. My dear mum is coping.*

*We had a small family celebration of his life on Friday. Some of Dad's ashes will be scattered in the Whitsundays. He loved the Zonta ladies and always asked after you all. He was a big supporter .*

**Ann.**

*Black and white was their engagement.*

*Dad was all about family.*



*This is dad with his sister and one pic of the family.*



# *Bowen Cup Race Day*

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Enjoy the Bowen Cup Race atmosphere trackside and from a Marquee where all the action, glamour and entertainment comes to you.

## **Zonta Trackside Marquee \$130 per person**

- Bus transport from Cannonvale to Bowen
- Admission to Racecourse
- Prime Private Marquee
- 5-hour beverage package – beer, wine and soft drinks
- Chicken and Champagne Lunch
- Close proximity for Fashions on the Field Competition
- Marquee opens 12pm
- Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Fascinator/Hat

## **Bus pick up**

- TAFE Cannonvale 10:20 am
- Centro Cannonvale 10:30 am
- Leaving Bowen Race track 5:30 pm

This is a fundraising event for

Zonta Marquee tickets must be confirmed and paid for by Thursday September 20th. Contact Carol on 0409519338 or [carol@pcweld.com](mailto:carol@pcweld.com)

  
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**September:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Downes
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Annie Lloyd-Lewis
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Janice Lake
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Mez Bowen

**October:**

- 6<sup>th</sup>—Joan Watson
- 17<sup>th</sup>—Judy Brown
- 30<sup>th</sup>—Maxine Thiele

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**Date Claimers**

**Sewing Day at Kerrie Adam's Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10am**

**Knitting Group Month the 24th of September**

**Membership Committee meeting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am**

**Bowen Cup Race Day in private Zonta Marquee - Saturday October 13th**

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

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

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