



# East-enders

Newsletter of  
Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

Charter Number 1235

July 2004

## Next Dinner Meeting

**Monday  
9 August**

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm  
Committee Meetings 6.15pm  
Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm  
At

### Good Earth Hotel

Wickham Tce  
(Ground Floor)

**Cost \$32.00 each**

\$5 Meeting only  
(This includes one raffle ticket)

**Apologies to**

**Karen Hendry**

**Thursday August 5th  
3262 2864**

**Mobile 0419 027 156**

*In absence on an apology an  
invoice for \$27.50 will be sent to  
all non-attending members.*

## COMMITTEES ARE IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF CLUB

Last month was the first official month with the new board. I welcome the new members and wish to thank the former members who have served the Club well.

### Planning Meeting

We had our planning meeting on Monday night 21 June at the home of Karen Hendry. It was a very disappointing turn out for the meeting. Besides the 6 members of the board, there were only 2 other members who turned up on the night. Thank you to Denise Conroy and Sandra Langford who were those members.

We did achieve some planning issues on the night. One of the most valuable snippets of information was a run down by Denise of the function of each committee. This has always been confusing and I am sure will still be an area that will generate a few more questions concerning which functions fall within each committee.

### Breast Cushion Working Bee

We had a good working bee on Sunday 27 June at my house. There were only 5 of us and we only managed to finish 12 cushions but there were many more in progress. Even though there were so few helpers, we still need to keep having them so that we have a steady supply of cushions being made. I would like to thank Jo and her sister Michelle, Lynn and Bev Farley for their help. Our next working bee will be on **Sunday 25 July at my place again.**

### Art Day

Please remember to support our Art Day on Sunday 8 August at Christine Goodfellow's house. She is a very good teacher and will inspire everyone to achieve something "arty" at the end of the day. I would encourage you to attend even if just for the fellowship that the day will bring.

### Congratulations

Club member, Robin Sullivan (on leave on absence) has been appointed the Director-General of the State government's new department of Child Safety.

The Premier said there is no better person than Robin Sullivan to steer the department with greatest responsibility for safeguarding vulnerable Queensland children.

"Dr Sullivan has done a colossal job as Commissioner for Children and Young People for more than five years.

"She has built the Blue Card system from the ground up, into one of the world's most comprehensive systems for screening people who want to work with children".

Our congratulation go to Robin and her team and we hope she can find time to keep in touch with the club.

### Committees

Please consider your contribution to your selected committee carefully. With such small numbers in the Club everyone's contribution is important, no matter how small.

*Thank you*

*Lynn Papa*

## NETWORKING IN ZONTA

Networking within Zonta International is a benefit of membership and a privilege. The mission of the organization, Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide, is a shared commitment among all Zonta members. Shared friendships and fellowship, professional interests and business relationships, especially across national borders enhance a member's total Zonta experience. Networking will facilitate these activities.

Zontians are encouraged to network under the following guidelines:

For Zonta purposes: Networking will give information on activities in other clubs/areas/districts/countries. It will help us find members

with expertise in different fields for special Zonta assignments or tasks.

For personal purposes: Networking will increase our ability to initiate or maintain personal friendships with Zontians in other areas of our countries and other areas of the world. It will help increase our knowledge about world affairs, broaden our views and increase our respect and tolerance for other views. IT will help us grow as human beings.

For professional purposes: Networking will help us increase our knowledge in our respective fields of work and learn how this work is conducted in other countries. It will help us become better professionals with wider viewpoints and more able to

contribute productively to development of our societies.

For business purposes: Networking will give knowledge about national/international business trends and ideas on business management. It may provide opportunities to find new business relationships following established Guidelines.

In general, Zonta networking is a person-to-person activity or club-to-club activity.

Networking is positive productive communication. Networking is **NOT** a mechanism for lobbying or gossip.

*More details are available from  
Zonta International website.*

## SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION—20 YEARS ON...

Contributed by Denise Conroy

The Sex Discrimination Act 1984 gives effect to Australia's obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and certain aspects of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention 156.

Its major objectives are to promote equality between men and women, eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status or pregnancy and, with respect to dismissals, family responsibilities, and eliminate sexual harassment at work, in educational institutions, in the provision of goods and services, in the provision of accommodation and the delivery of Commonwealth programs.

**Background**

The Whitlam Labor Government had announced its intention to follow the framework of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and pass legislation to make discrimination on the ground of sex unlawful.

The Fraser Coalition Government came to power in November 1975 before this Bill was introduced into Parliament.

In 1980 the then Attorney-General, Robert Ellicott, announced that the Government would pass a law that made it unlawful for the Commonwealth Government and the territories within the Government's jurisdiction to discriminate on the grounds of sex and marital status.

The main impact of that proposal would have been on Government employment and certain acts in the Australian Capital

Territory. The Bill had not been introduced by 1983 when the Government changed.

In November 1981 Senator Susan Ryan, as Shadow Minister on the Status of Women, introduced a private member's bill – the Sex Discrimination Bill.

This Bill would have made it unlawful to discriminate on the grounds of sex and marital status throughout Australia and would have created the position of the Director of Conciliation to administer the complaint provisions.

The Bill would have required all Commonwealth Government employers and all private sector companies with a minimum of 100 employees to prepare and implement an affirmative action management plan for women. It would have created the position of the Director of Affirmative Action. This Bill was never debated in the Senate and was not adopted by the Coalition Government.

Prior to the 1983 Federal election the Labor Opposition gave a commitment that they would enact national sex discrimination legislation.

On coming to power the Labor Government announced its intention to proceed immediately with national legislation to make sex discrimination unlawful and to release a policy discussion (green) paper on affirmative action for women.

The two issues were separated as there was concern that there was not sufficient community awareness of the aims and necessity of affirmative action while the principles behind sex discrimination legislation were more generally accepted and understood.

*Next month*— The Debate on Sex Discrimination Bill.

Who filled the role of Sexual Discrimination Commissioner?????

**Have an ART ATTACK**

On  
**SUNDAY 8th August**

From 10am

At

451 Miles Platting Road  
ROCHEDALE

Under the guidance of  
Renown artist & teacher  
**Christine Goodfellow**

Cost \$10

Bring a friend-

&

Lunch

RSVP

Heather Mildwater by email or mobile

[hmildwaters@optushome.com.au](mailto:hmildwaters@optushome.com.au)

0412 451 369

## Zonta Spring Carnival Race Day

*Saturday*

*23 October 2004*

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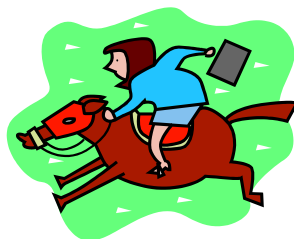
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Cost \$90 pp

Zonta Marquee includes  
buffet luncheon & entry

*RSVP 1st October*

*Invite your friends .....*

**DATE CLAIMERS**

Saturday 24 July—Zonta Fair at Indooroopilly 8am to 12noon. (Brisbane North Club)

Sunday 25 July—Breast Cushion Day at home of President Lyn

Monday 26 July— Board Meeting—New Farm

Sunday 1 August—Antique Fair— Redcliffe Leagues Club (Heather Mildwater)

Sunday 8 August—Art Fellowship Day—Club Activity— at home of  
Christine Goodfellow

Monday 9 August—Dinner Meeting

**Annual Zonta Fair**

*Zonta Club of Brisbane North*

Saturday 24 July

Robertson Park

Indooroopilly

8am—12noon

Music—food- fresh produce

Trash 'n treasure

Monster Raffle Draw—\$2