

Zonta News May 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Changeover Dinner is upon us once again, and another successful twelve months has passed. We will be installing the new board members as well as induct a new member Maree Matthews. It is great to see that Maree is keen to be involved in our clubs activities. I hope that in the near future we will be able to add a few more new members.

I would like to thank the outgoing members of the board Kaye Lollback, Louise Frost, Susie Dunn, Carole Dickinson and Rosemary Maslen for their contribution over the past twelve months, without their assistance the club would not have operated as efficiently as it has. This not only goes for the board, as without the help of all members we would not achieve what we have during this past 12 months

For those who love live theatre "A Red Plaid Shirt", 20th June. The tickets are \$25 and we are asking for members to bring a plate of finger food. This is certainly an easy way of raising a few dollars as well as having a great time.

Upcoming Events

Dinner Meeting

17th May
Time 6pm for 630pm

Biggest Morning Tea

9 am 19th May
Tweed Broadwater Village

Theatre Afternoon

A Red Plaid Shirt
2pm 20th June

District Conference

3rd-5th September 2021

Birthing Kit

Assembling Day
12th Sept

International Conventions

2022 5th- 29th June

Hamburg Germany

2024

Brisbane Australia

Most of our club members attended the Area 3 meeting at Nerang on the weekend. It's always interesting that you learn something new every time you attend these meetings, and the newer members are usually in overload, but also thoroughly enjoy the day.

I hope that you will ALL be able to attend the Changeover Dinner to welcome in the New Year.

Lesley-Anne

President

Service Committee Report

Thanks heaps to all the members who donated to our "Soft Toy" collection. We were able to deliver to the Tweed Refuge 28 nicely wrapped soft toys. The co-ordinator contacted me asking if I would pass on their appreciation it is a very welcoming gift for the kids. The refuge also required some more laundry detergent which also has been dropped in.

Great effort.

Carole



Rosemary's Story

I was born in Queanbeyan as my father was based at a nearby airforce base. We then moved around a bit, eventually settling on the Gold Coast. Because I changed schools a few times and sometimes lived in areas with very low socio-economic communities, I think my belief in social justice started at a young age. Although I wasn't from a disadvantaged family myself, I saw how disadvantaged some of my school friends were and become interested in politics.

I had a varied career in administration, eventually re-training and teaching at TAFE NSW. This is a job I was very passionate about, as a lot of our work was re-training women who were trying to re-enter the workforce and who, for many varied reasons, lacked confidence and self-esteem. Here again, I saw how women and children bear the brunt of domestic abuse and lack of opportunity.

My husband Don was self-employed as a plumber for many years and I also helped run that business while bringing up our two children, who are now teachers. My daughter has given us two grandchildren, who are the light of our lives. They live in Mareeba on the Atherton Tableland, so we spend a lot of time travelling up there every yer.

We have always been keen travellers – initially going on camping trips to the outback during school holidays, and in later years travelling overseas. My favourite trip was to Africa in 2017, where again we realised how privileged we are. We now have a motor home and enjoy getting away when we can. Our family now also includes Jerry the Golden Cocker Spaniel, who enjoys travelling with us.

I am very proud to be a member of Zonta as I believe that there is so much work to be done to raise the living standards of girls and women. The passion of other Zonta members is contagious

ROSEMARY

Next Month Members Story

Maree Matthews