

Reef Talk



Zonta Club of the Whitsundays December 2021 - January 2022

Wrap Up

What a busy end to 2021! We 'Pinked up the town', and donned our finest at the Derby Day Lunch. Pamper packs were packed and despatched. We were represented at the Bunnings Christmas carpark event. Our new Zonta section at the Cannonvale Library was up and running. Our '15 Days of Activism' was launched with our lovely 'Orange Ladies' making their appearance at venues across Airlie Beach and Proserpine. Safety cards were distributed in the community.

A great end to the year was had with our Christmas party being enjoyed by many!



Where our birthing kits went

Kit Distribution Report	
Country	Partner organisation
Papua New Guinea	Living Child Inc.
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Uganda	Supporting Opportunities for Ugandans to Learn Foundation
Uganda	Foundation for Development and Relief Africa
Haiti	Caris Foundation International
Nigeria	Diocesan Health Initiative

WELCOME TO 2022!

Our President - Di

Well everyone a new year has started and I'm sure you are all looking forward to the year ahead. It was hard to make decision to cancel IWD Day but we will have something later in the year. I would like to thank Mez for all her hard work and dedication as a member of our club and was very sorry to receive her resignation, I wish her all the happiness in the world. Also we will be saying farewell to Sandi as she starts a new journey I will miss her and I'm sure many of you will also miss her. Well please take care of yourselves and your family's. See you all again soon.

Dianne Trueman
President

Membership - Judy

Cheers Judy Brown
Membership Director

Please remember to let Cath know if you are not going to attend a general meeting as you will be charged if you do not. The club submits a number on the Tuesday, and we pay for those meals if you are there or not.

Carole and Janice

International Women's Day 2022

Unfortunately, the decision has been made to cancel this year's IWD event. There are many reasons but mainly the uncertainty regarding COVID & the many associated implications .

The COVID rules apply which makes it hard for unvaccinated which in turn impacts our numbers .

We do not want to be asking for donations from our town businesses who are only just holding in there .

We have members with COVID at the moment & who knows what it is going to be like in another few weeks.

This is extremely upsetting for those like Marlene who have put so much work into the planning of the day but we feel that it is in everyone's best interest to cancel the event.

Thank you to everyone who has worked on this project.

We do intend to hold a Board and General Meeting in February. More information closer to the dates.

Janice

As you know Sandii is moving to Mackay and will be leaving quite soon. We would like to say farewell with a luncheon for members at Northerlies on Wednesday 9 February at 12.00noon.

If you are able to come, and have not yet responded to my email, please let me know asap. I have booked outside tables for us, so the breeze will be nice.

As you will be aware everyone must be covid double vaccinated to enter Northerlies.



Library Books project

I have much pleasure in letting you know that I've received the second lot of books the Club has purchased for the Zonta Section of the Cannonvale Library. There are 23 books with a variety of topics and authors.

The books are new and of our choice, and include books suitable for young adults and women - through to general readership. The books are not limited to self-help, although this is important, and includes women authors, stories about women, fiction and biographies.



If you have a book title that you'd like to suggest we add to the collection please let Janice know.

Zonta Bursary

This is a thank you from Proserpine High School. The photo is of Sharvani McCoombes, who won the Zonta Bursary and also was one of our guest speakers at the November General Meeting.

On behalf of the entire school community, thank you for your very kind sponsorship of our annual Awards Night. Such generosity from the local community certainly ensures the success of the night.

It is very satisfying to the students to know that their efforts are acknowledged by the community as well as their school.

Our school is extremely grateful for the generous response from the community to sponsor our Annual Awards Ceremony and look forward to continuing this partnership with you into the future. Please find attached a program from the event and a photo of your award recipient.

Your support of Proserpine State High School is greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards

Don McDermid
PRINCIPAL



Laura Morrison Bequest Scholarship

This scholarship, worth a total of \$6000, is for \$2000 to be awarded over three years to a deserving senior high school girl from the Whitsundays, to assist in continuing their education. We have awarded the scholarship for this year to Madi Braddock, who was a student at Whitsunday Christian College. Madi now heads off to JCU at Townsville to continue her education. A morning tea was held last week at the Rainbow Bakery to present Madi with her award.



NOTICES AND INFORMATION

Blue Cards

Remember that any community event we hold or be part of involving children will require a blue card (Police Check). These are usually \$95. However, if you can apply for one through ZONTA, it is free as we are part of our volunteering community.

BIRTHDAYS



January - Carole Lindsay, Patsy Morgan and Judy Johnston

February - Marlene Reiffel

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Congratulations to Marnie on being nominated for an Australia Day award for contributing to the community. Well deserved Marnie!



Marlene's Travels

The Zonta mask is travelling well! Thanks to Patsy who made them for the BBQ at the beginning of covid.

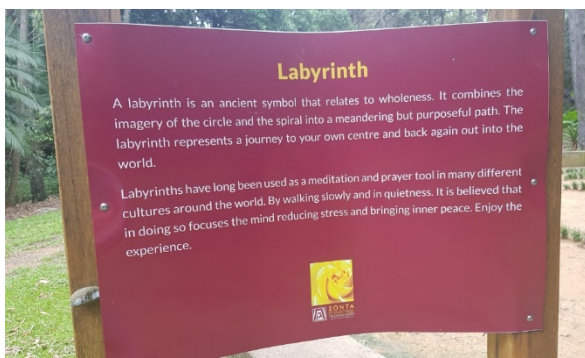


Steam train at Gawler, SA.



The Big Lobster, SA

I came across this labyrinth in the Botanic Gardens whilst on holiday in Hervey Bay – compliments of Zonta. (Jan)



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

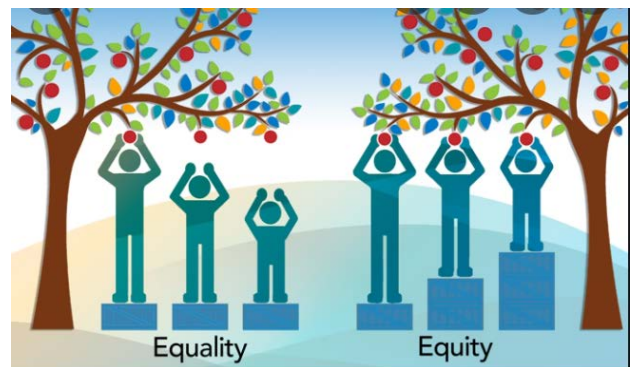


“Pause for thought” is a replacement for the invocation. The nominated member gives a five-minute talk on any project of Zonta International or issue that has relevance to Zonta. This can be our segment for January.



The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March, 2022 (IWD 2022) is, “Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”, recognizing the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response, to build a more sustainable future for all.

Here is a short clip on [The history of International Womens Day.](#)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Meetings:

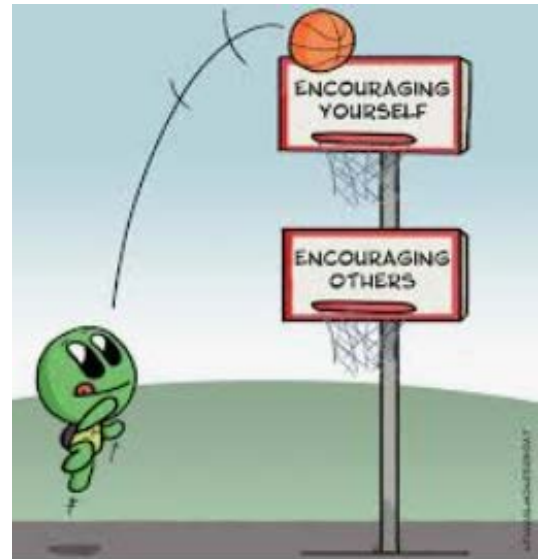
- 20 January – cancelled due to covid concerns
- 17 February – next meeting and speaker (TBC)

Regular Dates:

*Book Club at Kerry Kenyon's house last Wednesday in the month at 5.00 pm
Cath 0419 653 878*

- *Knitting group April to Nov last Monday of the month at 10.00 am.
Carol 0417 619 098*
- *Sewing Group ad hoc, breast cushions, turbans, modesty sheets, virus masks etc
Carol 0417 619 098 .*

SOME HUMOUR AND INSPIRATION



**WIFE: DID I GET FAT DURING
QUARANTINE?
HUSBAND: YOU WEREN'T
REALLY SKINNY TO BEGIN WITH!
TIME OF DEATH: 11:00PM
CAUSE: COVID**

**IT'S NEVER
TOO LATE TO
REINVENT
YOURSELF.**

Start a new career at 40.
Fall in love at 50.
Learn to dance at 60.
Start a whole new life at 70.
Stop saying you can't.
You can and you should.
Dreams don't have an expiration.



HEART OF
ANTI-AGING


Editor

**Jan Nicoll
January 2022**

***(Note: The next newsletter will be
published at the end of March)***

Middle Age in a Nutshell

1. "Who cares if it looks good? I'm comfortable."
2. "Has anyone seen my phone?"
3. "The scale... that cannot be right!"
4. "Did I already take my vitamin?"
5. "Huh, I wonder how I got this bruise..."
6. "Why is the print on these instructions so tiny?"
7. "\$5 for a box of cereal? They raised the price and shrunk the box... such a racket!"
8. "Software update again? I don't like updates."
9. "Who in the world is calling me at 9:30pm?"
10. "Sorry, I forgot what I was going to say."
11. "Wait! What did I come in here for?"
12. "I could've sworn that was my password!"



Understanding
Compassion
International Organization

