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Newsletter March 2015

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Vice President's Report

Jenny Eldridge

Hi Ladies,

While Karen is away in Adelaide, here is just a short report for March.

You have all heard a fair bit of news on our wonderful IWD breakfast but I would just like to express thanks to Faye Marley for the wonderful work she put into coordinating the breakfast.

Also, here is a short extract from the Zonta District 22 newsletter that I quoted at the breakfast and is worth repeating here in case you have not seen it:

"Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence."

Here are a few items discussed at our recent Board meeting and to be taken to the next dinner meeting:

- the nominating committee have met and will bring nominations to the next dinner meeting;
- new uniforms proposed were discussed – some options/thoughts to be presented;
- an idea – firming up the end of year handover to ensure new office bearers take over straight away rather than at changeover.

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Finally some random pieces of information which may interest you:

- Some great gardening workshops coming up - The Southern Downs Regional Council is holding composting and worm farming workshops at Warwick 6-8 pm on 23 March, and Stanthorpe on 25 March.
- Leafmore Garden Society Winter workshop in Toowoomba 17-18 June 2015. I went last year and loved it. Just need to Google them.
- And for education– check out MOOC (massive online learning courses) – you can learn just about anything mostly free from the world's greatest universities. Karen's husband Martin and I are both enrolled in a course: *The discovery of the Higgs Boson* (particle physics) but if that sounds too geeky – there is history, philosophy, computer/IT studies etc. It is great tertiary level stuff.

See you all at the dinner meeting.

Regards

Jenny

Induction of New Member - Christine Neumann

Zonta Club of Warwick Inc is very pleased to welcome Christine Neumann as a member. After attending meetings and events during 2014, Christine was inducted at our December meeting. Christine was born in Christchurch NZ, but has lived in Brisbane for many years. She is employed as a social worker at Warwick Hospital, and plans to renovate her home in the Swanfels area with her husband, Graham. Christine says she is keen to become involved in service projects within Zonta, as she is particularly passionate about advocating for women's education.



Past Event - International Women's Day Breakfast

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Zonta Club of Warwick Inc celebrated International Women's Day with a breakfast held at Horizon's Restaurant, TAFE College, on Thursday 5th March.

This year's theme was '3 Women 3 Journeys' and our Guest Speakers spoke about life changing events that tested their Conviction, Commitment and Courage. Each presentation linked to service projects targeted by Zonta Club of Warwick during 2014-2015: Advocating for optimal education for girls, Young Women's Development, and Breast Cancer support.

Rebecca Lancaster took over ownership of a local law practice in 2013, practising in the areas of Property Law, Commercial Law, Family Law, and Estate Planning and Administration, and overseeing the practice of a team of 14 full-time and part-time employees. Rebecca highlighted her conviction, commitment and courage in persevering with her education despite changes in her personal life. She has attained Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Business, Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice while raising 2 young children as a single parent.

Hailey Cosh is the Youth Development Officer for Southern Downs Regional Council. She has worked in this role since 2012, following 2 years working for Southern Downs Industry Education Association in a youth work case management role. Hailey's career plans were interrupted when she chose to leave tertiary study (in teaching field) to help care for her father during his terminal illness. She displayed her conviction and commitment to family, and her courage in relaunching a career path in a new role, which she is enjoying immensely.

Julie Hauff is a Detective Sergeant in the Qld Police Service, working in Child Protection and Investigation Unit. Julie was diagnosed with breast cancer 10 years ago, when her children were aged 1 and 4 years. She displayed her conviction and commitment to family to ensure their security and happiness and her courage undergoing cancer treatment and dealing with uncertainty for her future.

At our International Women's Day breakfast we presented this year's winner of the *Young Women in Public Affairs Award* – **Alice Wu**, who impressed through her commitment to school and community activity, and her awareness of international and status of women issues.

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Here are some photos from the event!



Jenny Eldridge and Faye Marley making presentation to Alice Wu



Guest Speakers: Rebecca Lancaster, Hailey Cosh and Julie Hauff

Current Campaigns

These are the campaigns our district and club are currently involved with:

Young Woman's Bursary

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Bursary from girls

Forthcoming Events

Area 4 Workshop - 28-29 March:

To be held in Dalby.

AGM - 21 April:

To be held at Cafe Jacqui's. All positions will be declared open.

Birthing Kit Assembly - 9 May:

To be held at Scots PGC campus, Locke Street,

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making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to a girl who may be considering leaving school due to financial pressures.

Young Women in Public Affairs

The goal of Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The program works at the club, district and international levels.

Birthing Kit Assembly

The club continues to fundraise for and assembles 1000 Birthing Kits each year. These are sent by the [Birthing Kit Foundation](#) to areas of need throughout the world.

Breast Care Cushion Project

The club works with Queensland Corrective Services, giving the materials needed for breast

Warwick. Commencing at 9.00am we will pack 1,000 kits in approximately two hours. This is a busy day and Zonta Club Warwick appreciates the support and assistance of members, students and the community.

J&J Exhibition - 11 June

An exhibition by Dorothy Haig at Warwick Art Gallery.

Snippets

Warwick Breast Cancer Support Group raised \$2464 for Breast Cancer Network Australia. This group thanks members of Zonta Club of Warwick Inc for their support and patronage of the recent movie premier fundraiser.

Dr Michael Grosspietsch from **Global Engagement Institute (GEI)** has advised that Prof Shirley Randell will lead a delegation of international women to Vietnam 2-9 May 2015. The itinerary promises a broad introduction to this country through the eyes of its women, as well as interaction with women leaders from all spheres of life. GEI has identified the priority topics that Vietnamese women face today, and the local hosts are eager to learn from and share experiences with the tour participants.

For more information, contact programs@golbal-engagement.org and www.women-and-leadership.org including dates for the next Vietnam programs (Oct / Dec) and for similar programs to Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania. For information on Professor Shirley Randell, go to <http://www.shirleyrandell.com.au>

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care cushions to women prisoners who then sew the cushions as part of their community service work. The cushions are then provided to the Toowoomba Hospital for their breast care patients and they provide immense relief to patients who have lost a breast to cancer.

Fundraising Projects

Our club also has ongoing involvement in local projects we support via fundraising efforts including **Warwick Safe Haven, Olive McMahon Cancer Lodge**, and the **International Women's Development Agency** to promote sustainable cottage industries run by women in Timor.



Happenings on Facebook

Liberia Fistula Project resumes full operations - read the [full article here](#).

We shared the CNN story that an **Indian court has banned the**

Received from **Ipswich Art Gallery - Researching Brynhyfyd** – the ‘castle’ on Blackstone Hill built for coal baron Lewis Thomas in 1890 (and later bulldozed in 1960). During the Great Depression, the ‘castle’ contents and building materials were sold at auctions in 1930 and 1937, and many items are still in local homes. If you own a piece of Brynhyfyd history, please contact the Ipswich Art Gallery – email infor@ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au or phone 38107222

(this notice came to all Zonta Clubs for distribution to members who may have some information.)

Women of the World (WOW)



WOW is a global Festival developed by Artistic Director of Southbank Centre London, and Dame Quentin Bryce AC is Patron for the development of WOW in Australia. WOW Brisbane 2015 will be held at QUT Gardens Point campus and QPAC from 19-21 June. The objectives of this event are

- To celebrate achievements of women

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publication of a controversial interview with a convicted rapist. [The interview](#) part of a documentary film to be released on International Women's Day covers the rape of a young woman on a New Dehli bus on 16 December 2012.

'#thedress' - The Salvation Army used 'the dress' controversy to highlight domestic violence in their [powerful black and blue ad](#).

Zonta London Southbank shared a video from Plan UK's 'end child marriage' campaign - [view it here](#).

Zonta Club of Brisbane Breakfast shared [23 Inspiring Reasons to Celebrate International Women's Day!](#)

We shared [Time's article](#) on 4 areas women have made progress since 1995 - but 'awareness' is not enough.

We also shared the plight of [West Papuan women](#) who continue to be abused and raped by occupying Indonesian military.

(particularly local women across all walks of life)

- Discuss those issues that are still barriers for women and girls and identify solutions
- Build strong communities of women through networks and a belief in our power to make changes happen

The program is still in development, but expect 2-3 international speakers, 20 national speakers and panel members, and up to 700 attendees / day. There will be a 3 day marketplace showcasing work and activities of local women. Tickets are not yet available, but you can register your interest or find further information on <http://wowaustralia.com.au>

Birthdays



March:

13 - Sally and Janet F

14 - Karen

April:

2 - Lois

7 - Rhonda

Our best wishes for a very happy day!

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Committee Notes/Jottings

February Raffle: won by Sally Carr who will donate the prize for the March dinner meeting.

Advocacy Committee:

Winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award was Alice Wu who impressed the committee through her commitment to school and community activity, and her awareness of international and status of women issues.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

28-29 Area 4 Workshop, Dalby

APRIL

21 AGM - Cafe Jacqui's

MAY

9 Birthing Kit Assembly day - Scots PGC campus, Locke Street, Warwick from 9.00am

JUNE

11 J&J Exhibition by Dorothy Haig - Warwick Art Gallery

Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

17th March - Cafe Jacquis, 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

Guest speaker: tbc

Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Sunday 15th March**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.

Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

Mar: 3rd March at 5.00 pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).

Apr: 7th April at 5.00pm

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Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown

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