

# East-enders

MAY 2014



Zonta Club of  
Brisbane East Inc.  
*Member of Zonta International*

Next Dinner Meeting & AGM  
Monday 12 May 2014

Downstairs Meeting Room, Bulimba Library  
6.30pm for Food & Fellowship, Meeting 7.00pm

RSVP to: Jo Diessel by 9 May 2014

Failure to apologise if unable to attend will incur a cost of \$15  
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## Board Members 2014—2015

Ros Kinder  
(President)

Jo Diessel  
(Vice-President)

Bronwyn Campbell  
(Secretary)

Irene Kinder  
(Treasurer)

Directors:

Lynn Callander

Beulah Castan

Kerstin Liebchen-Meades

## President's Patter



It was lovely to welcome four guests to our April Meeting. One of them, Loris, has applied for membership and we look forward now to inducting her at our May Meeting. Welcome to our Club, Loris, and we hope you have many happy and fruitful years of Zonta membership with us.

We will also be welcoming another prospective member at our May Meeting along with our Area 3 Director, Amena Reza, who will install our 2014-2015 Board as well as induct Loris. Amena's term as our Area Director comes to a close immediately post the Orlando Zonta International Convention and we thank her for the work she has undertaken these past two years.

At our April Meeting Club members endorsed our fundraising projects for the coming year with two major fundraisers – another High Tea in early August, and a Crazy Whist afternoon early in 2015. These, together with our regular Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, should raise sufficient funds in our service account to fund our approved service projects.

In addition, a proposal was put forward for a purely fellowship afternoon of Jazz in the Vineyard (Normandy Wines). This sounds a great afternoon where we can just sit back and enjoy each other's company.

We also agreed to have a stall at the Morningside Festival on 27 July to promote our Club in the local community and attract further interest in becoming a Zontian. We will have information on the Club available for the public and sell our promotional products as well as have a raffle. If you can spare an hour or so to assist on the stall, you would be most welcome.

The end of May brings to a close another Zonta year. Our AGM will be held on our normal dinner meeting night and the Annual Report of our Club's activities for 2013-2014 will be presented for your consideration. On collating this report, I felt very proud of the Club's achievements this past year and hopefully you also will feel the same way when you see it all set out on paper. Too often we forget just what we have done and we forget to give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. We may only be small in numbers, but we have big hearts as our Annual Report demonstrates.

Whilst I accepted nomination and have been re-elected to be your President for another twelve months, I would be remiss at this point in not formally thanking each of you for your support this past twelve months. I do appreciate your support and friendship and look forward to another great year working with you all again in pursuit of Zonta's Mission.

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## Member News

After a very long wait Lynn Callander has finally had her knee replacement and reports that despite her current pain, she is doing well – not quite ready to go dancing yet, but we certainly hope to see her at a meeting real soon.



## Club Dues and Club Contribution to ZIF

Thank you to all members who have paid their annual dues – for those who may have forgotten, would you please transfer your dollars to the account details on your Invoice or contact Irene as we need to send our dues to ZI ASAP to ensure we are a Club “in good standing” for Convention.

In accordance with the Club’s decision at our last meeting, \$3,780 was transferred to ZIF as our contribution for this past year. As determined at our Meeting, the funds are to be allocated between the ZI International Service Projects and the YWPA and JM Klausman scholarships.



## Nominating Committee and Club Elections

The Nominating Committee presented the slate for 2014-2015 at our April Meeting and elections were held for your Board for the coming twelve months.

Your incoming Board is:

President	Ros Kinder
Vice-President	Jo Diessel
Secretary	Bronwyn Campbell
Treasurer	Irene Kinder
Directors	Beulah Castan (2nd Year)
	Lynn Callander (1st Year)
	Kirsten Liebchen-Meades (1st Year)

Congratulations to those elected. The installation will be at our May Dinner Meeting.

Our 2014-2105 Nominating Committee was also elected and is Beverley Farley, Margaret Casey and Jill Hedley.

Our thanks also to Mel Ablitt who has completed two years as Director and because of her current university studies was unable to accept an alternate position on the Board.

## Home Away from Homelessness Project

Irene and Bronwyn are our representatives on the Committee organising the October Fashion Showcase Fundraiser for this project. The function will be held on 12 October in the Main Auditorium at City Hall and from the reports given to our meetings so far, it will be a great afternoon so hopefully we can have at least one table of members there. Last year Zonta received great publicity for the afternoon and no doubt this will be repeated this year so great exposure for Zonta and our Club as well as supporting a very worthwhile project. Thanks to Irene and Bronwyn for representing the Club on the organising committee.

Anglicare's new home-away-from-homelessness:  
helping more women break the cycle of homelessness.

The shocking inequity  
10 times more beds for homeless men than women

Why the urgency?  
150 women a month are turned away from our homeless accommodation

Our solution  
10 extra beds every night for homeless women

It's an average of five women every single night

A close-up photograph of a woman's face, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression.

## Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Our wonderful Club YWPA winner, Madina, was not successful at the District level, but did receive a special mention from the District judges which indicates what a strong applicant she was. Both Madina and Chloe, our runner-up, will be presented with their cheque and certificate at a School Assembly in May.



## From ZI

ZI President, Lyn McKenzie, has recently undertaken a site visit to Benin, Nigeria to review the ZIF edutainment project which is at a key phase. Her blog on her visit is available on the ZI website (<http://www.zonta.org/NigeriaSiteVisit2014.aspx>)



In her blog she says “the TV series from Soul City is due to launch next month following extensive preparations. These preparations included: deciding the focus of the campaign - domestic violence; the entertainment medium - TV series; and then engaging stakeholders in coming to these conclusions. We met a number of key stakeholders during our visit; some of them contributed to the decision on the form of edutainment - TV series - and also preparing for the support required for women and girls who come forward as a result of seeing the series. These stakeholders included the Nigerian Police and leaders of the Market Women’s Association. Further potential champions of the campaign came as a result of our visit”.

Her blog goes on to say “This project will certainly raise awareness of the issue and start to challenge cultural norms and attitudes which will, over time, result in a reduction in domestic violence. It also will build the capacity of NGOs working in this space. It is essentially provoking the community to discuss domestic violence, a matter that is currently seen to be “private” and something kept in the family and which has been tolerated as a result.

Check out the full blog to gain a better understanding of one of our perhaps less understood ZIF ZISVAW projects – “edutainment.”

## Coming Club Fundraisers

Again we have the Entertainment Books for sale. \$65 will give you a book loaded with vouchers and you can be guaranteed when you use them to quickly recoup your initial outlay.

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is Friday 9 May. It may not be as hectic as our Easter Saturday effort, but it will still be a busy day so if you can help, please let Jo know. The dates for June, July (which is a Saturday) and August are included in the Date Claimers at the end of this Newsletter. We then have dates for the remainder of the year. Jo shoulders most of the organisation (buying stock, cooling drinks in advance etc) and working on these days, so if anyone can help with this as well as on the day, please let us know.



## Club Merchandise for Sale



Our manicure sets and torch key rings are now available for sale. Both are engraved with the Zonta International logo. Cost is \$12 for the travel manicure set and \$7 for the key ring. We still have Irene's beautiful hand made cards for sale at cost of \$5 each.



## Member Profile

### Member - Margaret Casey



I grew up in FNQ as one of eight children (6 boys 2 girls). My father was a country policeman therefore we moved where his job took him. We lived in Mourilyan, El Arish (where I started school) then moved to Ingham. Ingham seemed such a huge town after what we had previously experienced...but strangely I was considered one of the more widely travelled. There were many girls who had never left the town. Some of my school friends were not allowed to work after their Junior Year and were to stay at home with their mothers to learn how to become a wife. Our family moved to Townsville where I started as a Junior Clerk Typist for a family Department Store (do positions like this even exist today?!). I moved to a number of similar positions before joining the Commonwealth Bank where I stayed for 20 years.

Paul and I met and married in Townsville before moving to Brisbane to live. We originally settled in Hawthorne because of its proximity to Seven Hills Art College...as I was studying a Fine Arts Degree part time. I left the CBA to start a small business in Bulimba, before establishing a boutique talent agency of which I am a Director.

Our agency represents select up-and-coming performers in Queensland, Melbourne and Sydney. Our passion is to bring emerging artists the opportunity of being seen by casting directors Nationally & Internationally. Our main focus is on stage performance and film. Our clients are currently performing on stage overseas.

I have been an Executive Producer and Casting Director on several film productions and our company produces corporate videos for Universities and the Private Sector.

Paul and I have two beautiful girls (Ellen is based in North America and Megan is based in Brisbane).

## Date Claimers

9 May 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
12 May 2014	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
18 May 2014	Breast Cushion working bee at Jo's
26 May 2014	Combined Board Meeting, Easts Rugby League Club
1 June 2014	Afternoon of Jazz in the Vineyard (Normandy Wines)
2 June 2014	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library NB Change of date
13 June 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
27 June - 1 July 2014	ZI Convention, Orlando, Florida
19 July 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (Saturday)
27 July 2014	Information stall at the Morningside Fair
8 August 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
12 October 2014	Zonta Fashion Showcase, Main Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall



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# FASHION SHOWCASE

BRISBANE CITY HALL SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2014  
1.30PM TO 4.30PM [www.zontafashionshowcase.com.au](http://www.zontafashionshowcase.com.au)

**Watch this space for ticket sale information**