

Next Dinner Meeting Monday 9 February 2015 Bulimba Library, Riding Road, Bulimba 6.30pm for 7.00 pm meeting Cost \$15 per head for those having dinner NB We are now using caterers so an apology is essential if you are not eating – NO APOLOGY BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE MEETING MEANS YOU WILL BE SENT AN ACCOUNT FOR THE MEAL

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JANUARY 2015

Conviction, Commitment, Courage

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Welcome back for another year in Zonta. I hope everyone has enjoyed their break and had a safe and Happy Christmas. For those who have travelled, we look forward to hearing about your adventures. For those still away – safe travel.

We started off our year in an informal way with our purely Fellowship Dinner in January. As usual this was an enjoyable night for those who attended.

At our February Meeting we will review our Strategic Plan and assess what we achieved and what we need to do for the coming year. Please put your thinking caps on and come prepared to put forward your thoughts and ideas – if you can't make the meeting, please let me or Jo know what you would like discussed. Sue Shaw has by now contacted each of you with a MonkeySurvey. This survey is completely anonymous and the results will be collated by Sue and form the basis for our discussions at our February Meeting. It is your way of letting us all know what you think – what we have done well this past year and where we need to improve. Please make sure you complete it as your ideas are vital to the success of our Club.

Our March Meeting will also be a very important meeting for the Club. Our special guests on this night will be our scholarship winners from Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools. It is always a good night as we meet these students and hear of their aspirations for the future.

Our March meeting is also the meeting where we determine our Service projects for the year so again please put forward your proposals. Lynn will email you the relevant forms over the next week with a return date of 21 February 2015 to give sufficient time for the proposals to be collated and circulated to all members for their consideration prior to the March Dinner Meeting. As per our Club policy the funds raised during the 2014-2015 year will fund this coming year's service projects. Whilst our Audit will not be completed until the end of March, Irene will be able to provide figures at the March Meeting of the estimated funds we will have to expend.

Please note the information at the top of the Newsletter regarding the changes to our Dinner Meeting. Whilst we are keeping the cost the same, we are now using Gourmet Express to do the catering so we have to advise them of numbers on the Friday before the meeting. Our General Fund cannot carry the extra expense, so if you do not put in an apology you will be billed for the cost of the food.

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Zonta International



The 2014-2016 ZI Board has approved a new mission, vision and theme in recognition of the need to emphasise Zonta's vision of a world in which gender equality is a reality and women's rights are human rights. This was clearly

articulated in a Newsletter from our ZI President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard.

Individual Clubs now have a new logo to use which picks up our new Theme of "Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy" – check it out on the front page of this Newsletter.

Our Mission Statement now reads "Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy".

For more information on this and the advice from our ZI President, go to the International website http://zonta.org

Each biennium post Convention a new set of Governing Documents is released to reflect the changes that occurred at Convention. Each Club receives a hard copy of these but they are also available for viewing and download from the ZI website.

CSW 2015

The Commission on the Status of Women is:



- A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- The principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.
- Established by resolution on 21 June 1946 to monitor and promote women's rights and develop global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women; mandate expanded in 1996 to include monitoring and reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

It will meet from 9-20 March 2015 in New York with the main focus of Post-2015 Agenda and Beijing+20.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) expire in 2015. Member States and civil society organisations, including Zonta, are working on the preparation of a new set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

NGO Participation: During the two weeks the Commission meets, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York will spearhead the NGO CSW Forum. As part of the Forum, NGOs from all over the world come together to present parallel events focused on women's human rights and gender equality.

Zonta International will have a delegation at the meeting and host a number of events.

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Combined 2015 Areas 1 & 3 Meeting



The Theme for the 2015 Area meeting will be the Biennium theme of Conviction, Commitment, Courage. A meeting has been held with the Areas 1 and 3 Directors to prepare the Budget which will now be submitted to the District Board for approval and preparation of the Registration Forms and program.

Our role as the host Club is to manage the logistics

for the day and assist the Area Directors to ensure an informative and successful day. We will be asking members to volunteer to take responsibility for various tasks during the day eg registration, selling raffle tickets etc

As host Club hopefully all members can attend and help on the day. Venue is The Colmslie Hotel.

Young Women in Public Affairs



Last year we had very strong applications at Club level for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and hopefully again we will receive some very strong applications – one has already been received. There have been some changes to the YWPA

for 2015 and the new criteria and forms are now on the ZI website (http:// www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/YoungWomeninPublicAffairsAwards.aspx)

If you know of suitable applicants, please encourage them to apply – they no longer have to be enrolled at a school – merely young women aged 16-19 years of age by 1 April who can meet the specified criteria.

Coming Club Fundraisers

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is Friday 6 February 2015. If you can assist on this day, let Jo or Ros know so you can be included on the roster.



Our dates for 2015 should be known shortly.

Crazy Whist



In accordance with the Club decision last year, we will have a Crazy Whist afternoon from 2.00 pm on Saturday, 21 February in the Balmoral SHS Learning Centre. There will be an afternoon tea for those attending. Full details at the February meeting, but please mark this date in your diary and invite your friends to come and have fun playing this crazy game of cards as directed by Jill.

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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.

Date Claimers

6 February 2015	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea
9 February 2015	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
21 February 2015	Crazy Whist, Balmoral SHS Learning Centre
23 February 2015	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
9 March 2015	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
23 March 2015	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
21 March 2015	Combined Area 1 and 3 Meeting, Colmslie Hotel, Morningside
9-11 October 2015	District Conference, Airlie Beach