



## DIARY DATES

### DINNER MEETING

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
On the Jetty at Coral Seas  
6.15 for 6.30pm start

### BREAKFAST SESSION

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
Capers 7.30 to 8.30am  
Speaker Joanne

### BOARD MEETING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH  
6pm at Joan's home

### UN MEETING

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
4pm at Capers

### IWD BRUNCH

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
10.30 for 11.00am start  
Nautilus Room  
Coral Sea Resort

### NARA AVENUE

PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
1<sup>st</sup> APRIL Indian Theme

### MACKAY CONFERENCE

Long Week End 5-7 MAY

### ROTARY BOAT SHOW

9 & 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

### WORLD NEWS

8th MARCH

INTERNATIONAL

WOMEN'S DAY

ZONTA ROSE DAY

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## From the President's desk

Hello Girls

I hope that you are all enjoying The Beautiful Whitsundays at the moment. It's wonderful to finally see the rain though, isn't it?

We had our planning session afternoon tea at Cath's home and it was a productive and extremely pleasant afternoon. Cath made it a real ladies afternoon with her Grandma and Mum's fine china and little cakes to match. The results of that meeting will be published in this and the next edition of Reef Talk.

Because of the weather we have been unable to sell any cook books at the markets and it looks the same for the next weekend also. We will continue with the roster as soon as the sun shines again.

A number of us including myself will unfortunately be absent from the next general meeting but would the Chairs of the advocacy committees please have their reports ready for the next general meeting to advise the members of their committee's progress.

The Binoculars were producing money up until the wet so much so that a commercial vending company thought that it was a good thing and lodged an application to Council to put in more. Naturally we have lodged objections as we have been looking at other sites ourselves.

Don't mess with Zontians "We are Women: Hear us Roar" is the theme for our IWD brunch. Very apt, don't you think!

I'm having a break in Melbourne and I wish you all a great 15<sup>th</sup> February meeting, and to the other members who are going to be away.. Happy Holidays.

Eunice is back home and will see you all at the February meeting if not before.

Love Carole

## Invitation to our next big event

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BRUNCH



## 'We are Women: Hear us Roar'

The Zonta Club of The Whitsundays warmly invites you, your colleagues and friends to attend a brunch in celebration of International Women's Day

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Nautilus Room, Coral Sea Resort  
10.30am for 11.00am start

*Inspirational Guest Speakers*

*Door prize, Auction, raffles, music and great company*

Tickets \$35 including gourmet 3-course meal

### Available:

Kay Harris, Raine & Horne, Airlie Beach  
Adele's Beauty Spot, Fitness Centre, Cannonvale  
Julianne O'Connell, The Strand Boutique  
The Whitsunday Times, Cannonvale front office

For more information phone 4946 9135  
TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

## ZONTA ROSE DAY 8 MARCH



Did you know it was Past International President Val Sarah's idea to link our floral emblem with **International Women's Day**? For decades a yellow rose (symbol of friendship) has been the symbol of Zonta International. Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses to increase the visibility of Zonta. Zonta Rose Day will also promote support for local and international service projects, and help build a sense of unity and commitment of our mission through shared activity on this day.

## International Women's Day COLOURS -



### White, Purple and Green

The colours were said to represent white for purity; purple for dignity, self-reverence and self-respect; and green for hope and new life.

The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, the history of the day stretches back to the early 1900s when women around the world were fighting for their rights.

Women's organisations used the day to rally support for their causes.

Today, women and men use the day to reflect on women's progress in many ways.

## Australia Day Awards

### *Congratulations go to:*

**Zontian Wendy Downes, Community Event of the Year: Airlie Beach Triathlon Festival**

**Sarina Eggers, Junior Citizen of the Year**  
(Sarina was our YWPA Winner in 2006 and an inspiring guest speaker at the IWD Breakfast).

**Zena Price** was honoured with a **service award** for her 55 years with the **Red Cross** in Proserpine. (Zena was also a star at our 2006 IWD Breakfast with her EXERPTS from DULCIE BROOK'S STORY.

Members – the good news is you can BUY tickets at the Dinner Meeting or SIGN for tickets if you don't have the total money.

See Joan to RESERVE A TABLE for 10.

*It is important that tickets be pre-paid. This will avoid confusion at the door and ensure all guests are catered for.*

*Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift to the value of no more than \$10 for the Quick Fire Raffles fun*  
**ON THE DAY**

# Status of Women Service Committee



**9 & 10<sup>th</sup> June are the dates for making \$\$\$.**

Please be certain those dates are marked in red on your calendar and that you're prepared to do a shift or 2 or 3 at **The Rotary Boat Show**. Then, you can PLAY and PARTY the rest of the Zonta year. Your Chair for this major project, Sheryn has been busy getting organised. We've been negotiating a written contract with Rotary – it is very much the same as was read aloud and given to you in print at the last meeting. We will have the coffee concession, as well as all the food.

**The goal:** Provide well priced Food and Non Alcoholic Drinks at the Rotary Boat show in June 2007. Net proceeds will be divided 50/50. Details will be provided to you as we go – it is important that everyone is fully informed at all times so we have 100% happy participation. Several of you that can't be there on the day have agreed to be on the planning committee. The first of these meetings will soon be called... anyone else who likes to 'be in the know' can join in the fun as well! Keep checking your emails – that is how we will communicate, of course.

**Our planning session** was another terrific arvo. Thanks to Cath for her generosity and Robyn for the great job organising us. Myself, I just come along for the tradition of great food and drink!

I hope you are looking forward to our **Advocacy Reports** as much as I am. Committees have been busy gathering data and deciding where projects might fit into the areas of Breast Cancer Advocacy (Eunice had to go and decide this one for us!!), Domestic Violence Prevention and Education.

PJ, Chair

## A word from Membership

Our membership continues to be strong with many prospective members in the wings wanting to know more about our wonderful club. The IWDB is also a great way of showcasing Zonta and its achievements to the community so we expect plenty of inquiries for membership after the brunch.

It has been really heartening to see how many members are bringing guests along to meetings. Thanks to all of you who have brought along guests to both the Xmas party and to our January meeting. This is such an excellent way of boosting membership so please continue to do this and follow through for subsequent meetings.

Roz, Membership Chair

## Zonta sponsorship goes to Lucy Fraser



Lucy with her mum

Lucy Fraser was elated to find out she had been awarded a \$1,000.00 sponsorship from the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays to put towards her costs for the experience of a lifetime. Lucy is part of a small team of young people who has been accepted by World Youth International to go to Peru and work on community projects. It is a 10 week program and includes extra activities such as a trek into Machu Pitchu. How wonderful!

Lucy is a local girl whose parents worked on Hamilton Island before coming to Cannonvale. She has just finished her Year 12 at Proserpine High and was inspired to travel after hearing of the experiences of Liana Buekers - the young woman sponsored by Zonta last year. Lucy contacted Liana by e-mail and from there her journey began.

Although she will only just turn 18 when she heads off overseas Lucy is well prepared. She is enthusiastic (although a bit nervous too) and determined to make a difference to the lives of others, even though the greatest change may well be in her own development. Lucy also wants to share her experiences with others and has undertaken to send e-mails to the local press to encourage other young women to take up the challenges that such programs offer.

We wish Lucy every success in her big adventure and eagerly await news of her experiences.

Robyn Mitchell, UN Committee Chair

## It is YOUR newsletter.....

OK, not everybody is like me who immediately reads the Newsletter when it arrives.... not everybody has time to do so... maybe not everybody is that interested in it... or finds the articles too long... or it is missing vital information.. or.. or.. or.. BUT not reading the newsletter at all... WHY... Tell it to our Newsletter Editor who has only one goal: to make the best informative newsletter possible.

Story & pic from Guus, PR & C Committee



Editor Luella

**STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS**

### **Breakfast Session Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Capers 7.30am to 8.30am**

It's on again, this time with Joanne talking about her most amazing work in North India where she worked in Buddhist monasteries. Her story of just getting to her location is fascinating as she travelled to one of the most scenic and remote parts of the world. And her reception when she got there is even more captivating.

As you know, Joanne is passionate about her work and her dedication to others. As a result she is an inspiring speaker as her words come from the heart.

Come along, have breakfast or just a coffee and enjoy the company. The session starts at 7.30am so come a bit earlier to place your breakfast order.

Robyn Mitchell, Chair UN Committee

### **LATEST NEWS FROM UNIFEM**

The Sobbhana Foundation in Cambodia joined the global campaign on violence against women as a human rights violation. During 2006 they worked with **UNIFEM Australia** to produce 500,000 White Ribbons.

During the first phase Sobbhana recruited 60 students from two universities who along with Sobbhana women finished 150,000 ribbons in 10 days. The second phase involved 80 students who produced 350,000 ribbons in 30 days. During both phases, the Sobbhana Training Centre became a meeting place for different university students to discuss and debate the rights of women.

### **Have you read The ZONTIAN January 2007 edition ??**

**Note** the publicity given to Australia via the activities of District 23 on page 13.

'In November, Zontians from South Australia in District 23 joined members of the service organizations Rotary, Lions, Soroptimist, Kiwanis and Apex to support the United Nations Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children.

The ACSO Clubs sold white ribbons through out the state, targeting men, especially young men, as a plea to stop the abuse. The proceeds raised were contributed to UNIFEM for its work to eliminate violence against women and girls.'

This edition **focuses on HIV/AIDS** – you'll find some very interesting and very enlightening reading.

### **January Dinner Meeting Guests !!**

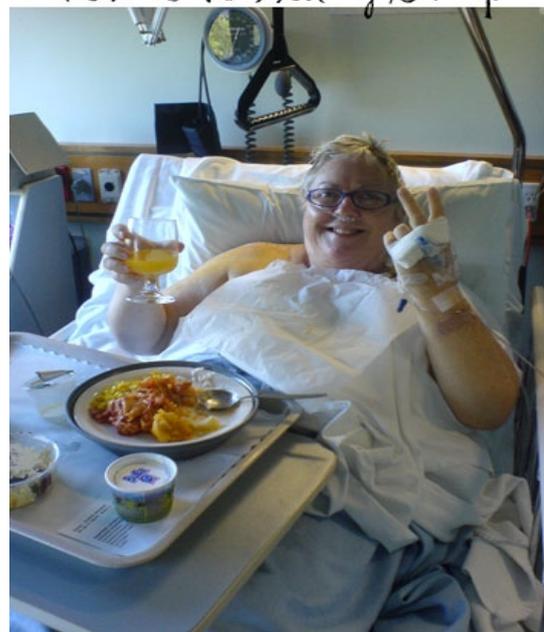
We were so lucky to have nine lovely ladies join us as guests at our January Dinner Meeting.

Marie invited her life time friend Elle Carter, Sharyn hosted Linda Bakker, Louise invited Janine Barrier and Christine Unterwurzacher, Wendy hosted Vikki Stevens and Suzie Burne, Julie Boss came with Joanne, PJ introduced Fran Johnstom, and Carole introduced Angela Spicer. *Welcome ladies.*



Pics from Guus - taken 'On the Jetty' at Coral Sea Resort

### *Xmas Holiday Snap*



**La Pensione Peter Mac**

Prompt, Professional &  
Personalised Service

User Rating: ★★★★★

# Member Profile

## Sandii Hansen



**Birthday:** 25<sup>th</sup> Day August

**Joined Zonta:** September 2003

**How I heard about Zonta:** I was invited along to a meeting.

I was involved in a community project in the Burdekin to build an overnight respite care centre to families to access respite in their own community. We needed community support and I actively went out to every Service club in the district to get them on board. Through this I was invited back to the Burdekin Zonta Club meeting and immediately knew that this was the Service club for me!

### Positions held in Zonta:

Member SOW.  
News Letter Editor.  
Correspondence Secretary.  
Secretary (Minutes & Correspondence)

### Resources and Skills available to Zonta:

MySELF  
Good personality???? ☺  
Administrative  
Financial.

### Why are you living in the Whitsundays?

We first fell in love with the Whitsundays in 1995 driving through on a holiday. We moved to North Queensland soon after that living in Ayr, but always generated back to the Whitsundays. We bought a unit in 1998 and our block of land in 2000, built in 2003 and now living here permanently and loving it!

### Tell us something about your family:

Neil and I have been married for 35 years and we have three daughters:

Michelle, who is now married to Jason and they have been living in the Whitsundays for 6 months. Jason is a carpenter working in the domestic market, and Michelle is working in Child Care as a team leader. Jason's daughter Taylor, who is now 7 going on 30, visits us every school holidays much to our joy and delight.

Carl is now living in Mackay and is a Wealth Manager with the National Australia Bank. We have a strong history of working in the NAB with me joining the bank in the early 70's as well as both my father and my brother being Managers in the NAB.

Jacqui lives and works in Airlie Beach as Executive Administration manager for NEATO, although of late has taken on the position of Team Leader for the Mackay branch.

### Share some of your life and/or career highlights:

- > Meeting and marrying Neil.
- > The births of our three children.
- > Being awarded a National award for my commitment to netball in the 2000 centenary awards (see, old netballers don't die, they just hang around the side lines.)
- > Moving to the Whitsundays to live.
- > Being able to stay in the profession that I am passionate about – working WITH people with disabilities to help make it easier for them to live in their own community.
- > The very very very best thing would have to be ... honestly, the day that my 15's junior netball team first beat the top A Reserve side in the Burdekin senior competition!!! I could not stop smiling for hours, actually I am sitting here now grinning ... how sweet it was!!!

### Favourite activities outside of Zonta:

- > Netball – administrative (on a local, regional and state level) and yes, I am still coaching juniors! I tried to make last year my last, but the girls presented me with a monogram coaches chair for the 2007 State Championships.
- > Reading
- > Boating and yes, Fishing (had to put that. Neil might read this!!)
- > Walking
- > Gardening
- > Being with my family and friends.

## From the Editor



Thanks Sandii for sharing your profile with us.. I feel sure you will reach all your goals with that big smile!

Welcome home to the beautiful Wetsundays Eunice – love your personalised **La Penzione Pete Mac** card.

Cheers, Luella [ima00845@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ima00845@bigpond.net.au)

*'Appreciate the gift of laughter and fun in your life, and find contentment in knowing that you can always control your ability to look on the bright side.*

# **Zonta Business Plan 2007**

## **Our Vision**

To improve the status of women both locally and worldwide

## **Our Goals for 2007**

### **Advocacy**

To advocate on issues which promote the status of women in the local and wider community through awareness raising and advocacy activities

**Examples** include Advocacy Projects such as breast cancer, prevention of violence against women, drug and alcohol abuse especially in younger women, and education and training opportunities for women.

### **Membership**

To maintain our current membership and introduce new members, so that the total membership increases by 10% with an emphasis on attracting a mix of younger members. This includes marketing our profile and activities to the community.

### **Grow Zonta**

To grow Zonta by promoting the broader Zonta vision, values and international activities to the membership. This includes encouraging attendance at area and district conferences, and regularly reporting on international projects.

### **Finance**

To raise sufficient funds from a range of sources to cover 2007 financial commitments and to accrue funds for longer term projects. This includes identifying funding allocations for specific purposes.

### **Administration**

To further refine the reporting and planning processes so as to have an improved administrative structure. This includes the production of a comprehensive calendar of events, and clarity about committee roles and responsibilities (eg the Media Committee).

### **Social**

To have fun, through social events and Club participation. This will be demonstrated by the commitment of members to their involvement in activities, through mutual member support, and laughter. The Club will not lose members through their disaffection with Zonta.

## **Things that assist in achieving these goals:**

### **Within the Club**

- Enthusiasm of members
- The skills of members
- A shared belief in what Zonta is doing
- Good communication within the Club
- A respect for each other

### **Within the Community**

- The current high profile of Zonta in the community
- Links with other service groups
- Strong relationship with the media

## **Things that hinder in achieving these goals:**

### **Within the Club**

- Members are busy people and don't always have time
- New members are not always integrated into Club activities enough
- Mentoring could be improved
- Skills of members are not always recognized
- We take on too much and stretch members too far with commitments
- There needs to be more structure in some areas

### **Within the Community**

- The perception by some people is that Zonta is 'daunting'.
- Not enough people are coming along to see what Zonta does as a precursor to joining.

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