



# ZONTA

CLUB OF  
PINE RIVERS INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN

THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Date Claimers

**Fri 13\Sat 14 October, 2017**

Birthing Kits, St Paul's

**Sun 12 November, 2017**

Sunday Session

12-3.30pm Portabella

**Tues 21 November, 2017**

Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings

**Sun 26 November, 2017**

16 Days of Activism Walk

Ferny Grove

**Thurs 28 December, 2017**

Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings

### Dinner Payments

Reminder, meal payments are due prior to the monthly meeting.

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### District 22 Conference September 2017

I have to say that this year's conference was one of the best ones I've attended. The sessions were relatively fast paced; the panel discussions were varied and interesting—with the added benefit that you got to participate in all topics as opposed to previous workshops; the food was good (although the coffee was still cold ) and the entertainment was great.

Those who attended the cocktail party on Friday night said that the flag ceremony was lovely to see, the guest speaker very interesting and the choir was great—a very enjoyable event also. And word is the security to get into the Parliamentary Annexe was also impressive!

At the dinner on Saturday night we were entertained by singer Nikki, who had a fabulous voice and took many a request. The magician's tricks were magical and delivered with humour. Dr Luc was certainly astounded when his Congolese 500 note ended up inside the kiwi fruit! Janelle participated in the silent auction and with her constant vigilance of those who might outbid her, won her prize!

So if you didn't participate this year, come along to the next one in 2019. Or go along to the convention in Yokohama in 2018.

Simone Boersma

President



## Melbourne Cup Charity Lunch

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Make sure to get in early and book your seats at this year's Melbourne Cup Fundraiser on 7 November.

Tickets are \$55 and include a two-course meal and drink on arrival.

There will also be a fashion parade, beautiful hats on display, 'Fashions off the Field', sweepstakes, raffles and lucky door prize!!

To book your seat, contact Jan or Rosalind.

Jan Spittle – jan.spittle@bigpond.com

Rosalind Pestell – rosalind@connexus.net.au



## A thank you from Kogo

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Thank You to your knitters for the lovely scarves donated to kogo. We are sure that the people who receive them will be absolutely thrilled. It gives the recipients an emotional boost to know that someone in the community cares enough to create such special items to give away to those who are "doing it tough".

The finished garments are distributed through over 250 Community Partner Organisations. These agencies deal with a myriad of people undergoing hardship such as those who are homeless, refugees, children who are at risk, remote indigenous communities, women in refuges and families who are struggling to make ends meets.

Again, thank you so much for being part of our team of wonderful knitters and crocheters and helping us to spread the warmth.

Ros Rogers OAM -

Kogo (Knit One Give One)



## Combined Services Dinner

Dot and Simone attended the Combined Services Dinner in July. About 60 people from various service groups within our community attended, sharing their achievements from the past year. It is always amazing to hear all the wonderful things that people do to help others.

There were two interesting groups as guest speakers—Encircle Redcliffe and Kairos Community College. Kairos College is an independent, non-government school for young people undertaking Years 10-12 who need a flexible and supportive approach to achieve their education and training aspirations. They provide another option for those students for whom the traditional school environment has not worked. They currently have students ranging from 15-25 years of age.



The people from Kairos Community College had everyone participate in a traditional Samoan chant with which the college begins everyday as a motivational and connective tool. It was quite entertaining, and you could see how it could be a bonding ritual for the students.

The staff from Encircle Redcliffe also gave a very interesting and informative talk. They offer a wide range of services such as community information, working to house the homeless, family support, a young parents program, counselling, legal services and an older people's action program. The staff at Encircle are constantly striving to connect their patrons to the services that they have difficulty accessing for various reasons e.g. transport issues, finances, and have succeeded in getting some departments to send a staff member once a week or fortnightly to the Encircle Redcliffe premises. Once again an impressive group of people.

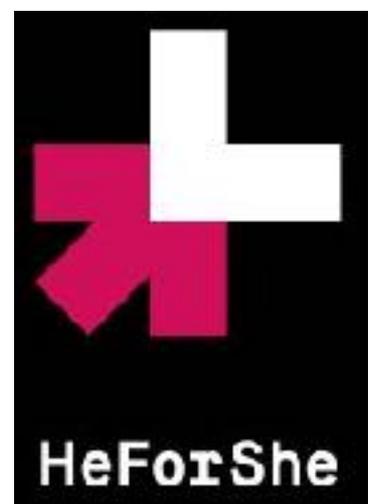
Overall it was an enjoyable evening, so if you get a chance next year, go along!

## Zonta International support's HeForShe campaign

Last month, following up the direction approved by the 2016 Convention, Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough announced Zonta International's support for UN Women's HeForShe campaign.

This campaign is a global movement that aims to mobilize 1 billion men to accelerate the achievement of gender equality. Recognizing that gender equality is not a women's issue, but a human rights issue, it provides education and tools to help men and boys identify what matters to them and what they will do to contribute to gender equality.

Visit Zonta International's site to find out more: [www.zonta.org/global-impact/advocacy/heforshe](http://www.zonta.org/global-impact/advocacy/heforshe)



## Bunnings sausage sizzles

The club has continued to add to its fundraising revenue by running sausage sizzles at Bunnings Carseldine.

Pictured here are Sharlene, Karen and Glynnis ready for the hungry hordes at our sausage sizzle on 4 September.



## Trivia Night fundraiser

Our annual Trivia Night took on a different format this year and we only gave ourselves five weeks to organise it. I was very impressed with the way our members embraced the different format and rounded up friends and family so that the event could go ahead. We gave out 76 lucky door tickets. Bronwyn invented a radical motivational method too—pay for a table of 10 and then fill it!

Many thanks to Matt Constance, Councillor for District 10 in Moreton Bay, who when asked to promote the event on his website donated \$250 and a raffle prize. Thanks also to Karen for her raffle prize donation.

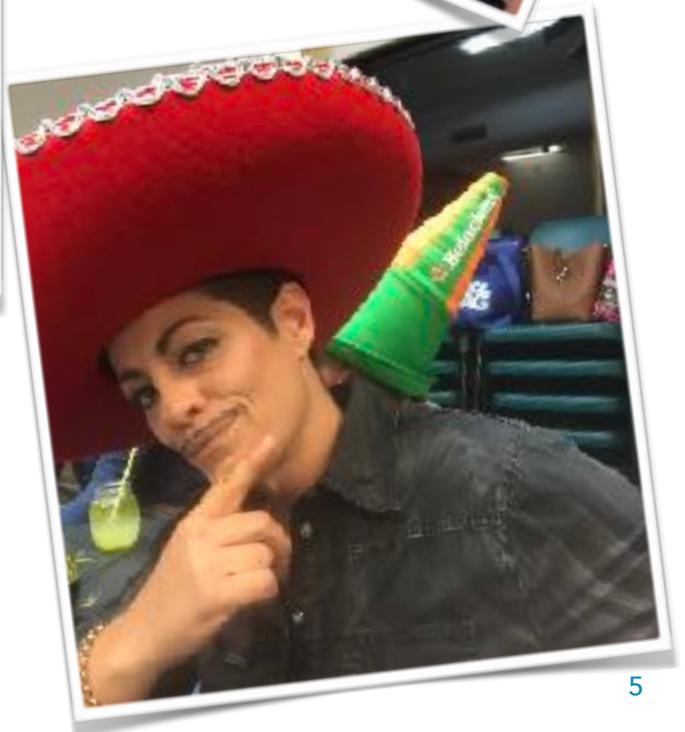
Congratulations to Yvonne, the first of our members to purchase a raffle ticket and the first name out of the bucket on the night.

To add to the fun, most of the tables got into the spirit and themed their table. Anita even extended her birthday celebrations. For attention to detail, however, The Madhatters were clear winners.

Our hosts Trivia Mill kept the night rolling and we raised over \$1,700. Thank you once again to all members, friends and family who helped make the night a success.

Sharlene Brooks (Fundraising Chair)





## September Speaker

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At our September meeting, the club welcomed Ros Thomsen from The Breakfast Club Redcliffe Inc. as a special guest. Ros told us about the origins of The Breakfast Club and talked about how we could help the service.

The Breakfast Club, which has been running since 20013, serves meals to the homeless and others doing it hard. Volunteers currently serve more than 1000 meals a month. But it is not just food that is offered to guests—many welcome the chance to mix with other people in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

The service is always seeking volunteers to assist in preparing and serving meals and welcomes donations of food and toiletries. You can find out more about The Breakfast Club by visiting their Facebook page.



## Birthing Kits @ Mount Alvernia College

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On the 21st of July, our members gathered together with students from the Mount Alvernia College community to assemble birthing kits.

This year we assembled 1400 kits, 600 of which were paid for by the Club. The students of the Year 12 Certificate II Business class, fundraised for the purchase of the remaining 800 kits.

A great learning opportunity for the students and a fantastic partnership for our club.

