

# East-Enders



**March 2024**

***“Building a Better World for Women and Girls”***



## ***President's Patter***

Last month, I acknowledged some amazing people who have served Zonta throughout the world for many years.

At the planning meeting in February and again at the club meeting, I looked around the room and once again I thought **WOW!** The members of Zonta Brisbane East could rival those members.

Charter Members of our club Denise and Beverley have already given 35 years to Zonta! Membership ranges from the very beginning to just a few years but each member has contributed a wealth of experience. When I delved into our membership, I found - Accountants, Business Owners, Doctors, Guidance Officers, HR Consultants, Journalist, Managers, School Principals, Teachers, Speech Pathologists, University Lecturers.

I realised that throughout their careers members have been serving the community. This recurring theme of dedication to service has transferred into service in Zonta.

The members of our club are our strength. Members who are proactive, innovative, embrace change and contribute to all club activities whenever and however they are able.

I look forward to celebrating the many achievements of the members of Zonta Brisbane East at the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration later this month.

*Susan*

## Editorial

Many thanks to Ros, who is co-editing this edition, as I am on a road trip for a few weeks. Being away early March means that I miss the International Women's Day (IWD) events. Many Zonta Clubs host an IWD event to celebrate women's achievements, or to raise awareness about discrimination, or to call for action to drive gender parity. Keeping my Zonta engagement goals – In this edition, I have included information on International Women's Day, and Zonta Rose Day. *Jacinta*



Zonta Brisbane East appreciates the significant assistance given by family and friends who are recognised as 'HonZons' - their support and practical assistance make our events and service projects successful.

### **HonZon Spotlight: Joan Pease MP**

Why am I a HonZon?

What an honour it is to be made an HonZon and to be featured in this month's newsletter!

Zonta has always been a movement that is near and dear to my heart. As the State Member for Lytton, it has been a pleasure to work with the Zonta Clubs of Brisbane East and Redlands for almost a decade and witness the positive impact that these outstanding organisations leave on the Bayside community.

Community safety is an area of great importance to me. In particular, the ability for women and girls to lead confident, safe and prosperous lives in our society are fundamental rights that I unreservedly stand behind. This being the very foundation of Zonta, I take great pride in helping the organisation in their honourable pursuit of change.

Each year, I'm so proud to support the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign, and the Zonta Club of Brisbane East's much-loved and well-attended Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast. These events inspire our Bayside community to be champions of change and advocate for a future where everyone feels safe, respected and empowered.

I thank Zonta and all its members for their tireless efforts, campaigning and support. It is because of your commitment to community safety that we can all look forward to an even brighter future.



## Zonta Club of Brisbane East 35 Year Anniversary

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month Zonta Club of Brisbane East will be celebrating 35 years since being Chartered on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1989. Our thanks to the committee who have secured a venue, and sent invitations to members and their families, and HonZons. Our District Governor and Area 3 Director will join us for this night of celebration.

### Fundraising:

#### Containers for Change:

For those who are helping with our fundraising via “Containers for Change”, please collect cans and bottles (with 10c return label) and wine and spirit bottles (these do not have to have the 10c return label).

Drop your bag of recyclable bottles and cans to a Containers for Change depot and quote the number **C10671310**. The funds raised will then go direct into our Fundraising Account.



*(Ed: I was interested to read this article [Qld's Containers for Change Scheme hits new heights with record returns - Australian Manufacturing](#) - Qld's Containers for Change scheme reached a milestone in January 2024, with 175,805,461 containers returned for refund and recycling. This reflects the expansion to include wine and spirit bottles since November 2023. This scheme has contributed almost \$12million to charities and community groups (separate to the refunds to individuals), created 935 jobs across Queensland, and supports a circular economy through recycling and minimizing landfill waste.)*

#### Sausage Sizzle: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Members and HonZons will soon be contacted for this next roster – with a number of our usual volunteers unavailable please advise Jo if you can help on the day.

Bunnings have advised that drinks will now be sold for \$2 (previously \$1.50). Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time to purchase items, to cook and serve at Rocklea Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

**Date Claimer:** We have been offered another Sausage Sizzle on on 26<sup>th</sup> May – please try to keep your diary open to volunteer at this sizzle.

#### Zonta International Convention, 27-30 June 2024:

Convention Early Bird Registrations has opened, (extending to 15<sup>th</sup> March). Register online: [Zonta International | Brisbane 2024 | Women's Rights Convention \(zontaconvention.com\)](https://zontaconvention.com)

You will need to know your Zonta Membership Number – this was included in the email you have received from Zonta International on 18<sup>th</sup> January, or make contact if you need assistance. Remember that the ticket prices are in US dollars, and GST will be added at online checkout.

Workshops are filling quickly, so best to register as soon as you can.

District Governor Lyn has advised that District 22 will hold a Welcome to Convention gathering on 26<sup>th</sup> June at Charming Squire, South Brisbane. This event is open to all D22

Zontians (even if not attending the convention), partners and friends. Cost is \$58 pp. This is separate to Convention Registration and tickets can be purchased at <https://www.sticktickets.com.au/Y18Z8>

### **Planning Meeting:**

A number of members gathered to reflect on the success of service and advocacy projects, and fundraising opportunities. This allowed members to suggest how we progress for our next year. At a future club meeting, a budget will be allocated for approved projects, and committees formed. At our February meeting, this enthusiasm was captured with working bees planned for breast cushion sewing / wrapping to ensure adequate supply for Mater Hospital, and refurbishment of Orange Ladies ready for the Zonta International Convention. Thanks members!



### **International Women’s Day:**

Each year on 8 March, the global community celebrates International Women’s Day – a day to acknowledge the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It’s also a day to educate and lobby for gender parity, and call for action for positive change..

The theme for 2024 IWD is ‘Count Her In: Invest in Women, Accelerate Progress’, which aligns with the priority theme for the UN 68<sup>th</sup> Commission on Status of Women. Women’s economic empowerment is seen as a central pathway to achieve gender equality. When women have equal opportunities to learn, earn, and lead, communities thrive.

The first IWD gathering was held in 1911 however its origins started in 1908 when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay and voting rights. To read more of the history of IWD go to::

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Activity/15586/The-history-of-IWD>

The State Government has designated 3-10 March as Queensland Women’s Week with the theme of “Count Her In” which aligns with the UN Women International Women’s Day theme and highlights the critical importance of women’s economic empowerment as central to realising women’s rights and gender equality. Additional information can be found at:

[By investing in women and girls, we can strengthen their capacity to contribute to society and build better financial futures for all<sup>1</sup>.](#)

[Our theme | Community support | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)

[IWD UN Women Australia : Home](#)

## Zonta Rose Day



The Zonta community also celebrates Zonta Rose Day on 8 March. Zontians can reflect on the worldwide voluntary work that they do to improve the status of women. Zonta Rose Day is also a day to reflect on the efforts of women who empower us, and to pay tribute to them.

To celebrate Zonta Rose Day, you can send a yellow rose tribute to someone who has made an impact on your life. When you donate to the Zonta Foundation for Women Rose Fund, a virtual rose bouquet is delivered to your chosen person. Funds are used for international service projects and educational rewards.

For more information on how to make a donation:

[Zonta International District 22 | » Zonta Rose Day – 8 March Send a rose to someone who has made a difference in your life. \(zontadistrict22.org\)](#) and [Foundation Campaigns \(zonta.org\)](#)

### **68th Commission on the Status of Women**

Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to contribute to the session.

#### Themes

- **Priority theme:** Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective
- **Review theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session)

More information is available at <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw68-2024>

### **Item of Interest**

Safe & Together Institute is holding its 7th Annual Asia Pacific Conference in Melbourne, 13-15 March 2024. The conference attracts over 300 practitioners, researchers, policy makers and service providers from across Australia and the Asia Pacific regions such as Singapore, Japan and New Zealand which all work towards bringing a positive change in families lives by trying to reduce the number of fatalities and DV incidents so that children are afforded the right to live free from fear and violence.

For more information: [Conferences \(safeandtogetherinstitute.com\)](https://www.safeandtogetherinstitute.com)

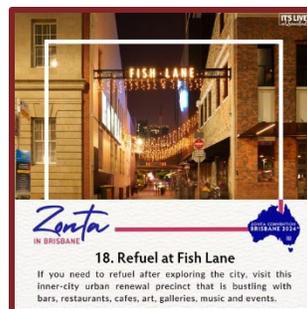
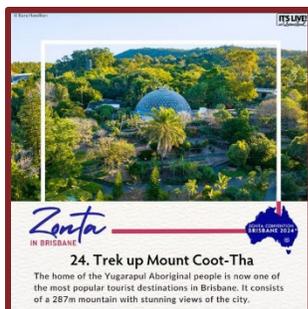
## Diary Dates

08 March 2024 – International Women’s Day, Zonta Rose Day  
09 March 2024 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea  
11 March 2024 – Board Meeting – TEAMS (**Note change of date**)  
11-22 March 2024 – 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York  
15 March 2024 – Last Day for Early Bird Registration for Zonta International Convention  
16 March 2024 – Combined Area 1 & 3 Meeting, Beaudesert (Flyer attached)  
18 March 2024 – Zonta Brisbane East 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (in lieu of monthly meeting}

04 April 2024 – Board Meeting - TEAMS  
13 April 2024 – Working Bee for Breast Cushions  
15 April 2024 – Club Meeting

02 May 2024 – Board Meeting – TEAMS  
19 May 2024 – Working Bee for Breast Cushions  
20 May 2024 – Club Meeting and AGM  
22 May 2024 – Breast Cushion Working Bee, Cannon Hill Anglican College  
26 May 2024 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea

02 June 2024 – Working Bee – Orange Ladies  
06 June 2024 – Board Meeting – TEAMS  
17 June 2024 – Club Meeting – TEAMS  
26 June 2024 – District 22 Welcome to Convention – Charming Squire, South Brisbane.  
27-30 June 2024 – Zonta International Convention, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Key note speakers: Rabia Siddique and Lisa Blair



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# ACHIEVE MORE IN '24

## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 11 AREA 1 & 3 MEETING

**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 16TH** HOSTED BY ZONTA CLUBS OF  
CALOUNDRA & BEAUDESERT AREA

HELD AT "THE CENTRE", Market Stall Tables Available \$10 each  
82 BRISBANE STREET, Note: It is Council Election day so pre poll if  
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285 you can.

Planning on coming to **Beaudesert on  
Friday the 15th?**  
We will be hosting a dinner and can help  
with lodgings for the night.  
Contact us on 0433673589 for more  
information

**Tickets  
\$60 PP**



### GUEST SPEAKER-



TICKETS:  
[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/ZONTA-DISTRICT-22-AREA-1-AND-3-MEETING-7G2EAC56](https://events.humanitix.com/zonta-district-22-area-1-and-3-meeting-7g2eac56)