



PRESIDENTS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2018

Hello everyone: Have you ever gift wrapped a tennis racquet, or a hula hoop? Coming up is an amazing opportunity to refine our wrapping skills and make money for Zonta as well. Carol Bolton, organiser extraordinaire will fill you in at November meeting.

Recently I received an email from Bridget Mather, who is our Lieutenant Governor for District 22. She was looking at membership numbers across District 22. As you know, Zonta International is committed to increasing membership growth and are working on this for the next two years.

Remember the workshop that Lesley conducted in August and that Sandii presented the feedback at the October meeting-all about membership!

Area 5 (that's us), overall, are showing a slight increase in numbers in August- September but it was noticed that Zonta Whitsunday has increased our membership by 8.5% in the last four months.* Bridget then asked what is the key to our success. I'm handing the email over to Judy for the Membership team to respond but I'm also looking at other aspects that make us such a vibrant club.

*that increase is not counting the two inductions of new members -*Janet and Jan. welcome!!* at our October meeting.

The culture of our club is so positive and affirming that I'm sure this has a lot to do with membership growth. Whenever I speak to club members they're enthusiastic and supportive about the myriad of activities that are organised and contribute to them with attendance or gifts or whatever is needed. The Sanitary items for St Cath's Z Club is an example: no sooner than I had sent the email requesting assistance, there were folks at my door with personal items to donate. The Birthing kits project required cutters and folders and packers and Wendy had a list of helpers in no time.

Mandy and I attended St Cath's Presentation night on Wednesday 31st, where we had the pleasurable task of presenting a Zonta Award to Drew Mc Mahon, one won The Advocacy Zonta Service Award of \$500. There were two recipients of the Z Club Service Award - Hannah Rugless and Grace Rule (\$100 each). It is lovely to see these young women stepping up and working hard to make their community a better place.

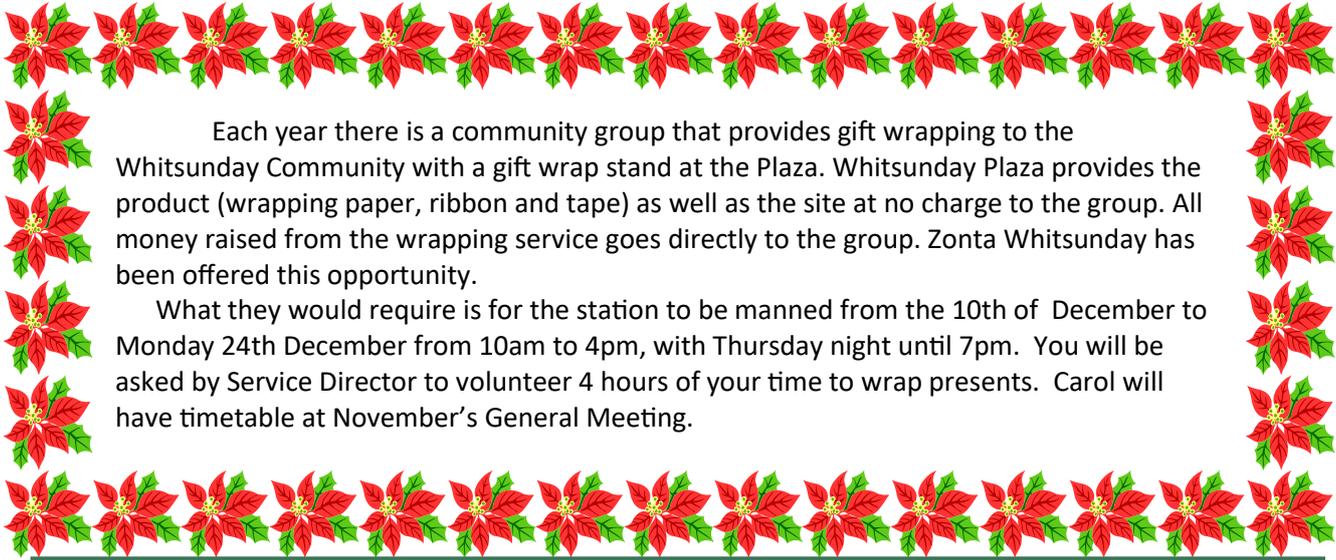
November will be our last meeting for the year. We will leave December free for family and friends and we will meet again in January. Cheers and have a happy and safe Christmas,

Cath Fernbach, President



SERVICE

Whitsunday Plaza Christmas Wrapping Project



Each year there is a community group that provides gift wrapping to the Whitsunday Community with a gift wrap stand at the Plaza. Whitsunday Plaza provides the product (wrapping paper, ribbon and tape) as well as the site at no charge to the group. All money raised from the wrapping service goes directly to the group. Zonta Whitsunday has been offered this opportunity.

What they would require is for the station to be manned from the 10th of December to Monday 24th December from 10am to 4pm, with Thursday night until 7pm. You will be asked by Service Director to volunteer 4 hours of your time to wrap presents. Carol will have timetable at November's General Meeting.

Adopt-a-Family and Pamper Packs for Xmas: Bring your gift items to meeting or get to Carol

This year we will be putting 4 x Adopt a Family Christmas Hampers

- Female 32, Girl 8 and Boy 4. Deliver to Neighborhood Centre
- Female 33, Girl 4 and Girl 3. Deliver to Neighborhood Centre
- Female 42, Girl 17, Girl 16, Boy 7 and Girl 3. Deliver to Neighborhood Centre
- Male 84, Female 80. Deliver to Meals on Wheels, Marathon ST Proserpine
- No alcohol, tobacco, perishables
- Gift cards OK
- Hampers to be delivered by Tuesday December 17th

Pamper Packs for Whitsunday Counselling and Support

- 7 Pamper Packs – 5 for Refugee Ladies and 2 for Transitional Ladies.
- Packs to include feminine personal items, make up, gifts, books

- **Mark your calendars:** BBQ dates for 2019 are - March 7th Sunday and 24th Sunday
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Carol Bolton, Service Director

3 Zonta Club of the Whitsundays - member of Zonta International



SEWING GROUP REPORT: A Sewing Day was held on Tuesday 18th September and even though the numbers were low it was a very productive day with six bags and 10 breast cushions made. Some of these have already been delivered to the Mater Hospital Mackay thanks to Noelene.

The generosity of people involved with our club never ceases to amaze me, not only with their time but financially as well and I would especially like to thank Peter Lyndsay and Jan McKinnon for their support.

The breast cushions and drainage bags we make and our ongoing commitment to this project are always thankfully received by the Mater and Mackay Base Hospitals. Kerrie Adams, Past President

A DAY AT THE BOWEN RACES:



MEMBERSHIP

It was wonderful to welcome Janet Goodman and welcome back Jan McKinnon at our October Meeting. Their inductions brought our club membership to 41. Thank you to all our members who have brought guests to our meetings many of whom we have now welcomed into our club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Membership Committee for their support during the year and look forward to continuing the great work next year.

Judy Brown, Membership Director



New member Janet Goldman with mentor Janice Lake
Returning member Jan McKinnon with Dawn Green

Guest speaker Barb Adamson: be it her work with foster children, protecting the reef, fauna rescue or the Boomerang Bags project, Barb is an amazing member of our community and we were happy to have her speak to us at our October meeting and present her with our Thumbs Up award.



GOOD IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS





Annual Birthing Kits Update



1000 Birthing Kits were assembled in October with our amazing local high school students. At both St Catherine's Catholic College and the Proserpine State High School the students assembled 500 kits each, with the assistance of Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. This project has been ongoing annually for 13 years and has grown into a project that is included in the school curriculum for students studying anything to do with saving lives and early childhood.

The formation of a Z Club at St Catherine's has brought another dimension to this project and they enthusiastically, not only assist with assembling, but now hold an annual fundraiser at the school for the kits. This year \$1300 was raised, just short of the \$1500 total for 500 kits. The contribution from Zonta was therefore just \$1700.

It is always a pleasure to work with both schools as the students and staff are all happy to be helping others less fortunate. A certificate has been presented to each student, and at the end of the financial year a list of countries that have received the kits, is forwarded to the schools so they are aware of the reach to those in need. The latest list included 12 countries, via 27 field partners who will distribute accordingly.

Zonta members attending and assisting this year were: Wendy Downes, Betty Whitehorn, Judy Brown, PJ Halter, Mae Secombe, Lauren Haack, Liz Robinson, Carol Bolton, Roz Jennings, Jan McKinnon, Dawn Green, Ann Cleghorn, Cath Fernbach, Dominique Noire. Some of the above attend both assembly days, and also assisted with the pre-preparation which makes for a smooth and faster assembly.

A BIG THANKS goes to everyone who came on board this year, some for both days.

Each kit includes 6 small items: a 1sqm plastic sheet, a pair of rubber gloves, small piece of soap, scalpel, 5 gauze swabs, 3 lengths of string – all in a small plastic ziplock plastic bag.

REMEMBER: \$3 can save a life of mother or child, and also help to prevent infection.

Wendy Downes, Past President and
Birthing Kits Co-ordinator ZW





ADVOCACY

16 Days of Activism: From **25 November**, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to **10 December**, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. We will have Orange Ladies shown about town when and where possible. We will work with the Whitsunday Counselling and Support during this time for awareness campaign.

Mental Fitness Sessions: Free education sessions will be available at Whitsunday Counselling and Support to local businesses and community groups. Short 15 minute sessions will be free and can help one identify 'how do you know when you're not OK' and 'what steps to take to help improve your mental fitness'.

Suicide Prevention: Ron Petterson will speak to us (next year) at a meeting. He is Chair of Whitsunday Suicide Prevention Network, also Whitsunday Counselling and Support AND chair on the Ronald McDonald House charity.

Whitsunday Festival of Motoring: will be a HUGE event for us to participate—Emma and Wendy have already put their hands up and more on the committee will be welcome. Fundraising ideas will be needed and working with other local organisations. It will be in May 2019: *"The Whitsundays Festival of Motoring is a multi-day extravagant event to be hosted for the first time ever amidst the beauty of the iconic locations across the Whitsunday Region. From fascinating relics of the past to mesmerising classics, the Whitsundays Festival of Motoring will be a diverse family friendly event with a range of activities attracting visitors across the globe"*

Advocacy Zonta Service Award: This has replaced the Education Bursary. We have our first Advocacy Zonta Service Award nominee and recipient of \$500 and her name on our new trophy...Drew McMahan. She was awarded at the Christian college speech night...you may read her submission as we have a copy. Meagan worked tirelessly to get nominees so perhaps more will come in the future.

AA Award: We have a nomination or two that Roz, Ann and Noelene. More to come.

Travel Samples for Collection: I will have a collection bin provided at the November meeting to collect unused and unopened travel size items for WCS refuge house. Any soaps, shampoo, conditioners, toothbrushes etc. will be collected and passed on.

I loved Barb's talk at the General meeting and I particularly loved her quote: "There is always something to do to Empower people"



Mandy Walter, Advocacy Director



"Let's stop calling it marriage: it's a crime" *From the President's Desk: Inside the UN General Assembly* - Zonta International was the only private sector partner of the Global Program to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage at the high-level meeting that joined many and very diverse people. All were united in fighting one of the most harmful practices afflicting women and girls. Among them were leaders and representatives of African states, the African Union, ministers of Canada, Great Britain and an ambassador of the European Union as well as leaders from UNICEF, UNICEF USA, UNFPA and UN Women. It was encouraging to hear from Zambian Chieftainess Muwezwa how traditional leaders, without whom the necessary cultural change will not happen, rally for a common goal. **Susanne von Bassewitz** is the 2018-2020 President of Zonta International

(This helps me remember why we labour so hard fundraising and working for Zonta—P.J. Halter)



Profile: Amanda Walter



I was born in Brisbane as a 70's child (1974). My father was a ventilation mechanic and my mother worked in my Grandparents family owned Cake shop. I always say, "I grew up in a bakery" because I literally did. I went to school at Mable Park state school in the Logan area. Then went on to Runcorn High School in Runcorn, South Brisbane.

The 80's was a fun time to be a teenager and I loved playing with makeup, hair and reinventing my look. During all that time I would compete in Gymnastics and Judo. Later in life I went onto complete some medals in Ballroom dancing. Music was a big part of my life as well and played a couple of different instruments. Very out of practice today, unfortunately.

I was offered a hairdressing apprenticeship at 14 but decided to go onto finish grade 12. I then studied Hairdressing and completed a full time yearlong pre-vocational hairdressing training at Logan TAFE.

I developed bad sinusitis from all the chemicals and had to give that career away, so I went to work for Woolworths starting in the bakery section. Wasn't long before I found myself in management and payroll. It was around this time I met Simon through friends. A couple of years later we would build a house in Jimboomba and get married in 1997.

We then decided to begin a family and Sabrina was born in 1999. Simon was then posted to the outback in a small town called Adavale. There were only 15 people in the town and that included the 3 of us. Was a fantastic time and allowed our little family to spend a lot of quality time together while Sabrina was so small. The Quilpie Café and Fuel shop came up for sale and we decided to buy it. I couldn't do it on my own so Dad came on board as he always wanted his own fuel station.

We moved back to Brisbane with Simon's career. I studied and went into Mortgage Brokerage and joined forces with a friend in Vision Mortgage Solutions. Went onto become the Chief Financial Officer within the company and helped new brokers set up their businesses. We offered training and development to the new brokers and had 29 at one stage across Australia. I studied banking, personal development, meditation, mind development, marketing and business development, mostly self-taught or mentorship courses. When the Global Financial Crisis happened, I needed to know all about the banking system and why this happened. What I discovered shocked me enough to leave my career in 2010. Post office was looking for someone reliable, so I said, sure.

I knew if I was going to get ahead to where I wanted to be, I had to go into business for myself. This time I was going to do it on my terms and bring people into my life that had the same values and ideals. Zonta is a part of those ideals and values. My love and passion for the beauty industry drew me back to where I started. Emphasesyes is a culmination off all my experiences and skills. I sourced the perfect mentors in makeup, eyelash extensions and skincare. If I was going to invest in myself it had to be right. I absolutely love doing lashes, for me it's a form of meditation that keeps the mind focused. The payoff is the feedback and seeing how happy the clients are. There is no greater feeling then when my clients refer me to others.

I never stop learning and developing, now I am studying with my mentor Brian Tracy in a year long inner circle membership. I get to work not only with him on direct live video link up, but his marketing, business development, copywriting, personal development and sales team who are all so willing to teach our group as much as they can.

My goal has always been to help people and small business, especially start-ups. Nothing works without understanding yourself first. I know I will never know everything in one life time, but I will never give up learning. I wouldn't change a thing because all those experiences have created the person I am today. We are all uniquely individual and nobody has your skill set, we all have something to offer.





NOVEMBER

Kerry Kenyon—6th
Carol Bolton—14th
Claire Jardine—26th
Roz Jennings—27th

Date Claimers

15 November—General Meeting—VMR—6pm for 6.30 start

24 November—Christmas Party (see flyer attached)

29 November—wrapping Christmas gifts for Adopt-a-Family & Pamper Packs—Laura's
10am—bring plate to share (finger food) & gifts or cash
(IF you didn't bring gifts to the general meeting)

Knitting Group – last Monday of every month – contact Laura Morrison

Book Club last Wednesday of every month – contact Kerry Kenyon

(No meetings in December) but:

10 December—24 December—Gift Wrapping Service—see attached

7 January—Board meeting: 5pm

17 January—General Meeting: VMR—6pm for 6.30 start

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