



Spring Newsletter 2018

This is our first Newsletter for 2018. We hope you find it interesting and informative.

1. LOCAL SNIPPETS

Stanthorpe is a town in south-east Queensland, near the NSW border, about 220 kilometres south of Brisbane via Warwick. Its name is a derivation of "stannum", tin, and "thorpe" and tin-mining was an early activity. Nowadays, that has been superseded by the growing of vegetables, fruit, wine-grapes and the traditional sheep and cattle-farming. The growing and making of wine around Stanthorpe has become a major industry and is vital to the area's tourism, and this success is directly attributable to the climate we enjoy - four distinct seasons, including snow in winter in certain years, and an elevated altitude of above 800 metres. Because of the many granite outcrops that dot the area, we are known as the Granite Belt and this is a significant difference from other areas in the Southern Downs region. This unique physical landscape means there are some wonderful national parks like Girraween and Bald Rock where you can bushwalk and climb, and there are plenty of places where you can eat, drink and be merry.

2. ZONTA CLUB OF STANTHORPE

Coinciding with Zonta International's centenary next year is the Stanthorpe Club's 20-year celebration. Events including a Charter dinner in April are being planned.

We are a club of 25 members at present but will be inducting up to six new members in December. Our members are diverse, talented and all bound by a common belief in the Zonta ideals and the pleasures of friendship. This year we have warmly welcomed the District Governor, Sandy Venn-Brown, into our club as she and her husband, Steve, have moved up here to live.

3. ACTIVITIES

Our goal at Stanthorpe is to promote Zonta and do essential fund-raising, with all that entails, but to have fun whilst doing it. To that end, we organise a series of activities usually every month, and these not only raise funds but provide enjoyment and camaraderie amongst our members and

supporters. Some recent events we've been involved in include a Wearable Art fashion show at our local Art Gallery in July, a Movie Night in August, a combined service clubs' Drought Relief function in September and, most recently, a very successful Pink Dinner in October.

The Wearable Art show saw Zonta members and friends modelling hand-made garments made by local knitters, spinners, embroiderers and so on. Set against the backdrop of the Stanthorpe major Art Prize and Exhibition, it was a quirky and delightful evening of art, food, wine and fashion and raised valuable funds.

In August, we saw The Greatest Showman in the Arcadia Theatre, an old and genuine picture theatre in the heart of Stanthorpe which has atmosphere aplenty! Again, it was a delightful evening where members and friends mingled, ate, drank and, of course, enjoyed watching Hugh Jackman in this most entertaining film. An entry fee and successful raffles saw the best part of \$2,000 raised.

The Drought Relief fund-raiser in September was a combined event hosted by Rotary, Lions and Zonta and which raised over \$16,000, the proceeds of which will be directed to the Drought Relief campaign. It was an evening of entertainment, food, drink, trivia, karaoke and more, and well supported by the community as well as the three organising clubs.

Our latest fund-raising event was our annual Pink Dinner, always held around this time and where we ask guests to wear something pink in honour of breast cancer awareness. All proceeds from this go to Breast Cancer support services, both local and national. This year we had the largest attendance ever and raised over \$5,000 which we are thrilled about. This year also saw a major raffle prize of a pink lawnmower, kindly donated by a local firm, Cattarins Mechanical Repairs, which saw over \$7,000 raised; these tickets had been sold, not just locally, but as far afield as Perth, so we were all delighted when the winner was discovered to be a local lady.

4. FUTURE EVENTS AND ZONTA SAYS NO.

To celebrate the Z1 birthday, the Zonta clubs of Stanthorpe and Warwick are having a combined lunchtime picnic at Girraween National Park on Sunday, November 4. This will be a relaxed and informal picnic with members and families from both clubs coming together in a lovely setting for fun and friendship. Anyone is welcome to attend; please contact Rosemary McMahon on jmcm_2@bigpond.com so that we can expect and welcome you.

The sixteen days of activism for Zonta Says No starting on November 25 will see our club involved in a number of activities, including putting our major banner up in the town for the duration as well as other smaller signs, a possible walk along Quart Pot Creek in our orange T-shirts with plenty of brochures to distribute, and a street display stall in the Piazza right in the centre of town on December 1. This latter event will see us displaying information about Zonta Says No and will also have members actively packing Pamper Packs which are little bags of useful toiletries such as soaps, body lotions, shampoos and so on for those ladies who might have to be hospitalised suddenly and with no supplies

Drought Relief Fundraiser



Zonta Stanthorpe President Peggy Channon (2nd left) with from left to right Ray Palmer (Lions) Katy Mackenzie (Bendigo Bank) & Alec Harslett (Rotary) with cheque for Drought Relief from combined Service Clubs' Fundraiser



The winning Trivia team at the combined services drought relief fundraiser
Zonta Members Peggy Channon, Edith Boccari, Kath McKewin and friends

Annual Pink Dinner 2018



5.SERVICE PROJECTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

In September we had a morning packing Birthing Kits - and again this was open to the public to see. Like all Zontians everywhere we feel this is such a simple but essential thing we, in our enormously privileged lives, can do to help those women giving birth who lack the basic hygiene we all take for granted.

Every year our club donates a \$1,000 scholarship to a local girl entering tertiary education and the interviews of the candidates for this take place in January. It is always gratifying to see the progress our scholarship winners make and, in many cases, the fine contribution to society they give.



2018 BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY MORNING

Date Claims:

4 November: Combined picnic to celebrate ZI Birthday at Girraween 11.30am.
Stanthorpe & Warwick Zonta members and friends

8 November: ZI Birthday, Board Meeting -5.30pm

12 November: Dinner Meeting 6pm at Lily's.

25 November: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women-Zonta 16 Days of Activism commences

1 December: Pamper pack assembly Piazza

8 December: Xmas Party

9 December: International Human Rights Day

We would like to conclude by wishing the members of all Zonta clubs a very happy and successful end to 2018, and we look forward to the many exciting things planned for next year, our centennial year.

Kind regards,

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