Newsletter Aug 2023

Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc.

Next General Meeting August 28

Please note:

It will be assumed members are attending the General Meeting unless they respond by email with a "No" response to Jenny by no later than 4pm Thursday 24 as the venue want final numbers by Friday morning.

Venue: The Komo, 96 Marine Parade, Redcliffe

Zoom option also available, please advise Marie.

Payment Information: \$5.00 payment by Internet Transfer by **August 28** and email Sammy to confirm.

Zonta Club of Redcliffe Admin.

BSB: 633-000 Acc. No: 140820887

Please remember to put your name in the reference field and a brief description of what the payment is for.



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Dates to remember

Fashion Parade Saturday August 26

General Meeting – Monday August 28

Coffee Morning – Wednesday September 20

Presidents Report

Hi Everyone,

On 24/7, Marie and I met Belinda at the Redcliffe CADA office. She is keen to meet some staff from the Redcliffe Dolphins to discuss bullying/domestic violence education programs for young footballers. This does not impact on our activities that we perform at the Dolphins.

On 27/7, some of our members met at Heather's house for a Breast Cushion sewing/stuffing/packaging night. Vi had all of the cushions ready to stuff and sew. We completed a large bag for the Peninsula Private Hospital and 3 large bags for the Redcliffe Public Hospital. Thank-you to all those present. Yen, our prospective new member, also came along to get to know the members and help finish the cushions.

On 7/8, several Board Members met Senior Constable Keith Morris to inspect the proposed Safe Rooms at the Redcliffe, Deception Bay and Mango Hill/North Lakes Police Stations. Keith has forwarded photos of recently finished

Safe Rooms at other stations and also a letter for us to use when garnering donations/discounts to furnish the rooms. Our Club has voted to assist with this Project in the Moreton Bay district.

On 26/8, we will be holding our Afternoon Tea/Fashion Parade at the Scarborough Bowls Club commencing at 1:30pm. The Service and Fund-raising committee has been working to get table decorations etc. organized for the day. Please ensure you invite your family, neighbours and friends along for a fun afternoon.

At our general meeting on 28/8, we will be inducting Glenda Gobe into our club. We will then induct Yen Nguyen into Zonta as a new member at our September meeting.

On 2/9, Petra and I will attend the Women's Conference for 2023 for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter- Day Saints. They have requested their ladies to donate essentials for women and girls facing Domestic Violence situations. Instead of supplying blankets as they did last year, they have decided to assemble 400 birthing kits. Petra and I will assist them on the day with this task.

On the week-end 8-10/9, Marie, June, Sue, Lee, Willemina and I will represent Redcliffe Zonta at our Mackay conference. Don't forget to read the motions to be voted on at the conference as we will discuss Redcliffe's vote at our meeting on 28/8. We look forward to networking with our fellow Zontians in Mackay and reporting back to our members who are unable to attend.

On 17/9, Bunnings at Rothwell have invited us to host another Bar-B-Que. Thank-you to those members and their husbands for volunteering to assist on that day. Petra and I will shop for the bar-b-que that week.

Stay safe and well,

Regards

Jenny Osborne

President 2022 -2024

Lady Musgrave Trust Forum

On August 2, Zonta Club of Redcliffe's Marie Stewart, June Teller and Cheryl Livock attended **The Lady Musgrave Trust's Annual Forum.** This year called **A Safe Way Home - navigating the pathway out of homelessness and building a better future**, specifically focussing on homeless women of all ages. Some highlights included an address by 19 year old Aicha who became homeless at 16 when she left home because of family issues. Organisations that assisted were the Phoenix House that provided support programs - for Aicha most importantly in the area of mental health - till then she felt "I couldn't be fixed". She also gain her own accommodation through the Brisbane Youth Service (BYS) who give ongoing support. Then finally by becoming involved with the Australian School of Entrepreneurship (ASE) Aicha has started her own beauty business. This speech named three organisations that are helping young people escape homelessness and build better futures. Other speakers pointed out that Queensland is at the "epicentre of the housing crisis" with approximately 300,000 people homeless in Queensland with various causes: 41% increase in rent since 2020, low vacancy rates, increased Qld population. They called for 11,000 affordable homes to be built every decade, state housing strategy interlocking with the federal plan, improved tenancy laws with a role not just for a governmental but also the community housing sector. Justice Margaret

McMurdo (the Hon.) and Cathy Taylor from the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce (700 submissions) then related how their task force had heard how family violence including coercive control had led to homelessness for so many women, particularly in rural Queensland, that Queensland spends far less than other states on accommodation, and that women's voices are largely missing when government policies are being developed. They called for all these areas to be addressed. How to combat violence against women was a heartwarming discussion by a panel of men from areas of academia, social science and community programs, with the theme of "Men Making Change". Further panel discussions included representatives from community and government providers of housing and also funding organisations. Although the problem presented of women enduring homelessness was very unsettling, the many successful projects and initiatives discussed gave hope for the way ahead.

To listen to these very informative discussions and presentations click the link: A Safe Way Home.

Cheryl Livock

District Conference Mackay -

Less than 3 weeks away! The District Conference is less than 3 weeks away! Very soon, Zontians from across the District and Annika in Sweden will be packing our summer clothes, sunscreen and hats and heading to Mackay for a couple of days of Zonta work whilst enjoying the Zonta spirit of fun and friendship. We'll also be contributing to the economy of Mackay during our stay, and quite likely beyond our few days if we plan future holidays in the area. One of our scholarship awardees has not been to Mackay at all previously – she is young – and is thrilled to be invited to be able to experience Mackay for our Conference, and leave the chills of Melbourne for a few days. Registration for Conference continues to be available until 25 August. Use this link to book people attend the Friday night event, including partners, and be within the budget for the event. To register, go to Sticky Tickets and search for 'Zonta International District 22 Ltd. 2023 Conference'. Following a few requests, registration for days only Conference attendance can be booked now. This excludes the Friday evening event and Saturday night dinner activities. If you are staying with friends or relatives this might be a preferred option.

Social Dates

September 20 Wednesday 10am

Venue: Neli Coffee

Macdonnell Rd Clontarf

October 18 Wednesday 10am

Venue: Sunny's Margate -Sebel Hotel

November 22 Wednesday 10am

Shingle Inn North Lakes

Quote of the Month

"To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing and be nothing." ~ Elbert Hubbard

Birthdays



Wishing all members celebrating a birthday in August, a very happy day.

Future Dates

26 August	Fashion Parade
8-10 September	District Conference - Mackay
20 September	Coffee Morning -Neli Coffee
20 October	Moreton Bay says No to Violence March
21 November	DV Breakfast The Komo
9 December	Flag Raising Ceremony

Please feel free to send Marie Stewart any interesting photos, information or short stories for inclusion in the newsletter.