

# Zonta Club of Redcliffe

**Next club meeting:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Annual General Meeting commences at 6pm

General Meeting commences 6:30pm

Apologies to Marie by 4pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 please.

**Venue:** Seaspray Room, The Belvedere, cnr Woodcliffe Cres & Oxley Ave, Woody Point

Zoom option also available, please advise President.

**Guest Speaker:** Kylie Ward, Hopefull Handbags Australia

**Payment Information:** \$5.00 payment by Internet Transfer by 4pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 and email to Sammy to confirm.

Zonta Club of Redcliffe Admin.

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

## Dates to remember

### May 24

AGM & Change over Dinner

### May 29

DV Football Day Redcliffe Leagues Club

### June 5

Giggle Trivia Scarborough Bowls Club

### June 14

Board Meeting

### June 15

Coffee Catch up: Butcher, Baker, Coffee Maker, Woody Point 10am

## President's Report – Marie Stewart

May is traditionally Family and Domestic Violence Prevention Month and we have been busy with some DV Prevention Events.

Our new Banners Zonta Says NO to Domestic Violence have been hung for everyone to see at Deception Bay and the Youth Space at Redcliffe. We participated in the council RARO event "Staying Safe in Family and Domestic Violence Month" Our main event however is our annual DV Awareness Match with the Redcliffe Dolphins on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Remember donations of prizes for Trivia Night Raffle to Sammy please! Marie

## *Birthdays in May*

12<sup>th</sup> Wendy

17<sup>th</sup> Michelle

**The Birth Flower  
of May:  
Lily of  
the Valley**



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## Guest Speaker: Kylie Ward, Hopefull Handbags

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Kylie Ward is the Hopefull Handbags Australia Affiliate Lead Coordinator and she is just getting started. She has held in-person events to raise funds for the Australian Affiliate.

Hopefull Handbags mission is to raise hope, help and support to those getting back on their feet from domestic abuse. Spread awareness and to prevent domestic abuse locally and around the world. It delivers gently used handbags filled with necessities to domestic violence survivors in shelters and social service programs. Handbags also have inspirational notes and a journal with instructions on how to journal to improve self-perception. Community members donate handbags and other items at designated donation drop off locations. We purchase any shortfalls and deliver the Hopefull Handbags to survivors on at least a monthly basis.

For more information the website is located at: <https://www.hopefullhandbags.org/>

Necessities for Hopefull Handbags if you would like to bring to the meeting to donate:

Gently used, once loved Handbags, Full Size Shampoo, Full Size Conditioner, Deodorant, Lotion, Note Pad/Journal, Hairbrushes, Tampons, Pens, Razors, Hair ties, Socks, Makeup (Mascara, Lipstick, Eyeshadow), Combs, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Chapstick Nail clippers

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## Our New Eye Banners are Watching the Local Community

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New banners have been hung at Redcliffe and Deception Bay for the month of May.

A Community Grant from Moreton Bay Regional Council and Discretionary Grant from Councillor Karl Winchester, Div. 6, enabled us to replace our old banners with two 4 m banners and one 2.5 m banner. These will be displayed in May during Domestic and Family Violence Awareness month and from 25<sup>th</sup> November for the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence against women and children campaign. The smaller banner can be carried in a march or easily mounted to a fence at our Zonta Says NO events/pop-ups. Thanks to Liam, Wendy's son, who kindly put the stunning design together for us, his help was much appreciated. June.



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## Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

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Each May, Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention month to raise community awareness.

Events and activities are held during May each year to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and encourage involvement in the prevention of this form of violence in Queensland.

An events calendar can be found at:

[Events calendar](#) | [Your rights, crime and the law](#) | [Queensland Government \(justice.qld.gov.au\)](#)

A Candle Lighting Vigil originating in 2005 helps remember those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic and family violence as well as helping to spread the message about how to get help. The annual Candle Lighting Ceremony in Redcliffe was held on May 5th at the Encircle Redcliffe. This brought the community together to pay respect and acknowledge those lives lost and to support those members of the community who have been affected by domestic and family violence and their families and friends.

Moreton Bay Regional council is hosting a series of 'Staying safe" events in May to provide vital information to people experiencing or witnessing abuse about the support services available to them.

Details and locations of the 'Stay Safe events:

- [Caboolture Hub](#) - 10am - 2pm, Thursday 20 May 2021
- [Pine Rivers Park](#) - 10am - 2pm, Thursday 27 May 2021

Marie, June, Sammy and Jenny participated in the Redcliffe "Stay Safe" on 14th May. This event involved speakers from Tenants Qld, Queensland Police, Women's Legal Service Qld, Relationships Australia, the Mate Bystander Program, and MBR Community Legal Service - supporting women from migrant and refugee backgrounds. Guests were interested in our women and Youth safety cards and the Lady Musgrave Handy Guide booklets. We networked with the speakers from the organisations above. PCYC Deception Bay approached us; they are desperate for program support, including volunteer mentors.

Some interesting points from the presentations:

- Special rental bond and damage release is available for DFV victims.
- Private applications may be made through courts for Domestic Violence Order (DVO) without Police involvement.
- Police must issue a DVO to protect a victim, even though the victim may not be ready to act.
- 41,000 women accessed the Qld Women's free legal service last year.

- The impacts of DV continue even after the victim leaves the perpetrator, e.g. poor credit rating, employment history, difficulty accessing safe, affordable housing, trauma.
- Elder Abuse is part of DV, applying to the aged demographic. 1 in 20 older people are abused; 30% of these are men, 80% of perpetrators are family members, of these 50% are adult children. COVID has worsened the situation with adult children returning to a parental home. Abuse consists of financial, social, neglect and omission of care needs, psychological abuse. Threats may include the loss of access to grandchildren. The speaker from Relationships Australia was excellent and could be a great guest speaker either at our GM or at a special event.
- The Mate Bystander program ...how to be an effective bystander:  
<https://matebystander.edu.au/>
- Two women gave powerful narratives of their personal experiences as DFV victims/survivors.



*"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."*

*Lily Tomlin*

June.

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### **DV Football Day Redcliffe Leagues Club**

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The DV Awareness Football Match is being held on Saturday 29 May, for those attending please wear your orange shirts. The Pre-Game DV awareness ceremony is at 5:30pm.

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### **United Nations Report - Debbie**

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May 23 is the United Nations' (UN) International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, which promotes action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a condition that affects many girls and women in developing countries. Obstetric fistula is a hole in the birth canal caused by prolonged labour without prompt medical intervention, such as a Caesarean section. An estimated 2 to 3 million women and girls in developing countries are living with obstetric fistula. In 2003 the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and its partners launched the global Campaign to End Fistula, a collaborative initiative to prevent fistula and restore the health of those affected by the condition. In 2012, the UN announced that it would observe International Day to End Obstetric Fistula on May 23 each year, starting on 2013.



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## Zonta International - May

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- Zonta International commemorates 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Istanbul Convention on 11 May 2011.
- Zonta International is hosting a New Member Welcome Webinar on Thursday 20 May with two options in Central Daylight Time (CDT) of:
  - 9am = May 20 at midnight (for those that don't sleep)
  - 7pm = May 21 at 10am
- Zonta Advocacy committee has a new five-part advocacy webinar series beginning in May.
- The Remarkable women, Powerful Stories series presents Kendra Sharp, Professor of Mechanical engineering at Oregon State University, currently on loan to U>S> National Science Foundation where she is head of the Office of International Science and Engineering. Wednesday 26 May 2021, 4pm CDT (Brisbane 27 May at 7am).
- Zonta International celebrates "firsts for women" in all different sectors in countries and communities around the world. Be sure to check it out, here are a few snippets from April
  - Noura Al-Matrooshi – first Arab woman astronaut
  - Cristina Corbucci – first woman traffic controller to work atop the retractable podium in Rome's famous Piazza Venezia
  - Nethra Kumanan – first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics
  - Chloé Zhao – first woman of color to win top honor at Directors Guild Association Awards, first woman of color and first Chinese woman to win the best director Oscar, first woman to win four Oscar nominations in a single year (best film editing, best adapted screenplay, best picture and best director categories)

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## Future Dates

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- ✓ June 28 – Zonta General Meeting
- ✓ July 14 – Coffee Catch up at Soul Harvest Margate 10am
- ✓ July 18 - Jetty 2 Jetty volunteers
- ✓ August 12 – Coffee Catch up at Café Diversity, Redcliffe 10 am
- ✓ September 4&5 – District 22 conference in Mackay