

# Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc.

## Next General Meeting and AGM: Monday January 22

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 January 22 as the venue want final numbers by Friday morning.

**Venue:** The Komo, 96 Marine Parade, Redcliffe

Zoom option also available, please advise Marie by Friday 19 January

**Payment Information:** \$5.00 payment by Internet Transfer by **January 22** and email Lee to confirm.

Zonta Club of Redcliffe Admin.

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**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
REDCLIFFE INC  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

**ABN: 64820813003**

## Dates to remember

January 22 - General Meeting

February 5 – Advocacy Committee

February 6 – Membership Committee

February 7 – Service Committee

February 12 – Board Meeting

## Presidents Report

Hi Everyone

Below is a summary of our busy 2023.

1. Bunnings BBQ held on 5/2/23. Our Total Profit from this event was \$1347.36.
2. International Women's Day 5/3/23 held at The Komo, Redcliffe. Sold 77 tickets. Expenses included chocolates, TryBooking Fee and Roses amounting to \$1039.50. A profit was made on the day of \$557.54 via Numbers Board, Raffle Sales and a \$50 donation.
3. 3/5/23 – Encircle's Candle Lighting to remember those who have died due to Domestic and Family Violence. United we stand.
4. 3/5, 8/5, 16/5 & 25/5/23 the Membership Committee plus a few volunteers manned an information table at the Mango Hill Marketplace. Zonta was also included in the "Share the

Love” campaign at Mango Hill Marketplace. As a result, we were voted second place and won \$1000.

5. 13/5/23 – Bunnings Mother’s Day Stall. 6 volunteers manned this stall. Willemina made 20 Mother’s Day Cards. We also sold baked items, hand sanitizer, soup bowl holders, water bottle holders and other craft items. We also ran a Basket Raffle and drew it on the day. The profit for 3 hours was \$451.19.

6. 2023 Petrie Volunteer Awards 18/5/23 – Marie Stewart nominated by Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc.

7. Giggle Trivia held 27/5/23 at the Scarborough Bowls Club. 87 tickets were sold. We also sold raffle tickets, 100 Numbers Board and received \$130 in donations. Our overall profit on the night \$2235.46.

8. 1/6/23 - A few members attended an Event Industry Workshop at the North Lakes Community Centre – Planning an Event in the Moreton Bay Region. It covered –

- ☑ How to deliver a meaningful Acknowledgement of Country.

- ☑ How to deliver a more accessible and inclusive event.

- ☑ How to develop a marketing plan for your community event.

- ☑ Event Operations – what you need to know about planning an event in the Moreton Bay Region + Q&A

- ☑ Rethinking Waste at events.

9. 2/6/23 – Bernadette from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints delivered donations of blankets. I delivered 17 dark-coloured blankets to the Breakfast Club and 20 lighter-coloured blankets to the Clontarf Jebb Refuge.

10. 16/7/23 – Jetty2Jetty – We manned the Water stop at Apex Park from 5am to 11am. We made \$400 on the day.

11. 19/7/23 – Suzanne and I visited Redcliffe State High School and met with Kerri and Roanna concerning the introduction of a Z Club at Redcliffe High School. Marie, Wendy and Cheryl attended other High Schools in our district re Z Clubs. These will be followed up in 2024.

12. 27/7/23 – 8 of us met at Heather’s house to sew/stuff/pack Breast Cushions prepared by Vi. Geoff and I delivered 3 large bags of cushions to the Redcliffe Public Hospital Oncology Unit

and 1 large bag to the Peninsula Private Hospital.

13. 26/8/23 – Flight of Fashion at the Scarborough Bowls Club for an afternoon of fun and fashion. Fashion Parade by Postie and food and entertainment. Profit from tickets, raffle, Money Board and donation from Postie amounted to \$3135.09.

14. 2/9/23 – Petra and I once again attended the North Ward Women’s Conference for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints at Burpengary. We helped supervise the assembly of 400 Birthing Kits paid for by donations from the ladies. \$2000 worth of Birthing Kits. 30 x bags of essentials eg shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, soap, deodorant, tampons, pads, tissues, combs, brushes, notebooks, biros, toothpaste and brushes. Baby nappies, baby wipes, knitted hats and baby toothpaste and brushes to the Jebb Refuge. Donated clothes to the Breakfast Club. Brand new shirts with tags still attached with Floor Company logo sent to Vanuatu Charity. Colour-in books, pencils, textures and wooden toys retained for Safe Rooms.

15. 8/9/23 to 10/9/23 – 6 of us attended the District 22 Conference in Mackay. It was a great experience. We met up with Pat Jones an ex-member of Zonta Redcliffe who now resides in Mackay.

16. 17/9/23 – Bunnings BBQ – Thank-you to Annie at the Friendly Grocer in Victoria Avenue for donating all of the bread. An excellent profit of \$1583.62.

17. 13/10/23 – Willemina and I attended the Redcliffe Jetty ABC Breakfast Radio broadcast at 6:15am. Zonta Redcliffe was given a slot of 5 minutes at 6:30 with Craig Zonka and Loretta. Willemina and I spoke about the history of Zonta International and Zonta Redcliffe and the functions and projects coming up. Gwen Jull heard us on the radio. She sent an e-mail congratulating us on the interview.

18. 20/10/23 – 7 Zontians attended the Moreton Bay Says No to Violence Walk through Redcliffe. Natalie Hinton was a guest speaker at the end of the march. We gathered after the march for a coffee at the Komo.

19. 21/10/23 – 7 Zontians and 4 ex-Zontians plus ladies from The Village assisted to assemble 400 birthing kits. Zontians made morning tea as a thank-you to our volunteers from The

Village for assisting on the day. At \$5 for each kit, it cost us \$2000 but we had \$1000 from Containers for Change donated by members during the year towards this project.

20. 26/10/23 – 3 of us were invited to attend a “Get to know your new AO’s” at Bunnings. We got to meet a couple of ladies from the Refuge at Clontarf after the event. Sharon invited us to organize a morning tea at the refuge.

21. 21/11/23 – Orange Activism Breakfast at The Komo. Guest Speaker was Simone O’Brien who was an extremely brave woman who had experienced 50 operations on her head/face and had 2 to go. The overall profit on the day was \$877.76.

22. 23/11/23 – Coffee at the StellaRossa Café at Mango Hill Marketplace. Setti had organized a huge Zonta Club of Redcliffe Mural. All Zontians present had their photos taken in front of the mural/wall. Setti and her photographer asked me to speak in front of the mural which they videoed.

23. 16 Days of Activism – Our Advocacy Committee worked hard placing Orange Ladies in Business foyers. Cheryl and Wendy created displays in 3 Moreton Bay Libraries. 4 Banners were displayed in Redcliffe, Deception Bay and Mango Hill. The council chambers, parks and fountains were orange. Several Zontians walked in the City March. We had information tables at 2 shopping centres. We finished with a UN Flag Raising Ceremony.

24. 28/11, 5/12, 12/12 & 19/12/23 – Gift Wrapping at Peninsula Fair. Everyone got involved over the 4-week period. We gift-wrapped, sold tickets in our Xmas Raffle, sold Xmas Decorations and Christmas Cards. Overall, we made \$1266.48 profit.

25. 2/12/23 – We enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at the Point on the evening of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Debbie Tidswell’s Aunt who used to live at Redcliffe, donated a decorated Xmas Cake (Santa stuck in the chimney) for dessert. A nice night had by all. Thanks Aunty.

26. 9/12/23 – Zonta Flags United Nations – 1 Irene Street Redcliffe. M/C’d by Sammy Hunt. Music by Redcliffe City Band of the Salvation Army and speakers Cr Karl Winchester, Claire Moore of UN Brisbane and Lawrence Ezedinma from the Zonta Club of Caboolture. Claire raised the UN Flag and I raised the Zonta Flag. There was \$94.96 left from the \$600 grant Karl approved for the event.

27. 13/12/23 – 6 of us attended the morning tea at the Clontarf Jebb Refuge. Hopefully this will open dialogue with Jebb Refuge.

28. From 7/7/23 to mid-December 2023, we met Keith Morris and organized to commence working on 3 Safe Rooms – one each at the Redcliffe, Deception Bay and Mango Hill/North Lakes Police Stations. I wrote to many businesses and as a result received donations from:

☑ Furniture Court Redcliffe donated 2 x 2seater couches and 2 x Bookcases.

☑ Bunnings Rothwell organized a donation of paint for the 3 rooms from Dulux.

Bunnings donated all of the equipment necessary to paint the 3 rooms.

☑ Costco, via Marie's membership and approach, donated \$150 towards kids' tables and chairs for the safe rooms. Thanks to Marie and Yen for travelling to Costco with me to endeavour to purchase these items.

☑ Peninsula Fair donated paintings and prints for the walls in the 3 safe rooms.

☑ Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints Women's Conference 2023 donated Colour in books, pencils and textures. We also received some wooden toys and reading books.

☑ The Men's Shed at Burpengary donated wooden toys. Hot plates and sinks are in each room. Also, a wooden truck was placed in each room.

☑ Donations from Keith and his colleagues and also donations from Redcliffe Zontians and ex-Zontians were also made.

☑ After initially allocating \$3500-\$4000 to finish the project, we only had to expend \$526.01 on rugs, cushions, plants, a cube, storage boxes and 2 tablets. Thank-you to all who assisted to make this project such a success. It definitely warmed the soul to participate in such a worthwhile project. Thank-you to Yen for purchasing the tablets for the rooms and donating a set of ear phones. Thank-you to Cheryl for donating a set of ear phones and offering to assist with the painting. Also, thank you for the offer of painting, Petra. It was difficult to co-ordinate times when the police would allow us into stations to paint and when Keith was available. We painted from 5pm to 8pm at Redcliffe station and then returned the next morning to give the walls a second coat. At times, Lee and I were assisted by Keith and Geoff, so once 4 of us

were in there, there wasn't much room left in the offices.

29. 21/12/23 – Launch of the new Ruby Program at Deception Bay. Cheryl attended this launch on Zonta Redcliffe's behalf and enjoyed the experience and has some follow-up networking to come out of it. Cheryl will speak to us at our first Board Meeting concerning the launch.

Well, as you can see, it was an extremely busy year. We were very visible in the community and on Facebook. After our Service and Fundraising and our Advocacy during the year, we still came out with a profit of \$11423.45 to donate to other worthwhile causes eg Ovarian Cancer, Breast Cancer (Breast Cushions), Birthing kits etc. Thank-you to all the members of the Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc. for your on-going assistance and friendship during 2023. Upwards and onwards in 2024.

Regards

Jenny Osborne President

## **Report from Local Paper re Safe Rooms – Sheree Hoddinett.**

### **Creating A Safe Space**

Imagine a safe space for those experiencing domestic violence to share the details with police when they need to? Well, you no longer have to imagine it, as these spaces have become a reality at three of our local police stations and it's all been made possible thanks to collaboration between the ladies from the Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc. and the Vulnerable Persons Unit at Deception Bay. The establishment of the safe rooms at Deception Bay Police Station, North Lakes/Mango Hill Police Station and Redcliffe Police Station has all come together over the last few months with the procurement of the rooms, painting and fitting them out with furniture along with other bits and pieces.

When Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc. president Jenny Osborne was first approached by Deception Bay acting sergeant Keith Morris with the idea of creating a safe room, she was keen to get on board.

"Keith is with the Vulnerable Persons Unit at Deception Bay and he was keen to get this idea off the ground," Jenny says.

"So he contacted me and our Zonta Club at Redcliffe was more than happy to take on the project for the three stations being Deception Bay, Redcliffe and Mango Hill/North Lakes.

"We have taken on the task of painting the rooms and decorating them with a sofa, bookcase, tables and chairs for the kids with a tablet, books, puzzles and colouring-in books and pencils, so the person who is reporting has something for their children to keep them entertained."

Jenny put the feelers out to a number of local businesses to see who would be interested in supporting the project and the response was amazing. Bunnings Rothwell provided all the paint and painting equipment for the rooms, Costco at North Lakes donated towards the purchase of kids' tables and chairs and the Church of Latter-Day Saints at Burpengary donated items including books, colouring-in books and pencils.

"The generosity out in the community has been overwhelming," Jenny says. "Anyone who hears about it is more than happy to provide us with items. It has become a real community-focused project, which is so great for us.

“It has been great to have larger businesses help us, but it’s the local businesses that have been a big help as well. We are extremely grateful to Ron from Furniture Court Redcliffe because he has donated two bookcases and two, two-seater sofas. Without this wonderful support, a project like this wouldn’t be able to happen.”

But the generous support from the community doesn’t end there

“I was talking to the marketing manager at Peninsula Fair to organise our club gift-wrapping for Christmas as part of our fundraising efforts,” Jenny says. “I told her about the safe rooms and she mentioned cleaning out the store room to see what she could find that we could use and she came up with a number of paintings from a local artist that we could hang in the rooms.

“It’s funny how you meet different people and talk about projects and their offer of help progresses it even further, so we have been really lucky with people donating things to us. It just blows your mind that people are so generous when they hear what it’s for.”

Jenny has been a part of Zonta for several years due to her sister getting her involved and also because she wanted to give something back to the community.

“For me, taking on projects like the safe rooms does your soul a world of good and to do something like this is rewarding as you are helping people who are facing difficult circumstances,” Jenny says. “A lot of what we do at Zonta helps those experiencing domestic violence, which there is so much of out there at present, it’s so prevalent. We try so hard to do a lot of work to say no to domestic violence, but it’s still there.”

The Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc. has multiple events throughout the year to raise awareness for domestic violence including guest speakers and even a local football game where they are able to provide safety cards with helpful information.

“For a little club, we do a lot of work to get the word out there,” Jenny says. “Partnering with other community groups, we also provide bags of essentials for women who are in need at a difficult time of their lives.

“We just keep gnawing away to try and make a difference in our community here. Our motto for the current two years, 2022-24, from the international president is ‘Building a Better World for Women and Girls’, so that’s what we’re aiming to do, bit by bit.”

While the project has taken longer to finish than Jenny had originally planned, this being due to the coordination of the wonderful volunteers and flood of support received, she is so grateful that Zonta has been able to bring it to fruition.

“Our club voted unanimously to make this project happen,” Jenny says. “We are really proud to be involved and that Keith invited us to come on board. This collaboration between the Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc. and the Queensland Vulnerable Person’s Unit in saying no to domestic violence can only assist people in our local community.

“These safe rooms will provide a safe, calming space that gives off a different feel to a normal police interview room and help those who are reporting to at least feel a bit more at ease. This is what we’re aiming for, a safe space where people will be able to report what’s occurring instead of feeling uncomfortable entering a police station environment.”

If you want to know more about the Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc. and the work they do, please reach out to them via [info@zontaredcliffe.org.au](mailto:info@zontaredcliffe.org.au) or 0422 932 337.

## **Report from Moreton Daily re Safe Rooms – Nick Crockford**

A new ‘safe room’ has been officially opened at Deception Bay Police Station for victims of domestic violence (DV). Similar rooms have also been set-up at Redcliffe and North Lakes/Mango Hill stations after a community appeal run by the Zonta Club of Redcliffe. Using donated paint, equipment, furnishings and toys, the Zonta club volunteers have made a designated room at each station more welcoming. Last July Senior Constable Keith Morris, of the Vulnerable

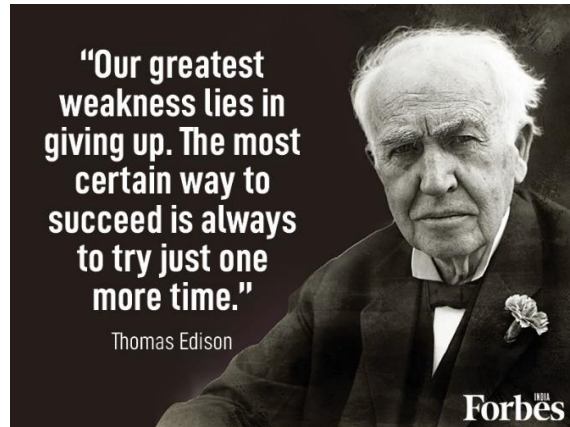
Persons Unit in Deception Bay, asked Zonta to help create "safe" spaces for reporting traumatic crimes. At a ceremony in Deception Bay Police Station just six months later, Snr Con Morris paid tribute to the community groups, businesses and volunteers who have transformed three rooms. He was joined by Acting Chief Superintendent Adam Guild; A/Inspector Michelle Dodds from the Patrol Group; A/Senior Sergeant Officer-in-Charge of Vulnerable Persons Group Zoe Rowling; A/Senior Sergeant Jake Lacy, Officer-in-Charge Redcliffe and A/Senior Sergeant Janine Feyaerts Officer-in-Charge Mango Hill/North Lakes. Senior Sergeant Jason Higgs, Officer-in-Charge at Deception Bay, was unable to attend. "Over the last few years there has been a lot of research and training related to domestic violence," Snr Con Morris said, "we've learned much about the benefits of a trauma-informed approach. "We also know there can be barriers to reporting domestic violence, such as caring for young children or general apprehension about attending a police station. "Each of these rooms we have created has a relaxed and comfortable feel with casual seating, art on walls, toys, books and digital distractions. "Thank you so much to Zonta and other contributing businesses. "Certificates of appreciation were given to Redcliffe Zonta, Burpengary Men's Shed, Bunnings Rothwell, Costco North Lakes, Peninsula Fair, the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints and Furniture Court Redcliffe. "We were thrilled to be involved," Redcliffe Zonta President Jenny Osborne said, "we really like to do this work for people who need it. "We felt it was our duty because that's what we advocate for, a better world for women and girls ... and any vulnerable people in our community. "If we have gone one little step to helping them, then it was all worth it. "To everyone who donated, it was wonderful. It was a community effort and excellent to get that support."

More photos and original article here: <https://www.moretondaily.com.au/news/safe-rooms-open-for-dv-victims>





## Quote of the Month



## Birthdays



Wishing June, a very Happy Birthday for this month.

## Future Dates

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| 22 January     | General Meeting                        |
| Now – 15 March | Early Bird Registration for Convention |
| 13 February    | Social catch up - Coffee Morning       |
| 6 March        | IWD Function                           |
| 16 March       | Area 1 & 3 Meeting                     |
| 20 March       | Social catch up – Coffee Morning       |
| 11 April       | Social catch up – Coffee Morning       |
| 27 – 30 June   | Zonta International Convention         |

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