

# Zonta Club of Redcliffe

## Next General Meeting: Monday October 25

Please note a change to the protocol for indicating attendance at the General Meeting.

It will be assumed members are attending the General Meeting unless they respond by email with a "No" response to Marie by no later than 4pm Thursday October 21 2021 as the venue want final numbers by Friday morning.

Numbers are particularly important for venues to comply with COVID-19 requirements.

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

Zoom option also available, please advise Marie.

**Guest Speaker:** Tom Law Personal Trainer

**Payment Information:** \$5.00 payment by Internet Transfer by 4pm October 22 2021 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.

## Dates to remember

### October 15

MBSN2V peaceful march

### October 16

Fashion Parade

### October 20

Coffee Catch up

### November 25

16 Days of Activism: Breakfast function

## Presidents Report – Marie Stewart

As the calendar year is coming to an end, Zonta Clubs get busier as we prepare for the 16 days of Activism. Our club will be very active during this time and I ask all members to please help out as much as they can. Some of our members on Friday attended the annual MBSN2V (Moreton Bay Says No 2 Violence) event, but because of the severe weather warnings the peaceful march was cancelled. However the inside event occurred with some excellent speakers. It is also a good networking opportunity with other community groups.

Finally, after many postponements we were able to hold the Fashion Parade/ Afternoon Tea at the Scarborough Bowls Club. We were initially holding this in March for International Women's Day but due to

Covid-19 restrictions it was postponed. Thankfully the restrictions lifted last week and finally a very successful day was held. This helped make up for some of the other fund-raising events we were unable to hold this year. Thank you every one who attended and helped make it so successful.

We have built up a relationship with local media, Dolphins News, Redcliffe Monthly Magazine and 997Bridge FM Radio Station, please keep an eye out for articles in the upcoming paper and magazine, and listen to our regular monthly session usually the Tuesday before our general meeting. Thanks to everyone's hard work, our club and what we do is getting very well known.

Marie Stewart

President 2020 -2022

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### **Guest Speaker:**

Tom Law personal trainer. Tom served 21 years in the Australian Army before joining the Pine Rivers Council Events team. Since leaving the Council in 2003 Tom has owned or been a partner of fitness-based businesses ever since. Tom Law holds professional qualifications including Certificate III in Fitness, Certificate IV in Fitness and a Diploma of Fitness, and is former professional First Aid Instructor.

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### **New members information evening**

Our Club Membership team recently had the pleasure of holding a Membership Information Night for prospective members and those wishing to learn more about our club and our activities. We usually hold two of these sessions per year, one in the first quarter and the second in the last quarter of the year.

Monday September 20th saw us at the Moreton Bay Region Industry and Tourism (MBRIT) premises in Elizabeth Ave. Kippa-Ring. We have been very fortunate to be able to use the MBRIT facilities free of charge for our information evenings over the past year and a half. On this occasion we welcomed five potential members, introducing them to Zonta by way of a PowerPoint presentation made by our Immediate Past President, Gail Symons, supported by our current President, Marie Stewart, and four members. The hour-long session was relaxed and provided the visitors with an opportunity to talk with current members and to ask questions in an informal manner.

We thank our Zonta Redcliffe colleagues for their participation and look forward to the anticipated induction of two new members at our October General Meeting, with the possibility of one or more further new members by early 2022.

We respectfully remind members that club membership is a whole of club endeavour and we appreciate the referrals and recommendations we receive through our current membership. We look forward to continued membership growth in 2022.

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### **Fashion Parade**

On Saturday 16 October, over 130 people attended the Zonta Club of Redcliffe "Fashion on the Green" a fundraising event for domestic violence. The hard work of many members finally came together after

numerous months of false starts due to COVID-19 restrictions. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all and funds raised to assist domestic violence projects in the local community.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, modelled and donated raffle prizes.



### **Outcome of the “Elevator Pitch” workshop**

Zonta club of Redcliffe has submitted a text entry and club photo into the Zonta International Elevator Pitch competition. Watch this space for further updates.

### **Local Legend and the Breast Cushion Project**

There was a lovely article in the Moreton Daily news about our member Vi Wilson being recognised for her four decades of service to the community for her work with Zonta. Vi was recently a recipient at the Petrie Volunteer Awards. She has led the Breast Cushion Project for the past 15 years and during COVID-19 when fundraising and activities were halted, she made 200 cushions by herself. The cushions are used by women recovering from breast cancer surgery and donated to Redcliffe Hospital and St Vincent’s Northside.

### **Join in the March against domestic violence**

The community was invited to come together and march against domestic abuse in Redcliffe on October 15. This is part of the Moreton Bay Says No 2 Violence (MBSN2V) campaign an initiative of Encircle. The event

aims to bring the community together against violence against women, children and men is the groups 13th and the theme is "Raise your voice Against Violence"

Devastatingly over 12 months, on average, one woman is killed every week in Australia because of intimate partner violence. Unfortunately due to terrible weather the march was cancelled but the morning event and speakers went ahead.

### Thought of the Month



*Dreams only remain dreams for those who chose not to pursue them.*

### Birthday wishes - October

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE  
FOLLOWING MEMBER CELEBRATING A  
BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER*

**KATHLEEN**

#### October Birthday interesting facts:

Famous birthdays: Guy Pearce (actor); Tim Minchin (singer/actor/comedian); Paul Hogan (former actor/comedian); Nathan Jawai (basketball player); Hugh Jackman (actor); Ian Thorpe (former swimmer)

### Volunteering



COVID-19 and associated restrictions have hindered a lot of fundraising and awareness raising activities over the past 18 months. Members of our club have continued to volunteer their time at local events like the Triathlon contributing money so we can continue to support local projects in our community.

**10 October World Mental Health Day**

The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.

**11 October International Day of the Girl Child**

In 202, we commemorate the Generation Equality Forum (GEF), launching 5-year commitments from civil society leaders, governments, corporations and change makers from around the world for bold gender equality impacts. At the same time, we are in the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has accelerated digital platforms for learning and earning and connecting, while also highlighting girls' diverse digital realities.

The gender digital divide in connectivity, devices and use, skills and jobs is real. It is an inequity and exclusion gap across geographies and generations that is our challenge to address if the digital revolution is to be for all, with all, by all. Let's seize the momentum to drive action and accountability of GEF commitments made, for and with girls to achieve a bold vision of bridging the digital gender divide.

- The global internet user gender gap is growing, from 11 per cent in 2013 to 17 per cent in 2019, and widest in the world's least developed countries at 43 per cent.
- 2.2 billion people below the age of 25 do not have internet access at home, with girls more likely to be cut off.
- Globally, the percentage of females among Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) graduates is below 15 per cent in over two-thirds of countries.
- In middle and higher-income countries, only 14 per cent of girls who were top performers in science or mathematics expected to work in science and engineering compared to 26 per cent of top-performing boys.

**24 October United Nations Day**

UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.

24 October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948. In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly recommended that the day be observed by Member States as a public holiday.

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**Child Marriage in Humanitarian Contexts**

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The Girls Not Brides, the Global Partnership to end child marriage organisations and partners have written a brief to highlight good practice in preventing and responding to child marriage during humanitarian crises. The brief can be located at: [Child-marriage-in-humanitarian-contexts\\_August-2020.pdf](https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/Child-marriage-in-humanitarian-contexts_August-2020.pdf) ([girlsnotbrides.org](https://www.girlsnotbrides.org)).

Child marriage is rooted in gender inequality and driven by a complex set of factors that take root in more stable contexts and are exacerbated in times of crisis, with the following consequences:

- Negative impacts on access to services, including education and SRH.
- Where poverty increases, families see child marriage as a way to cope with the greater economic hardship.
- Displacement and conflict can result in more girls being married by parents to 'protect' them from increased violence.
- In some contexts, child marriage is used as a weapon of war by armed groups, and can serve as a cover for human trafficking.

Epidemics and pandemics – in addition to having direct health impacts, including increased mortality and pressure on health services – often disproportionately impact women and girls and adversely impact on child marriage. During the COVID-19 outbreak and associated lockdowns and curfews, surges in violence against women and girls – including intimate partner violence, child neglect and sexual abuse – have been reported in many countries. As economic hardships deepen and services and programmes to protect women and girls are disrupted, we could see 13 million additional child marriages over the next 10 years.

The article includes a list of recommendations for governments, UN agencies and cluster leads, and civil society organisations.

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## Other News

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### **Zonta Says No breakfast and 16 Days of Activism**

To mark the start of 16 days of activism Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc. has organised at breakfast with guest speakers Sue and Lloyd Clarke from the Foundation Small Steps for Hannah, they set up in memory of their daughter and grandchildren.

**When:** 25 November 2021, 7am for a 7:30am start

**Where:** Pilpel Restaurant, cnr Sutton St & Creek St Redcliffe

Spread the word and encourage as many people as possible to book for this great event.

### **Red Bench**

The Zonta Club of Redcliffe preference is to locate the Red Bench at Zonta Place facing the ocean, however it will ultimately be Council's decision as the finding body. The Red Bench will be unveiled during the 16 Days of activism with the date and time to be advised by Council.

### **Library Display during 16 Days of Activism**

A display will be set up in the Redcliffe Library, thank you to Wendy for volunteering to work with the library and set up the display as an awareness raising item during 16 Days of Activism.

## Future Dates

October	11	Board Meeting	
	11	International Day of the girl child	
	15	MBSN2V	Peaceful March
	16	Fashion Parade	Scarborough Bowls club.
	20	Coffee Catch up	Old Corner Shop, Cnr Victoria Ave & Dunbar St, Margate
	24	United Nations Day	
	25	Zonta Dinner meeting	
November	1	Advocacy meeting	Zoom
	2	Membership meeting	Zoom
	8	Board Meeting	
	8	Zonta International's Birthday	
	11	Coffee Catch up	Salt Shop and Café, 118 Sutton St, Redcliffe
	22	Zonta Dinner meeting	
	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women	16 Days of Activism commences with a breakfast and guest speakers Sue and Lloyd Clarke from Small Steps 4 Hannah
December	10	Human Rights Day	16 Days of Activism concludes
	10	Christmas function	Peemai Thai Restaurant.

Please feel free to send me (Dawn Morris) any interesting photos, information or short stories for inclusion in the newsletter.