

Zonta Club of Redcliffe

Next General Meeting: Monday September 27

Please email a "Yes or No" response to Marie by no later than 4pm Thursday September 23 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: Associate Professor Carlos Salomon

Payment Information: \$5.00 payment by Internet Transfer by 4pm August 20 2021 and email to 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

September 20

New Members Information night

September 27

General Meeting 6.30pm

October 11

Board Meeting

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

This is the part of the year when we are all heavily involved with the lead up to our most important time of year the 16 Days of Activism.

In October on Friday 15th we take part in the annual MBSN2V (Moreton Bay Says No to Violence) peaceful march and at the conclusion listen to the speakers. This year because of Covid-19 restrictions it is a free ticketed event. You **MUST** register to take part in the march and/or attend the after events. The Flyer is on our Facebook page with the details, or please ask me if you need any help.

The next event is the Fashions on the Green afternoon tea and fashion parade, this also is a ticketed event and details of how to register and pay are on the flyer sent to everyone.

Our most important day of the year is November 25th, the start of the 16 days of Activism. This year we have a breakfast at Pilpel restaurant and our speakers are Lloyd & Sue Clarke (parents of Hannah Clarke). We encourage every one to get behind this event, ask your family and friends to come along as well. Ticket details are on the flyer sent out to everyone.

Details of other events we hope to hold during the 16 Days of activism will be in next month's newsletter.

Marie Stewart

President 2020 -2022

Guest Speaker:

Associate Professor Carlos Salomon is a group leader and senior Lions Medical Research Foundation (LMRF) Fellow working at the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research (UQCCR). Prior to joining UQCCR, he completed a Bachelor Degree in Biochemistry and a Masters degree in Clinical Biochemistry and Immunology at Universidad de Concepcion (Chile) and a PhD in Medical Science at Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. He is recognized as a national and international researcher working in the field of extracellular vesicles focusing on the reproductive biology. He is the project lead for research aimed at rapid identification of ovarian cancer in the first and second stages of formation, which is where the current gaps in community detection are evident.

Outcome of the "Elevator Pitch" workshop

Thank you everyone for brainstorming words and sentences that describe what Zonta does. This has been used to create the following draft Elevator Pitch to be considered at the September dinner meeting.

The Objective of the pitch: to have an engaging speech to explain what Zonta does and elicit further interest.

Draft for discussion using words, sentences and concepts from the white board.

Zonta changes the world for women, raising awareness of women's issues. We say 'Yes' to worldwide gender equality and expanding access to women's health and education. We strongly say 'No' to gender based violence and abuse against women and girls and to forced marriage. Why? To preserve basic human rights with immense socioeconomic implications.

Zonta is a global organisation with clubs in 63 countries. It has a seat at the United Nations presenting priorities to ensure a continued focus and consideration of areas that relate to women's empowerment.

Clubs work locally raising awareness of women's issues to improve the lives of women and girls. Through donations, fundraising, networking and partnering with other organisations we create sustainable differences towards achieving gender equality.

I can take your details and provide more information.

District 22 Conference – Speaker Professor Jennifer Burn, Director Anti-slavery Australia, UTS, NSW

After the introduction to the conference by the Mayor of Mackay, Professor Burn talked about her research in regard to slavery, forced marriage and exploitation. The terminology of “Trafficking” has changed to “Modern Slavery”. She is an Australian academic and solicitor who saw the need to both support survivors of human trafficking, but also importantly to advocate for law reform.

Modern slavery is an umbrella term that is used to describe human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices. It covers human trafficking, slavery, servitude, forced labour, debt bondage, deceptive recruitment for labour or service, forced marriage and child labour. She outlined that slavery is often hidden in homes, in restaurants, on farms and on building sites. What is common to all of these examples, is that someone is being exploited and controlled.

Modern slavery happens in Australia. Some groups of people are more vulnerable than others. For example, backpackers, international students, asylum seekers and migrants on limited working visas may not know their rights in Australia. Others are lured here for jobs thinking they can help their families but they are exploited. Maybe not so surprising is that 71% of people in modern slavery are women and girls.

[Modern Slavery Act 2018 - Federal Register of Legislation](https://www.legislation.gov.au)

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Some statistics noted:

Worldwide slavery 40.3 million – 71% women and girls, Australia 1900 cases,

240 trafficking reports to police, forced trafficking of Australian women out of Australia,

Initiatives – 1. Anti-Slavery Australia – see Website; 2. National Partnership against Modern Slavery; and 3. Blue Sky.

Anti-slavery Australia provides free legal and migration services to people who have experienced or at risk of modern slavery in Australia. They undertake research and advocacy, raise awareness

and deliver modern slavery training to frontline and community workers, government, law enforcement and private sector.

How can we help?

Take Action – learn more, eLearning courses, raise your voice locally to let them know you care about ending modern slavery.

Be an ethical consumer - Review the modern slavery statements of the many large Australian companies who are required to report on what they are doing to address modern slavery in their business operations and supply chains under the Modern Slavery Act (Cth).

Donate and volunteer.

For further information, case studies resources and how you can help visit

<https://antislavery.org.au/>

District 22 Conference – Speaker Jess Hill, Author/Journalist

Jess spoke about Coercive Control, advising that coercive control is not a crime in Australia at this stage, as opposed to violence offences. Statistics show that of 7000 police call outs 80% were related to coercive control.

Coercive Control is a pattern of behaviour that enables someone to exert power over another through fear and control. Such actions including isolating, controlling money, name calling, threatening, restricting autonomy, manipulating children, and sexual coercion. Sadly the outcome is feeling a lack of self-worth, self-blaming, a belief that the victim has brought it on themselves. (Jess suggested a look at the 12 Major signs of Coercive Control).

Thought of the Month

A woman is like a tea bag, you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Birthday wishes - August

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE
FOLLOWING MEMBERS CELEBRATING A
BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER.***

Lee and Tracey

September Birthday interesting facts:

The birthstone for September is blue Sapphire and the flower either Aster or Morning glory

New Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement from Zonta International

Zonta International's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion

Since 1919, Zonta has been working to create a more equitable future for women and girls. We believe that fostering a diverse and inclusive global community is a powerful platform to bring about the social change needed to make our vision for gender equality a reality. As a global organization, Zonta International values the contributions of members of all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, colour, ability, religion, socio-economic status, culture, sexual orientation or gender identity. We believe that a diverse community of members is essential to our ability to achieve our mission to create a more equitable future.

We strive to be an organization where everyone feels empowered to be their full authentic selves. We celebrate multiple approaches and points of view and know that different ideas, perspectives and backgrounds create a stronger and more creative environment to better serve our members and achieve our mission for gender equality. We welcome differences and strive to ensure that all voices are valued and heard. While we have more work to do, we are committed to the values of diversity and inclusion across all Zonta International activities and initiatives.

Update on International Project in Peru

Zonta International's partnership with UNICEF USA's Adolescent Health and Protection project in Ucayali and Huancavelica—regions of Peru—aims to improve the capacity of services to respond to the health needs of adolescents in a timely manner and prevent all kinds of violence in schools.

The project seeks to improve health and social protection service responses to adolescents' health care and violence prevention needs. The results:

- Supported the reactivation of primary adolescent health care services impacted by COVID-19, reaching 3,749 adolescents (2,689 girls).
- Progress on the development of technical guidelines for ensuring quality of care in adolescent health services, and for the prevention of and response to violence that occurs in health establishments.
- Trained 10 certified tutors, who will support the inservice training program for health personnel.
- Provided technical assistance to the Regional Health Directorate of Huancavelica on training health personnel from over 400 health establishments. Health personnel will be trained on the implementation of the technical guidelines for comprehensive adolescent health care in the context of COVID-19 in May 2021.
- Helped build the knowledge and skills of 19 principals and teachers on health promotion in secondary schools.
- 86 school principals and teachers have enhanced their knowledge on and awareness of violence prevention strategies and response protocols for in-school violence.
- Disseminated in-school violence reporting mechanisms among the education community in both regions.

- Designed methodologies for violence prevention in schools, with a specific emphasis on violence experienced by girls.

Further information can be found here: [Update on our International Project in Peru](#)

United Nations Report September - Debbie

The Zonta International UN Committee teams represent Zonta in New York at UN Headquarters; in Geneva at the UN Office and ILO headquarters; in Vienna at the UN Office; and in Paris at UNESCO. The teams ensure that Zonta's priorities are presented, and that the Zonta voice is clear in mission-related meetings at their respective sites. They meet and work with decision-makers from UN agencies and countries where Zonta has funded projects and/or where Zonta clubs reside.

UN Women is the United Nations entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide.

8 September - International Literacy Day

- 773 million adults and young people lack basic literacy skills
- 617 million children and adolescents are not achieving minimum proficiency levels in reading and mathematics
- During the initial phase of the pandemic, schools were closed disrupting the education of 62.3 per cent of the world's student population of 1.09 billion
- Adult literacy and education were absent in initial education response plans, therefore many youth and adults with no or low literacy skills have had limited access to life-saving information.

Other News

Fashion Parade

Fashions on the Green Afternoon tea and Fashion Parade is on 16 October from 1 to 4 pm at Scarborough Bowls Club. Bookings close 1 October so make sure to buy your tickets.

Zonta Says No breakfast and 16 Days of Activism

To make 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.

Future Dates

September	3 - 5	District conference	Face-to-face in Mackay cancelled, new format, online Saturday 4 September.
	13	Board Meeting	
	14	Coffee Catch up	Basil & Co. 1/73 Landsborough Ave, Scarborough
	20	New Member Information Night	
	27	Zonta Dinner meeting	
October	11	Board Meeting	
	11	International Day of the girl child	
	15	MBSN2V	Peaceful March
	16	Fashion Parade	Scarborough Bowls club.
	24	United Nations Day	
	20	Coffee Catch up	Old Corner Shop, Cnr Victoria Ave & Dunbar St, Margate
November	25	Zonta Dinner meeting	
	8	Board Meeting	
	8	Zonta International's Birthday	
	11	Coffee Catch up	Salt Shop & Café, 118 Sutton St, Redcliffe
	22	Zonta Dinner meeting	
December	25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women	16 Days of Activism breakfast and guest speakers Sue and Lloyd Clarke from Small Steps 4 Hannah
	6	Board Meeting	
	10	Human Rights Day	16 Days of Activism concludes
	10	Proposed Xmas Dinner	Venue to be determined

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