



ZONTA

CLUB OF
PINE RIVERS INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

Date Claimers

28 March

Bunnings BBQ Carseldine

9 April

Breast Cushion Sewing

14 May

Albany Hills State School Fair

4 June

Birthing Kit Assembly Day -
Mount Alvernia College

3 September

Trivia Night

Membership Fees

Annual fees are now due.
Please pay your annual
subscription of \$180 to the
Admin Account at your
earliest convenience.

Account Name: Zonta Club of
Pine Rivers Inc
BSB: 633000
Account Number: 123710873

As fees are due by the 31st of
March, please have all
payments finalised before our
April meeting.



International Women's Day @ Portabella Restaurant

Members of Pine Rivers Zonta, their friends and family celebrated International Women's Day with a lunch at Portabella Restaurant, Albany Creek on Sunday March 6.

The convivial tone for the day was set with wonderful live music from the band Kittyhawk, performed by our member, Natalie, who sang with Mark.

The guest speaker, award winning author Amy Andrews,





RAVES Program

The following article appeared in the Bray Park State High School newsletter in March.

Last week the year 11 SCS class participated in a self defence course run by Erin Cash from RAVES. The program involved no cost to students thanks to the generous sponsorship from the Zonta Club of Pine Rivers and Brendale Community Bank.

Jordan Carr, year 11 student, said, "The program was awesome. I liked how we learnt how to look after ourselves in potentially dangerous situations. Erin showed us the right defensive skills to use." Erin also had positive feedback about our students' behaviour, effort and willingness to have a go. She even stated that it was the best group she had taught EVER (not just in our school but all the schools she has been to).

So well done year 11 Social and Community Studies and thank you again to our sponsors, Zonta Club of Pine Rivers and Brendale Community Bank.



challenged our stereotypes with a spirited defence of the romance genre. She presented romance publishing as a multi-million dollar industry predominantly run by and for women that provides stories of "emotional justice" to its readers.

The food was very good, the raffles were well supported and a healthy profit, very close to \$3000, was made on the day. Congratulations to Fundraising Chair, Karen and her band of willing workers.

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Meet our Newest Members



Natalie Reid

I am a fun loving larrikin who joined Zonta to follow in the footsteps of my mother and sister, to join a group of women who walk through social barriers to give back to the community. I am a carpenter by trade and take great pride in the home I built for myself with the help of my father. I have also sung in the band "Kittyhawk" for over 20 years.



Denise Preston

I am a finance person who now works as an Event, Sales and Marketing Coordinator. I like to cook and going to live theatre and circus shows (I'm secretly wishing I was a trapeze artist!) Happily partnered with Gary for over 20 years, my previous marriage was not so great and left me with great empathy and understanding of women in domestic violence situations.

President's Patter

CONVICTION, COMMITMENT, COURAGE

Our calendar year started off with a well attended strategic planning exercise in early February. Our goal, *to improve the lives of women and girls locally and globally*, was revisited and programs planned to help us to meet that goal. At the meeting we planned the year's fundraising activities, allocated responsibilities and discussed the efficacy of our current activities.

Since then we have had several successful fundraising events including two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and an International Women's Day, function that was worthwhile from both an advocacy and financial point of view. See the report and pictures in this newsletter.

In the service area, our club held a working bee to sew breast cushions for women recovering breast surgery in early April. We have also committed to working with other clubs in our area to train facilitators to present the Love Bites program in local high schools. This is a program, devised by the National Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, that teaches respectful relationships and violence prevention to Year 9 and 10 students. We feel that it will compliment the RAVES program that Zonta Pine Rivers currently sponsors in our local high schools.

At the March Meeting we discussed the fee structure and cost of using the Eatons Hill Tavern as our meeting place. In order to maintain this venue we are required to pay for a minimum of 20 meals each months. Our past data shows that there will be months where that threshold is not reached. A motion was passed at the meeting to enforce the rule that states that members should not miss more than two meeting per year. In the case that a member attends less than eight meeting per year they will be asked to contribute the dinner fee of \$25 to make up the shortfall. This motion was passed unanimously.

I feel encouraged by the number of our members who engage with our projects and activities and contribute their time, ideas and effort. I am only too aware of the pressure of work and family commitments for many of our members and hope that we take those diverse circumstances into account when planning. I thank you all for the contribution you make to furthering our Zonta goals and look forward to working with you to this end.

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Anita Goldie

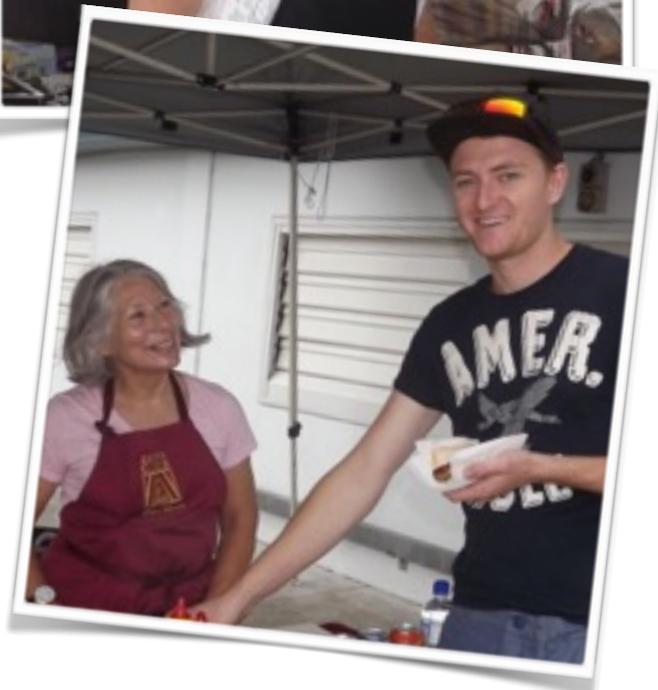
I am a secondary school teacher of I.T. and Business, currently working as a Yr 11 & 12 coordinator in a girls' school. In my free time I am completing a Masters in Education Leadership. This helps to balance out the fun of being a mother of three "almost men". I am passionate about social justice and empowering others to reach their potential.



Belinda Stephensen

I'm Belinda, a fun loving, wannabe ballarina who loves telling dad jokes and making people smile. I joined Zonta to be a part of a world that is larger than my own home fence. Im currently studying Community Services and Counselling to specialise in kids with disabilities and kids at risk to make a difference for our younger generations who need a little extra love and support.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



Service Committee

2016! How fast the year is flying along. We are having a busy time with work and Zonta activities as usual. The service committee has started off with lots of great new ideas and possibilities. I thank all members for contributing their suggestions, investigative skills and enthusiasm towards our club's service, the "hands on" part which we all find so rewarding.

Some programs which we will be engaging in and following the progress of with great interest are:

Love Bites - Introducing this educational program to the staff in the local high schools will be highly beneficial to the youth in the area and a wonderful complement to our existing R.A.V.E.S program. The recent successful grant application of \$35,000 was just the latest step towards seeing this to fruition. This endeavour is also another opportunity for us to collaborate with other Zonta Clubs to have a greater impact.

Handbags for the Homeless - We all like to get a new handbag, but what do we do with the old? Now, instead of just throwing it away, we can pass it on, filled with care products that someone on the street does not have easy access to. Just pick up an extra item when you shop and pop it in the bag.

Birthing Kits - This program is gaining momentum. This year instead of having the one packing day at St Paul's we are expanding to include a second event at Mt Alvernia's in June. (Thank-you Anita for initiating this.) Both schools are raising funds towards the project which is fantastic.

So let's keep on sewing, folding, packing, shopping, giving, chatting and just having fun. *Simone*

Zonta International Foundation Update

ZI Foundation Ambassador, District 22

So far in this biennium, 2014 to 30th June, 2016, District 22 has contributed to the ZI Foundation \$135,232.69. This is from Clubs of the District 22, and from individual member contributions.

As at 29th February 2016, the contributions received by ZI Foundation to the individual programs which Zonta International distributes to (in US\$)

| | Goal 2014-2016 | To date for this Biennium |
|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Amelia Earhart Fund | \$700,000 | \$373,096.56 which is 53% of goal |
| Jane M Klausman Women in Business Fund | \$232,000 | \$124,852.25 which is 54% of goal |
| Young Women in Public Affairs | \$144,000 | \$122,976.91 which is 85% of goal |
| Inter. Service Fund | \$2,044,000 | \$1,096,307.74 which is 54% of goal |
| ZISVAW | \$1,986,000 | \$869,232.86 which is 44% of goal |
| Rose Fund | \$200,000 | \$1,042,312.94 which is 521% of goal |

Total Goal for the 2014-2016 Biennium is \$5,306,000.

Total contributed up to 29th February is \$3,638,779.26 which is 68% of goal

Each end of Zonta's financial year, most clubs in our district contribute 1/3 of their profits from fundraising to the Zonta International Foundation Fund, usually indicating which program that they would like their funds to be distributed to. The foundation has been successfully funding ZI programs since 1984 through the generosity of Zontians and Zonta Clubs throughout the world. Remember, that your membership dues are paid to ZI and do not support the Foundation.

Your gift gives her a voice, an opportunity, a chance.

Dot Patrick

Invitation



PhotoVoice Australia: Focus on Domestic Violence

An exhibition of photographs and stories of six women survivors of domestic violence.

This exhibition is proudly supported by Soroptimist International of Brisbane and Professor Paul Mazerolle, Pro Vice Chancellor (Arts, Education and Law Group), Griffith University.

Photo: Lee Tean, 2014

Wednesday, 23 March–Saturday, 16 April 2016

Opening night Friday, 1 April, 6:00–8:00pm

To be opened by the Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Paul Mazerolle.

RSVP 07 3735 6106 or qcagalleries@griffith.edu.au

Gallery opening hours Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00am–4:00pm

Project Gallery
Queensland College of Art
Griffith University
South Bank campus

Ground Floor
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