



# BeauZontian

Issue:



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

With the slow progression of the beginning of the year thanks to Covid-19 who would have thought that it is now less than 3 weeks to Christmas. It all seems a bit of a whirlwind now!!!

The challenges of moving to a "Web based Club" with Zoom Meetings and no community contact were a bit daunting... but, how quickly we all become proficient at the Zoom Meeting..... albeit the actual technology did let some of us down!!! It was great to get back to the kind of normal with our dinner meetings resuming. Some small changes in the committees has given us extra opportunity to secure grant funding for special advocacy projects and much needed equipment for us to be a little more self-sufficient.

The fundraising year looked to be shot when we sat down for our planning meeting in May. But we have managed to excel with some very successful events throughout the last part of year. The Zonta High Tea & Spring Fashion Parade at Robin & John Powell's in October was an overwhelming success, (slightly contentious, I must admit), a wonderful day was had by Guests and Zontians alike. The Nindooinbah Bull Sale was a little slower than usual, but the vendors and attendees know that you cannot go past a good Egg & Lettuce or a Hillview Hash sandwich topped off with one of our lovely slices or biscuits with a cuppa, and the weather held off this year. Our Busy October finished off with a lovely day of fellowship at the Beaudesert Derby Day Races, enough for Margie Dennis to reconsider and re-join us as a Zontian, welcome back!!! Unfortunately, the weather gods did cause a few interruptions on the day.

Our Christmas spirit was switched on when we decorated our tree surround in the main street for the Beaudesert Christmas Group and Chamber of Commerce, followed by an enjoyable night at the Carols in the Park was had by a few of our members.

Another hot Saturday morning at the Beaudesert Markets with our Christmas Raffles and our Gourmet Goodies stall, apparently there is never enough Coconut Ice!!! Thank you to the community for their support!

Our 16 days of activism has seen 20 Oranges placed around the Scenic Rim area, giving us a point of conversation out in the community, we must thank both local papers the Beaudesert Times and the Beaudesert Bulletin for their wonderful coverage of our events and advocacy projects, thank you to all our members who adopted a "lady" and placed her in a local business to share our message of Zonta Says NO to Violence against Women.... very poignant in these tough times where the prevalence has reared its ugly head, it is no longer hidden behind closed doors.

The wonderful news of our JMK Women in Business scholarship winner Sanuri De Silva going on to win both the District and an International Scholarship was a welcome highlight of the year. Such a deserving young women, we wish her all the best.

We have shared some wonderful moments in fellowship with at functions and our coffee mornings, breast cushion stuffing and ad hoc morning teas. Unfortunately, we say goodbye to Romaine, with her commitment to be a carer for her elderly mother, all the best Romaine, we hope to see you when time permits at our upcoming events as a Friend of Zonta.

Looking forward to Sunday afternoon's Christmas Dinner Party, enjoying a meal together and celebrating each and every member and their contributions (and their Hon Zons... for their utes and brawn and support of course!) to our wonderful club's productive and successful year. On behalf of the members, I would like to extend well wishes for our ill and recovering members, it has been a rough end of the year for some, speedy recovery to Pam & Wendy.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year! See you in the new year on the 16<sup>th</sup> January at Coomrith – Alice 's home for our Wine and Cheese afternoon, guests welcome so bring a friend or two!

Yours in Zonta

**Michelle**

## DATE CLAIMERS

### Sunday 13th December

Christmas Party at Brolga Rd  
from 4.00 pm.

### Thursday 17th December

Coffee at Info Centre 10.00 am

### Saturday 16th January

Wine & Cheese at Alice's from  
3.00 pm.

### Tuesday 19th January

Board/General Meeting  
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm  
Janice Pellinkoff will be our  
Guest Speaker.



"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph." – Shirley Temple

## BUT WE ALWAYS DO IT THEN...

I decided that we say that often and sometimes forget that not everybody has been around forever. So here are a few dates to sit down and write into your new 2021 diary.

The most important—**every third Tuesday** for our Zonta meetings at the RSL, followed by **last Thursday in the month** for coffee get-together.

Starting our year with Wine & Cheese at Alice's where you will consider bringing a guest who may be interested in joining our club. It is usually the **3rd Saturday in January**.

International Women's Day. We always have a luncheon at the RSL with a guest speaker on the Friday nearest the **8th of March**. We all contribute something for our multi draw raffle.

Our **May meeting date** is when we usually hold our Changeover dinner at the RSL—Honors welcome.

**September** is usually a date for our High Tea/Fashion Parade where we all contribute food and a raffle prize.

**October** we cater at the Nin Bull sale—again make something yummy to sell.

At the **October meeting** we gather our contributions to the Christmas raffle. We make up the baskets in early November and take a photo so we can begin **selling tickets in November**. Again we put ourselves on the selling roster if we can.

**1st Saturday in December** is the markets and Gourmet Goodies. It is our big fundraiser and everyone is expected to contribute if they can. Our motto is "presentation is everything" so we decorate everything beautifully.

Then we end the year with our Christmas Party, always held on the **2nd Sunday in December**.

Wow, do we really do all that?



## Thursday, 17th December.

Have you finished everything and feel like a catch up coffee? Let's have our last coffee session at the Info Centre again and a week later it is Christmas Eve.. See you there.