

East-Enders



March 2020

Presidents Patter



This month has been a very sad month with the death of Hannah Clarke and her three children. Such a tragedy – our members have worked so hard for many years to stop domestic violence and at times, it feels like we are going backwards. There is much more work to be done.

At our General meeting on Monday, February 17, we had many special guests.

- Councillor Kara Cook spoke about new domestic support services and local groups in Morningside area, some of which have commenced in the last 12 months. Kara also advised that she initiated Australia's first Domestic Violence Law Firm;
- We met our Scholarship Winners and received an update on their studies and how they are using their scholarships; and.
- Several guests from our two schools were also present.

This is my favourite meeting of the year meeting with all these young women!

I was unable to attend Area 1 & 3 meeting on February 22. I understand that it was a very good meeting. Our club's *Women in Technology* winner Gabriella Behr gave a presentation and she was also presented with the District 22 Award. Well done Gabriella! You have a great future ahead of you.

Bunnings Sausage sizzles are underway again for 2020 thanks to Jo and her gang of helpers. Another successful day on February 24. Thanks to everyone who helped.

All for now. See you at our next meeting- March 16.

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"The way we experience the world around us is a direct reflection of the world within us." Gabrielle Bernstein

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Our February Meeting



It was again wonderful to have our Club scholarship winners from Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools attend our February meeting along with Terry Heath, the Principal of Yeronga SHS and Vanessa Cash, Deputy Principal Balmoral SHS., It is always a great night as we renew our connection with each of them and hear of their studies and activities during the past year and we wish them all the very best for their studies and career.

Our other guest for the evening was Councillor Kara Cook the Councillor for Morningside Ward. Kara is a great supporter of our Club and gave us an update on activities in Council eg the draft consultation paper on D&FV currently out for consultation and information on other not for profits operating in our area particularly in the area of D&FV and which the Club may consider supporting as a service project for the coming year.

Area Meeting



Thank you to Zonta Clubs of Brisbane Inc and Brisbane Metro Breakfast Inc for organising a great Area 1 and 3 Meeting. Jacinta, Jo and Ros attended represented our Club. Our WIT Scholarship and District 22 Winner Gabriella Behr spoke at the meeting on her studies and career and DG Sandy Venn brown presented her with her Certificate from Zonta International. A report will be provided for our March meeting.

. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

As always many thanks to the members and HonZons who assisted with our February Sausage Sizzle. We have 30 March confirmed and as usual we need to fill the roster for this day. If you can give a couple of hours of your time to help please let Jo know.



Service Projects

Have you a project you would like to consider as a service project for the 2020-2021 Club year? Ideas were put forward at our February Meeting and it is the March Meeting when we make the decisions so make sure you put your ideas down and formally submit them before the meeting. Remember our policy is that the funds raised in our 2019-2020 Club year will be expended during 2020-2021. In March Lyn will be in the position to provide an estimate of just how much we have to spend this coming year.

What is the Commission on the Status of Women?



The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), it was established by ECOSOC resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946.

The CSW is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women,

During the Commission's annual two-week session, representatives of UN Member States, civil society organizations and UN entities gather at UN headquarters in New York. They discuss progress and gaps in the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the key global policy document on gender equality, and the 23rd special session of the General Assembly held in 2000 (Beijing+5), as well as emerging issues that affect gender equality and the empowerment of women. Member States agree on further actions to accelerate progress and promote women's enjoyment of their rights in political,

economic, and social fields. The outcomes and recommendations of each session are forwarded to ECOSOC for follow-up.

In 2020, the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). A five-year milestone will be reached towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 2020 is therefore a pivotal year for the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.

The sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is planned to take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 20 March 2020. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to attend the session. (*Taken from CSW and UN Women websites*)

Zonta International actively participates in CSW and is involved in many of the “side events” held during the two weeks eg in 2019 a side event, convened by Zonta International and the Mission of the Republic of Niger, brought together governments, UN agencies and NGOs to discuss the necessary social systems, public services and infrastructure required to empower adolescent girls to say no to child, early and forced marriage, complete their education and realize their full potential (<https://membership.zonta.org/News/csw63-zonta-brings-stakeholders-together-for-discussion-around-effective-actions-to-end-child-marriage>) Further information and updates can be found on the Zonta International website.

Member Profile – Jo Diessel



Whilst born in Sydney, the most part of my life has been in Queensland, mainly Brisbane and south of the river! I have a very clear memory of the day I announced to the world that I wanted to be a teacher. From that day on my focus never changed. After graduating Teachers’ College, I had twenty-five years of a wonderful career in the classroom. I taught in various special schools and institutions working with a range of specialists to support and educate students with severe intellectual and multiple disabilities.

My own education has been lifelong where my studies and Masters in Education enhanced my teaching in classrooms. It was in the early 1990s that I changed career direction and moved into the policy arena where I moved into Central Office leading policy development in student disability. In 1994 I was appointed to the Senior Executive Services as Director of Student Services and later as Director, Curriculum.

It was at this time Bronwyn Campbell introduced me to Zonta and I was invited to attend a meeting and then join. I have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship the Club has provided and

working with women from varied backgrounds all of whom are committed to the values of Zonta.

My career changes were not over as yet and in 2002 I was privileged to be appointed Executive Director, Schools leading and supervising principals in the Coopers Plains District. It was great to be back close to principals and teachers in schools. In 2005 I was appointed Regional Director for Brisbane. Our regional boundaries were larger than the ACT or Tasmanian Departments of Education. It was an exciting time leading a range of educational reform with schools. I retired in 2009 and put my energy into travelling!

More recently I have commenced some part time work consulting in schools.

My membership in Zonta also continues to evolve where I have had the privilege to take on some District Committee roles for the Amelia Earhart Awards and Women in Technology scholarships. I look forward to the upcoming Zonta biennium where I will be a part of the new District 22 Board as Area 3 Director.

Diary Dates

5 March 2020 – IWD Dinner (ZC Wynnum Redland event)

8 March 2020 – International Women’s Day – Theme “*I am Generation Equality: Realising Women’s Rights*”

9-20 March 2020 – UN 64th Commission on the Status of Women, New York

16 March 2020 – Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library

30 March 2020 – Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea

13 April 2020 – Board Meeting

20 April 2020 -- Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library

11 May 2020 – Combine Board Meeting

18 May 2020 – AGM & Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library

23 August 2020 – High Tea – Belmont Services Club

4-8 July 2020 – Zonta International Convention, Chicago

