

2025

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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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Tuesday 25th November – Wednesday 10th December

Day 1: A Day of Envisioning - Tuesday 25th November

8:30am for an 8:45am start at Lion's Park – Bridging Relationships Walk

Join members of local community groups, law enforcement and government officials on a walk from Lion's Park North Bundaberg, across the Burnett Traffic Bridge and on to Buss Park as we launch the 16 Days of Activism Campaign for 2025.

9:15 am at Buss Park Join members of Christ Church Anglican Church - Anglican Mothers Union Australia to hear the 'Ringing of the Bells'. The bells will ring once in remembrance of each woman and child who have lost their lives as a result of domestic and family violence so far, in 2025.

10:00am Everyone is invited to attend a special Prayer Service at Christ Church Anglian Church with guest speakers.

11:00am This will be followed by morning tea in the Church Hall – all are welcome.

Day 2: A Day of Knowledge – Wednesday 26th November

Visit **IMPACT Community Services** at Hinkler Central Shopping Centre between Monday 24th to Friday 28th November (9am -3pm), to see "The Clothesline Project". This is a powerful display of decorated shirts that symbolises types of abuse that women have experienced throughout their lifetime.

Visit the **Bundaberg Library** to peruse a prominent display of books throughout this campaign. Community members are able to access a list of the relevant books and borrow items at any time.

Tune in daily to local radio station **ABC Wide Bay** for updates on the events planned throughout the 16 days.

Day 3: A Day of Orange – Thursday 27th November

The colour orange symbolises a brighter future, free from violence. It serves as a means of demonstrating your solidarity in eliminating all forms of violence and is therefore used as the colour of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Look for evidence of **ORANGE** in the Bundaberg Region as we encourage businesses to wear orange and decorate their premises in orange throughout the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

Several Bundaberg businesses are hosting a large cut-out **ORANGE LADY** during the campaign. If you see an orange lady please thank the business for their support, take your photo with it and share to your social media.

Tag us and use the hashtags **#zontaclubbundaberg #16daysofactivism**

Day 4: A Day of Giving – Friday 28th November

Trivia Night – Brothers Sports Club – Join us for a fun-filled night by enjoying exciting trivia, continuous raffles and great prizes. All funds raised will support local community projects, so come along, have fun and make a difference in your community. Teams of up to 8 per table at just \$10 per person – doors open at 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start. Tickets are available via the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Facebook page.

Day 5: A Day of Listening – Saturday 29th November

Listen to an engaging interview between Zonta Club of Bundaberg's Jo Leveritt and Brooke Fossey, CEO at **Regional Business HQ**, the leading provider for regional businesses delivering support, services, education and resources. Brooke leads a dynamic team delivering a range of business support solutions. The interview delves into how collaboration is important in business, community and everyday life and how it has shaped Brooke's own professional journey. You can find the link to the interview on the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Facebook page.

Day 6: A Day of Remembrance - Sunday 30th November

Browse the Red Heart messages on our **Walls of Remembrance**, located in the windows of Bundaberg Regional Council, Police Beat Bundaberg, Childers Library and Gin Gin Neighbourhood Centre. Take time to reflect on the significance of the women and children's lives lost in Australia due to domestic and family violence this year.

Day 7: A Day of Student Engagement - Monday 1st December

Check out the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Facebook page to hear university students and staff talk about their views on the recent changes to legislation making **coercive control** a criminal offence in Queensland.

Day 8: A Day of Advocacy - Tuesday 2nd December

Join us for a free 2 Hour **DV Alert – DV aware Workshop** where you will learn how to recognise and respond to domestic and family violence in a safe space that you can learn, connect and be empowered to respond confidently to those in crisis. Doors open at 5:15pm for a 5:30pm start at **The Nest**, 57 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Register for this event via the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Facebook page.

Day 9: A Day of Discussion - Wednesday 3rd December

Listen to "Stronger Together" through **IMPACT Community Services'** podcast at <https://impact.org.au/podcast/> as we discuss the power of partnership and the work of the Bundaberg Domestic & Family Violence (DFV) Community Working Group.

Join the 16 Days of Activism and support local voices for change – grab the award winning **Bundaberg Today** your weekly regional weekly newspaper.

Day 10: A Day of Global Issues - Thursday 4th December

Engage with the Zonta Club of Bundaberg at the **Pageant of Lights Parade**. Our theme this year is *Let their light shine – no limits, no labels*, a key message about gender equality. Snap a photo or two and share to your socials.

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Day 11: A Day of Tribute - Friday 5th December

Check out the **Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories Podcast**, hosted by Zontian Lynne Foley, OAM, who is passionate about leaving her audience with new ideas, thoughts and challenges and full of confidence to break through personal and professional barriers. You can find the podcast on the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Facebook page.

Day 12: A Day of Allyship - Saturday 6th December

Zonta Club of Bundaberg **Annual Birthing Kit Assembly Day** – these kits can mean the difference between life and death for women and newborn babies. Providing a clean and safe space for women to give birth, these kits help to minimise the risk of preventable infections. Our aim is to send 1000 birthing kits to women in developing countries.

This is located at **CQ University refectory, 6 University Drive, Branyan at 10am**. Members of the community are encouraged to engage and participate in this activity.

For more information check out the Birthing Kits Foundation Australia website at <https://www.bkfa.org.au/>

Day 13: A Day of Outreach - Sunday 7th December

Darryl Gardiner, founder of **Rolling With The Punches**, is a much-needed voice in the conversation about Australia's domestic and family violence crisis. Exposure to domestic and family violence defined Darryl's early life, before he turned to violence himself. Today, Darryl teaches positive masculinity and uses mindfulness and boxing to help break the cycle of violence. His work inspires real, lasting change in the communities he serves.

To listen to Darryl's story, visit the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Facebook page.

Day 14: A Day of Community - Monday 8th December

Join members of Zonta and Qld Police Service at **Hinkler Café** (near Kmart) from 11am to 12pm. Come along, have a coffee and a chat and learn about what Zonta is doing in your local community.

Day 15: A Day of Service - Tuesday 9th December

The **Zonta Club of Bundaberg** has been serving the Bundaberg community for over 35 years. We are an active force in the local community, contributing by way of service and advocacy. To learn more about our projects check out our socials for photos, reels and interviews. If you are interested in joining contact us for more information.

Day 16: A Day of Reflection - Wednesday 10th December

9:00am at Buss Park Join members of Christ Church Anglican Church - Anglican Mothers Union Australia and Zonta Club of Bundaberg as we close the calendar of events for the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

9:15am Hear the 'Ringing of the Bells' in remembrance of the women and children who have lives as a result of Domestic and Family Violence, so far in 2025, including the last 16 days.

10:00am Everyone is invited to attend a special Prayer Service at Christ Church Anglican Church with prayers and reflection on domestic and family violence. This will be followed by morning tea in the Church Hall

Take time today to sit and reflect on one of the 5 **Red Benches** provided by the **Red Rose Foundation**. They are located at Bundaberg Base Hospital, Churches of Christ, Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre, Anglican Church in Buss Park and Alexandra Park.

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare states that, "Family, domestic, and sexual violence is a major health, welfare, and social issue. It affects people of all ages and from all backgrounds, but mainly women and children. While every experience of family, domestic or sexual violence is very personal and different, it is most common for this type of violence to be perpetrated against women, by men".

If you or someone you know needs assistance, advice or support, please find a list of useful numbers below.

If you are in an emergency situation, call **000**.

DV Connect Services

Womensline (24 hours): 1800 811 811
Mensline (7 days, 9am – 12am): 1800 600 636
www.dvconnect.org

1800 RESPECT

Free call (24 hours): 1800 737 732
www.1800respect.org

Women's Legal Service

1800 957 957

Legal Aid Queensland

1800 651 188

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service –

ATSILS Bundaberg

07 4152 8044

EDON Place

Business hours: 4153 6820
Email: admin@edonplace.org.au
www.edonplace.org.au

Phoenix House

Business hours: 4153 4299
www.phoenixhouse.com.au

Uniting Care Lifeline

Telephone crisis support: 13 11 14

Women's Health & Equality Qld

Non-crisis phone counselling
1800 496 636

Bundaberg Street Law

www.bundystreetlaw.com

Zonta

Zonta is a diversified organisation of individuals from many different backgrounds coming together in pursuit of common goals. Zonta's service activities are both international and local. Becoming a member of Zonta offers unlimited opportunities for personal and professional growth and an opportunity to develop relationships and friendships locally and worldwide.

Club Membership

Join the Zonta Club of Bundaberg and make a difference for women and girls in the Bundaberg Community and around the world.

We want to hear from you! To find out how Zonta membership can enrich your life through service and advocacy projects locally and internationally, please contact us. Not only will you be helping to improve the lives of vulnerable women and girls, but you will also make lifelong friends.

For enquiries about becoming a member of Zonta please

Visit or message: <https://www.facebook.com/ZontaClubBundaberg>

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