

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024

From the President

Dear Ipswich Zontians

Great to see we are off to a flying start to the new biennium. A real credit to you all. The Club membership now stands at 45, and new members were encouraged and welcomed at a new members' night. Work is well advanced for our Youth Forum which will drive our launch of 16 Days of Activism this year. Please support our upcoming Theatre Nights which are always great value and a time of terrific fellowship. On behalf of all members I would also like to acknowledge the completion by Pam Lane of the video oral history of the Club to mark its 40th Birthday and to thank her for this fantastic legacy.

Jane

July Meeting

It was a busy meeting in July. Great to see another induction of a new member.

Induction of new member Charmaine

Charmaine is a Project Officer with the Queensland Police Service working in the Domestic and Family violence area.

She is also an accomplished artist and is currently in Austria for 2 months as a resident artist.

Kate is her mentor.



President Jane and Charmaine Davis

Guest speaker Meaghan (Women's Legal Service Ipswich) Meaghan spoke about the work of the Women's Legal Service with a focus on the Ipswich Office.



Eirys proposes a vote of thanks to Meaghan

Coffee mornings continue...

This month we met at Queen's Park Cafe



JULY EVENTS-

Christmas in July

Once again we held a Christmas in July lunch. It was a great lunch – beautiful weather, great food (thanks to Pam and her team of helpers), good music thanks to Ian Schubert and good company. Thanks again to Kath and Pam for opening their home.



Jane, Robyn, Jan & Mary



Leanne and Pam



Jan, Leanne and Jane



Leanne's footwear



Lisa and Robyn



Merindi and Bronwyn



Maria and her son Oren



Anne and Mel



'Singing Santa' Ian Schubert



Rebekah



Guests - Jennifer and Kay



Pam and Mark



Pam and Mark



Janette and Roylynn Belle



Lesley with Mark and Jo



Brenda, Robyn and Jan

AUGUST MEETING

Another busy meeting! It was great to see past member Rachael and good to meet Robyn Liddell, Lieutenant Governor for District 22. Jo delivered a great snapshot sharing some of her life experiences thus far.



Leanne



Lisa, Rachael and Jane



Jo



Special Guest Lieutenant Governor of District 22 Robyn Liddell, Zonta Club of Gladstone, with Jill Club Treasurer.

BIRTHING KITS NEWS

Mary has forwarded an email from Birthing Kits Australia (on the outcome of the inaugural Community Birthing Kits Assembly Day):

BKFA Birthing Kits packed by you and your group go to women living in and facing the most challenging of circumstances when they give birth. One kit can mean the difference between life and death.

You'll be pleased to know that we distributed kits to the following field partners in July. Thank you so much for your support.

Kit Distribution Report	
Country	Partner organisation
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Nigeria	Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health
Papua New Guinea	Living Child Inc.
Nigeria	Diocesan Health Initiative
Papua New Guinea	PNG Sustainable Development Program
Nigeria	Divine Act Charitable Trust
Papua New Guinea	Wantaim PNG
Kiribati	Reitan Ainen Kamatu

Hilary Carruthers | Assembly Day Coordinator
Birthing Kits Foundation Australia

Care Packs – Message received from DVAC

Good Morning Zonta Team!

We just wanted to send a huge THANK YOU for your amazing donation of toiletry packs. Your generosity truly came to the rescue as we were running low on supplies.

Your ongoing support means the world to our clients and our mission. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership! 😊

Sending lots of gratitude from our team to yours! 😊😊

New Members Night

New and 'newish' members came to dinner at Park Street from 6.00 pm on 16 August to have all their questions answered... A number of experienced members also attended. We had a very happy night with great food and good conversation. BUT ... we didn't remember to take any photos! Here's the quote from Amelia which ended the night.

If enough of us keep trying, we'll get someplace.

Amelia Earhart

This quote reminds us of the importance of perseverance and determination in achieving our goals. It suggests that even if our individual efforts may seem small, when enough of us come together and keep trying, we can make progress and reach our desired destination. This quote encourages us to never give up, even when faced with challenges or setbacks. It reminds us that collective action and a shared commitment to keep going can lead us to success and create positive change in the world.

In the Spirit of Amelia...

Not long back Monica took to this skies.



DV Safe Phones

Your old phone could save a life!

DV Safe Phone collects, repairs and gives free mobile phones to DV survivors through Domestic Violence and Law Enforcement Agencies, Safe Houses and Hospitals.

Ever wondered what to do with your old phone? Check out this organisation that works to collect, repurpose and gift mobile phones to victims of Domestic Violence. To find out more go to <https://dvsafephone.org>.

Jan put her hat in the ring on behalf of the Service Committee to be the collector of any old phones to be donated to the DV Safe phone initiative. If you have any questions on

the process, the attached link for the FAQ's on their website may help. The iCloud tip is very important should your old phone be connected. <https://dvsafephone.org/donate-phones>

BIRTHDAY BABES

In August we celebrated the birthdays of **Leslie and Anne**. September is a big month for birthday **with Eirys , Melissa , Maria , Andrew , Margaret and Kath** all celebrating.


Here's wishing you all a great day!




KEY DATE CLAIMERS

Ipswich Musical Theatre

“Guys and Dolls is one of the greatest musicals of all time. It has more hit songs, more laughs and more romance than any show ever written.”

 Guys and Dolls

 September 13

 Ipswich Civic Centre



16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign led annually by UN Women. It runs every year from 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day). More information to come.

Fund Raising Events

Theatre – 13 September, Ipswich Musical Theatre presents Guys and Dolls, Civic Centre

Theatre Night – 20 November 2024, Ipswich Little Theatre “ Bondi Legal”

Zonta Ipswich Christmas Party – Put in your diary - 1 December from 5 pm at Jane’s place.
A relaxed evening with friends! Details to come.

MEETING SCHEDULE

September	
9/9	Advocacy Meeting
9/9	Service Committee
10/9	Membership Committee
13/9	Ipswich Musical Theatre presents Guys and Dolls, Civic Centre
16/9	Board
23/9	Club Meeting
October	
11/10	YOUTH FORUM for 16 Days of Activism
13/10	Breast Cushion Day Jill’s home
14/10	Advocacy Meeting
14/10	Service Committee
15/10	Membership Committee
21/10	Board
28/10	Club Meeting – UN Dinner
November	
9/11	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
11/11	Advocacy Meeting
11/11	Service Committee
12/11	Membership Committee
18/11	Board
20/11	Theatre Night – Bondi Legal
25/11	Club Meeting and Launch of 16 Days of Activism
28/11	IGGS Birthing Kits
December	
1/12	Club Christmas Party – Jane’s Place (Details to come)

10/12	16 Days of Activism ends.
January	
1/1	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



Inducted to the DFV Prevention Honour Roll
in recognition of our organisation's action to prevent domestic
and family violence, raise awareness and support people
impacted by domestic and family violence in Queensland.

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