

East-Enders



ZONTA

CLUB OF
BRISBANE EAST INC

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

July 2025

President's Report

Thanks to members' input at my first club meeting, we have determined to streamline business discussions, and to regularly include activities to increase knowledge and engagement in Zonta projects. I look forward to sharing updates from our meetings through this newsletter, and on social media.

One of my Zonta highlights during June was attending Zonta Says Now Australian Think Tank (Zoom meeting). Presentation by Maya Farmer on Generation Justice (Maya is Zonta D23 Young Woman in Leadership Awardee 2025); Discussion on what we can do: Gather the Facts, Lead by Example, Use Our Voice, Advocate, Collaborate.

You can view this Think Tank session:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFgGXFu9ROk>



I have written a short article about Zonta Says Now to Gender-Equal Climate Action (page 4). I encourage all members to look at the resources, join a Think Tank, research and raise ideas about what we can do within Zonta Brisbane East.

Enjoy this edition – please share your Zonta learnings and inspirations; and provide feedback, articles and photos for each month's newsletter.

Jacinta

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Upcoming Events:

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

To carry out Zonta International's Mission that women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, ZI offers the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. This Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. 2025 Awardees were announced in June: Erin Holdorf who is studying at Australian National University is one of these recipients [Introducing the 2025 Amelia Earhart Fellows](#)
The applications for 2026 open in July.

Amelia Earhart High Tea: 27 July, 10.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Zonta Club of Brisbane South is hosting this High Tea to celebrate women in aviation and aerospace.

Location: Victoria Park, 309 Herston Road, Herston Qld 4105

Cost: \$70

Tickets available: [Amelia Earhart High Tea Celebration 2025 Tickets, Victoria Park, Herston | TryBooking Australia](#)

Join the Zonta Brisbane East table – book before 14th July



Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award

Zonta International offers 10 international awards of US\$10,000 each and a complimentary one-year supporting membership in Zonta International for the next financial year.

Who is eligible:

Women aged 18-35 at time of application, who demonstrate evidence of

- Exceptional leadership in a business-related field of study or industry
- Entrepreneurial spirit
- Ethical conduct
- Significant contributions to addressing global or local issues affecting women and girls or climate justice.

Applications are to be submitted to Zonta Club of Brisbane East by 31 July.

[Zonta International District 22 | » Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award](#)

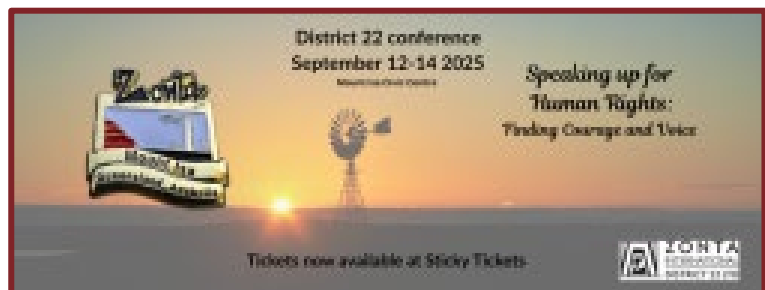
Zonta District 22 Conference:

Conference Theme is *Speaking Up for Human Rights: Finding Courage and Voice*

When: 12-14 September 2025

Where: Mt Isa

Early Bird tickets are available until 1 August.



For more information about the conference, and to register:

[Zonta International District 22 Ltd. 2025 Conference and meeting of members | Sticky Tickets](#)

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There will be discussion on **STEM Changemakers** at D22Conference, and consideration of this becoming a D22 project.

Sarah Chapman is the Founder of STEM Changemakers, a program focused on empowering underrepresented regional Australian girls in STEM. Sarah has experience as a secondary science educator / Head of Department; she is Founder of Townsville STEM Hub, Co-Chair of Women in STEMM Australia, Board Member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. In January 2025, Sarah was the Australian Team Lead and Flag Bearer for the Global Chemistry Education Program. She has received awards recognising her excellence in teaching and her commitment to engaging young people in STEM. Access more information: [Sarah Chapman](#)

Learn about the program: [STEM Changemakers](#) – there's a video on this webpage, and information on recent coaching / engagement / mentoring workshops.

And have a listen to podcast with Sarah Chapman: Paving the Way for Girls in STEM [Stories of Giving and Receiving](#)

Our past month

Homelessness Project

We have delivered 63 mini-packs of toiletries to Rosies Friends on the Street, to be given to women and girls. (photo on page 5) Rosies offers friendship and acceptance to those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or are experiencing social isolation or loneliness. This is achieved with a friendly smile and a cuppa and chat. [Home - Rosies](#)



Family Fun Day on 8th June 2025

Great opportunity to promote Zonta to the community and to service providers. And we had the chance to network with

- **Red Rose Foundation:** their work includes direct support for survivors of non-lethal strangulation, systems advocacy, law reform, education and training, research and community awareness. *#ChangeTheEnding*
- **BABI Youth and Family Service:** their work includes housing support for young people aged 16-21 years, young parents (aged under 25 years) and their children through case-management to support skills and independence. They also offer Drop-In and School Holiday activities, Get Set for Work program, and Youth Leadership program.
- **Bayside Community Legal Service:** their mission is to maximise access to professional legal advice and assistance for those who would otherwise be unable to access these services. They provide free 30-minute one-off legal advice appointments across a range of areas, including domestic and family violence. They also offer free facilitated co-mediation for dispute resolution.
- **The Centre for Women & Co:** a specialist domestic and family violence and women's wellbeing service across Logan and the Redlands. Their support services are free for people who live or work in these regions.
- **Brisbane Zero Campaign:** working to end and prevent homelessness for individuals, youth and families, starting with those who are or have been sleeping rough.
- **YMCA Wynnum Community Hub:** services include Emergency Relief

Zonta Says Now to Gender-Equal Climate Action

Zonta International's **Statement on Climate Change: A Gender Equality Issue** highlights the importance of educating girls, having more women in parliament, and closing gender gaps in economic participation and responses to climate change.

Zonta International established **Zonta Says NOW to gender-equal Climate Action** to put the Statement into practice.

[Zonta Says NOW](#) provides a range of resources to increase our awareness of this ZI campaign, and to start discussions about what action can be taken by Zonta clubs.

Members will enjoy viewing art, photographs, poetry, quilts on the Virtual Art Gallery – the rationale is that the artworks engage our emotional limbic brain (75% responsible for our behaviours and decisions) while raising awareness of gender and climate issues. The 2025 entries were posted on United Nations Mother Earth Day (22 April).

Visit this website: [Zonta Says NOW – to gender-equal climate action](#) – my favourite tabs are:

- Australian Think Tank. This connects Zontians from around Australia via Zoom meetings every 2 months to listen to expert speakers, exchange ideas and discuss what action we are taking. You can join the Think Tank mailing list, and watch previous Think Tanks (back to April 2023)
- Actions. First step is to gather the information. Can you answer: “What does climate change have to do with gender equality?” This UNF video is a good starting point: [The Connection Between Gender and Climate](#)

Zontians need to understand the issues, develop our networks, use our skills and experience, and add gender equality and climate action to our club advocacy activities.

Zonta, Gender Equity, and a Vision for 2030 & Beyond

Zonta International Strategic Plan 2023-2030 has 4 goals; the 3rd of which is *International Leadership and Sustainability*

Zonta manages its resources to ensure the organisation's long-term viability and success. This will involve modernising Zonta governance structure to ensure innovation and effective decision-making.

Subgoals include: Evaluating operational and cost structures to be best positioned for the future; protecting Zonta's assets; addressing ZI governance, leadership and internal structures; enhance trust in Zonta Foundation for Women for its work with unique and impactful programs which will attract donations and raise new funds from diverse avenues.

New opportunities will include: meaningful member experiences for club members, supporting members, young professional and student club members, resulting in greater member and donor retention; through modernising ZI governance structure, the organisation and its leadership are agile and able to meet changing demands of the future.

[ZontaInternationalStrategicPlan.pdf](#)

Diary Dates

21 July 2025	Club Meeting – 7 p.m. start; ZOOM
27 July 2025	Amelia Earhart High Tea Celebration (see details in newsletter)
31 July 2025	Applications close for Women in Business Leadership Award
18 August 2025	Club Meeting – 7 p.m. start; ZOOM
30 August 2025	District 22 Pty Ltd AGM 9am start; ZOOM (all members can attend)

Of Interest:

- 06-13 July 2025: NAIDOC Week
2025 NAIDOC theme is 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy' [Home page | NAIDOC](#)
- 11 July 2025: [World Population Day | United Nations](#)
The World Population Dashboard showcases global population data, including gender parity in school enrolment, information on sexual and reproductive health – data shines light on health and rights of people around the world, especially women and children.
- 30 July 2025: [World Day Against Trafficking in Persons | United Nations](#)
This year's campaign focuses on raising awareness of the causes and vulnerabilities associated with child trafficking. There is a critical need for dedicated support for victims of trafficking; there is a need to address current shortcomings and accelerate action.

Save these Dates:

- 26 October 2025: Vintage Garden Party – Club fundraiser 12.00 – 4.00 p.m.**
26 November 2025: Paint Bayside Orange Breakfast (approx. 6.30 – 8.30 a.m.)
27 November 2025: DFV City Walk (approx. 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.)
11-14 July 2026: Zonta International Convention, Vancouver, Canada

Opportunities to be involved this month

- Promote Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award – club applications must be received by 31 July
- Containers for Change – our club receives 10c for each container. Collect and deposit cans and bottles; (quote the number **C10671310**).
- Club Meeting 21 July – this will be ZOOM meeting
- Members and friends attend Amelia Earhart High Tea (supporting Zonta Brisbane South) – a great fellowship opportunity on 27 July
- Register for Zonta D22 Conference. Early Bird tickets close 1st August.

June's photo diary: Promoting Zonta at Family Fun Day in Wynnum; Delivery of toiletry packs to Rosies Friends on the Streets; coffee catch-ups



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NAIDOC 2025: The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

I have been inspired in my review of a few First Nation women who are tackling gender equality through supporting women's education and career development.

Irene Stanley.

- Founder of Indigenous Women in Trades - a Social Enterprise that helps Indigenous Women get into a trade, by providing a space where women feel safe to explore a trade career, through mentoring and hands on experience.
- Manager of First Class Finish (FCF) Services Pty Ltd. FCF Painting in SE Qld since 2018, and FCF Painting and Maintenance within NT.

[Indigenous Women in Trades](#)

[International Women's Day: Irene Stanley — Community First Development](#)

Larissa Hale

- First Indigenous woman ranger coordinator in Qld
- Founder of Queensland Indigenous Women Rangers Network (QIWRN) in 2018 to support career opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who are dedicated to looking after their Country and culture.
- QIWRN hosts 2 forums / year, and provides networking, support and training for over 240 women from Lake Eyre Basin to the Torres Strait Islands.
- QIWRN won a Prince William Earthshot Prize 2022 for collecting information on ecosystems to revive Australia's oceans, and for training women in modern conservation techniques combined with traditional knowledge (it was noted at that time that only 20% of Australian rangers were women).
- A proud Jalunji Warra woman from Cape York

[QIWRN | IWRN](#)

Kim Dyball

- Executive Manager of the Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy, which implements culturally safe, inclusive practices to provide targeted support and access to STEM experiences and STEM careers. It also fosters a peer network for indigenous women who have shared interests in science, technology, engineering and maths
- Recipient of 2024 Churchill Fellowship to investigate how young indigenous women are empowered to thrive in STEM fields.
- Over 30 years in education, youth affairs and policy, empowering Indigenous communities – especially young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women – to excel in their chosen fields.
- A proud Kalkadoon woman

[Kim Dyball: Championing Indigenous women in STEM - CSIRO](#)

[Young Indigenous Womens STEM Academy Program - CSIRO](#)

2025

ZONTA WOMEN IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD



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Encouraging women to drive innovation and impact in the business world



1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

District award
\$2000 AUD

10 international awards US
\$10,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: zonta.org/womeninbusinessleadership.

CLUB DEADLINE:

31 JULY 2025

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC
brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org

The Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working to build a better world for women and girls.