

# East-Enders



ZONTA

CLUB OF  
BRISBANE EAST INC

BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

**September 2025**

## **President's Patter**

This month's 'moment' was representing our Club (with Susan) at the Red Bench Launch at Coorparoo. An opportunity to network with service providers and community members committed to eliminating domestic violence, to learn and to contribute to the action.



Of course, looking forward to Zonta Conference in a couple of weeks. Not too late – registrations are open until 5th September. I am particularly keen to learn from keynote speakers: Aaron Schultz from Outback Mind Foundation, Darryl Gardiner from Rolling with the Punches, and Michael Jeh from Small Steps 4 Hannah, about engaging with men in addressing the challenges of Gender Based Violence, and the intersection with male mental health. My interest in these connections heightened since listening to Zonta's webinar: Engaging men and boys in gender equality: A new perspective (see article summary on page 4).

Enjoy this edition – thanks Kerstin for sharing photos this month. Members are asked to share your Zonta learnings and inspirations, and provide feedback, articles and photos for next month's newsletter.

*Jacinta*

### **What's in the Newsletter**

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## Upcoming Events:

### **Zonta District 22 Conference: 12-14 September 2025**

*Speaking Up for Human Rights: Finding Courage and Voice*

Ros, Jo and Jacinta are attending this conference and will report at our next meeting.

### **2026 Zonta Women in STEM Scholarship**

**– closing date for Zonta Brisbane East Applications: 10 October 2025**

Zonta Club of Brisbane East is accepting applications from women aged 18-35 years in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. Applications for the Brisbane East Club award close on 10 October; our club winner will receive \$500 and her application will be presented to Zonta District 22. A poster is attached to this newsletter. For more information about this Award: [Zonta Women in STEM Award](#)

### **Garden Party: 26 October 2025**

Zonta Brisbane East's major fundraiser this year – funds will support our service and advocacy projects. Please attend with your family and friends.

Cost: \$10 per person (entry fee)

Purchase wine, beer, soft drinks, tea/coffee, afternoon tea and charcuterie board.

Wander or sit and relax or play games in the garden.

Browse and buy some great books.

Try your luck with some raffles.

Stay as long as you like between 12.00 noon and 4 p.m.



### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: 7 November 2025**

Thanks to members, HonZons, families and friends who have volunteered to work on this sizzle. This will be our first time at Oxley Bunnings: 32 Blunder Road, Oxley.

Thanks to Jo for securing this date; she and Lyn will attend the orientation session and update us in our October meeting.

## Our past month

### **Zonta Women in Business Leadership – Brisbane East Club Winner Announced.**

Congratulations to Isabella Fernando, currently studying at QUT to attain Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Business Technology. Isabella will receive Club Award, and her application forwarded to Zonta District 22 for consideration of District Award.

Isabella will be invited to attend a Club meeting when she returns from overseas work assignments.

Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award acknowledges and celebrates women who demonstrate exceptional leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, ethical conduct and make significant contributions to their respective industries while addressing global or local issues affecting women and girls or climate justice.

## Yeronga Celebrates



Lesley and Jacinta were honoured to attend this multicultural celebration at Yeronga State High School. We networked with other guests invited to the opening ceremony, during which students from 70 nationalities participated in the Parade of Nations (photo depicts Principal Ben Orford with 2 students introducing students from each nation). The day was filled with workshops, food festival, concert and sports competition.

It was a great opportunity for Zonta Brisbane East to build our relationship with Yeronga State High School.

We look forward to presenting the Jill Hedley Tertiary Scholarship to a Gr 12 girl on their Awards Night.

## Red Bench Launch at Coorparoo

Our thanks to Joe Kelly MP Member for Greenslopes for inviting Zonta Brisbane East to the launch of Red Bench at Coorparoo School of Arts. Susan and Jacinta enjoyed this opportunity to hear presentations made by Joe Kelly, Cr Fiona Cunningham, Councillor for Coorparoo Ward, and Lucy Lord, CEO Red Rose Foundation (in this photo).

Red Rose Foundation monitors the outcomes of all Domestic Violence Death Review Boards, and highlights the deaths of victims of domestic violence through Red Rose rallies, informing media, establishing partnerships, undertaking public education, and engaging with families of those killed to offer support or referral.

The Red Bench Project is one way to raise awareness of domestic violence and to ensure this important issue remains highly visible in the community.

[Domestic Violence | Red Rose Foundation | Australia](#)



## Zonta International Webinar: Engaging men and boys in gender equality: A new perspective. Rethinking masculinity

The Gender Equality Committee of the Conference of INGOs recently hosted this webinar presented by Alessandra Pauncz, Executive Director of WWP EN, the European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence.

Take one hour to listen to this webinar: <https://vimeo.com/1092369580>

European statistics are presented: boys' tertiary education take-up, mental health / suicide rates, risky behaviour / addiction, chronic health issues.

The webinar included discussion on transitioning masculinity and some strategies to address male disadvantage: education, work-based inclusion, mental health interventions, positive masculinity.

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

Zonta International Strategic Plan 2023-2030 has 4 goals:

- *Credible and Visible Voice*
- *Club Success*
- *International Leadership and Sustainability*
- *Engagement of Audiences and Allies*

These have been summarised in the past 4 issues of East-Enders.

[ZontaInternationalStrategicPlan.pdf](#)

Members are encouraged to review Zonta District 22 Strategic Plan's District and Club actions for this biennium. Zonta Brisbane East Board welcomes members' feedback on our progress and suggestions for further action.

## Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action

Continuing to review resources on Zonta International website: [Zonta Says NOW](#)

What Action can we take?

Members can

- Increase their awareness of climate change and its gender-related consequences
  - have a look at this 4 minute video [Why do we need Zonta Says NOW](#)
  - re-read Zonta International's Statement on Climate Change – A Gender Equality Issue  
[ZontaInternationalStatementonClimateChange\\_ClimateChangeAGenderEqualityIssue.pdf](#)
- Promote girls' education, and girls' participation in STEM studies to increase gendered scientific and technical contributions to climate change mitigation. Members have the opportunity to promote Women in STEM for the next month – refer to the article and flyer in this newsletter. Use your networks to promote and encourage applications.
- Use their art and passion to promote gender-equal climate action. Have a look at the Virtual Art Gallery which is a global online exhibit showcasing original work. These artworks connect with our emotions and highlight how people feel about climate change, gender equality and climate justice. [Virtual Art Gallery - ZONTA Says Now to Climate Justice](#).  
Submissions for 2026 are now open (and close on 8 March 2026). Members can submit photographs, videos, paintings, poems, sculptures, music, textiles. Access information and the submission form: [Virtual-Art-Gallery-Submission-Form-2026.pdf](#)  
This year's Virtual Art Gallery will go online 22 April 2026. (United Nations Mother Earth Day)

This would be an exciting way for Zonta Brisbane East members to participate in Zonta Says NOW campaign – AND we have many talented artistic members!

## **Diary Dates**

12-14 September	Zonta District 22 Conference, Mt Isa
15 September	Club Meeting – 7 p.m. start; Bulimba Library or ZOOM
10 October	Closing Date for Zonta Brisbane East Club Award for Women in STEM (refer to flyer at end of this newsletter)
15 October	Balmoral State High School Awards Night – Zonta Bev Farley Award will be presented to a graduating Gr 12 female student
20 October	Club Meeting – 7 p.m. start; Bulimba Library or ZOOM
26 October	Garden Party fundraiser – between 12.00 – 4.00 p.m.
07 November	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
17 November	Club Meeting – 7 p.m.
26 November	Paint Bayside Orange Breakfast (approx. 6.30 – 8.30 a.m.)
27 November	DFV City Walk (approx. 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.)
Of Interest	
18 September	International Equal Pay Day Achieving equal pay is an important milestone for human rights and gender equality. UN Women and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) invites all community and business groups to promote equal pay for work of equal value and the economic empowerment of women and girls. These resources provide information on wage gap, unemployment, unpaid work etc: <a href="#">Women in the changing world of work - Facts you should know</a>

## **Save this Date:**

23 May 2026 Dîner en Rouge (Fundraiser)

### ***Opportunities to be involved this month***

- Attend our Club Meeting 15 September – will be great to see everyone in the library meeting room.
- Containers for Change – our club receives 10c for each container. Collect and deposit cans and bottles; (quote the number **C10671310**).
- Collect books for our Book Sale at the Garden Party. Bring to September and October Club meetings.
- Buy tickets (\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00) in the Zonta International District 22 multi prize raffle. Funds raised will go to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Purchase before 11 a.m. 14<sup>th</sup> September [Zonta International District 22](#)

August's photo diary: Club Zoom meeting, Yeronga Celebrates, coffee catch up, Garden Party committee meeting, researching on Zonta websites



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## **ZONTA WOMEN IN STEM AWARD**

**Encouraging women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields**



### **1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES**

**Club award**    **District award**    **16 international awards US**  
**Varies by club**    **\$2000 AUD**    **\$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/womeninstem](https://zonta.org/womeninstem).

**CLUB DEADLINE:**

**AWARD \$500**

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

**[brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org](mailto:brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org)**

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