

Annual Report 2021

ZONTA e-CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC



MAY 2021



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MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

OUR MISSION

Zonta International is a global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

OUR VISION

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making position on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

OUR THEME

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy

President's Report

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the achievements of the Zonta e-Club of Queensland over the last 12 months.

The Zonta e-Club of Queensland was formed after the dissolution of the Zonta club of Greater Springfield. With the approval of Zonta International Headquarters, an inaugural meeting was held on the 25th of June 2019 where a board of the new e-Club was elected.

As the e-Club is sponsored by a district, rather than a club, the club has continued to receive a great deal of support from current District Governor Bridget Mather (member of the ZC e-Club of Queensland), past DG Sandy Brown, , past District Treasurer Jill Lucht and current Area 4 Director Jenni Ziesemer and past AD Helen Miller. These Zontians have continued to offer support and guidance when needed. It is important to note that District 22 has allowed us to use the District 22 ZOOM subscription for our monthly e-Club meetings for which we are very grateful. Thank you District 22.

Our members

The Zonta e-Club of Queensland membership includes members who are new to Zonta and members who have transferred membership from their respective clubs to an e-Club. This includes Zontians from the ZC Greater Springfield Inc. (Karen Newton and Christie Hooper), from the ZC Mackay Inc. (Kiara O’Gorman, Leanne Shepherd, Marie Cameron and Bridget Mathers), from the ZC Toowoomba Area Inc. (Ans Van Erp and Deborah Tranter), from the ZC Toowoomba Garden City Inc. (Kathy Walker and Pamela Elmes), from the ZC Northside Inc. (Ruthie Adams), from the ZC Biloela Inc. (Julie Muscat), from the ZC Melbourne on Yarra (Angela Yin) and from the ZC Maroochy Inc. (Kath Smith). The e-Club has two members who previously did not belong to a club: our first male member, Ross Finlayson, and Danica Mather. How special to have a mother and daughter team in our e-Club.

At the 2020 AGM, the following members were elected:

- President: Ans Van Erp

- Secretary: Leanne Shepherd
- Board Directors: Ross Finlayson and Danica Mather

As there were no nominations for the position of Treasurer, Jill Lucht, member of the ZC Ipswich kindly agreed to be bookkeeper until a Treasurer was identified.

Meetings

e-Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 6:00 pm, using the ZOOM platform.

Marketing and Promotion

New Marketing materials for the e-Club include two banners depicted below. The banner 'We Empower Women and Girls' is kindly donated by Danica Mather.



From left to right: Ruthie Adams, Bridget Mather, Ans Van Erp, Marie Cameron

A5 double-sided e-Club flyer designed by Ruthie Adams

ZONTA SAYS YES TO GENDER EQUALITY

Advocacy through Education

ZONTA International empowers women and girls in 65 countries globally - to gain gender equality and prevent violence.

Women's rights are human rights.
Women's issues are community issues.
Community issues are everyone's business.

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100 years strong

8 November 1919, five women developed a vision to empower women and girls; Advocacy through Education.
That vision became ZONTA International.

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

ZONTA empowers women and girls. Advocacy through Education

ZONTA Queensland club members think globally and work locally to advocate for women's issues.

ZONTA has instigated awards and bursaries in schools and universities - raising millions of dollars for both local and international projects.

ZONTA has changed lives through:

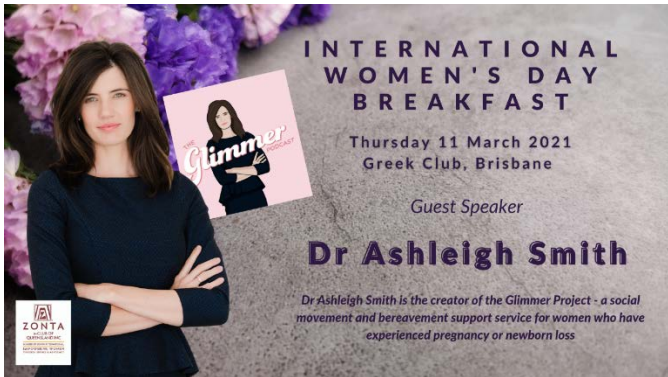
- Awards for women of excellence in Antipapara IT, Business and young leaders 16 - 19 years
- Education programs for girls: Z & Golden Z clubs
- Advocacy for gender equality and against violence to women and girls
- Supporting women in developing countries

Why not join us? You can also enhance your personal leadership skills: managing teams; governance and communication in a collaborative environment.

Contact us today:

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Our e-Club Facebook Page, regularly updated by Bridget Mather, receives many 'likes' and is a great medium to create 'engagements', invite 'comments' and 'shares'. The post on The International Women's Day breakfast held at the Greek Club for example (see banner below), demonstrated that Facebook increased awareness about the event, encouraged RSVP's and stimulated the ticket sales. The breakfast quickly became a sell-out event!!



June 2020

Installation of the Board by Helen Miller. Excerpt from the installation
Will the Zonta e-Club members please raise their hands and repeat after me?

We pledge ourselves ... to uphold and practise the ideals of Zontaand work together ...for the rewards of service, fellowship, and international understanding.
Helen Miller (AD): May the year ahead inspire you to work together and create a world where the Zonta vision is a reality (here is a picture of the installation)



July 2020

Due to the cancellation of the ZI Convention in Chicago, the installation of the 2020-2022 Zonta International Board and Governors was a virtual event which was held on Friday 17 July 2020 4:00 PM Chicago time via ZOOM. Here is a pic of ANZ District Governors with ZI President Sharon Langenbeck leading the ANZ districts Can you spot our DG and e-Club member?? Pictured in the centre is ZI President Sharon Langenbeck.



August 2020

On Wed 19th August, the e-Club together with Origin Energy hosted a very successful Young Women in Sciences Forum for Yr. 9 & 10 high school students in Chinchilla. Members Kiara O’Gorman and Marie Cameron had done a tremendous job in bringing this STEM event together which was also beamed ‘live’ to many other rural and remote schools. The forum hosted a number of very talented scientists and engineers who shared their passion and interest in STEM and who all freely gave their time to tell the students about why they had chosen this career and why it was such a satisfying and fulfilling career. Throughout the morning, students had opportunities to ask questions (which they did!!) and remarkably, many students decided to change their subjects to include at least one science subject. Here are some pics of the event.





September 2020

Guest Speaker Lyn Agnew, D22 Lt Governor asked us to focus on club cohesiveness to meet the membership retention biennium goal. Her talk included several strategies to facilitate membership: **Enable** members to increase knowledge using technology, **evaluate** membership journey to retirement/exit, **empower** members to return, **engage** members without email addresses and **review** the club constitution for discriminatory restrictions to membership. Thank you Lyn for an informative talk.

Club Survey

The e-Club distributed its annual club survey which has become an important tool to explore members' satisfaction of club operations. The survey showed that members appreciate that meetings were short and to the point and most members remarked that the e-Club activities fit their needs with the right blend between fundraising, service, and advocacy. As a result of the survey the day of the club meeting moved to the second Wednesday of the month.

October 2020

To mark the International Day for Rural Women at Western Downs Community Centre in Miles, during Mental Health week, the Zonta e-Club together with the Murilla Community Centre and Origin Energy, Queensland Rural, Remote Women's Network, and Queensland Country Women's Association hosted a "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

and Health Spirit' event in Miles. Partnering with QRRRWN & QCWA the event hosted several guest speakers including Ans Van Erp and Marrissa Moore, from R-Health. The event was also available on e-Club FB live. And despite the pandemic, Murilla Community Centre managed to host a successful COVID safe event.

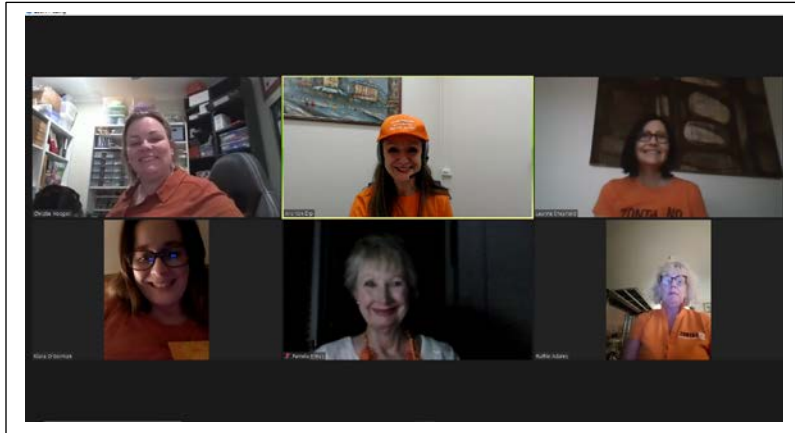
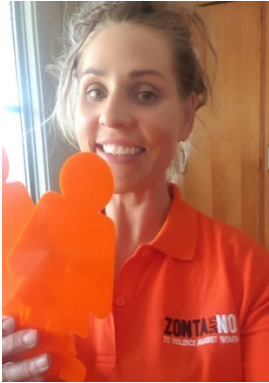


With members of QRRRWN, QCWA and R-Health

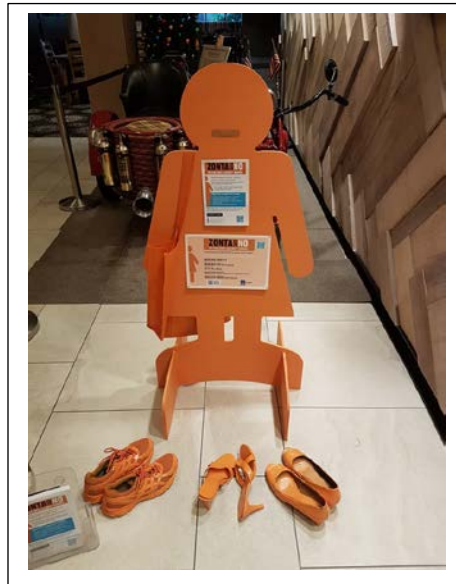
In October, the Zonta e-Club also held the annual Strategic Planning Meeting in South Brisbane to plan and prepare for service, advocacy and membership initiatives ahead. Thank you, Marie for hosting this important event for the second year in a row!!

November 2020

During the 16 days of activism, the Zonta e-Club posted daily messages on Facebook, highlighting the important facts and statistics about the Zonta Says No to Violence campaign. At the November club meeting all members were wearing ORANGE!!



e-Club member Ruthie Adams set up an Orange Display at the BrackenRidge Tavern.



December 2020

Christmas Celebrations included showing a Zonta International Video highlighting the progress of many of our ZI projects and playing a Christmas Fun game to try and find out 5 things we all have in common which include: speaking a different language, currently living in town where they were not born, all have a sibling, all have been overseas and won something.

February 2021

The e-Club did not meet in January 2021, however there was an important event that occurred in January. Member Kiara O’Gorman and her husband welcome a beautiful baby girl Keeley O’Gorman, born 20 January 2021. Welcome Keeley, our first Zonta e-Club baby!!



Congratulations to Danica Mather who initiated a ‘GoFundMe’ page to raise funds for Whitegoods for Murilla Community Centre. It was a ‘first’ for the club and I wish to express my thanks to Danica on investing time and effort to learn about GoFundMe and design the website and get it ‘up and running’ on Facebook. The funds raised a total \$722!! Great success.

Zonta's Muster for Murilla Community Centre

\$722 raised of \$1,500 goal

20 donors 24 shares 20 followers

Share

Donate now

This fundraiser is located near you

March 2021

International Women’s Day was celebrated in style at the Greek Club. Due to the fabulous support from Ros Kinder, President of the ZC Brisbane East, the e-Club was

able to participate in the IWD celebrations and co-host a breakfast at the Greek Club in Brisbane. Guest speaker was Dr Ashleigh Smith, creator of the Glimmer Project, a social movement and bereavement support service for women who have experienced pregnancy or newborn loss. The event was very successful and raised \$500.



Another successful event was hosted by Ruthie Adams and HonZon Ben White, Manager of the BrackenRidge Tavern raising a total of \$1500 AUD. This networking event was also a platform to raise the profile of Zonta and showcase the work of ZI and District 22 Pty Ltd.



From left to right: Lyn Agnew, D22 Lt Gov, Ans Van Erp, Christine Carr, D22 Treasurer, Ruthie Adams, Bridget Mather, D22 Governor and Ben White, Manager BrackenRidge Tavern.

Member Christie Hooper has introduced a very successful fundraiser 'Cash for Containers' which has raised a total close to \$300 since it started. Please encourage

your friends and family to use this scheme ID next time they recycle their bottles and cans



I never cease to be amazed as how we as a relatively new (small but growing) club work together towards achieving our goals! My gratitude to Secretary Leanne Shepherd, Directors Danica Mather and Ross Finlayson and our trusted bookkeeper Jill Lucht.

Lastly, I wish to thank all e-Club members who continue to contribute with ideas, personal effort, dedication, and drive. It's truly been an honour being your President.

Ans Van Erp

