



**APRIL
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Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Mission of Zonta International: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Vision of Zonta International: Envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized 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 positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

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NEXT DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, 17 April 2018

6.00pm: Drinks

**6.30pm: Meeting – AGM and induction
 new members**

7.30pm: Dinner

**Urban Grounds
 210 Herries Street, Tmba**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HELEN FLETCHER

Thanks to all members, members' families and friends who contributed to the Grand Homes Tour. It was again a huge success.

The Board members conducted the April meeting by email as so many of us were enjoying Easter holidays. When our Club was chartered it wouldn't have been possible to collate rapid responses from Toowoomba and surrounds, other parts of Australia and overseas. The changes in technology are an enormous help in facilitating our communication efficiency in a time when we all seem to be very mobile and very busy.

At the April dinner meeting members will have the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions on the Grand Homes Tour. It is my belief that we have established a quality and enduring event that seems to keep getting better every year.

The nomination committee is working to fill the slate for the new Board. I urge all members to get involved at some time as there's a real sense of satisfaction in our achievements.

The success of the Grand Homes Tour demonstrates that as a group we are outstanding achievers.

I will be an apology for the April dinner meeting as by then I will be in Scotland. However, everything is organised for the meeting and the election of office bearers for the next board. We have willing and talented members who bring their skills and enthusiasm to our club.

There are also new members to be inducted and welcomed into our Club. I'm really sorry to be away for that. I look forward to seeing everyone again in May.

FUNDRAISING & PR COMMITTEE

NATALIE FOSTER



Grand Homes Tour report:

- Self drive ticket sales for Grand Homes increased slightly from 2017 (65 in 2017, 75 in 2018)
- Increase in raffle ticket sales of \$631
- Sponsorship funds slightly down on 2017 (- \$450)
- Cost for food for morning tea greatly reduced however offset by some additional expenses at the Empire
- Increase in total funds raised

- Predominantly great feedback from ticket holders, very happy with the calibre and range of homes
- Excellent reports on the home made morning tea!
- Extra lunch offers/options well received
- Profit - \$16,877.45



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

REGAN CASS

Birthday catch up for March and April Thursday 26 April from 5.30pm at the Moose Bar in the Walton Stores. It is a Canadian desert bar they serve wine, cocktails, coffee, ice cream and donuts it's a really nice venue. It was lovely to get to know Leanne and Angela at our last meeting who are going to join our club. Also great to see Kathy Bird even just for a short time who is busy caring for her husband we are thinking of them both and wish Evan a speedy recovery. We welcomed back Denise who has been in South Africa with her mother who sadly passed away.

Thank you to all those members who came and helped in my kitchen. It was really lovely to get to know each other a bit better. I also really appreciate Lyn Nicholson and Denis Roos help who had a big enough job organizing raffles without helping me with food. Lyn even had homework! Thank you to Noel, Amy, Eddie, Russell and Nev (Lyn's brother who ironed all the serviettes down!) Behind every busy woman is a good husband, daughter or brother!



Important news is we have **Louise, Wendy, Leanne, Jenny and Angela** whom we will induct at our next meeting.

SERVICE & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

CAROLYN HOWE

USQ Professor Ronel Erwee Garden City Zonta Club Bursary winner: We have received four applications for the USQ Professor Ronel Erwee Garden City Zonta Club Bursary. Many thanks to our selection committee of Wendy Roche, Glenis Charles, Denise Roos and Tess Lawry for taking the time to learn about the applicants, who are all very hardworking and deserving women. We have discussed the relative merits (it really is hard to decide!) and are happy to announce our winner.

We would like to award this year's bursary to the aptly named Pamela Doctor. Pamela is studying nursing at USQ in order to obtain her Australian registration. She had the top GPA at 6.5, with 3 High Distinctions and 3 Distinctions. She explained that she would ultimately like to become a cardio-thoracic surgeon or a brain specialist. Our committee hoped that Ronel would approve of Pamela's academic results and her drive and tenacity.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with our service projects. It has been lovely being able to distribute over **100 breast cushions** to the Toowoomba Hospital, St Andrew's and St Vincent's. We have kept a small number of cushions, in case anyone in the Club would like to request one for a friend or family member.

ZONTA CLUB TMBA GARDEN CITY NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2018

The Birthing Kit Foundation confirmed that our 400 kits have been sent overseas and gave us a summary of the projects that they have supported in March 2018 –

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 March.

Kit Distribution Report

Country	Partner organisation
<i>Cameroon</i>	<i>Reach Out Cameroon and Spring Care Foundation</i>
<i>Burundi</i>	<i>Association Infirmier Sans Frontière Burundi</i>
<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Teso Women Peace Activists; Foundation for Development and Relief Africa; Beaton Foundation Initiative; Egoli Africa and Think Humanity</i>
<i>DR Congo Kenya</i>	<i>Mission in Health Care and Development and Redefined Ministries</i>
<i>Kenya</i>	<i>World Youth International</i>
<i>Nigeria</i>	<i>Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development</i>
<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	<i>Wesleyan Health Services</i>
<i>Somalia</i>	<i>Social Relief Organisation</i>
<i>Tanzania</i>	<i>Future Warriors Project and Hurumia Watoto Organisation</i>



DATE CLAIMERS

Date	Event/Action Required
April 17	April Dinner Meeting and Annual General Meeting
April 26	Birthday Catch-up from 5.30pm at the Moose Bar, Walton Stores
May 1	May Board Meeting – Incoming and Outgoing Board Members
May 15	May Dinner Meeting – Changeover Dinner
June 5	June Board Meeting
June 15	Zonta Dalby's Butterfly Ball
June 16	Twba Zonta Club's Cooking for a Cause
June 19	June Dinner Meeting
June 29 - July 3	Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan
Sept 7 – 9	Zonta Convention Brisbane – ZI President in Attendance
March 24, 2019	Grand Homes Tour 2019 [tentative]
May 17 – 19, 2019	HOSTING Area 4 Meeting

Club website - <http://zontadistrict22.org/district-22-clubs/zonta-club-of-toowoomba-garden-city-inc/>
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