



**Newsletter of the Zonta Club of the Riverland Inc** Club N<sup>o</sup>. 23 – 02 – 1116

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Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, Berri Resort Hotel, 6:15 pm for 6:30 pm

**Current Meeting:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Annual General Meeting**

**Objects:** Kylie Walsh

**Raffle:** Josie Nelsson

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday

**Handover Dinner**

**Objects:** Toni Bevis

**Raffle:** Robyn Peard

## FINANCE REPORT

**As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

General Funds       \$8,133.02

Service Funds       \$9,352.72

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

The fundraising committee has been busy organising the fashion parade for June.

Toni and I have seen Berri Barmera Council regarding holding the fashion parade in the Town Hall as at this stage

the Bowling club may not be ready in time and we aren't prepared to take that risk.

The tickets are in production at the moment, well being designed. We have spoken to Elle from Ellie's Fashion and Koula from Dimples and they are both very excited about the day.

Unfortunately the bowls day was cancelled to unforeseen circumstances but

it will be on again next year bigger and better and in a great location.

Julie Radloff

## ADVOCACY

Adelaide to Outback GP (AOGP) is proud to announce a very special event to be held on Friday 31 July 2015 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

AOGP White Ribbon Night 2015 with Australian of the Year, Ms Rosie Batty

**'Stand up: Violence against women is your business'**

more information at [www.aogp.com.au/white-ribbon-night](http://www.aogp.com.au/white-ribbon-night) where tickets are now on sale.

## UN WOMEN

Month by month, UN Women are focusing on each of the 12 "Critical Areas of Concern" that make up the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

**April is a focus on Women and Health**

Health, in all respects, physical and mental, is a fundamental human right. It is the basis for well-being and participation in many aspects of life. Biology influences health, but so do social norms, political choices and levels of economic advancement—all of which contain patterns of gender discrimination. This

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means that full health eludes most women in the world today. Discrimination bars some from accessing the health care services they need, or renders them more susceptible to illness. It might come in the form of the man in the family who sleeps alone under the household's only mosquito net. Or refuses to use condoms despite a high risk of transmitting HIV. Gender-based violence, a persistent epidemic in all societies, destroys women's physical and mental health, and at times takes their lives. Early marriage exposes girls to the potentially devastating health impacts of bearing children at too young an age. In many countries, privatizing health care without guarantees of access for everyone has reduced services for women, and pushed onto them additional care responsibilities for sick family members. This leaves them less time to care for themselves, and to pursue opportunities in school or work to improve their lives.

Some progress has been made in improving health care for women. Maternal deaths have dropped by 45 percent since 1990. Yet in 2013, nearly 800 women still died every day from maternal causes—99 per cent of these deaths occurred in developing countries. Most of their lives could have been saved with simple, well-known preventative interventions, even as basic as a bar of soap.

The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted in 1995 by 189 UN Member States, defined health as complete well-being, not just the absence of illness or infirmity. It stipulated that women must enjoy the highest standards of health throughout their lives, increased resources for research and follow-up on women's health concerns, and confirmed women's right to sexual and reproductive health and choices about their sexuality. Among other actions, governments committed to delivering affordable, quality care, and boosting investments in services essential to women. Given how

many health threats women still face, and the failure to uphold their inherent rights, these actions are now more urgent than ever—and long overdue.

### **UN Women Dinner**

Thank you to everyone for your support of our UN Women Dinner on 3 March. The evening was well supported with 103 women in attendance. Joy O'Hazy was a fabulous speaker, inspiring and reflective on why we need to continue our work in Zonta, Empowering Women through Service and Advocacy.

It was great to honour 4 local women for their fight for causes. Gwen Andrews, Rosemary French, Crystal Petch and posthumously Caroline Bristow.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Margot Kranich ~ 30 April

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday 21 June – Fashion Parade

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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