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

### **Tonight's Meeting:**

Tues, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Objects:** Helen Soteriou

**Raffle:** Margot Kranich

### **Guest Speaker For November**

Kerri l'anson

**Next Meeting:** Tues, December 4<sup>th</sup>

### **President's Report**

Welcome to our November meeting and happy Melbourne Cup Day! I can't believe how the year is flying by. Naomi Campbell of Waikerie Piecemakers was a very lively guest speaker at our last meeting. The Piecemakers is the group, which makes the drainage bag holders on our behalf, which we donate to Riverland hospitals. Naomi brought over 100 bags with her! It was the first time some of our newer members had actually seen this useful product. Over the time that the 'Sunday Ladies' have been making them they have continuously improved on their original design. It is basically a lined bag with an adjustable handle and they have now made the handle wider and the bag a bit bigger so it holds a magazine as well as 2 litre drainage bottles. The fabric is new and the majority is donated by members and also by the Waikerie fabric shop, and even some of the fabric reps. They try to ensure that they construct bags in male colours as well.

It was lovely to welcome a new member to the Riverland Club last meeting. We all look forward to getting to know Hannelie van Niekerk better and to help her to find opportunities to become involved in our activities. Please take the

time to introduce yourself to Hannelie and if she looks lost when we are discussing something, it would be nice if you could clarify things for her.

We are gearing up for the end of year Presentation Nights at the four Riverland High Schools, where we will donate a total of \$800. Members will be representing us at three of the schools and former member Josie Nelsson will present the awards at Glossop High School for us as that awards night falls on the same evening as our Christmas dinner.

November is also the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism with regard to reducing Family Violence. You will notice an increase in advertisements, commercials etc reflecting this topic towards the end of the month and going into December. We used to quite actively celebrate White Ribbon Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> November (Walk in my Shoes project and Shout from the Bridge) and Arunika has a proposal to create a large event in conjunction with next year's WRD in order to draw attention to this cause and to help raise the profile of our club. It would also draw visitors to our region.

Diana has been negotiating menu options for the UN Women's International Women's Day Dinner with the Berri Hotel. We aim to have a flyer to distribute to you at the December meeting so that you can start inviting your friends as early as possible. We need to get people to commit up front and not have people pulling out at the last minute nor can we have people trying to be added on the

day as has happened in recent years. We are working on a new way to help us firm up numbers early. We have tentatively chosen "Women in Industry" as our focus for the Community Awards, so start keeping your ear to the ground and begin searching for worthy candidates.

We aim to make a decision regarding the December Christmas meeting at our November dinner. Sorry it is a bit late, but things became a bit hectic when we last talked about getting quotes. Pru Blackwell, who was our proxy at the Zonta International Convention in Yokohama is going to come along that night and share some of the highlights and decisions with us. Area Director Eronwy Edwards may also come along. Remember to organise your Kris Kringle gift for you and any guests that attend.

Kay has sought quotes on the club's behalf to design and host our club's website. Since our website was migrated to new services when a new company took over, we have had problems with the site. A major issue is that the contact section doesn't work, so we are looking at a total rebuild once our current contract runs out.

We held a productive birthing kit workshop last weekend, putting together 1000 kits to assist women in developing countries to be able to give birth in clean and safe conditions. Thanks must go to Kay for ordering the materials and to Jenny for liaising with the Seventh Day Adventist Community with regard to the use of their facilities and for assisting us on the day. Bob and Lorraine pre-folded some of the plastic as did some of the church members, which meant when we arrived we could get straight onto making up the kits. Many of you invited friends from other community groups you belong to and it really was a case of "many hands make light work". So thank you to everyone, who supported us in this venture.

**Margot Kranich, President  
Induction of New Member**



**Elma and Margot inducting our newest member Hannalie Van Niekirk. Congratulation and welcome to Zonta Hannalie!**



**Margot with lively and engaging Guest Speaker Naomi Campbell from Piece Makers.**

**Service hours for 6 months, April - September**

Energy Alive 88 hours

Toiletry Bags 12 hours

Breast Prothesis 50 + 80 hours

Filling for Breast Cushions 4 hours.



Former club member Toni Beviss, with volunteers at Birthing Kit assembly day. Great to see so many people helping out on the day.

**Birthday Wishes to  
Arunika 17<sup>th</sup> November**

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