

Our 28 Charter Members

Joan Corrigan, Sylvia Da Costa Roque, Deva Devahuti, **Leneen Forde AC**, Joan Godfrey OBE(C), Lynett Gregson, Kathleen Harney, Barbara Hawken, Phyllis Hawken, Rachelle Heap, Audrey Lawrie, Shirley McCorkindale, Freda Parkinson, Alayne Peterson, Stephanie Pidgeon, Margaret Robinson, Helen Row, Bartz Schultz, Ann Shevill (nee Brabazon), Barbara Stellmach, Babette Stephens, Kay Stewart, Barbara Van Den Broek, Coralie Van Straaten-Peretz, Beris Von Heim, Marie Watson-Blake, Yvonne Weier and Beryl Young

Our 26 Presidents

Babette Stephens AM (1971–1976), **Leneen Forde AC** (1976–1978), Mary Magee OAM (1978–1980), **Merryl Ducat** (1980–1982), Shirley King OAM (1982–1983), Ailsa Gillies (1983–1985), Beryce Nelson (1985–1986), Janet Delpratt AM (1986–1988), Shirley McCorkindale (1988–1990), Kay Stewart (1990–1991), Pam Battershill (1991–1993), Pixie Annat MBE OAM(C) (1993–1995), Elizabeth Heber (1995–1997), Joy Vickerstaff AM (1997 – 1999), Coralie van Straaten-Peretz (1999–2000), Sally McGregor (2000–2002), Dina Browne AO (2002–2004), Iris Scott (2004–2006), **Judith Anderson OAM** (2006–2008), Margaret Ferguson (2008–2010), **Julie Mannion** (2010–2012), Pamela Deakin (2012–2013), **Susan Davies** (2013–2015), **Anna Herbert** (2015–2017), Emma Duncan (2017-2019) and **Gwendolen Jull AO** (2020 to present)

Our Members

Judith Anderson OAM, Sallyanne Atkinson AO, Ann Bonner, Karen Brady, Amber Buckland, Nadeyn Barbieri, Leonie Briggs, Lesley Chenoweth AO, Rhonda Davidson-Irwin, Susan Davies, Olivia Dyer, Merryl Ducat, Leneen Forde AC, Margie Fraser, Genevieve Gray, Caroline Heim, Patrice Grealy-Ridley, Anna Herbert, Sam Hollingworth, Susan Hocking, Gwendolen Jull AO, Jane Keating, Kathryn Kelly, Barbara Kent, Anne Landsberg, Kirsty Lindsay, Erin Longbottom QC, Jan Logan, Roberta Lusa, Susan McGinley, Julie Mannion, Kelly McIntyre, Kirsten McKerrell, Sandra McLean, Margaret McMurdo AC, Fiona Meagher, Cinnamon Morrissey, Catherine Muir, Janet Prowse, Gail Rienstra, Kate Rose, Louise Ryan, Susan Scott, Grace Townsend, Cecily Tucker and Lisa Worner
Members elect: Adrienne Irvine, Hannah Knuebuhler, Miyuki Lotz, Lucy Markovich, Sue Richmond, Jude Singleton and Borsca Vass

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Fabulous

Zonta Club of Brisbane

50TH Anniversary Dinner

and

Presentation of Advancement of Women Award

8 November 2021
United Service Club
Brisbane



ZONTA
CLUB OF
BRISBANE INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Programme

Drinks and Canapés

President's welcome

Emeritus Prof. Gwendolen Jull AO

Toasts

Queen, Australia, Zonta International

The Hon Leneen Forde AC
Past International President

Zonta Club of Brisbane

Bridget Mather District 22 Governor

Charter Members

Pat Cussens Area 1 Director

Absent Friends

Judith Anderson OAM

Anniversary Messages

Sharon Langenbeck
Zonta International President

Bridget Mather, District 22 Governor

Zonta Grace

Julie Mannion

Main Course Served

Video Launch:

50 Years of Zonta Club of Brisbane
Sandra McLean

Keynote Speaker

Professor Deborah Terry AO
Vice-Chancellor
The University of Queensland
"Women creating change –
the next 50 years"

Vote of Thanks

The Hon Margaret McMurdo AC

Advancement of Women Award:

Emeritus Prof.
Lesley Chenoweth AO

Presentation of Award:

The Hon Shannon Fentiman MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice,
Minister for Women and Minister for the
Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Cutting of Anniversary Cake

The Hon Leneen Forde AC
Merryl Ducat

Coffee and Cake served

Closing remarks

Emeritus Prof. Gwendolen Jull AO

50 Years of Empowering Women

The Zonta Club of Brisbane has a proud history of realising Zonta's vision and celebrates 50 years of achievements. The Club is part of a global organisation, Zonta International. Dorothy Thompson, on behalf of the Zonta Club of Toronto One, came to Brisbane to form the first Zonta Club in Queensland. Subsequently, our Club was chartered on 21 October 1971. The Club commenced with 28 members, women who were trailblazers in their fields. Zonta Clubs grew in Queensland with members such as Dr Helen Row personally forming 12 new clubs.

Zonta's motto is 'Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy'. Throughout our 50 years we have supported women's shelters, funded safety cards containing information for women and children escaping domestic violence and have lobbied governments for women's shelters. We advocate and support activities addressing the risk and reality of homelessness in older women. Education awards have been presented to more than 260 female high school students in disadvantaged areas and 56 university students.

The Club has a membership of strong and vibrant women who work to empower women until gender equality in all aspects of life is reached and no women live in fear of violence.

Advancement of Women Award

In 2019 Zonta International celebrated its centenary. To mark the occasion, the Zonta Club of Brisbane established the Advancement of Women Award.

The Club's goal was to create an annual award to recognise a person who, through their leadership, work or advocacy, is progressing the position of women. This may be by creating new pathways for women, facilitating women's advancement along existing pathways, or advancing the interests of women through other endeavours in social, community, economic, academic, political or work environments.

The Award was made possible by a gift from a charter member of the Club, the late Dr Joan Godfrey OBE(C), and augmented by gifts from members Susan Davies and Susan Hocking in memory of their late mothers.

Advancement of Women Award Winners
2019 Cathy Hunt