

# Zontact



Dear Zontians,

It is an honour to have been elected to serve as the President of the ZONTA Club of Bunbury 2014- 2015. I know the next two years are going to be a very exciting time for our club as we are growing in size, have some wonderful new members and lots of exciting projects and fundraising activities organised for the biennium.

I have been a member of the Bunbury Zonta Club for ten years and one thing I really enjoy about our club is the commitment from all members to make a difference. I like the way everyone pitches in to help achieve the goals of Zonta. It is one of those clubs where all members have a strong belief in the philosophy of the club, in our case, " the advancement of the status of women in our community and around the world."

I personally love to come to ZONTA meetings and have really appreciated the opportunity to meet other professional women from other walks of life whom I may not have had the opportunity to meet had I not joined our vibrant club. It is difficult to capture in a few sentences but it is about the good hearted, like minded, intelligent, women who make up this club. Also it is about the fellowship and fun we have, and the great friendships that have been formed through the involvement of members in club activities.

Certainly as Zontians we have challenges ahead, as each day we read and hear about atrocities that have occurred against women. How can this be happening in the 21st century both in Australia and overseas? We also know that the gap between the rich and the poor continues to grow and more than ever there is the continuing need for us to support social justice projects both locally and overseas.

Most of you would be aware of the terms 'shrinking global village' and the 'instant communication revolution'. Because of these phenomena the educated and prosperous are becoming more acutely aware of the ever disturbing suffering and injustices to women and children across the world. For us this means more and more good willed women are needed to support humanitarian projects. What I also know is women in professional and executive roles, from which Zontians come, are



Sue receives the gavel from AD Carole.

increasingly working longer hours, whilst also juggling the raising of children and grandchildren and often caring for ageing parents and relatives. But we Zontians will step up as we have always known that 'if you want something done you ask a busy woman'.

I believe to make our club stronger we need to continue to grow our membership base (many hands make light work). I know lots of you are doing this right now by introducing new members to the club and spreading the word with the general public about the great work and the achievements of the Bunbury ZONTA club. One day soon when we say we are a Zontian, people from our community will know exactly what we do as club and what we stand for.

## 2014-15 Club Officers & Directors



Kimberley:  
Pres. Elect



Bethany: V. Pres



Jo: Treasurer

I also believe as Zontians we need to become more knowledgeable about the role that ZONTA plays globally, particularly through our ZI projects. Hopefully, through our new segment at meetings where we watch small film segments about topical women's issues, we will all become more aware. I know I am always amazed when I watch or read information about the complexities of the international projects that ZONTA is involved in and our links to the UN.



Bethwyn:  
Board Sec.



Sue: President



Lola: Director

And finally, I believe we need to continue to have a strong focus on supporting local projects, especially those that support women suffering disadvantage such as indigenous women, and work to close the gap with our newest Australians who are migrants and refugees. We need to make these groups feel supported and cared for so they can make the very best contribution possible to our



Amanda: Director



Di: Director



Carol: Director

diverse Australian community. I would love our club to be supporting a more diverse range of local projects that support women's causes. With these three focuses I believe we can make a real difference.

I am really looking forward to working with you all over the next two years and hearing all your exciting ideas and suggestions about the ways we can improve our club.

I would like to conclude by taking the opportunity to thank our wonderful outgoing President, Rosa Tognela, board members and committee chairs for all the amazing work they have done in their specific roles. Our club would not be such a healthy, vibrant organisation if it were not for the hard work and dedication of the outgoing executive.

*Susan Kerr, President*



## Service, Advocacy & United Nations Committee

*Kimberley Robbins, Chairman*

### 2014 District YWPA Award Winner

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Dunsborough and their YWPA applicant, Eilidh Lucas, on winning the District 23 Young Women in Public Affairs Award for 2014 which is valued at US\$1,000.00.

Eilidh was not awarded an international award however all district winners received high praise from both the district and international judges. Of the 10 international winners, two were Australian.

### Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award

*Coordinated by Amanda Whittle*

Bunbury woman Betty McCleary has achieved much in her 50 years of community service and is our nominee for the 2014 Woman of Achievement Award.

For this award, each Area 3 club puts forward a nominee and the winner of the award is announced at the Area Founders' Day Dinner on the 8th November.

This year the Zonta Club of Swan Hills is hosting the dinner at the Mallard Duck Restaurant in the Swan Valley. More information will be circulated closer to the event, but members are encouraged to attend if possible as it is a great night and a good chance to get to know Zontians from other clubs in WA, and to support our nominee of course!

### Self Defence Workshops

*Coordinated by Linda Brown*

Linda initiated this project last year and it proved to be a worthwhile and popular one.

This year's workshop/s will be held on the 9th August at the Bunbury Scout Hall.

If you know any young women who would benefit from being involved, please let them know about it and direct them to Linda.



Images from last year's workshops

### UN International Literacy Day

*Coordinated by Amanda Whittle*

For over 40 years now, UNESCO has been celebrating **International Literacy Day (ILD)** by reminding the international community that literacy is a human right and the foundation of all learning.



The 2014 theme, "Literacy and Sustainable Development" is yet to be confirmed.

Our club has supported this UN initiative for many years by making the whole week around the 8th September, that date of ILD is celebrated, a time to visit local hospitals and give books to the mothers of new-born babies to emphasise the importance of reading to children from a very young age,

Amanda will be calling on club members to assist in the distribution of books closer to the event. This year we are planning to deliver books to the Bridgetown Hospital as well, so members who live there can get involved.



### Birthing Kit Project

*Coordinated by Donna Stewart*

News received by Donna has informed us that the 1,000 kits we assembled last year went to the Northern areas of Nigeria.

Currently Nigeria is one area that has been intensely supported in the supply of birthing kits and associated training as their maternal and infantile rates of death and injury are one of the highest in the world.

This feedback was received from a BKF Officer: "We can never underestimate the value of these kits in providing the simple requirements for a sterile birthing site. Please feel proud that all of your efforts do make such a significant difference." *Adrian Harris*



## Finance & Fundraising Committee

*Sue Footner & Lesley Morgan, Joint Chairmen*

### New Chairmen

This biennium we welcome joint Finance and Fundraising Committee chairmen Sue Footner and Lesley Morgan and thank them for taking on this leadership role.

### Future Fundraising Events

Our next club fundraiser is **High Tea** at The Wardrobe on the 20th September, starting at 3.00 pm. Tickets will be \$15.00.

Donations of raffle prizes from members will be welcome. Please bring to next club meeting or give to Sue or Lesley.

The **annual quiz** is planned for Thursday 16th October. More news about this will be forthcoming.

### Application for Funding - Round 1 2014

The South West Refuge was successful in their application for \$1,563 to upgrade their mothers' and children's communal family area to create an inviting and welcoming atmosphere.

### Emergency Funding

Members responded to an SOS for emergency funding from Waratah Support Centre for one of its clients and a grant of \$500 was provided. However, we have a process in place for local funding that we need to adhere to and this was a one off grant.

In response to our grant, Waratah CEO Trudi Ruane wrote: "There are times in this world that things look too tough for our clients and there seems like there are no answers and people just keep falling through the net.....thank you so much."

## Area & District News

### Area Workshop

Nine club members and a potential member attended the Area Workshop at the Heathcote Centre in Applecross on the 10th May.



Bunbury attendees and Area Director Carole Theobald at the Area Workshop in May.

The workshop theme was "Zonta - What's your pleasure?" and included a comprehensive overview of the roles at each level of Zonta presented by AD Carole. Governor Ann Horrocks updated us on District matters and International Director Liz Woodgate gave us an international perspective. Carole's presentation is now available on the D23 website - [zontadistrict23.org.au](http://zontadistrict23.org.au) and is well worth looking at. Thanks to Perth NS for their great hospitality.

### Service Recognition Awards - Congratulations!

We congratulate the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills (Show respect and calendar launch) and our District's Birthing Kit Project. Both have been named as finalists in the Zonta Service Recognition Awards.

The winners of club and district service project awards will be announced and recognised during the Orlando Convention. We will await news of the announcements and look forward to hearing about the projects of all the finalists.



### Area Director Changeover

Our thanks and appreciation to outgoing Area Director, Carole Theobald (pictured left), who has been an inspiration and of great assistance to our club during her term. We value the support provided by Carole in her role as Area Director.

Our 2014-16 Area Director is Jane Moulden, from the Zonta Club of Dunsborough, pictured right. We wish her well in her new role and look forward to working with her over the next biennium.





## Membership & Program Committee

*Jill Lynn - Chairman*

### 2014 - 2015 Chairman

Congratulations to new Membership Chairman Jill Lynn and her committee for their work to make our first meeting of the new biennium such an enjoyable one. Well done!

### Guest Speakers - April

**Andrea Creado**, CEO of Ishar, spoke to us in April about her organisation. Ishar is a Multicultural Women's Health Centre that provides inclusive, holistic and culturally sensitive services for women and their families, promoting healthy communities. Andrea has achieved so much in her lifetime and was awarded our Zonta Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award in 2012.



2013-14 President Rosa Tognela and Tyril Houghton (rt) thank Andrea.

### May



Sue (l) and Rosa ( r) thank Paul & May Bowden from the PBF.

**Paul D'Vorak** of Bunbury, from the Paraplegic Benefit Fund, was guest speaker at our Changeover Dinner.

Paul is an incomplete quadriplegic with limited use of his hands. He told his story about the effects of alcohol on the ability to make sound decisions, and how, without considering consequences, our actions can tragically impact on the lives of others, even friends. Paul's story of personal loss and life changing events since his accident was inspiring.

### June

In June, two wonderful young ladies, **Sam Goerling** and **Sophie Fyfe**, outlined their plans to raise funds for Syrian refugees through a "Run for their lives" community fun run at the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School on the 22nd June. Congratulations and best wishes to these young women in this great humanitarian effort to help others.



President Sue Kerr with Sam (rt) & Sophie

### Welcome to Lorelle

A warm welcome to Lorelle Klumpp, who was introduced to Zonta by Amanda Whittle and inducted as a member by Past President Nan Martella at our June meeting.



Nan, Lorelle and Amanda after Lorelle's induction.

Lorelle will be a member of the Service, Advocacy & UN Committee. Her biography follows on page 5.

### Fellowship in May

Members who could make it, met at Henry's for lunch and/or a coffee on May 4th, then departed to the Entertainment Centre to view the International film that was showing.



L-R: Irene Bell, Tyril Houghton, Barb Delves, Sue Kerr & Nan Martella were some of the members who enjoyed Zonta fellowship in May.

### Coffee Cups in July!



What's your favorite coffee cup? Is there a story behind it? Members are asked to give up a cup of coffee and donate the \$5.00 saved as an individual gift to the Zonta International Foundation to go towards our international projects.

Bring your donation to the July meeting in your favourite coffee cup and be prepared to share your story. We are aiming to get a spectacular photo!

One of Zonta's aims is to encourage 100% of individual club members to support the Foundation and we thought if we gave up one (or even more if you want ) cup of coffee, we could achieve this aim! Let's do it!



## Membership & Program Committee

*Jill Lynn - Chairman*



### Meet Lorelle Klumpp, our newest member.

Lorelle grew up in the beautiful windy town of Warrnambool, on the South Western Coast of Victoria, in a family of five girls and one boy. Her childhood involved running wild in paddocks, climbing to the top of huge

Cypress trees, fishing, swimming and paddling in a flimsy plastic boat up the Merri River which flowed behind their house.

Her mother who was born in Australia was a nurse, all of her sisters are nurses, and so is she!

Her father, born in Netherlands, was captured by the Germans in the Second World War. He immigrated to Australia at the age of 25 and became a builder, then cabinet maker. Her brother also became a cabinet maker and took over their dad's business in Warrnambool.

Lorelle always wanted to be a nurse and loved nursing so much that she felt the arrival of a pay cheque for doing what she loved seemed wrong somehow. She still loves nursing now, but understands and appreciates that there is a mortgage to be paid!

With her nursing career she has travelled from each side of Australia. She has worked as an Emergency Nurse in the snow fields of Victoria, an Intensive care Nurse in Adelaide, Special Care nurse and then Midwife in Perth and finally Women's Health nurse at the South West Aboriginal Medical Service, and the South West Women's Health and Information Centre in Bunbury.

Lorelle is married to hubby Craig, and they have two children: Jasmine 21, who is completing her final year of (you guessed it) nursing at ECU in Bunbury, and Jake 19, who is an Electrical Apprentice also in Bunbury.

Lorelle found that when the children attended high school she had a little bit of time on her hands for herself so when she turned 40, she bought herself a fairly feral, but beautiful horse. They did dressage, camp drafting and show jumping together, before her daughter turned him into a pony club horse!

Looking for a new passion, she followed her children into Taekwondo. It is probably thought of as unusual

but there was nothing she liked better than to train and fight with her children (in Taekwondo). No need to worry about the children, as Jasmine became the Commonwealth Champion in 2011, and son Jake represented Australia in many overseas tournaments, including Korea. They were always extremely careful when fighting with her.

Training with such young fit kids improved Lorelle's fitness and enabled her to become an Australian Taekwondo Champion for 3 years before retiring at the young age of 50.

With her background in women's health, Lorelle believes in the advancement of women in all parts of the world to help ease the imbalance of equality between the sexes. She believes that education equals power and strength. In her own small way, she participates in the exchange of knowledge and the circulation of information, usually from woman to woman.

Lorelle feels that women, traditionally and currently, are the store houses for much knowledge, though we often do not recognise this in ourselves.

*Welcome to Zonta Lorelle!*

### Surprise for Josephine

At our June meeting, club member Josephine Spaul OAM, ex-ballet dancer, administrator and examiner was surprised when Bunbury Zontians presented her with a birthday book signed by club members called "Josephine Loves to Dance".

Josephine has been a Zonta member for over 30 years, travels to each club meeting from Bridgetown and rarely misses being there. How's that for dedication to Zonta?

Thanks to Amanda for initiating this surprise.



Sue Kerr (left) and Amanda Whittle with Josephine after the presentation.

**Schedule of Events**

- **Tues. 15 July:** Club meeting 6.30 for 7.00 pm at Highway Hotel.
- **Tues. 5 August:** Board Meeting, 5.00 pm at Dot's Place.
- **Tues. 19 August:** Club meeting 6.30 for 7.00 pm at Highway Hotel.
- **Sat. 20 Sept** at 3.00 pm: High Tea at The Wardrobe
- **Thurs. 16 Oct:** Club's Quiz Fundraiser
- **Sat. 8 Nov:** Founders' Day Dinner & Woman of Achievement at 'The Mallard Duck', Swan Valley.
- **16-18 Oct 2015:** 13th Biennial District 23 Conference, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hindley St, Adelaide.

**Convention Proxy**

Zonta International Conventions are outstanding events and those who attend come away with the 'big picture' of our organisation and good knowledge of how members at club level have input to change bylaws or vote for international officers and directors.



Unfortunately none of our club members were able to go to Orlando but we are well represented by our proxy, 2014-16 Lieutenant Governor **Judy Tennant** (pictured right), a member of the Zonta Club of Perth. Area Director Carole Theobald is Perth Club's 'alternate', in case Judy is unable to do the job for some unforeseen circumstance. We appreciate being so well represented by Judy and the Zonta Club of Perth.

Let's hope we will have a delegate from our club at the next Convention in Nice, France.

**PR & Communications News**

Club members were informed at a club meeting earlier in the year that 'My Southwest' is no longer able to host our website and we have had to make other arrangements.

Alternative web programs and hosts have been investigated and we have found a site that will host our website for free!

Our new website is presently being developed, so we're between two sites at present. Our new website will be fully operational in August, with our new website address being [www.zontabunbury.com](http://www.zontabunbury.com)

**Zonta International Foundation**

'We have reached our 2012-2014 biennium goal!'

**Zonta International Foundation** Chairman, Jackie Beaudry, was delighted to announce that we not only reached our ZIF 2012-2014 fundraising goal of US \$4,938,000 - we exceeded it!

Our club's biennium contribution of \$6,731 has supported the Foundation in reaching and exceeding its goal and we can all be extremely proud of our efforts.

The financial resources provided by clubs and individuals, as well as corporate donors, ensure that over the next biennium, thousands of women and girls all over the world will continue to benefit.

**Congratulations to 2012-14 President Lynn**

Our congratulations to ZI President Lynn McKenzie who received the award of Officer of the Order of New Zealand (ONZM) in the NZ Queen's Birthday Honours, in recognition of her services to women.

**Sponsorship of Governor**

Members' personal donations and the proceeds of our May raffle that we voted to donate to Governor Ann Horrocks for the Zonta International Foundation's Fun Walk / Run at Convention amounted to \$136.00.



Ann was overwhelmed by our sponsorship and wrote to our past and present presidents to thank our club members:

"Please pass on to all your members my thanks for their support of me and ZIF with my sponsorship of the Rose 5Km Fun Walk in Orlando. I will complete this walk - hopefully in a reasonable time.

I really appreciate the initiative shown at your meeting and am honoured to support ZIF in your name..." *Ann Horrocks - ZI D23 Governor 2012-2014.*