

# Zontact

 **Zonta Club of  
Bunbury Inc.**  
*Member of Zonta International*



## President's Pen

Through service, advocacy and fundraising efforts, the Bunbury ZONTA Club continues to support many organisations including the Women's Refuge, Waratah and many other worthy causes. The support we give both monetary and in kind is definitely because of the hard work of our forty, high quality members who put in so much effort making a positive difference to the lives of women and children in the local and international community.

Most recently we embarked on a new initiative, which proved most successful - the "coffee club project".

With this project, all club members were encouraged to make a small donation to the ZI Foundation at our July meeting. Our goal was achieved because we understand the importance of supporting important Zonta International projects that need our help to advance the status of women and girls worldwide. The club agreed that the beneficiaries of this money would be the new Zonta International project in Niger for young women who are forced into arranged marriages at an early age. Well done ladies; an outstanding effort.

If you were not present in July and would like to contribute, your donation will be gratefully received at our August club meeting. We are hoping that 100% of members will contribute.

One of our next big events is the High Tea at the 'Wardrobe'. Once again our members have stepped up and we have an extremely enjoyable weekend ahead planned. I am reminded by events like this of the contribution and impact we have in our local, national and global communities, and how we are committing our time and talents that will go some way to make this world a better place for women and girls.

Also, most recently, the PR&C committee has been very busy increasing our clubs visibility in the digital

space. Members are continually improving our Facebook, website, club newsletter and arranging for articles to go into the local newspaper. It is through this work that we are allowing members and outsiders to learn more about what we do as a club.

The most recent major event coordinated by the Service Committee was the self defence workshop for young women. This was held at the Sea Scout hall and was conducted by Community Police Officer Stephanie Smith and a Taekwondo expert Justin Warren. The purpose of this project was to build young women's resilience and awareness of personal safety and is part of our efforts to support the 'Zonta says no to violence' campaign. We were very impressed with the number of enrolments for this special workshop. Well done to those club members who have been responsible for coordinating this event.

The Finance and Fundraising committee is presently planning the annual quiz morning. The quiz is being held

again at the Bunbury Bowling Club. Money raised from this fundraising event will go towards our club projects, including the breast cushion and birthing kit projects.

In the near future the board intends to conduct a 'Club Survey' with members to determine your opinions about what you believe



*Members with their coffee cups and ZIF donations at the July club meeting.*

makes a an interesting meeting, what further projects and activities we could pursue and in fact any ideas you have that could enhance the work we do as a club. Once completed, the survey will be collated and will be used by the board to determine future planning.

Most recently we have been informed that the next Intercity meeting for the Zonta Area 3 club presidents will be held in Bunbury in September. We are looking forward to hosting the Presidents and Area Director Jane Moulden. Following the meeting I intend to provide an update to members about up and coming initiatives and directions and share with members, activities that are happening in other Area 3 Zonta Clubs.

As you can see a lot is happening and this is just a taste of the many vibrant activities that are being planned in the next few months. All of these events clearly articulate the commitment of our club. Well done ladies.

**Sue Kerr , President**



## Service, Advocacy & United Nations Committee

*Kimberley Robbins, Chairman*

### Self Defence Workshops

*Coordinated by Linda Brown*

Congratulations and thank you to Linda and the members of the Service, Advocacy and UN Committee who assisted at the Self Defence Workshops on Saturday. It was a highly successful event with nearly 30 girls attending.

Taekwondo specialist Justin Warren passed on some valuable moves and self defence tips and the addition of Community Policing Officer Stephanie Smith this year complemented Justin's input very well. A fantastic day!



*Amanda (left) and Linda show off our new sign!*



### Breast Cushion Project

*Coordinated by Kimberley Robbins*

Many thanks to Kimberley, Joy Frisina and Jan Harwood who have sourced new hands-on supporters to assist us to produce our breast cushions. Our thanks and appreciation to:

- Plaxy Piercy - for cutting out the fabric
- Lisa Wilson - for cutting out an enormous amount of fabric (15m!)
- Sheryl Hamilton - embroidering the roses
- Margaret Jury and friend Michelle - embroidering the roses

We are delighted to receive this extra help just when we were in dire straights and experiencing a shortage of cushions!







## Membership & Program Committee

*Jill Lynn - Chairman*



### Welcome to New Members

We extend a warm welcome to Helen Hemsley, Lee Mead and Erica Silk who were inducted by past Area Director and former club president Nan Martella at our July meeting. These new members have swelled our membership to 40, an exciting new milestone for our club!



**Helen** was introduced to Zonta by club member Di Tate and attended our Area 3 workshop in May. Helen is a Social

Worker who works at Waratah Support Centre. Her classification is 2511: Social Worker and she has joined the Service, Advocacy & UN Committee.



**Lee** was also introduced to the club by Di Tate (well done Di!). Lee works with

young people and her classification is 3421: Youth Support Worker. She has also become a member of the Service, Advocacy & UN Committee.



**Erica** was introduced to Zonta by her former teacher, Tyril Houghton, and she has the distinction of being our club's youngest member! She is presently working at Bunbury Senior High School and her classification is 2413: Education Professionals. Erica has joined the membership and

Program Committee.

Club members were impressed to learn of the wealth of expertise and variety of experiences the three new members will bring to our club and we are delighted they have chosen to join us in our efforts to advance the status of women worldwide.

Welcome to Zonta, Helen, Lee and Erica!



*L-R: Nan Martella, Lee Mead, Helen Hemsley, Erica Silk & Club President Sue Kerr, after the new members were inducted.*

### Guest Speaker - July

New club member and Women's Health Nurse, **Lorelle Klumpp**, was our guest speaker in July. Lorelle reminded us that August was 'Pap Smear Month' and shared her knowledge and expertise about the Cervical Screening Program,



Club member Linda Brown thanks Lorelle (rt)

provided updates on the latest information in this area and urged us to take control of our own health—great advice. Many thanks Lorelle!

### Coffee Cups

Thanks to members for joining into the spirit of the 'Coffee Cups for ZIF' at the last meeting.



Ellen tells the story of her cup.

It was great to see the related article and photo in the local news, even if the story was not exactly correct!

### New Lectern

After several years of speakers having to juggle papers whilst trying to address the meeting, President Sue (left) was delighted to have a lectern to work from at our July meeting.



Our new club resource has several good features, with the best being its portable fold-up design which enables it to be folded away into a strong carry case.



## **Finance & Fundraising Committee**

*Sue Footner & Lesley Morgan, Joint Chairmen*

### **Fundraising Events**

Our **High Tea** fundraiser at The Wardrobe on the 20th September will upon us before we know it.

*How can you help to make this fundraiser a big success?*

- ◆ Please distribute the flyer as far and wide as you can
- ◆ Come along yourself and bring at least one friend - this is a club fundraiser and we need everyone to participate.
- ◆ Raffle Prizes - please bring items along to our August meeting wrapped in non-see through paper. If preferred you can contribute money.

*Thanks everyone!*

### **Convention Fun Walk Feedback**

Members will recall that we sponsored 2012-2014 Governor Ann Horrocks in the ZI Convention Rose walk.

Ann forwarded the following report on how she went:

**Day 3** started with 5.30 registrations for the ZI Rose 5km walk. Over \$50k was raised for ZIF through this walk with each entrant required to raise a minimum of \$200 in sponsorship. From D23, Jasmine Koch, Bev Mattingley and I walked. Jasmine and I chatted our way around the golf course finishing about 5 minutes short of the hour limit.

Many thanks again for your club's support.

*What a fantastic result! (Ed.)*

Ann



## Schedule of Events

- **Tues. 19 Aug:** Club meeting 6.30 for 7.00 pm at Highway Hotel.
- **Tues. 2 Sept:** Board Meeting, 5.00 pm at Dot's Place.
- **Tues. 16 Sept :** Club meeting 6.30 for 7.00 pm at Highway Hotel.
- **Sat. 20 Sept:** High Tea, Wardrobe Fashion 3-5pm.
- **Thurs. 16 Oct:** Club's Quiz Fundraiser 9 for 9.30am, Bowling Club.
- **Sat. 8 Nov:** Founders' Day Dinner & Woman of Achievement at 'The Mallard Duck', Henley Brook.
- **16-18 Oct 2015:** 13th Biennial District 23 Conference, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hindley St, Adelaide.

## History &amp; Archives

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*Jan Greive - Archivist*

Future newsletters will bring members something from our archives. If you have fond memories of a club activity or project, a photo will be found, if there is one, BUT, be prepared to write a little about it for our newsletter.

**Charter Members 1988**

The inaugural Meeting was held on 1 Dec 1987 and the first official meeting on 16 February 1988, was held at the Bunbury Arts Complex coffee shop. The meeting was chaired by Nerys Purchon, who was elected as inaugural president but resigned before the charter dinner. The Zonta Club of Perth was our sponsoring club.

The Charter Dinner was held at The Lord Forrest Hotel on Saturday 28th May 1988. Vice Area 6 Director Bobby Porter installed the new Board and inducted members and District Governor Val Sarah was in attendance and presented the gavel.

The club had 25 Charter members. Charter President: Pauline Vukelic; Treasurer: Patricia Shelley; Secretary: Jenny Phillips.

(Can you spot Josephine and Fiona?)

**Meet our Zonta International President 2014 - 2016**

**Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard - President, Copenhagen I, Denmark District 13**



"Dear Zonta friends, Dear friends of Zonta

When I became a Zontian back in 1989, I read in our magazine the message from President Ruth Walker. It said: Remember: to be a Zontian means to give time, your self and money.

And I thought: Money? I have worked hard my whole life and I am fortunate that I can give money now. I can do that.

Myself? That is the easy part, because I give myself to whatever I try to accomplish and a little piece of my soul is given to every person I meet.

But time? How on earth I am going to find time to dedicate to Zonta and to contribute to sustainable changes? I know that some of you have also asked the question.

Time is the most valuable asset we have. So we have to think carefully what we dedicate our time to. But don't think too long, because then the time will already be gone and it will never come back.

I soon realized that to GIVE and to GET are two sides of the same coin, and they go along. The more we give, the more we get and the lighter our baggage becomes. Therefore I made the decision to start GIVING and I can share with you that when I think of my Zonta journey which started 25 years ago, the highlights for me are not so much what I have GIVEN, but how much I have RECEIVED."

**Excerpt from the closing Convention speech of ZI President Maria. To read the full version, go to:**

<http://orlando2014.zonta.org/Portals/0/President-Speech-final.pdf>