

# Zontact

## President's Pen



The months of June and July continue to be a hive of activity for the Zonta Club of Bunbury. Our new committees are working together collaboratively and collectively to achieve the Zonta goals. What I have found by being in Zonta is that the more you give to Zonta the more you will get back on a personal level. Please allow yourself to participate as much as possible in Zonta work and events; you will not regret it.

The work you do is very important to our club and we pride ourselves on being a club where everyone takes on some kind of role. This is extremely important for sustainability as we need to ensure that we train and work with new members to help us grow as a club.

Because of the important work you do we are able to support major international projects through the Zonta International Foundation, as

well as supporting a range of local and district service and advocacy projects, awards, and community-based initiatives.

**Our commitment varies from 'one off' donations for specific projects to ongoing programs, all chosen by the vote of club members and all reflecting Zonta's mission of empowering women.** If you ask the organisations we support and sponsor they will tell you we do make a difference. Most recently we have approved funding for the Nixi program at Milligan House, NEEDAC Aboriginal Corporation, **South West Refuge, Bunbury's Women's Club and Waratah Support Centre.**

Our club activities fall under the headings of:



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
BUNBURY INC  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

- Award programs
- Local and district service and advocacy projects
- International service and advocacy
- Fundraising activities
- Fellowship activities

In the up and coming months we have our quiz morning, our international night, our birthing kit day and a breast cushion stuffing day to just name a few. I encourage you all to try and attend as many of these events as possible.

## Conference 2015

As you would be aware 12 members from our club are preparing to go to conference in Adelaide. In preparation for this at our next few meetings we will need to set

aside time to discuss conference papers and you will need to let me know how we should vote. As your President I will be our club representative at the conference and will be voting according to your recommendations.

One of the reasons I like to go to conferences, workshops and special events is because I strongly believe that by participating at district and an international level, you truly get to understand the great work that Zonta does and you get to experience first hand the fellowship with members from other clubs that is so unique to Zonta.

*Susan Kerr, President*



*Board Changeover Meeting & Dinner: L-R: Beth Talbot, Kimberley Robbins, Joy Frisina, Di Tate, Carol Downe, Lola Arnold (term completed), Sue Kerr, Amanda Whittle, Jo Lewis, Jo Wittorff (term completed)  
Absent: Beth Trainer (term completed) & Jan Harwood.*



## Membership & Program Committee

*Jill Lynn - Chairman*

### Board Members



*Lola & Jo say 'Goodbye' to the Board.*

Our May Change-over Meeting saw the installment of three new Board Members in Joy Frisina, Jan Harwood and Jo Lewis by Nan Martella. Sincere thanks are extended to retiring Board Members Lola Arnold, Beth Trainer and Jo Wittorff for their wonderful contribution to the Club during the past two years.

### May Guest Speaker

Yamauchi Hajime, guest speaker for the May Meeting, gave our members a very interesting insight into his experiences as a Medical Officer attached to a Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition in 1992. He was to repeat this experience as a medical officer in Antarctica three more times between 1997 and 2007.



*Kerry Kerr thanks Yamauchi Hajime*

### Congratulations to Dale!

The May Zonta Meeting also celebrated ten years of Zonta Membership for Dale Gardiner. Dale was introduced to the club by Nan Martella and is recognised as a dedicated Zontian who has made an outstanding contribution as a Board Director, and as the Chairman and a member of the Fundraising



*Nan congratulates Dale on her 10 year Zonta membership milestone.*

Committee. Added to this is the bonus gained by our **club through the sale of Zonta tickets from Dale's** business which greatly facilitates sales to the IWD Breakfast and Quiz Morning. Congratulations and thank you for your wonderful service to our club Dale.

### Welcome Back Beth!

In May, members were very pleased to welcome Beth Trainer back to Zonta after her six month leave of absence. Fantastic to have you back Beth!

### Special Occasion



On May 1st a very pleasant lunch complete with birthday cake and balloons was organised by Kimberley Robbins at The Cidery restaurant in Bridgetown to celebrate charter member **Josephine Spaul's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.** Several Zontians **as well as some of Josephine's friends** were able to attend this milestone. Many thanks to Kimberley for organising this special celebration.

### June Guest Speaker

At this meeting we were fortunate to have as guest speaker, Area Director Jane Moulden, **who spoke on the topic, 'Where Does the Money Go?' This proved to be an informative session** outlining how annual Membership Fees and money from Club fundraising are used for quite different purposes within the Zonta organisation to achieve Zonta goals.



*Jane with Amanda Whittle*

### Welcome to Leonie

We extend a warm welcome to Leonie Davey, who has transferred to our club from the Zonta Club of Charters Towers in Queensland where she has been a Zontian since 2006. Leonie has joined the Service

Committee and has already volunteered to serve on the YWPA selection committee!

### 100% Attendance

Congratulations to Jill Lynn, Lee Mead, Barb Delves and Tyril **Houghton who didn't** miss a club meeting in 2014-15. What a great effort!





## Service & UN Committee

*Linda Brown, Chairman*

The Service Committee has recently been re-assessing our projects as suggested in the workshop feedback, to make sure they are relevant, fresh and in line with Zonta goals. We look forward to sharing our new ideas with you all soon.

The next few months will be a busy time for the Service Committee so please put the following dates in your diary and come and support us on the day:

### Young Women in Public Affairs 2015/16



Closing date for applications is July 24th so please promote this to any girls who are eligible to apply.

Enquiries to Lee Mead. We are looking forward to meeting finalists at the August club meeting.

### Self-Defence Workshop Sept 19th



Ever wondered how you would go if you needed to defend yourself? This is your opportunity to find out! Our popular Self-Defence Workshop is available to women of all ages and is a fun, hands on, event.

Have a go at hitting, kicking and breaking holds!

Places are limited so please contact Kimberley if you would like to register. Bring your daughter, granddaughter or a friend.

### Birthing Kit Assembly Day: November 7th.

More details closer to the time.



## Advocacy Committee

*Tyril Houghton, Chairman*

Following a mid-biennium check, it was pleasing to learn that there has been much progress towards our Advocacy Goals for this biennium.

**Our club's Advocacy Committee** is presently planning strategies and actions to ensure that our club contributes to the achievement of these Advocacy goals. More about these actions will be shared in the next newsletter.

Further information on the 2014-16 Zonta International Advocacy Goals and the results of the mid-biennium check can be accessed through the Zonta International e-Newsletter, May 2015, #8.



## 2015 Local Project Funding

Our club received nine applications through our Round One, Application for Funding Process. The Board recommended that the following five groups receive grants totalling \$5,144.00 and club members subsequently **endorsed the Board's recommendations at our May meeting:**

1. Nixi Education Program: \$2,000 towards crèche costs. 15 past and present Nixi Teens & Young Mums (parents under age of 24 years) will be provided with access to further education within a safe & supportive environment.
2. Waratah Support Centre: \$2,000 to continue the **'Helping Hand Project'** supporting women without financial means to reconnect with the community following sexual assault or abuse, or family violence.
3. **SW Aboriginal Girls' 'Howzat' Cricket Program:** \$500 for equipment. This program targets Aboriginal girls who are termed 'at-risk' and have historically not engaged in sporting or well-being programs. Currently 12 participants, expected to increase to 16-18.
4. South West Refuge: \$500 to provide **'Safety Packs'** to women entering the Refuge.
5. **Bunbury Women's Club: \$144** for Bridge resources.



## Finance & Fundraising Committee

*Sue Footner & Lesley Morgan, Joint Chairmen*

### Entertainment Books

Thanks to club members for responding so well to our Entertainment Book fundraiser. There are still a few left, so please keep promoting them as much as possible. It would be great to sell all our stock!



*Fundraising Committee member Di Tate & Chairman Sue Footner at the launch of the Entertainment Books.*

### Facebook Workshop

This extra fundraising activity was a great success, with those who attended feeling very pleased that they made the effort to venture out on a cold night to learn how to stay safe and secure on Facebook.

Thank you to Sue for sharing her expertise, Tyril for arranging the venue and of course, Bunbury SHS for allowing us to use their library for the workshop.



*Instructor Sue Footner shows Nan Martella how to 'keep safe'.*



*Tyril Houghton & Errol & Jan Harwood adjust their Facebook settings.*



## PR & Communications Committee

*Jo Wittorff*

### New Badges

Our Zonta re-branding efforts are going well, with the latest change being the purchase of new name badges in time for our June meeting.

Members were pleased to find the badges are strong and easy to read and are very happy with the change.



### Lesley Views Amelia Earhart Exhibition



Club member Lesley Morgan recently visited the USA with her mother Joyce, to catch up with relatives.

She visited the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, in Washington DC and was thrilled to find an outstanding display dedicated to Amelia Earhart.

One of the displays read: ***"Fame made her a role model to women and girls. She encouraged them to take control of their own lives in terms of education, family and their careers. She lobbied for birth control rights, supported women in politics and business, and endorsed the draft for men, women and even the elderly to promote equality and peace"***

Schedule of Events

- Tues. 21 July: 6.30 for 7.00 pm Club Meeting - Highway Hotel.
- Tues. 18 August: 6.30 for 7.00 pm Club Meeting - Highway Hotel.
- 7th-11th Sept: Literacy Week
- Tues. 15 Sept: 6.30 for 7.00 pm Club Meeting - Highway Hotel.
- Thurs. 17 Sept: Quiz Fundraiser at Bunbury Bowling Club, 9.30am -12.00
- Sat. 19 Sept: Self defence Workshop
- 16-18 Oct 2015: 13th Biennial District 23 Conference, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hindley St, Adelaide.

Please Note:

Any changes will be updated on the Club Calendar on our website.

**Remember when.....**

Zonta Rose Garden at the BREC

In 2000, when Nan Martella was president, our club established a Zonta rose garden at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre. Unfortunately it wasn't there for long due to constant vandalism. Another rose garden was established a few years later in the grounds of the new Police Complex and was tended to by people custody until some of them absconded! This garden has now gone as well, as only a few of us could contribute to this activity and members decided that tending to gardens was not our core business anyway!



**63rd Zonta International Convention 2-6 July 2016**

**Empowering Women -TOGETHER**

In her introduction to invite us all to the 63rd Convention in Nice, France, Convention Chairman Lydia Chaillou writes:

**“The Zonta Clubs of The Principality of Monaco, Sanremo, Ventimiglia-Bordighera and Imperia will take part in hosting the upcoming 68th Zonta International Convention.**

We are very much looking forward to the coming of hundreds of Zontians from all across the world who will engage in high-level discussions on women's issues and **share new ideas.”**

It seems all Zontians should aspire to attend at least one International Convention at some stage. Those who have been to a convention say it is something you will never forget and **you'll feel so proud to be a Zontian!**

