

# Zontact

## President's Pen



Our District 23 conference has come and gone and we are still reminiscing about how much we all loved it! I was proud to be one of the 12 Bunbury members at conference representing our club.

We arrived in Adelaide excited about the prospect of hearing so many great speakers. It was wonderful to see and feel the energy generated by Zonta members from so many clubs. It was a great opportunity to share ideas, to listen to inspiring speakers and experience that real ZONTA spirit.

Congratulations to the Conference Committee and Area 2 clubs for all the planning and organisation to make this such a great conference. The speakers were outstanding, the workshops enjoyable and the debate and discussion extremely interesting. The evening activities, and the opportunity to shop and networking were all amazing.

Friday morning opened with the parade of flags and **Governor Erica's** opening address. Our International Representative, **Sally Bean**, introduced a video from our international president **Maria José Landeira Oestergaard** titled "In such a world." It was about empowering and giving women a voice.

This was followed by a very dynamic speaker - **Dr Marilyn Waring CNZM**, an Honorary Zontian. Dr Waring spoke on two important mentors in her life: Dr Helen Caldicott MD and Elizabeth Reid. Google these outstanding women to learn more about them.

**Dr Robyn Layton AO** spoke of examples of how other countries have changed legislation to assist with equality for women. She concluded on how important it is that we lead change and use networking to get change.



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

**Sally Bean** graced us again and spoke on the topic of change in ZONTA and how we as a club should encourage this and really listen to our new members.

**Erma Ranieri** gave an insightful presentation that was called 'Insights into Leadership'. She is a strong advocate for women in the workplace. In her

presentation she talked about how she believes women need to accept vulnerability and take risks. without comprising personal values.

Three amazing speakers continued to inspire us. **Dr Anuardha Mundkur** spoke about how feminism is actually about giving women a voice. She advocates that for us to instigate change we need to influence and reframe arguments. **Major Genevieve Rueger**, an

army officer and helicopter pilot gave a mind-blowing account of how she achieved her dream and **Jane Kennedy**, our YWPA recipient, demonstrated just why she was selected as a YWPA award winner at International level!

An Open forum provided answers to many questions and of course throughout the conference we also had lots of ZONTA business including voting for our district candidates. Congratulations to the new Board including Judy Gorton, Governor Elect and Jo Wittorff, Area 3 Director Elect.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself as I am sure all our members did. I personally learned so much more about Zonta and was proud of the involvement of so many women trying to make a difference in the lives of other women worldwide. I have now been 'Zontified'!

**Susan Kerr, President**



Members at Conference 2015 - photo courtesy of Chris Tate



## Membership & Program Committee

*Jill Lynn - Chairman*

### Welcome to Two New Members

The September Dinner Meeting saw two new members inducted into our club which is now in the very enviable position of having forty four members. Thanks to Nan Martella for conducting the inductions.



*Josephine & Nicola*

**Nicola Kestel** was so keen to join our club that she is prepared to drive to Bunbury from Bridgetown for each of our regular dinner meetings. Originally from Aberdeen, in Scotland, Nicola moved to Australia with her parents in 1976. She is currently running her own business from home in Bridgetown. Nicola's past and present interests both in the work force and her personal life are many and varied but she lists

raising her three gorgeous sons as one of her greatest achievements. Next year Nicola has a significant birthday and plans to go skydiving with her twenty year old son, Liam. Not for the faint hearted! Nicola was introduced to our club by Josephine Spaul and she has joined the Advocacy Committee.



**Jenni Smith** (left) was also inducted at the September meeting. Interestingly Jenni was not introduced to our club by another Zontian but was so enthusiastic about becoming a member that she sought out details from our club website. Jenni was originally from Bunbury but left to pursue a career in Nursing. After graduating she worked as a

surgical nurse at SJOG Subiaco but later trained and graduated as a midwife. Jenni returned to Bunbury twelve years ago and currently works as a midwife and Antenatal Booking Midwife and Childbirth Educator. She is also the proud mother of three grown up children and as well finds time to enjoy a number of outside interests. Jenni's next ambition is to attend the International Congress of Midwives in Toronto, Canada 2017. She feels honoured to have become a member of Zonta and has joined the Service Committee.

### September Guest Speaker

**Kate Heaslip**, an award-winning photographer, author, artist, teacher and mentor, gave a fascinating account of her life and career at our September club meeting.

In her various projects, Kate works through a variety of media with adults and children from all walks of life. Of late she has been involved in a project



helping women who have suffered abuse to write their own stories and produce an illustrated book through the "Book Incubator".

More information about Kate and the "Book Incubator," which she founded, can be accessed through her website: [www.kateheaslip.com.au](http://www.kateheaslip.com.au)

### Membership Milestone

Congratulations to Beth Trainer whose five years of Zonta membership was celebrated in September. Beth was introduced to our club by Jan Greive. Beth has been an active club member and has held the positions of Board Director, Chairman of the Service Committee and Club Secretary. Our thanks to Beth for this fantastic service to our club.



*Jan congratulates Beth*

### International Night

Bunbury Zontians celebrated this special occasion at their October Dinner Meeting beginning with a competition to see which member could find the most unusual language to use to say 'Good Evening'. Kimberley Robbins was unanimously declared the winner.



*Carol, Barb & Nan*

Guest speaker, **Nan Martella**, continued the International theme with a thought provoking presentation on Bunbury Rotary's Toilet Project which provided toilets for a small village outside Chennai, in India.

Later in the evening a short "Zonta Around the World Quiz" was presented and some

interesting results were achieved. Our ZIF fundraiser created lively discussion as each member spoke about an item of travel kitsch they possessed and perhaps now wished they didn't own. There were some hilarious results with Lola Arnold finally chosen as winner of the BEST kitsch. Delicious international food prepared by members was served buffet style during the evening, and Chinese lanterns, Zonta yellow roses and travel placemats added ambience to the night.

(Thank you to the Membership Committee for going that extra mile and President Sue for arranging the venue to make this a special evening for all of us. Ed.)



## Service & UN Committee

*Linda Brown, Chairman*

September was a busy month for the Service and UN Committee.



**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 8

First we had **Literacy Week**, with 40 books distributed.

Jo Lewis and Carol Downe gave 10 to the young mums at the Nixi Playgroup and 25 to Best Beginnings, to be handed out to the families they are supporting.

Best Beginnings is a home visiting service for families of new infants. It involves regular visits to a family's home by caring, trained professionals who provide support, advice, information, connections and practical help. The program is structured according to their needs. The aim is to improve child health and wellbeing, parent and family functioning and social support networks.

Five books were also given out by Josephine and Nicola at Bridgetown Rhyme Time. Thank you to these four members for their help.

### Self Defence Workshop



*Jo & Kimberley*



*Joy, Ebony & Tanya*



Our Self Defence Workshop on Sept. 29th was another great success. Co-ordinated by Kimberley, with Joy assisting (thank you!), we had 37 participants of all ages, including three generations of the Frisina family, with club member Joy, her daughter Tanya and granddaughter Ebony all participating.



Police Officer Stephanie Smith (left) had 'goodie' bags to hand out after her talk, and our Tae Kwon Do instructor Justin Warren very kindly donated his time, as he believes it is a worthy cause. This project has been entered by the Club into the Zonta Service Recognition Awards.

### Birthing Kit Assembly Day (BKAD)

A very successful BKAD, coordinated by Helen Hemsley, was held at Newton Moore SHS on Saturday November 7th.

About 40 Zontians, friends, relatives and other supporters assembled the 1,000 kits in no time and then enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea provided by club members.

The plastic sheets were folded again by the SW United Masonic Lodge and Bethanie ladies and we thank them, as well as club member Jan Greive, for this support.



Our appreciation to Helen (left) for coordinating this project, President Sue for arranging the venue and members who were able to participate. It's always a very worthwhile and satisfying day. Our club has now assembled a total of 13,800 kits.



*3 generations: Kimberley, her mum Deidre & daughter Beth*



*Carol with her granddaughter Oaklee*



*Donna with daughter Summer*



*Guest Sue Murless & Nicola*



*Karen, Jenni & Linda*



## Advocacy Committee

*Tyril Houghton, Chairman*

### White Ribbon Day 2015



*Kathleen Haines, Josephine Cutrona & Sandy Lewis making white ribbons.*

Our club was delighted to receive help with the production of white ribbons from residents at the Ocean Star Hostel.

Trudy Turner, Activity Coordinator at the Hostel, organised

for the residents to assist the Bunbury Zonta Club and reported that the ladies were delighted to be working for such a worthy cause. Many thanks to the ladies at Ocean Star.

This month we will be participating in two events in our campaign to end violence against women. On the **21<sup>st</sup> November**, we will be **distributing white ribbons** at the Bunbury Forum Shopping Centre. The roster for this event was circulated at the October club meeting and will be emailed to members involved.

The **advocacy walk** on **25<sup>th</sup> November** will leave Bunbury Regional Art Gallery at 10:30 am and finish at Anzac Park near the library for an 11.00 am event. It would be great if members and friends who are not working were able to join in the march to demonstrate our support for the men taking the oath to say NO to Domestic Violence.

### Walk in My Shoes Exhibition

This exhibition, which was initiated by the ZC of Adelaide and shared with District 23 clubs, is presently displayed at the Bendigo Bank in Bunbury. Many thanks to Branch Manager Sherrie Morgan (pictured right) who has kindly let us use the bank to bring the exhibition to the public.



## Finance & Fundraising Committee

*Sue Footner & Lesley Morgan, Joint Chairmen*

### Annual Quiz Morning

Another successful quiz held in September swelled our fundraising account by around \$2,200 - a great result! It was fantastic to see quite a few men attending this year.

We acknowledge and thank the following businesses for supporting our quiz:

- Bunbury Bowling Club
- Eco Auto Wash
- The Body Shop, Bunbury

To the FFR Committee and all members who provided items or a donation for the raffle and morning tea - a BIG thank you!

### Forthcoming Events in 2016

- **10th January:** Myalup Fundraiser
- **13th March:** International Women's Day Breakfast at The Sanctuary.



*In the kitchen: Carol, Jennifer & Sue*



*Our wonderful quiz team: Lil, June & quizmaster Joan*



*Nan & Irene, quiz organisers extraordinaire!*



*Ellen (right) and her sister Daphne*



## PR & Communications Committee

Chairmen: Jo Wittorff & Jan Greive

### New Club Banner

By now members will have seen our lovely new club banner which was provided by our District. Many thanks to the District Board for the decision to purchase new banners for all the clubs in our district and District PR&C Chairman Jane Smith for overseeing their production. Our old club banner was on the verge of 'wearing out' so we are rapt to receive this new one!

### District Conference PR & Marketing Awards

Members attending conference were delighted when it was announced that our club had won awards for our club newsletter and our scarf brochure. Congratulations to members involved in producing these items: Jo

Wittorff (newsletter) and for the scarf brochure - Jan Harwood (graphic design), Amanda Whittle (model) and Jo Wittorff (photographer). There were some impressive entries from other clubs in all areas.



Governor Erica Majba presents a PR and Marketing Award to Jo Wittorff.

### Bunbury in the news!

How exciting it was to discover that our club had been featured in the last two Zonta International e-Newsletters for the 'Walk in My Shoes' exhibition and Birthing Kit Assembly Day!

We got another mention on the 'Zonta Says NO' website for our 'Zonta Says NO' high visibility vests. Awesome!

### Club Event Signs

Members storing the club's 'Zonta Event' signs are asked to let the PR&C Chairmen know that they have them. Saves us time and effort in the long run!

## Putri Graduates!

Since 2010, through our former Woman of Achievement Susanne Hunter and the 'Strong Angels,' our club has supported I Dewa Ayu Putri (Putri), a young Bali girl from the village of Gianyar.

A Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up and over the past five years, we have provided an annual scholarship of \$1,000 for Putri's secondary, then tertiary education. During this time, two club members have visited the Bali hostel to meet her.

Putri graduated with a degree in Accounting on the 12th October this year and we are thrilled that she has gained employment with the Harris Hotel Group.

We have received a thank you from her and also from Susanne and the Strong Angels who are an amazing group of people who have worked very hard in Bali to break the poverty cycle - and they are succeeding. Balinese man Frank, (who manages the hostel and works with the Strong Angels) and his wife Tirta are in the graduation photo. They have been like parents to Putri.

Putri is now playing it forward and providing support to others at the hostel. A wonderful story!



Dale met Putri in 2012



Badminton champ 2013



Kimberley & daughter Kate with Putri in 2014



Graduation Day 2015



12 October 2015: Frank, Putri's Father, Putri, Tirta & Friend



# 2015 Conference Images



Ready to party



The Top Table



Watch out Nan!



2016-18 D23 Board Elect



Scarves for Sale!



At the Governor's Reception



'Panda-monium Partying'



Huge honour: Ingrid retires the WA flag

## Seen at Dunsborough's Melbourne Cup Luncheon



Seven Bunbury Zontians and nine of their friends thoroughly enjoyed Dunsborough's event .