



**Ballarat Dinner Meetings**

are held the fourth Thursday of the month 6.30pm  
for 7.00pm at The Barkly Motel, Main St., Ballarat.  
~~~~ Phone Pat Fraser on 03 5332 2995 ~~~~

**PRESIDENT Lee Belcher**



**From the President's desk.**

This is my last contribution to BAZ as President, indeed as a Zonta member as I have decided to hang up the gavel and retire from Zonta this year. I would like to take this opportunity to say what a privilege it has been to work with you all as a member of such an amazing Organization, we have achieved many things together and I know the Club will march on to even greater things with Stella and the new Board at the helm. I aim to be a very active FOZ so don't forget to include me in invites to all the social activities!! It is also sad to report that Anne Smail has decided that after more than 30 years as a Charter member that this was her last year so the Club will no longer have the delight of her Company at meetings but don't think you have seen the last of either of us!! If we can help in any way you have only to ask (although I have never been known to share chocolate – don't ask that!! Or Colin.)

We must thank Stella, Hilary, Rachel and Gillian for offering to serve as Officers for the coming year and Sandy for agreeing to continue her marvellous work as BAZ Editor. I congratulate them all on their successful election at the AGM,

I would also like to say a special thankyou to Stella, and Hilary for all their hard work and support for myself and the club over the last 2 years. Thanks are due also to all our team Captains – to Pat the Toilet Bag Queen, Val the Princess of PR, and not forgetting the Nominating Committee who have the hardest selling job in the world!!!

Val and the PRAM Committee have planned a very stimulating Changeover dinner for us on the 26<sup>th</sup> – our Area Director Margaret will induct the new Officers and welcome 3 new members to the Club. A Gig not to be missed! See you all this Thursday at the dinner!

Lee Belcher  
President,  
Zonta Club of Ballarat

**The Victorian Women's Trust**

Our Club supports The Victorian Women's Trust. Their recent Annual Report brings us up to date with their vision and achievements.

**What is The Victorian Women's Trust?**

The Victorian Women's Trust started in 1985 as an independent body with a mandate to improve conditions for women in practical and lasting ways.

They aim to make a difference in everything they do. They:

- \* have a funding program that invests in women and girls to effect social change
- \* advocate for women on key issues that affect their lives
- \* initiate special projects that deliver real outcomes for women
- \* showcase women's talents and foster networks for the exchange of skills, ideas and information.

**Their Vision:**

*"We want to see a socially just world where women achieve their potential, live safely and enjoy full participation as citizens .Create a better world for women – and everyone benefits."*

## The Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust

As a philanthropic body, the Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust has granted over \$3 million dollars to 372 projects designed and run by Victorian women.

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'... and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

## PRAM Report

PR – promotions and public relations  
A – Advocacy and Archive M - Membership



### Committee Chair – Val Sarah

**Committee:** Sandy Harbison,  
Anne Smail & Helen Weadon (LofA)

**COMMITTEE:** Sandy Harbison, Val Sarah; Helen Weadon. As this is our last report for the 2010-2011 year, I'd like to thank the members of the committee for their generosity of spirit in taking up issues around PR, advocacy and archive, and membership. It's been a joy to work with them!

## PR

As usual, Sandy has done a magnificent job with the May BAZ Magazine. It's clear, concise and classy, and a great read (including the naughty jokes!). Our club promotional pieces have appeared on a regular basis in The Courier and The Ballarat News this month, and we requested coverage of the Birthing Kit Assembly Day (May 21) and Changeover Dinner (May 24).

## MEMBERSHIP

May was a busy month as we updated the Members Birthday, Contact and Data lists, prepared the new Member kits in readiness for the induction of Rachael Nuttall, Jayne Stinton and Janelle Yates and updated their 'Prospective Members' Follow-up Procedures Form (must get the paperwork done!)

We're looking forward to welcoming Carolyn McMickan back for the May meeting, and hope that she and Peter will return to Ballarat to live within the next 12 months.

We congratulated Past President Kate Owen (Pepplinkhouse) who, after several years in East Timor, has just taken up a 12-month position in Darwin with the Office of Women's Policy for the Northern Territory Government. We have given her the name of a contact at the Darwin Zonta Club if she is able to renew her membership of Zonta.

It is with *great* regret that we record the 'retirement' of Anne Smail and Lee Belcher.

Anne Smail was an original Charter Member of our Club in 1978, and served two terms as President (1980-82, and 2000-2001). She is extremely busy in her retirement, two of her major interests being bridge in admin. and as a player, and as Secretary of the prestigious Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields Festival. She and Andrew have a family property in central France, which they visit once or twice a year, and we can imagine them enjoying a quiet wine at the end of a day enjoying the rural atmosphere as the seasons change!

Lee has served the club well since she joined in June 2001, and has delighted us all with her quick wit and quiet appreciation of each and every member during her term as President, 2009-2011. Her interests include Classical Music (*"is there any other sort?"*, she asks), and reading the novels of Jane Austen – (*Chairman's comment: does that include any other hero than Colin Firth as Darcy in Pride and Prejudice, visions of wet T-shirt, hmmm?*)

## ADVOCACY

As part of our advocacy program, we have focused on new citizens to Ballarat from the African continent, particularly the Sudanese population. We're therefore delighted to act as hosts for the Changeover Meeting, to welcome Vicki Coltman, Executive Officer of Lead on Ballarat Inc.,  
*See photo below.*



We will also welcome Father Peter Kunen, who will introduce a documentary created by young people working with professional film makers in Lead On's *Get Reel* project.

*Beyond All Borders* focuses on young African females and their life experiences when living in Africa and now Australia. It is designed to raise awareness of the issues facing young migrants in our community. Father Peter Kunen and his family arrived in Melbourne in 2004, without money and few belongings. He was shown great compassion, and in turn is now helping other African families coming into Australia, and raising funds through the African Christian Kush Aid Program of Australia to reignite the agricultural industry in the rural villages of the Sudan.

## Note from Kate Owen in Darwin

Kate is settling in Darwin after a memorable trip up on the Ghan and work is in her comfort zone – so far!

"Trip up on the Ghan was great. Managed to get an upgrade once on board at small cost but then I had a little sleeper, even though in the basic Red level. But it was fine. We had a dining carriage and a lounge carriage as well as my little shared cabin, which I actually had to myself until Alice Springs.

We had stops of 4 hours in Alice and Katherine where I joined their special ghan tours to the desert park and then Katherine Gorge so felt I was really out in the territory bush and environment as well as stretching the legs and breaking the trip up. My English friend who joined me in Alice 'Sue' is in Darwin for a week so we also catching up a bit here. Met some interesting people. So fun!!

Work was fine today. Mainly orientation. Key tasks seem to be International Women's Day, White Ribbon Day and other events and consultations re Violence Against Women and Gender policy stuff so pretty much in my field so we'll see how it pans out. Team seem a good bunch".

## WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

We have enjoyed an excellent relationship with Cr. Cheryl Bromfield, who is both a supporter of Zonta and an in-kind sponsor of our IWD Dinners.

You may have noticed her photograph in The Courier on May 10<sup>th</sup>, as a key organizer of the State Conference of the Australian Local Government Women's Association Victorian branch held in Ballarat later that week.

Our historic Town Hall was the setting for a meeting of women in local government from across Victoria, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Victorian branch, and the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the Association.

What you may not know, is that, according to a recent publication entitled ***Getting the Numbers: Women in Local Government*** by Amanda Sinclair which Cheryl very kindly lent me, Zonta is cited as an example of "*helping to consolidate the necessary self-confidence and skills to go into council.*"

Two pages feature cartoons satirizing different aspects of the discrimination faced by a woman Councillor; reproduced by courtesy of the Footscray Mail, they depict a youthful Sika Kerry, one of our District's best-loved Zontians. What stories Sika could tell us, in her colourful Russian style!

In the appendices, there are some interesting recommendations.

The section that caught my eye was entitled Support and Organisational Networks, in which the author suggests that "*Existing women's organizations, such as the CWA, Penguin and Toastmistresses Clubs, Zonta International and Business and Professional Women's*"

*Associations, should be circulated with information, such as that contained in this book to encourage awareness of their organizations as training grounds and links to local government."*

Well, we've started the ball rolling!

**Val Sarah**

## Members Moments

Sandy has a new family member, Chloe the poodle pup. She is an adorable monster but will no doubt grow into a loyal, lovable family member.



## AE FELLOWSHIPS 2011

36 Amelia Earhart Fellowships were awarded in 2011 -

One Australian made this year's list - Airlie Jane Chapman, who is studying Aeronautics and Astronautics at the University of Washington.

Onvaree Techakesari of Thailand, who is studying Aerospace Engineering, chose to study here in Australia at the Queensland University of Technology; this is her second Award, the first being in 2010.

Two Fellows elected to study at Purdue University where Amelia was once a Lecturer - Amanda Knutson from Canada and Rashmi Shah of Nepal.

Biographical details will be posted on the ZI website at the end of this month.

## UN LAUNCHES NEW INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE RIGHTS OF WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

New York, May 20 2011 4:05PM

Four United Nations entities today launched a new initiative to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples, aiming to strengthen their institutions and ability to fully participate in governance and policy processes at the local and national levels.

The initiative, to be known as the UN Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP), was launched on the sidelines of the 10th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues under way at UN Headquarters.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the initiative and urged all countries to support it "so that it can fulfil its potential to turn the declaration's principles into reality." He noted that "indigenous people suffered centuries of oppression, and continue to lose their lands, their languages and their resources at an alarming rate."

"Despite these obstacles, indigenous people make an enormous contribution to our world, including through their spiritual relationship with the Earth. By helping indigenous peoples regain their rights, we will also protect our shared environment for the benefit of all."

## Status of Women and Service Committee Report



**Committee Chair: Pat Fraser**

**Committee:** Eileen Anderson, Gillian Canavan, Greta Christie, Stella Coffey, Leesa Myers and Carole Noton

## This will cheer you up

**PLEASE NOTE** - if you love Australia and the thought of keeping jobs here (instead of building other nations like China), plus you like to eat healthy foods and buy quality products then please read on.

### Some imported foods are dangerous!

Can you differentiate which food is made in the USA, Philippines, Taiwan or China?

For your Information ... the first 3 digits of the barcode is the country code where the product was made.

**Example:** all barcodes that start with 690.691.692 to 695 are made in China.

4 71 is made in Taiwan.

Other examples are:

**00 ~ 13 USA & CANADA**  
**30 ~ 37 FRANCE**  
**40 ~ 44 GERMANY**  
**49 ~ JAPAN**  
**50 ~ UK**  
**57 ~ Denmark**  
**64 ~ Finland**  
**76 ~ Switzerland and Liechtenstein**  
**93 ~ Australia**  
**628 ~ Saudi-Arabian**  
**629 ~ United Arab Emirates**  
**740 ~ 745 - Central America**  
**480 - the Philippines.**

Be wary as in some countries there are no food inspection regulations!!!

Look for the barcode beginning with

**93 – and buy AUSTRALIAN!**

## Fundraising & IWD



**Committee Chair: Hilary Pope**

**Committee:** Judith Coull, Helen Eyres, Judy Snowden

The Committee has continued and we hope to have something a little out of the ordinary, as well as our best sellers

As members have indicated a preference for a matinee performance of a play for our theatre fundraiser, we are discussing possibilities with the Ballarat National Theatre. However, it may be necessary for us to take a performance of the November production, rather than "The Mousetrap" to have a matinee. We will keep you informed.

We hope you have noted our next IWD dinner in your diaries - Thursday 8 March 2012. Venues are being investigated and we would like to receive your suggestions for an inspiring speaker and sponsors.

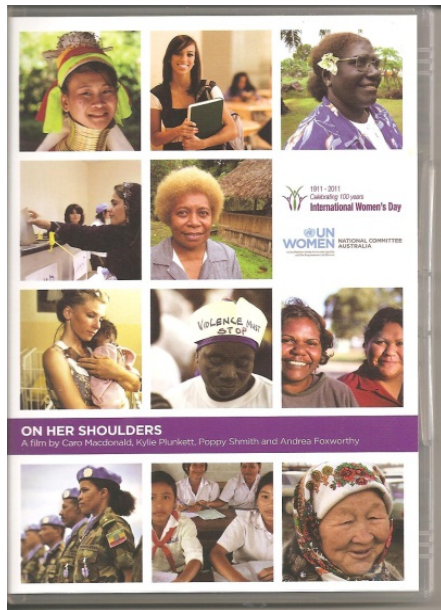
We are also looking at a fundraising event for the period between now and Conference, possibly a trivia night. Look out for the details in the near future. As always, suggestions are welcome.

A fashion show is on the cards for next April and we will advise when arrangements are in place – this is just an early warning!

A surprise addition to our fundraising was the presentation of \$250 at the birthing kit assembly day on Saturday. This money was raised by some of the pupils at Ballarat Grammar running a coffee morning and is a welcome addition, as that account was cleared out purchasing the items for this assembly day.

Hilary Pope, IWD/Fundraising Committee Chairman

## "ON HER SHOULDERS"



Last Monday Stella Coffey and I attended the launch of the documentary made by UN Women to mark the centenary of International Women's Day.

The documentary is short (12½ minutes), but is a timely reminder of the changes women have welcomed in recent years – and some we still look forward to.

As the launch was held at the theatre in Yarraville it was a bit of an adventure – trying to read directions and street signs in the dark when you don't have a passenger to help and it is over 15 years since you worked in the area is not fun, but I made it and was very glad I had.

We will show the documentary at an upcoming dinner meeting, but if you would like to view it in the meantime it is available on YouTube.

### Hilary Pope, UN Chair

#### SIXTEEN COUNTRIES PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR UN INITIATIVE TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY

New York, May 19 2011. 6:05PM

Sixteen countries have announced concrete commitments aimed at drastically reducing current levels of maternal, newborn and child mortality, the United Nations reported today.

The commitments, largely in the form of specific budgetary increases for maternity and natal care, and promises of increased medical coverage for mothers and children, were announced as part of

the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, a \$40 billion programme that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched last year. The new commitments bring to 34 the number of countries making such public pledges, with 27 in Africa.

Mr. Ban welcomed the announcement, saying the commitments build on recent momentum towards tackling women's and children's health problems.

"Political and financial support for action on women's and children's health is reaching new and encouraging heights," he said.

Echoing those remarks, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Executive Director Babatunde Osotimehin said the world is now "on the verge of a tipping point" in the fight against maternal and child mortality.

Every year, 358,000 women in the developing world aged 15-49 die of pregnancy and childbirth-related complications, 2.6 million children are stillborn, and a further 8.1 million die before their fifth birthday, including 3.3 million babies in the first month of life.

UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake and WHO Director-General Margaret Chan said the pledges will also help with efforts to try to attain the social and economic targets known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which have a deadline of 2015.

For more details go to UN News Centre at <http://www.un.org/news>

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 26    | Dinner meeting (Board changeover and induction of new members)                       |
| May 29    | Melbourne on Yarra's 45 <sup>th</sup> birthday lunch                                 |
| June 5    | Areas 1 and 4 Club Board Development Day, Kyneton (Past Presidents Group)            |
| June 9    | Board meeting                                                                        |
| June 23   | Dinner meeting                                                                       |
| July 14   | Board meeting                                                                        |
| July 15   | Early bird registration for District Conference closes (registration opening in May) |
| July 24   | Past Presidents Group meeting                                                        |
| July 28   | Dinner meeting                                                                       |
| August 11 | Board meeting                                                                        |
| August 21 | Lunch for Melbourne's West's 30 <sup>th</sup> birthday                               |
| August 25 | Dinner meeting                                                                       |

September 8 Board meeting  
 September 22 Dinner meeting  
 October 2 "The Mousetrap", matinee,  
 Ballarat National Theatre,  
 Courthouse Theatre  
 October 7 – 9 District 23 Conference,  
 Melbourne  
 October 9 Melbourne on Yarra's Fran  
 Quinn Awards  
 October 13 Board meeting  
 October 24 UN Day  
 Our Club chartered 1978  
 October 27 Dinner meeting (birthday)  
 November 8 Zonta founded 1919  
 November 10 Board meeting  
 November 24 Dinner meeting (Christmas)  
 November 25 White Ribbon Day  
 (International Day for the  
 Elimination of Violence Against Women)

**Have you ever seen a baby porcupine?**



**Fable of the porcupine**

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

*My heart shaped cookie cutter will never look the same.*

*This is what happens when Men bake cookies.*

