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ZONTA 100 YEARS

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Our Dinner Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at Barkly's Restaurant, Corner Barkly Street & Main Road, Bakery Hill.
Our next meeting will be 28th March 2019
Phone Maureen on 0408 346 596

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PRESIDENT Donna Campbell

Dear Zontians,

Goodness, just where does the time go! Here we are into the final section of the current Zonta year.

Since our last BAZ, once again our Club has been involved in many local activities, which have assisted the lives of Ballarat residents. I refer to our gifts of non-perishable foods and Christmas items for the Christmas Appeal. Along with this many Club members donated money to be used by the local branch of the Salvation Army, which was very gratefully received and helped support their Christmas lunch.

Val Sarah and myself also attended the White Ribbon Day Breakfast in November, which once again highlighted the plight of many women within the community.

Once again, the Club was involved in the Rotary Raffle and a big thank you to coordinator Alison Round for ensuring all ran smoothly, please see Alison's report for further details.

Thank you all for your input at our Planning meeting in January. It is always beneficial to look at what we have achieved and how we may improve in actions and practices.

This year, we were unable to go ahead with our Amelia Earhart Garden Party for a variety of reasons but we are looking at holding a function in July in the form of a Soiree at Maria and Bron Sozanski's, which I am sure will be a lot of fun.

Coming up, we have our Ballarat's Great Women evening and this year we will be recognizing nine women from our community. I have had the pleasure of communicating directly with all nine and I know you will all be interested in hearing about their wonderful contributions to our community. A big thank you to my fellow committee members Catherine Taylor and Val Sarah for all they have done in this area. I am sure you have all enjoyed reading the nominees profiles in the Ballarat Times. Alistair Finlay and his team have certainly highlighted the Ballarat Zonta Club in these reports. District 23 Governor, Jane Adornetto and Area 4 Director Catherine Taylor (our very own) will also be joining us on the night.

The Combined Area 1 and 4 meeting is coming up on March 16th, Catherine Taylor, Val Sarah and myself will be attending. Please consider coming along (I have seats for two more in the car).

As you would be aware, Stella Coffey has transferred from our club to Melbourne's West, I would like to acknowledge the work, time and effort Stella has given to our club over the years and we wish her well at her new club.

Take care!

Donna.
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Vale Lisa Hayden

Lisa Hayden died in January after nearly fifteen-years battling with breast cancer.

Lisa was a great friend of our Club. Last March, she was one of six very inspirational women honoured as part of our Ballarat's Great Women 2018 celebrations. She was delighted to be 'honoured' and cut short a holiday overseas to be there on the night. Her Nominator, Janet Robinson, described Lisa as "*a positive advocate for those in the community experiencing adversity, with the ability to make a grass roots contribution to the community via fundraising and using the vehicle of writing to advocate to a wide audience".*

Lisa, along with Marion Hendron and myself, judged our Young Women in Public Affairs Award for 2015, 2016 and 2017. She enjoyed each judging day and the subsequent dinner, where all the finalists spoke about their aspirations and passions.

From left - Lisa Hayden, Catherine Taylor and Marion Hendron, this photo was taken at our Young women in Public Affairs Award evening in 2016

Lisa told me during the 2017 judging, that she was writing a book about her journey with breast cancer and the working title was 'Girl at the Ironing Board'. She told me our Club and Zonta were mentioned on different occasions as she had received breast cushions to help her during different times through her illness. I understand her book will be published later this year and I will be buying a copy.

Lisa will be missed by many!

Catherine Taylor

DIARY DATES

28th February	Dinner meeting
8th March	Zonta Rose Day International Women's Day
14th March	Board Meeting
16th March	Area 1 & 4 Combined Meeting
28th March	Ballarat's Great Women 2019
11th April	Board Meeting
2nd May	April Dinner Meeting* Changed due to Anzac Day
9th May	Board Meeting
18th May	Building Better Boards
23rd May	Changeover Dinner Meeting
13th June	Board Meeting
27th June	Dinner Meeting
11th July	Board Meeting
25th July	Dinner Meeting
8th August	Board Meeting
22nd August	Young Women in Public Affairs Award Dinner Meeting
7th – 9th September	Combined D16, D22, D23, and D24 Conference
12th September	Board Meeting
26th September	Dinner Meeting
10th October	Board Meeting
24th October	41st Birthday Celebration Dinner
8th November	Zonta's 100th Anniversary Founders' Day
14th November	Board Meeting
25th November	White Ribbon Day
28th November	Dinner Meeting

ROTARY RAFFLE

Sharelle Knight and Alison Round selling raffle tickets at Central Square

Many thanks to everyone for helping to sell the raffle tickets this year - either at one of the venues or on a personal level.

We managed to raise a very worthwhile total of $484.80 for club funds. A good sum despite the fact that we only had the opportunity to sell at two venues with the car this year. Well done everyone!

MEMBERSHIP

I have been following up on a small flurry of new membership enquiries recently, which I hope may prove fruitful in the coming months.

This follows the recent exposure we have received in the local press, both with the excellent editorials relating to Ballarat's Great Women and a recently placed advertisement.

Alison Round

GRADUATION

The fabulous Jenny Debney-Joyce was our guest speaker at our November Dinner Meeting and look at her now! Congratulations Jenny!

Jenny graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Federation University Ballarat recently.

Dr. Jenny Debney-Joyce looking resplendent in her robes

Her thesis was a biography of Dr. Fanny Reading. When she began to practice medicine after 1922 it was still difficult for female doctors in Australia to gain the surgical experience they required because of the negative attitude of male doctors.

Consequently, she became involved with medical care for women by women at the Rachael Foster Hospital for Women and Children in Sydney where she practiced."

Fanny Rubinovitch as a young woman

THE BIG PICTURE

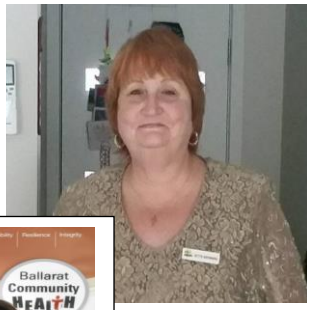
If we sometimes feel that what we do in Zonta is but a small drop in the ocean, March is the month which brings the bigger picture into view. By the time we celebrate "Ballarat's Great Women" at the end of the month, much of the Big Picture stuff in March will be done and dusted. So perhaps we can look at a couple of big events happening next month, in advance.

International Women's Day 8th March

To quote a UN source,*" International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities."* As there is a variety of events celebrating IWD in our city and several other clubs in Areas 1 and 4 celebrate IWD on or near the 8th March, the Zonta Club of Ballarat chooses to hold our special event at the end of the month. This year we will acknowledge nine local women, nominated by their peers, who have made a significant contribution to the life of our city - **Ballarat's Great Women 2019**.

Dr Joan Hunt (posthumous)

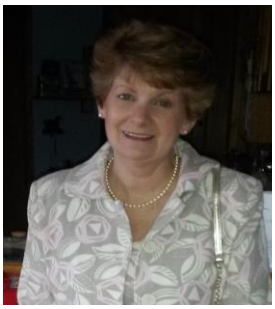
Geraldine Roberts



Heather Browning

Paula Nicholson

Robyn Reeves



Janet Rundle

Dr Shantini Deutscher

Sheilagh Kentish

Janine Walker

The 2019 theme for IWD is **THINK EQUAL, BUILD SMART, INNOVATE FOR CHANGE**, focusing on innovative ways in which we can advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure. As an organisation Zonta International proudly introduces - in connection with the centennial celebration - **The Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship**, encouraging women to pursue education and career opportunities in technology and to take on leadership roles in this field.

CSW 63 – 11-22 March

The 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held at the UN in New York. The Priority Theme is social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. The Review theme is Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development. *You see the link between the CSW and IWD themes?*

When did Zonta become involved?

Of the 5,227 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with consultative status at the United Nations, only 138 have General Consultative Status. Zonta International was granted General Consultative Status as early as **1969.** *It's the highest status an NGO can have at the UN.*
As an NGO with this Status, Zonta International is invited to participate in the annual Commission, and this year we will be represented by International President Susanne von Bassewitz, 3 other members of the International Board, and Zontians from 23 countries – *we take it seriously!*

What do we know about CSW?

- It's a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- It is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women
- It was established by resolution on 21 June **1946** (*shortly after the birth of the UN*) to monitor and promote women's rights and develop global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

How does this affect us?

Everything that we do, as individuals, as members of our club, and contributors to the body of work of Zonta International, provides our *bona fides* at the UN. We continue to be a valued player in the pursuit of a better world for women and girls, and by extension their families and communities.
So, though the CSW may seem remote from us, we are part of it.

Just to end on a lighter note …

Last year the Centennial Anniversary Committee led a project to list **Quotes by Famous Women** as part of our centennial celebrations. These are now appearing as a regular feature of the ZI website, and I thought you'd like this one, from Pearl Bailey, the American actress and singer. She said, and I quote: *"What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork".* (Yes, sigh, yes).

VAL SARAH
(information sourced from the ZI website)

Birthing Kit Assembly Afternoon

On 17th November, we held our Birthing Kit Assembly Afternoon at Mount Clear Primary School and what a lovely way to spend some time knowing we are assisting some of the 385,000 women who die annually during childbirth, many from preventable infections. Every hour 33 women die of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth.

These are the materials used in each birthing kit

In 2003, District 23 adopted the Zonta Birthing Kit project that was proposed by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills. This project involves clubs arranging birthing kit assembly days to put together simple clean birthing kits that are sent to help birthing assistants in developing countries.

The kits cost $3 each and consist of a sheet of plastic, gauze, string, a blade, soap and gloves. Over one million birthing kits have been sent overseas so far. The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) has been formed to oversee this project. Individuals and clubs are encouraged to become members of the BKFA. The project has also been adopted by District 22 and District 24 – so is a truly all-of-Australia Zonta project. Find out more at https://www.bkfa.org.au/

This project was recognised as the top Zonta International District Project at the Zonta International Convention held in Orlando in 2014.

From <https://www.zontadistrict23.org.au/what-we-do/service-projects/zonta-birthing-kits/>

From left, Caroline Nolan, Donna Campbell, Val Sarah, Alison Round, Rae Pang, Maureen Menhennet, Margaret Roney and Helen Eyres getting started

Our Members with part of the collection before enjoying a wonderful afternoon tea

A wonderful way to spend an afternoon whilst helping others!

2019 Combined Area One and Four Meeting

"Yesterday Today Tomorrow"

The 2019 Area Meeting is a one-day program aimed at providing members with up-to-date information about key areas of our organization, while allowing for fellowship with Zonta members across Victoria.

We will have the opportunity to be challenged and inspired, hear about work being done by amazing women, and talk about our own efforts to Honour and Empower women.

District committees will report on their progress this biennium and provide us with information to allow us all to make a significant contribution to Zonta's 2018–2020 goals.

Saturday 16th March 2019

9.00am for a 9.30 start

Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley
(opposite Mt Waverley train station – North side)

Registration fee: **$40.00pp**

Free parking is available onsite

Next Steps:

- During registration you will be asked if you require Home Hosting for Friday 15th and/or Saturday 16th March and/or Special Dietary Requirements.
  These responses will be collated, and Jane Davies will be in contact to discuss further prior to the event.
- Click on the TryBooking Link below to complete your registration and payment by credit card by Thursday 28th February: https://www.trybooking.com/BAAAY
- If you are unable to register and pay via Trybooking, please contact Jane Davies on 0412 248 095 – Jane can work through the process or advise other payment method options.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Di Hillman
Area One Director

Catherine Taylor
Area Four Director

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at a function on
Thursday 28th March 2019
6 for 6.30 p.m.
at Barkly's Restaurant, Main Road, Ballarat
$60 per ticket
(includes drink on arrival, two course meal and tea/coffee)

Ballarat's Great Women Honourees for 2018 – Amy Tsilemanis, Joyce Ryall, Claire Rasmussen, Lisa Hayden (deceased), Mary-Rose McLaren and Patty Kinnersly

Bookings and payment will only be accepted through Trybooking:
https://www.trybooking.com/421911

If you are booking for more than one person, please place the additional names and dietary requirements in the space provided in Trybooking.

Please book early to avoid disappointment and no later than Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 4 p.m.

BGW Committee
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Funds raised on the night will go towards our Young Women in Public Affairs Award and ZI Centennial Endowment Campaign