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District 23 Area 4

**Our Dinner Meeting this Thursday
 will be held at the Golf House Hotel
 920 Doveton Street North, Ballarat
 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
 Our next meeting will be
 26th March 2020
 Phone Maureen on 0408 346 596**

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**Sensory Garden**

Last year, our Club decided to celebrate Zonta's Centenary by placing two plaques on the seats on either side of the water fountain in the Sensory Garden, which is part of Ballarat's Botanical Gardens.



*This plaque celebrates Zonta's Centenary*



*This plaque commends our service locally*



*One of the four Zonta roses planted in the Sensory Garden, some of the roses are hard to find as they are planted among the herbs, both growing beautifully*



*Another Zonta rose*

A huge thank you to the staff at City of Ballarat Parks and Nursery for organizing and installing the plaques, they are spectacular and you did an awesome job!

**Catherine Taylor**

## ROTARY RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you so much to all those who supported this year's fundraiser, either by selling tickets to family, friends and colleagues, or giving up their valuable time to sell to the general public in one of the three shopping areas dotted around Ballarat. It was fun and also an opportunity to spend time with other Members of Zonta .....



*Alison Round and Sharelle Knight enjoying the sun in Bridge Mall*

We managed to sell 500 tickets at a total value at \$1000 - of which our share is a wonderful \$800. A magnificent sum!

A wonderful effort - many thanks once again.

### Alison Round

## Membership

Last Thursday evening, some of our members and three prospective members, met at Acting President, Alison Round's home and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship.

We enjoyed the age-old tradition of sitting around the dining room table without contemplating a move to the living room with its gorgeous view to Lake Wendouree and beyond. We all appreciated a superb array of food and wine; Maria's cherry

cake was delicious. There was wide-ranging discussions, light-hearted and serious; and the opportunity to become more acquainted with our friend Deruka who has moved to Ballarat with her children. An animated Lys who has retired and has taken up 10 different courses at U3A ranging from crochet and canasta to essays and mah-jong, and Caroline's friend Loretta from Creswick, who – as a librarian teacher for many years – added to our discussion about books we shared in common.

Our dear friend, Donna's partner, Geoff, gave us some cuttings from Donna's garden and Alison provided some thoughtful gifts and our little trading table raised \$80!

It was a lovely evening and we hope to see more of Deruka, Lys and Loretta in the near future.

### Val Sarah

## DIARY DATES

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 27 <sup>th</sup> February               | Dinner Meeting                             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Board Meeting                              |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Ballarat's Great Women                     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April                   | Board Meeting                              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                  | Dinner Meeting                             |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Board Meeting                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Area 1 & 4 Combined Meeting                |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Dinner Meeting                             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Board meeting                              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Dinner Meeting                             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> July | Convention in Chicago                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> July?                  | Board Meeting                              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                   | Dinner Meeting                             |
| August TBC                              | Building Better Boards                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> August                 | Board Meeting                              |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> August                 | Young Women in Public Affairs Award Dinner |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September              | Board Meeting                              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> September              | Dinner Meeting                             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October                 | Board Meeting                              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                | 42 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday                  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November               | Board Meeting                              |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November               | Dinner Meeting                             |



**Birthing Kit  
Foundation**  
Australia

WE ARE PROUD TO  
INTRODUCE OUR NEW,  
ENVIRONMENTALLY  
FRIENDLY BIRTHING KIT-  
THE "EARTH KIT"



## **NEW! EARTH Kits**

Our supporters care about mothers and babies, and we also know they care about the environment.

We have been listening to feedback from our volunteers about the sustainability of BKFA's Birthing Kits and we are pleased to share that we are currently testing and prototyping a new environmentally friendly birthing kit that will be available from early 2020.

This alternative kit will continue to include the 6 disposable components recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO), however some of the components will be adjusted so they leave less of an environmental footprint in the communities where they are distributed.

We are really excited to launch EARTH Kits with our Australian supporters and look forward to keeping you updated with our progress as we innovate our birthing kits for the benefit of people and the planet. The Earth Kits will be available for \$10 per kit and the minimum order is 200.

The BKFA is still offering standard birthing kits for volunteers to fundraise and pack as well as the new Earth Kit. We are pleased to be able to

give our supporters a "green" choice and are currently exploring other ways to reduce our environmental impact, including carbon offsets or tree planting.

<<https://www.bkfa.org.au/our-work/earthkits/>>



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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **For the Area 1 & 4 Combined Meeting**

### **The theme is Towards the Future**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
2020**

**Centennial Building  
Ballarat Grammar  
Forest Street  
Wendouree**

**Hosted by the  
Zonta Club of Ballarat**

## Ending Child Marriage

Worldwide, almost 650 million women alive today were married before their 18th birthday and an estimated 280 million more girls are at risk of becoming brides. If current trends continue, the number of girls and women married as children will reach nearly 1 billion by 2030.



Child marriage is a global violation of human rights that can be found in cultures, religions, ethnicities and countries around the world. Recognizing that only a long-term strategy will ensure the desired outcomes, UNICEF and UNFPA have joined forces and formally launched a multi-country initiative to protect the rights of millions of the world's most vulnerable girls. The [Global Programme to End Child Marriage](#) brings together governments, civil society, families and young people in a collective effort to prevent girls from marrying too young and to support those already married as girls.

To date, more than 1 million girls have been reached through life skills and school attendance support and 1.67 million individuals have been engaged in community-based behaviour change and sensitization activities.

### How Zonta helps

Zonta International has committed US\$2,000,000 to UNICEF USA to support the UNICEF/UNFPA Global Programme to End Child Marriage in 12 countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

The program is turning commitment into tangible action to effect meaningful and lasting change in girls' lives by focusing on five main strategies:

- Building the skills and knowledge of girls at risk of child marriage
- Supporting households in demonstrating positive attitudes towards adolescent girls
- Strengthening the systems that deliver services to adolescent girls
- Ensuring laws and policies protect and promote adolescent girls' rights
- Generating and using robust data to inform programs and policies relating to adolescent girls

Under the umbrella of these five main strategies, each country will have specific strategies that respond to the context and factors that lead girls into early marriage.

### Expected Outcomes

- National laws, policy frameworks and mechanisms to protect and promote adolescent girls' rights are in line with international standards and properly resourced
- Government(s) and partners within and across countries support the generation and use of robust data and evidence to inform policy and programming, track progress and document lessons
- Relevant regional and local government ministries deliver quality and cost-effective services to meet the needs of adolescent girls
- Households demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviours toward investing in and supporting adolescent girls
- Adolescent girls at risk of or affected by child marriage are better able to express and exercise their choices

[Read a detailed project description](#) to find out more about this exciting partnership between Zonta International, UNICEF USA and UNFPA. Zonta has been committed to ending child marriage since 2014.

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<https://foundation.zonta.org/EndingChildMarriage>