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Area 4 District 23

Ballarat Dinner Meetings
are held the fourth Thursday of the month
6.30pm for 7.00pm
Our next meeting will be 28th July 2016
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PRESIDENT Catherine Taylor



Dear Zontians,

I have really enjoyed my first month as President and have attended many events.

First, there was a luncheon for the 50th Birthday Celebration of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra with Donna Campbell, Hilary Pope, Stella Coffey, Val Sarah and me attending.

The star of the day for me was our own Val Sarah, who gave an address on the history of Zonta since its inception in 1919. You can read about Zonta's illustrious history on the following pages and like me, I am sure you may find something you didn't know.

It was a great afternoon with members attending from all over Victoria and Perth. Everyone I spoke with thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I was delighted to participate in the presentation of Breast Cushions to the McGrath Breast Care Nurses, our very own Sue Bartlett and her colleague, Cath Healy at Ballarat Health Services. They both do

wonderful work helping people at a very vulnerable time.

Last Wednesday evening, I attended the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields Annual General Meeting, which also included inducting their new Board. It was a great opportunity to meet members of their Club and to hear about their activities. It was also lovely to see Judy Rothe and Ronda Walker from the Kyneton Zonta Club.

The Zonta International Convention, which is being held in Nice from 2nd to 6th July is nearly here. We wish Val Sarah, Stella Coffey and Donna Campbell, who is the delegate representing our Club, a happy and safe trip and we look forward to hearing all about Convention and extra curricula activities at our July Dinner Meeting.

Which leads me to our next Dinner Meeting will be held at the home of Sharelle Knight on Thursday 28th July. Sharelle very kindly agreed we could hold a Soup and Roll evening at her home. This will need to be coordinated so we don't all bring the same thing, so stay tuned!

I look forward to working with everyone over the coming twelve months and wish you all a great July!

Yours in Zonta
Catherine

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"Women Empowering Women Worldwide"

Address at the 50th Anniversary Luncheon of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra

Saturday 28th May 2016, at the Amora Riverwalk Melbourne, by Past International President Val Sarah, AM, DSJ

This is an abridged version of a speech which preceded a presentation by Past President Christine Fitzherbert, who shared with guests the history of the Melbourne on Yarra Club in its various transitions, and the activities and achievements of its members during the past 50 years, from 1966 to 2016.

My role was to put this 'gem' of a Club into context with its District and Zonta International, by highlighting the events of each decade of Zonta's story so far. As the title indicates, this was all about "Women Empowering Women Worldwide", throwing the spotlight on some remarkable women. We began by reviewing Zonta's history internationally.

Val Sarah

Please read on!

On the 16th of December 1918, very soon after the end of the First World War, playwright and journalist Marian de Forest was a guest at a Christmas Party hosted by a men's service organisation, the Kiwanis Club of Buffalo, in upstate New York.

During the evening, Marian found herself in deep conversation with 4 other women discussing the need

for a similar *women's* organisation to provide service to *women*, recruiting its members based on the Kiwanis' strict system of professional and business classifications.

The party wound down, the guests departed ... and our story could have ended there. But it didn't: in March 1919 a women's organisation was born with Marian as its first President, and the other 4 women as its Office-bearers. They engaged the services of a professional Organiser to encourage membership.

In no time at all, there were branches of the new organisation in 9 different cities in the States of New York and Michigan. It was a *huge* success!

But it wasn't Zonta – it was Quota!

As the months went by, Marian and her supporters realised that – perhaps due to the rigours of the recent war - women were joining for *social interaction*, **not** for *service to others*.

And so it was that on the 8th of November 1919, representatives from each of the 9 cities met at the Statler Hotel in Buffalo to form a *new* organisation, '**The Confederation of Zonta Clubs**', with members representing a wide variety of classifications.

Sadly, Marion herself was not present at that historic moment – she was in Paris, attending the First Night of one of her plays, "Little Women".

The 1920's saw a period of consolidation.

- In 1927 Zonta welcomed its first all-*Canadian* club in Toronto
- In 1928 permanent Headquarters were established in Chicago Illinois where they remain today, and
- In 1929 a club was formed on our very own doorstep, in Sydney Australia!
More about that, later ...

The 1930's were years of hardship due to the Great Depression, but Zonta was on the move!

- With the introduction of the first European club in Vienna, Austria **The Confederation became 'Zonta International'**, and was soon incorporated in the State of Illinois USA
- From Europe, Zonta spread into Scandinavia.
- Then in 1937, one of Zonta's most famous members, aviatrix Amelia Earhart, disappeared over Howland Island in the Pacific. In the following year, her

extraordinary achievements inspired the creation of Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards for post-graduate studies in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. Since that time, over 1400 AE Fellowships have been awarded to exceptional women in 70 countries worldwide.

The early **1940's** saw Zonta struggling through the Second World War

- Despite the difficulties, Zonta spread into South America and the United Kingdom, and
- in 1945, Zontians Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier and Georgia Boucher attended the Peace Conference which chartered the formation of the United Nations, forging links with UN agencies which endure to this day.

In the **1950's**

- Zonta spread into South East Asia and Central America, and
- undertook its first full international service project to aid Hungarian refugees

During the **1960's**

- Expansion continued to the Far East, Asia and Australasia.
- That first Zonta Club in Sydney had – despite a high profile membership including Australian poet Dorothea McKellar among its Presidents - ceased to exist by 1935. We think this may have been due to its isolation, and long delays in communication. *This* time it was *different* – Dorothy Thompson of the Zonta Club of Toronto was to organise 12 Clubs in New Zealand and Australia between 1965 and 1971, which still thrive today!

The **1970's**

- brought the continent of Africa into the Zonta fold
- Significantly, Helvi Sipila – Past International President from Finland – became the first woman in the world to hold the rank of Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. During her tenure, she helped develop concepts for the United Nations International Women's Year and the International *Decade* for Women, which led directly to the series of UN *World Conferences for Women*, beginning in Mexico in 1975. Helvi Also helped to unleash global *communications* between women – through

women's magazines, poetry, literature, plays – and the *power* inherent in such interaction.

In the **1980's**, several milestones occurred:

- The Zonta International Foundation was established, and
- our first World Headquarters Building was purchased in Chicago
- The "*Zonta Woman Study*" was commissioned to examine factors contributing to the success of executive women, and was presented at two workshops during the NGO Forum running parallel to the World Conference for Women in Nairobi.
- Zonta was granted Category 1 Status by ECOSOC, the UN Economic and Social Council, one of only 34 out of 491 International organisations so honoured.
- Zonta also became the first NGO to support the UN Development Fund for Women, later to be known as UNIFEM, and currently as UN Women, and finally ...
- following a United States Supreme Court ruling that Rotary International must admit women in 1988, Zonta's bylaws were amended to allow individual clubs to invite *men* into membership.

The **1990's** was an *amazing* decade with

- the introduction of 23 new countries to Zonta, including Russia and several in Eastern Europe. At the end of the decade, Zonta was in 71 countries worldwide.
- The big year was 1995, when President Chief 'Folake Solanke' inspired a standing-room only audience with her "*Zonta Open Letter to the Women of the World*" at the UN 4th World Conference in Beijing, and
- Zonta held its first International Summit in Washington, to put the spotlight on the causes, costs and consequences of Violence Against Women, which attracted participants from all over the world, and morphed into ZISVAW, **Zonta International Strategies** to eradicate **Violence Against Women**.

And now to the new Millennium

- In **2010** Zonta took up new Headquarters with an office suite in Oak Brook, a half-hour drive out of Chicago, where several of the Fortune 500 companies are located. We are a strong, unified organisation, preparing to

celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2019. As our major focus, ZONTA says NO to violence against women.

- Earlier **this year**, Australia was ranked 3rd highest in membership in the Zonta world, and 4th by percentage of donations to the Zonta International Foundation.

So now, having travelled swiftly through the decades of Zonta internationally, let's explore how Zonta in *Australia* flourished from Day One here in Melbourne!

You'll recall that we mentioned Dorothy Thompson from Toronto, who organised a cluster of 12 clubs 'Down Under'? Well, Dorothy was very tall, personable, a great listener, with a remarkable memory for names and faces. She was the *ideal* person to relaunch Zonta in our part of the world.

She went to New Zealand first, and met Cherry Raymond, a well-known radio and television presenter and ardent feminist. At first reluctant to join the organisation, Cherry became the Charter President of the Auckland Club, and says (and I quote)

"One of the most rewarding aspects of life as a Zontian was the pleasure of working with other women. I met women from such a wide range of businesses and professions I might never otherwise have known, and whose friendship has vastly enriched my life".

So keen was Cherry to encourage *other* women to become Zontians, that she came with Dorothy to Melbourne to help in the initial efforts to start a club here.

From Melbourne, Dorothy went to Sydney where she met Dr. Judith Dey, eminent paediatrician and internationally-recognised researcher in the field of developmental disabilities in children and adults, who would later become our first District Governor. Dorothy also met Dr. Hazel King who was to write a short history of "*Zonta in the Antipodes*" detailing its rapid expansion from 1965 through to 1990.

Adelaide was next on the list, where Dorothy met Dr. Heide Taylor, whose experience organising several clubs in South Australia led to her serving as International Chairman of Organisation and Extension in the 1990's. Drawing on her background as a Prussian and her fluency in European languages, she created clubs in Eastern Bloc countries which may

have been enemies in wartime, but respectful friends in times of peace.

In Canberra, Dorothy met Dr. Joyce Fildes, and we'll hear more about her in a moment ...

On a return trip to New Zealand in 1969, Dorothy organised 4 more clubs.

In Wellington, she met Beverley Bennett, a gifted artist in stained glass and embroidery whose work graces cathedrals and churches around the world: Beverley would later serve as a District Governor.

On to Hamilton, where the Charter President was Silvia Cartwright, who was later – as Dame Silvia Cartwright - to become the 18th Governor-General of New Zealand, and an International Honorary Member of Zonta.

In Christchurch, Dorothy met Jeanne Edgar. A trained teacher of the deaf, part-time broadcaster and devotee of the theatre, Jeanne was another future Governor.

And finally, Dunedin was the fifth club to be chartered during Dorothy's time in New Zealand, with Te Ngaire Hughes an elegant President at the Charter Dinner at the University of Otago.

In the final 3 months of 1971, 3 more clubs were chartered in capital cities in Australia – Brisbane, Hobart and Perth.

In Brisbane, Dorothy was introduced to Leneen Forde, who - 20 years later - would serve as Zonta's first Australian International President, and who, immediately following the Convention over which she presided in Hong Kong in 1992, commenced a 5-year term as Governor of the State of Queensland.

Scotswoman Catherine Mair was to prove an outstanding organiser, this time in Tasmania, and she was one of the first people Dorothy met when she arrived to form a club in Hobart.

Then it was on to Perth, where actress and TV personality Susan Fletcher was elected Charter President, and was to play a vital role in the first District Conference hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth in September 1975.

These twelve clubs were originally called 'non-

districted clubs'. They were managed as part of the Asia-Pacific 'Area III'. Our friend Dr. Joyce Fildes from Canberra served as Area Representative from 1970-1972. The description changed from 'Area III' to 'Region III' in 1972-1974, and it was Cherry Raymond from Auckland who was appointed Regional Representative.

By now there were 18 clubs in Region III, and in 1974 at the International Convention in Boston, they were recognised as District XVI, with Dr. Judith Dey of Sydney as the first District Governor. It became a tradition for the role of Governor to be rotated between the 2 countries, and the first Governor from New Zealand was someone we heard about earlier, Beverley Bennett.

By 1989 there were 90 clubs in District XVI, and the huge geographical distances and tight timelines for communication to be passed on, proved overwhelmingly challenging. So, at the District Conference in Auckland in 1989, it was resolved to divide the District into 3.

As Auckland was the first club in the District, New Zealand retained the title District 16.

As Melbourne was the first club in Australia, it took the next 'available' number in Zonta, 23. The new District 23 covered Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. The Sydney Club became the heart of the new District 24, including New South Wales, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory.

There were immediate benefits – more Districts offered more opportunities for new leaders to emerge. Revitalised spirits led to the formation of new clubs and the addition of vital new members.

I believe that, ever since District XVI was born in Boston, Zontians from our two countries have been *elected* to serve as members of the International Board or *appointed* to serve on a variety of International Committees ...

By 2008, it was time for one more division, this time in District 24 – when Queensland became a District in its own right, and assumed the number of a now defunct district in Central America, District 22.

So Australia now has three thriving Districts, working together on projects such as the creation of Birthing

Kits and Breast Cushions, and collaborating in advocacy on issues affecting women and girls.

Our service is local and global. Our friendships run deep and last long.

I think that if Marian de Forest was here today; she would be *happy* with the outcome of her conversation with those 4 other visionary women at that Christmas Party in December of 1918 ...

I'm pretty sure she would understand that each and every one of us who has joined the organisation since its inception in November 1919, feels a sense of amazement that, by working together, we *are empowering women worldwide* and *making a difference* in their lives ... whether they be impoverished, marginalised and beaten down by circumstances, or women of the very highest intellect and achievement ...

And if Marian *is* with us in spirit, I'm certain that she would be dying of curiosity to hear what Christine Fitzherbert has to say about the amazing women in *this* Club, who have been 'making a difference' for 50 golden years!



VAL SARAH

**If it's to be
then
It is up to me!**

BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION (AUSTRALIA)

One of the great success stories in Zonta is BKFA – those life-saving birthing kits which began their history so modestly, and have inspired Zontians throughout Australia and overseas to support the initial Project and the resultant Foundation.

Julie Monis-Ivett will be attending Convention in Nice, and will no doubt be spreading the word of the 1.5 million kits which have been created since the inception of the program in 1999. It's a story of collaboration with dedicated partners and trained birthing attendants, and of kits being created in-country using local resources.

This year is a significant one, with two significant targets. Please read on!



BKFA TURNS 10

2016 is an important milestone for BKFA as we mark our 10th Anniversary. In September 2006, further to the development of the simple Birthing Kit in 1999 and outstanding success in which kits are produced, packed and sent overseas as part of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills initiated Birthing Kit Project, the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) was established.

It's hard to believe that in this time, with your support, we have distributed over 1.5 million kits to our overseas partners. We are so proud of our achievements but our work is not done.

To mark the occasion of our anniversary, we have set two significant targets. The first is to fundraise for and pack 24,800 kits in one month. The second is to raise \$24,800 in donations to help support Birth Attendant and Community Training programs on safe birth practices.

Why 24,800? 24,800 is the estimated number of women who will sadly die during the period of one month, from complications related to childbirth or pregnancy.

All Assembly Days held and donations made between 10th August and 10th September 2016, will contribute to our target. Will you join us? If you'd like to hold an Assembly Day during this time, please contact bookings@bkfa.org.au or you can make a donation at www.bkfa.org.au/how-to-help/donations/

Thank you for your ongoing support!

**PIP Val Sarah
BKFA Ambassador**

Vale - Debra Thomson



Deb was inducted as a member of Zonta by Lt. Governor Ronda Walker assisted by Membership Chairman Stella Coffey on the 27th May 2004, at the Changeover Dinner with outgoing President, Michelle Jorgensen. Interestingly, on the same occasion we welcomed a 'transferring Zontian', Hilary Pope!

Deb was a really hard worker. She joined the Membership Committee in 2004; served as Treasurer and Public Officer in 2005 and 2006 supporting the Service Committee; as a first year Director in 2007 supporting the Status of Women Committee and playing a special role in hosting the YWPA Awards; as Co-Chair with Hilary Pope for the 2009 International

Women's Day Dinner celebrating those honoured as being 'Amongst Ballarat's Finest'.

Deb served under the presidencies of Kate Peplinkhouse (Owen), Judy Snowden and Hilary Pope, and resigned in 2009. We were greatly enriched by Deb's contribution to the wellbeing of our Club, and remember her with respect and affection.

Vale - Thelma Rungkat



Thelma came to Ballarat in 1974, as a single mother of a school-age daughter, Sari (Baird). In that same year, she accepted an invitation from the Ballarat Institute of Advance Education (now Fed Uni), to design and establish a 3-year Diploma and BA (Lib) course in Librarianship. Previously, regional residents had to move to Melbourne to undertake the professional librarianship course at RMIT.

Thelma was the first female Head of Department, and inspired women and men working in libraries to recognise the important role the library has as a community centre/hub, and the empowering nature of organised access to information that is free, current, and from quality sources, with the capacity to transform and improve opportunities for all members of the community.

It is hard to imagine the challenges Thelma faced, as the only woman at some of the Board and Committee meetings: suffice it to say that her leadership predated the codes that today guide gender relationships and behaviour through the Sex Discrimination Act 1984, and the Equal Opportunity Act 1995.

Thelma's respect for other cultures brought diversity, colour and life to what was a largely European and Anglo Celtic Ballarat in the 1970's. Together with a

handful of other young Australians in the early 1950's, Thelma had been a pioneer volunteer in the scheme now known as Australian Volunteers International; in the early 1960's she worked with UNESCO in Thailand and Sri Lanka; she also carried out development work in librarianship education in Indonesia with AusAID.

Following her example, many of her graduates have travelled internationally and returned to enrich Ballarat's information and knowledge management through their research and subsequent professional progress. Two names with which our members would be familiar are Anne E Stewart, professional Storyteller, and Edith Fry, Australian Research Librarian at the Ballarat Library.

Thelma was a Charter Member of our Club in 1978, and was honoured as one of Ballarat's Great Women in 2012.

Source of personal information: Sari Baird

CONGRATULATIONS!



Beryl McMillan, OAM

Beryl was honoured with a Medal in the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List with a citation for "*service to the community, and to women*".

Early in her Zonta life, Beryl was a member of the Zonta Club of Geelong. She was the Charter President of the Zonta Club of Melbourne CBD which merged into the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra. Co-Chairman of the 2006 Zonta International Convention in Melbourne, and District 23 Governor 2006-2008, she was a lively Zonta International Foundation Ambassador 2008-2010. She served as a Director on

the International Board for 3 years under Presidents Beryl Sten and Dianne Curtis, 2009-2012, and has since applied her knowledge gained in the production and publishing of school histories to the History Project of the Centennial Anniversary Committee.

A member since 2010, she has acted as Co-Chairman since 2012, and will take up her appointment as Chairman of the dual-purpose Centennial Anniversary Committee in 2016-2018, extended to include planning for events in celebration of Zonta's 100th Anniversary. Also during this biennium, Beryl has served on the Zonta International Nominating Committee, a vital committee establishing a slate of qualified nominees we will be voting on at Convention in Nice.

Zonta is just one of Beryl's dedicated interests. Congratulations, Beryl – an honour well deserved!

Val Sarah

Another Accolade from District Governor Erica Majba

To: ADs,
CC: D23 Board,
Bcc: D23 Chairmen & Co-ordinators, Governors -
D22, D24 & D16, ZIL Sally Bean

HI Area Directors,
Could you please distribute this email to your club Presidents and club emails as D23 Secretary Jane is overseas and temporarily off line.

Dear Zontians,

I am pleased to announce that Beryl McMillan has been awarded an OAM (Order of Australia Medal - general category). Many of you would know or know of Beryl, member of ZC Melbourne on Yarra, past D23 Governor and past ZI Board member and held many other roles within Zonta.

She was proposed by past Governor Ann Horrocks and supported by a number of Zonta referees at international, district and club level. The process and secretive nature of the awards means that a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes before the announcement.

My personal thanks and congratulations go to Beryl for her commitment to women largely through her Zonta membership. Please read the detail below provided on the Australia Day website. We are fortunate to have such a talented, hardworking and clear thinking member who has continued to devote herself to Zonta throughout her 22 years of membership.

Kind regards, Erica.

Ms Beryl Lynette McMILLAN, Mt Duneed Vic
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For service to the community, and to women.

Service includes:

Zonta International:

Governor, District 23 (Australia), 2006-2008;

Lieutenant Governor, 2004-2006;

District Parliamentarian, 2014-2016 and District Board Member, *'for six years'*;

District Foundation Ambassador, 2008-2010 and International Director, 2009-2012.

Director, ZI Foundation, 2009-2012;

Co-Chairman, Centennial Anniversary Committee, 2014-2016; Consultant to Centennial Anniversary Committee, 2010-2014;

Member, ZI Nominating Committee for ZI Leadership roles 2016-2018; Member, Foundation Development Committee, 2012-2014;

Member, ZI Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, 2012-2014;

Deputy Chairman ZI International Melbourne Convention 2006, 2003-2006 and Member, *'for 22 years'*.

Ambassador, Club Melbourne, 2005-2013.

Member, Breast Cancer Network Australia, ongoing.

Member, Women's Health Victoria, ongoing.

Fellow, Australian Council of Educational Leaders. Fellow, Educate Plus.

Director of Development and Community Relations, Sacre Coeur, since 2011.

Erica Majba

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United Nations Report



Caroline Nolan

The Motherhood Penalty.

Anne Hathaway is the latest Hollywood figure to be appointed by the United Nations as a global goodwill ambassador to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Oscar-winning actor joins Nicole Kidman, Emma Watson and Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand as fellow women's goodwill ambassadors.



Anne Hathaway

Hathaway, who said in a statement that she feels "honoured and inspired by this opportunity to aid in advancing gender equality", is no stranger to advocating on behalf of women's rights: the actor previously served as an advocate for the Nike Foundation, formed to support programs to empower adolescent girls in the developing world, and in 2011 travelled to Kenya to raise awareness on sexual violence in the area. Hathaway also lent her voice to the 2013 CNN documentary *Girl Rising*, about the power of female education.

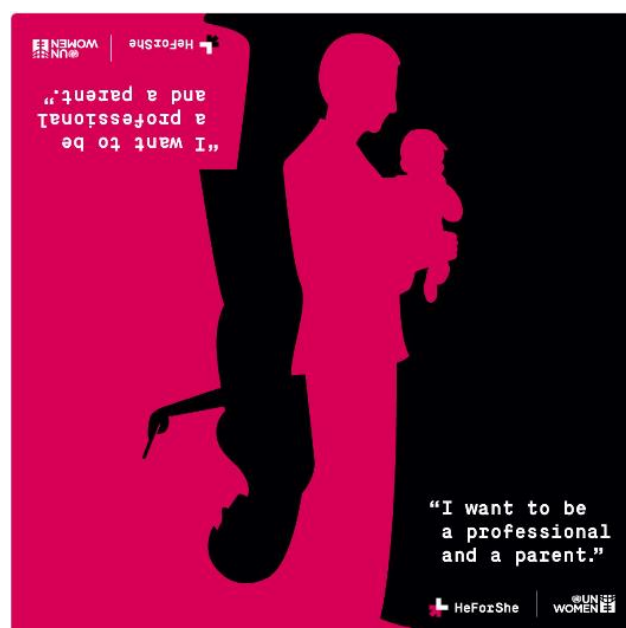
Hathaway has been brought on board to shed a spotlight on what UN Women's executive director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, described in a statement as the "motherhood penalty".

"It is a particularly insidious demonstration of gender inequality in the workplace. The appointment of Anne is timely because this year UN Women is driving hard to foster more positive mindsets and practical arrangements around workplaces that build and support equality for women."

The conversation around this appointment highlighted something that is close to my heart, as a parent who has experienced the challenges of balancing career and family. I choose the word parent deliberately as it is a continuous frustration that whenever there is discussion about gender equality in workplace that the discussion always seems to end up talking about childcare.

In recent weeks Opposition Leader Bill Shorten was labelled sexist and "prehistoric" for his comment, *"Let's face it, men in Australia rely on the women in Australia to do the child care and to organise child care. Where you've got mums working part-time or full-time, it's the second job in the family, and frankly they're doing a lot of the unpaid work. They've got to try to work out the child care bills."*

With this timely appointment we are finally starting to hear some acknowledgement that gender equality on the workplace will never occur until there is a recognition that childcare is the responsibility of both parents and not just a women's role. In recent years Watson has been a voice for the 'He for She' campaign and one of the twitter feed highlights of this campaign has been the push for men to get a better deal when it comes to parental leave or the ability to work part-time when they have children.



With the appointment of young, modern and ambitious ambassadors, such as Hathaway and Watson, we are now seeing a move away from the gender stereotyping that not only leads to 'motherhood penalty' but also makes it difficult for many men to be able to have a more active role in the parenting of their young families.

Professor Michael Kimmel, author and distinguished professor of sociology and gender studies at New York's Stony Brook University, was in Sydney recently to talk about how to engage more men in the discussion around gender equality at work. Focusing on the benefits of equality at home, says Kimmel, can be the start of changing attitudes to gender equality in the workplace, and everywhere else. Research that shows when men share housework and childcare, their children do better at school, they have higher rates of achievement, lower rates of absenteeism, are less likely to be diagnosed with ADHD and childhood depression, less likely to see therapists and to be put on medication. Looking forward to Father's Day in the year 2050, more fathers can expect a gift of dinner out or breakfast in bed, thereby relieving them of their fatherly obligations for a day.

Caroline Nolan

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2016/jun/15/anne-hathaway-united-nations-women-goodwill-ambassador>
http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/2016/jun/08/workplace-gender-equality-invisible-privilege?CMP=share_btn_tw

DID YOU KNOW



Hilary Pope

that when the Gold Museum hosted the exhibition "Walking in Their Shoes" to mark the Club's 30th anniversary:

- it was seen by an estimated 50,000 visitors from 40 countries in the period 10th October 2008 to 22nd February 2009;
- we created a DVD documentary set entitled "The ABC of an Exhibition" and a companion documentary illustrating Zonta's service and advocacy worldwide;
- we presented leather-bound albums featuring 100 photos of press coverage in The Courier to the Ballarat Historical Society for their project "Capture the Vision" and to the Central Highlands Regional Library for their Australiana Research Collection;
- we presented two Zonta roses to the Ballarat Botanical Gardens for the Zonta inspired Sensory Garden;
- we adopted Beryl Pringle's painting "View of Webster Street" and had it reframed for the Art Gallery of Ballarat;
- artwork for the flyers, posters and signage was designed by graphics students of Ballarat University Arts Academy;
- thanks to sponsorship and a grant from the City of Ballarat, we did not require any seed funds from the Club and kept costs low enough to be able to create the DVD set and provide for binding the next decade's archive copies of minutes and reports;
- we gave a presentation of the DVD "The ABC of an Exhibition" at the following District Conference and gave a copy of the DVD to every Club in the District.



Zonta Club of Central Goldfields Annual General Meeting

The Zonta Club of Central Goldfields Annual General Meeting and Handover Dinner was held on Wednesday 18th June at their local Court House Bar and Restaurant. Catherine, Caroline and Maggie drove to Maryborough for this event, as the Ballarat Zonta Club feel that we have a special relationship with this relatively new Club, which only received its charter in September 2012 supported by the Ballarat Zonta Club. We also have a connection through our work, as we both have strong Breast Cushion projects and Sue Bartlett, in her role as a Breast Care nurse, attended the Maryborough Christmas dinner.

As well as the three Ballarat guests, there were guests from the Kyneton Club and this dinner was well supported by many local friends and family. There was also representation from the local Girl Guide organization and local Rotary group. The small Court House was initially a little overwhelmed by nearly 40 attendees but was able to offer a lovely meal for all present. Sharon Hare led the proceedings as outgoing president and presented the annual report which included details of the numerous events and activities that the Club has held over the course of the 2015/16 year. The Club has had a really successful year having raised almost \$9000 through events such as pie nights, market stalls and garden parties.



Pictured left to right are Leanne Johnson President, Bronwen Haywood Treasurer, Monica Hutchinson Vice President, Lynne Brown Chair Service and Advocacy, Kerry Cameron Minute Secretary, Sharon Hare Chair Membership and PR, Carol Scott Chair Fundraising and Catherine Taylor. Absent was Kerry Stewart Correspondence Secretary.

They have been active in the creation of birthing kits and breast cushions; financially supporting young local women in further education and raising awareness of violence against women, both locally

and internationally. A copy of the report has been bought back to Ballarat.

The guest speaker for the dinner was Kelly Hutchinson, a 'digital analyst and social change agent', who presented a speech on her work in Cambodia. Back in 1999, Kelly, who was in her early thirties found herself at a crossroads in her life and decided to travel to do some business mentoring work for six months in Cambodia, she ended up working in the region for over 8 years. She shared her entrepreneurial experiences working in South East Asia in an era of great change both technologically and socially. Over the course of this time she completed a couple of Masters degrees and is currently working towards her PhD. Her presentation highlighted the need to rethink how we deliver advocacy and service in the 21st century. We look forward to hearing more of her work in the future.



Pictured on the left is Caroline Nolan, Sharon Hare and Catherine Taylor. Photos Maggie Hutchins

The latter part of the evening was taken up with the installation of the new Central Goldfields Board. As many of the outgoing directors were already on their way to Europe for the convention, Catherine was asked to take on the formalities for the induction of the new Board. Central Goldfields inducts each member individually, laying out the expectations for

each role, so this was a little more than was initially expected but Catherine rose to the challenge and it was a pleasure to see each member of the new board accept their roles with enthusiasm. We wish the new President Leanne Johnston and the new Board all the best for the coming year.

Caroline Nolan

Breast Cushions

Since our last cushion stuffing day in October last year, 38 cushions were delivered to Ballarat Health Services, to the McGrath Breast Care Nurses. The cushions will be given to patients diagnosed with breast cancer in the region having treatment at BHS. On Thursday 2nd June, a story was published in the Miner newspaper and Introduction magazine with Zonta Ballarat President Catherine Taylor and one of the McGrath Breast Care Nurses Cath Healy. Unfortunately, Jacinta Stewart, breast care nurse at St John of God Hospital, was on annual leave and was not able to be part of the photo. The Zonta cushions are also given out to patients in the region with breast cancer having treatment at SJOG.



Pictured are Catherine Taylor with McGrath Breast Care Nurses Cath Healy and Sue Bartlett

We are planning to have another cushion stuffing day later in the year and we are lucky enough to have our lovely volunteers continually sewing the cushions to be stuffed.

Sue Bartlett Breast Cushions

DIARY DATES

June 23	Dinner meeting
July 1 – 6	Zonta International Convention in Nice
July 14	Board meeting
July 28	Dinner meeting
August 11	Board meeting
August 25	Dinner meeting (YWPA presentation)
September 8	Board meeting
September 10	Melton Club's Trivia Night
September 22	Dinner meeting
October 2	Melbourne on Yarra Club's Frances Quinn Arts Award Concert
October 2	Past Presidents Group meeting (AGM)
October 13	Board meeting
October 20	Melbourne on Yarra Club's Painted Platters exhibition and auction
October 27	Dinner meeting (birthday dinner)



This makes me smile every time I read it!

Catherine

Zonta International Foundation

Dear President Catherine, Past President Donna and members of the ZC Ballarat,



Many thanks for your generous Club donations to the Zonta International Foundation during the last biennium. Also particular thanks to those members who made a personal donation.

With your support and that of clubs throughout the world ZIF will be able to fund all the programs that are being put to delegates at convention in Nice.

I am sure that you and your club will continue to support the foundation in the coming biennium.

You can always donate at <http://foundation.zonta.org/Your-Support/Donation-Forms/Individual-Donation-Form>

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Birthdays



**The Birthday girls for July are
Catherine Taylor on the 4th,
Helen Eyres on the 15th
and Sue Bartlett on the 26th!
Another candle on the cake and enjoy with
some bubbles!**

Toiletries for Berry Street

On Wednesday 15th June 2016, Helen Eyres and former member Judy Snowden, handed over 40 toiletry packs to Sandra Corbett and Luke How at Berry Street.



*Pictured are Sandra Corbett and Luke How from Berry Street and our own Helen Eyres and Judy Snowden
Photo Nicole Smilevski*

Our Club has a proud history of providing packs of necessities – toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs, tissues, hair shampoo and conditioner and many other items.

If anyone has any of these items that you don't need, please bring them to a Dinner Meeting so they can go into the next round of packs.

Helen Eyres

3BA Christmas in July Appeal

Every year at our July Dinner Meeting, all Members bring a selection of clothing and non-perishable food items to be handed over to Peter Caligari for the Appeal.

There are many people in Ballarat and surrounding areas, who are grateful for any food, clothing and bedding that the 3BA Appeal is able to give them.

So remember, to bring these goods and your soup to Sharelle's home at 3 Colpin Avenue, Lake Wendouree for our July Dinner Meeting.

50th Anniversary Luncheon



Members catching up at the beginning of celebrations

The 50th Anniversary Luncheon of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra was held on Saturday 28th May 2016.

It was a wonderful celebration at a lovely venue at the Amora Riverwalk Hotel in Bridge Road Richmond.

Great food, great company and an awesome milestone in Zonta's history in Australia.

I hope you enjoy the selection of photos with some very familiar faces!

Catherine Taylor



Catherine Taylor, Donna Campbell and Hilary Pope



District Governor Erica Majba



Renata, Sandra and our own Stella Coffey

of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra



Our own Val Sarah giving her address on the history of Zonta since its inception in 1919.



The Anniversary Cake, which was delicious!



Melbourne on Yarra's Lectern Banner



Christine Fitzherbert and her daughter Margaret. Christine has been a member of Melbourne on Yarra for many years and gave an address on the 50 years of the Club's history. Her daughter Margaret, is a Member of Parliament and spoke about changes to law relating to bail applications in Domestic Violence cases and the Abortion Bill being defeated that week.



Members of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra

"Women Empowering Women Worldwide"

Our Changeover Dinner 26th May



*Members of the new Board from left to right, Director Hilary Pope, Treasurer Stella Coffey, Area Director Margaret Lynch, Minute Secretary Caroline Nolan, Correspondence Secretary Donna Campbell and President Catherine Taylor
Absent was Vice President Sharelle Knight*



Lachlan Campbell, Caroline Nolan and Donna Campbell deep in thought.



New President Catherine Taylor, Past International President Val Sarah and Area Director Margaret Lynch



Stella Coffey, Judy Snowden and Helen Eyres



Donna Campbell, Geoff Boxshall and Alanna Marshall



Area Director Margaret Lynch