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District 23 Area 4

SENSORY GARDEN

Earlier this year, our Club was considering ideas for celebrating Zonta's Centenary, with many ideas being made. Finally, we decided to see if we could place some plaques on the two bench seats either side of the fountain in this area. Val Sarah and I met with Peter Marquand, Curator Parks and Nursery, from the City of Ballarat, and discussed what we wanted to do and Peter was very accommodating. Here is the result –



This photo was taken with the plaques lying on one of the seats, when they are installed, they will be placed on the back of the seats where the boards are much deeper. I believe Peter and Hasco Foundry have done a magnificent job producing these. The definition of the logos and the text is excellent. Our thanks also to Maureen and Jacquie Menhennet who helped with the artwork.

The top plaque, celebrating our Club will be placed on the left seat as you enter the Garden, with the wording Supporting Women Locally and Globally Since 1978 and the second plaque, celebrates Zonta International's 100th Anniversary 1919-2019 Empowering Women Worldwide, will be placed on the right seat.

The Plaques will be installed by the end of this week and will take a few days because of the process used; I was surprised at how heavy they are. There are four Zonta roses in the garden beds and two of these should be flowering very soon.

The Sensory Garden and fountain were installed in 1987 as part of the Rock Garden project and further developed in 1993 by the City of Ballarat with the assistance provided by the Frank Pinkerton Estate and the Zonta Club of Ballarat.



*This image is from our Amelia Earhart Afternoon Tea in 2016
From left is Lachlan Campbell, Caroline Nolan, Val Sarah,
Jeannie Wheeler, President Donna Campbell,
Catherine Taylor and Sharelle Knight*

*The tree behind Sharelle, has just undergone maintenance
and is older than the Botanical Gardens,
which were established around 1854*

Our Club celebrated our Amelia Earhart Afternoon Tea in 2015 and 2016 with afternoon tea at the Robert Clark Centre and members and guests then strolled around the Gardens. Our club has also contributed to plants over the years.

As Zontians, we can take immense pride in the service and advocacy we have provided to the Ballarat community since 1978 and in the work and many projects Zonta International has contributed too in the last 100 years.

Catherine Taylor

ROTARY COMMUNITY RAFFLE



Sharelle Knight and Alison Round selling raffle tickets at Central Square

Our first raffle selling day is on Saturday, 7th December and is fast approaching! It will be in the Bridge Mall and will coincide with the monthly Farmers Market, so it should be good and busy. Some Members have already kindly offered their time, but we do have a couple of gaps still to fill. Can you help?

09.00 - 10.00	Sharelle & Alison
10.00 - 11.00	Sharelle & Alison
11.00 - 12.00	Catherine ?
12.00 - 01.00	Catherine ?
01.00 - 02.00	Caroline ?
02.00 - 03.00	Caroline Maria
03.00 - 04.00	Alison Maria
04.00 - 05.00	Alison ?

The other dates have been confirmed as:
Saturday 21 December 2019 - Outside BIG W
Saturday 1 February – Stockland Wendouree

Any offers of help for any of these dates would be very appreciated.

Many thanks
Alison Round
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DIARY DATES

28th November Dinner Meeting

2020

30 th January	Planning Meeting To Be Confirmed
13 th February	Board Meeting
27 th February	Dinner Meeting
12 th March	Board Meeting
26 th March	Ballarat's Great Women
9 th April	Board Meeting
23 rd April	Dinner Meeting
14 th May	Board Meeting
16 th May	Area 1 & 4 Combined Meeting
28 th May	Dinner Meeting
30 th May	Building Better Boards
11 th June	Board meeting
25 th June	Dinner Meeting
4 th to 8 th July	Convention in Chicago
9 th July	Board Meeting
23 rd July	Dinner Meeting
13 th August	Board Meeting
27 th August	Young Women in Public Affairs Award Dinner
10 th September	Board Meeting
24 th September	Dinner Meeting
8 th October	Board Meeting
22 nd October	42 nd Birthday
12 th November	Board Meeting
26 th November	Dinner Meeting

Please support

The Salvation Army this Christmas by bringing whatever non-perishable foodstuffs you can afford and an unwrapped present for a boy or girl to our Dinner Meeting this Thursday.

We also encourage members to bring along a donation in an envelope if you can afford it, which will be given to the local Salvation Army Group to be used to brighten up Christmas for those in need.

Areas 1 & 4 Celebrate Zonta's Centenary



Area 1 Director Di Hillman and Area 4 Director Catherine Taylor in the foyer of Parliament House



The man of the hour, Mr Steve McGhie, the Member for Melton with District 23 Governor, Jane Adornetto and President of Melton, Jane Sultana

Many thanks to Jane Sultana, who organised our visit to Parliament and to our District Governor, Jane Adornetto, for her organisational skills in getting the rest of us there



Val Sarah, Beryl McMillan and Ann Horrocks



Bev Mattingly and Jane Adornetto enjoying a laugh



Joanne Metzger and Adrienne Dyall, who travelled all the way from Albury Wodonga

On Tuesday, 26th November 2019, Zontians from District 23 Areas 1 & 4 celebrated Zonta's Centenary at the Victorian State Parliament, where a statement was read out by the Member for Melton, Mr Steve McGhie.

Val Sarah, Helen Eyres and myself travelled to Melbourne and arrived at Macarthur Street, at the back of Parliament House. We chose this entrance as we didn't want to take the stairs at the front. We went in and had a look at all the portraits of past Victoria Premiers, most I recognised immediately and some of the earlier ones I was able to put a face to the name. We then went out to the foyer and met the other Zontians, after saying 'Hello' to many familiar faces, we were taken into the Public Gallery by Greg from Steve McGhie's office.

It was wonderful to see democracy in action! While members of the Government were talking about the program for the final sitting week, the Member for Warrandyte repeatedly interjected on various points of order. This was great stuff! After a while, Members had 1 minute 30 seconds to speak; some spoke about being in Parliament for one year and what the Government has delivered in their electorate in that time. Others spoke about members of their communities who have passed on and the contribution those people made. And then it was the Member for Melton's turn to speak about Zonta's Centenary and the contribution Zonta has made locally and globally. The Extract from Hansard is on page 5.

Then it was time to move to the Parliamentary Dinning Room for afternoon tea. While we were enjoying a scone with jam and cream and a tea or coffee, we were able to move around and catchup with Zontians from all over Victoria.

The Member from Buninyong, Michaela Settle, came and had a chat with Val, Helen and myself, which was lovely. Michaela said she would like to discuss what Zonta does in our community and we will have to organise this!

Then the Premier, Daniel Andrews, arrived and spoke with many of us. He told Val, Helen and me that his family came from Ballarat and surrounding towns and were 'spud' farmers.

It was a magnificent day! A great way to celebrate Zonta's Centenary, see Zontians that we don't see regularly, see our Members of Parliament in action and to meet Dan, Steve, Michaela and many others.

Thank you to Jane Sultana for working with Steve McGhie to achieve this event, our District 23 Governor, Jane Adornetto, Mr Steve McGhie, Greg Bulliff and Di McAuliffe from Steve's office for all their help in seamlessly organising this celebration, it went like clockwork.

I am sure we will remember this day for many a day!

Catherine Taylor



The Ballarat contingent – Catherine Taylor, Val Sarah, Michaela Settle, Member for Buninyong and Helen Eyres



Zontians from all over Victoria with the Premier Daniel Andrews at the back and the member for Melton, Steve McGhie on the right

**EXTRACT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DAILY HANSARD FOR
26 November, 2019. (Zonta is mentioned on Page 32)**

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Mr McGHIE (Melton) (14:04): I rise to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the founding of Zonta International. Zonta International is a global volunteer organisation empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta International envisions a world where women's rights are human rights and every woman is able to reach her full potential without fear of violence. Founded in New York on 8 November 1919, Zonta is a worldwide organisation with approximately 29 000 members in 1200 clubs in 63 countries. Zonta clubs were first established in Australia in 1966, with 14 clubs in Victoria, including in my own electorate of Melton. The governor of Zonta district 23 and representatives from all Victorian clubs are with us in the gallery today. Members raise funds and undertake projects to benefit women and girls, providing scholarships to secondary school girls and assisting them to complete their education. Zonta makes and distributes breast cushions through local hospitals for patients who have undergone breast cancer surgery. Birthing kits are purchased by local clubs, assembled and shipped to Third World countries to provide a clean birth environment for mother and baby, reducing maternal and infant mortality. Clubs also support women in refuges with care packages and mentoring.

In 2012 Zonta International launched the campaign 'Zonta says No to Violence Against Women'. Each year between 25 November and 10 December Zontians around the world take action to end gender-based violence in all its forms. Zonta has consultative status to the UN and works with UNICEF and the United Nations Population Fund to accelerate global action to end child marriage. Locally and internationally Zonta provide scholarships and awards such as the Young Women in Public Affairs Award, the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, the Women in Technology Scholarship and the Amelia Earhart Fellowship for women pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering— (*Time expired*)



**Birthing Kit
Foundation**
Australia

KIT+

We have been listening to our supporters and know that many of you are seeking opportunities to remain connected and involved with our work. So, as part of our goal to reach a further 1.5 million people by 2021, we are excited to introduce **KIT+**, a new way that you can help to build a better world for women and girls.

Maternal and newborn health will always be a priority for BKFA. However, the next chapter in these women's lives is just as important. As the world changes, the way we impact the lives of women and girls must also change.

When you pledge support as a **KIT+** partner, You will be helping females in remote communities around the world to realise education, employment and economic empowerment.

When you join **KIT+**, you will be helping BKFA to:

- Provide opportunities for girls to pursue education and employment
- Support young girls and women to become innovators, business owners and leaders in their community
- Work with boys and men to help to change attitudes towards women and
- Support young girls to identify choices for their future.

NEW! EARTH Kits – Launching January 2020

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 called the EARTH Kit, that will be available in late January 2020.



Dear Zonta members and Friends,

Like you, I envision a world where: All women live without fear of domestic violence and being attacked by strangers and harassed by male colleagues at their workplace; women are protected against rape in situations of conflict; girls can be girls and are not forced into a union that is called marriage; and displaced vulnerable women and girls can focus on building resilience.

Zonta International is working toward making this a reality.

Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women is our global campaign to get more people to not look away but to speak up and take action.

Through a multitude of events, projects and advocacy efforts, Zonta clubs and members around the world are dedicated to ending gender-based violence.

On 25 November, we commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. In my home country of Germany alone, clubs in more than 100 cities have committed to turning their towns orange—the color chosen by the United Nations to symbolize a brighter future free from violence and demonstrate global activism to fight this crime.

With our major international project to end child marriage—whose victims are mostly girls—Zonta addresses not only a humanitarian issue, but one that also negatively affects societies. When girls become brides and subsequently mothers, this often ends their education. We advocate for every girl to have the right to finish school.

I invite you to **join us** in raising awareness for the many forms of violence that threaten women and girls all over the world and in supporting activities that protect them and bring about changes in behaviors and cultures.

Cordially,

Susanne von Bassewitz
President
Zonta International and Zonta International
Foundation

Club Matters

A Certificate for Jenny



Dr Jenny Debney-Joyce

At a recent meeting with Dr. Jenny Debney-Joyce, Val was able to present her with a framed Certificate thanking her for nominating Dr. Fanny Reading MBE (posthumously), for a Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Recognition Award, in acknowledgement of an extraordinary life as a woman doctor in the early 1920's and as a pivotal figure in the creation of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia.

A Celebration of Life

Catherine and Val were privileged to join hundreds of his family, friends and work colleagues celebrating the life of **Maurie Menhennet** on a gloriously sunny Spring day on 18th November.

We paid our respects to Club Secretary Maureen who shared the extraordinary life of this dynamic entrepreneur, fisherman and family man, and also caught up with Janet Rundell, one of Ballarat's Great Women 2019, and her husband.

Local Lens

Prue Bentley of ABC Radio hosted a fascinating panel event at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday, 20th November, putting the

spotlight on the plight of refugees in Regional Australia.

Considering a global issue through a local lens were our potential member, Ballarat refugee community mentor **Deruka Dekuek**, human rights lawyer Julian Burnside and refugee health nurse Akua Ed Ningpense.



Secretary, Maureen Menhennet, Deruka Dekeuk, who was our guest speaker at our recent Young Women in Public Affairs Award Dinner and Caitlin James, one of the YWPA finalists

The Minerva Space was packed, and the audience attentive to the issues being raised. The Speakers thanked the local community for providing 'angels' who opened their homes and their hearts to refugees fleeing persecution and fearing for their lives in their country of origin.

Bursaries for local schools

Donna has presented four bursaries to pupils at **Napoleons and Wendouree Primary Schools**. The Val Sarah Scholarship Fund provides for these bursaries on an annual basis, with Donna selecting different schools, and teachers selecting the students most deserving of the Awards.

Ballarat's Great Women 2020

Entries are due to close on the 2nd of December. Donna, Catherine, Maureen and Val will work with the Ballarat Times to promote the Award Ceremony and profile the Honourees in the lead up to our Dinner on the 26th March 2020.

Val Sarah



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SAVE THE DATE

**for the
Area 1 & 4
Combined Meeting**

**The Theme is
Towards the Future**

**Saturday
16th May 2020**

**Hosted by the
Zonta Club of Ballarat**

Venue Ballarat

**More information
to come at a later date!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Congratulations to
Maureen Menhennet,
who will celebrate another
candle on her birthday cake
on 13th December.**

Have a wonderful celebration!

**Our Dinner Meetings are held the fourth
Thursday of the month
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
Venue to be confirmed
Our next meeting will be
27th February 2020
Phone Maureen on 0408 346 596**

Thank You

I hope you have all enjoyed reading BAZ this year and enjoyed your year in Zonta!

I need to thank everyone of you for your stories and, Val, for her excellent eye for detail when proof reading these editions and making corrections at very short notice.

I wish you all a great Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year and look forward to a wonderful 2020!

My thoughts are with those that aren't enjoying good health and wish them a speedy recovery.

Catherine X