

*Issue 2, 2018-2020 Biennium  
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Dear Zontians,

The District Board met in mid-August, for the first time since the international convention in Japan. The 2018-2020 Centurions' for District 24, past Governors Dr Kerrie Bigsworth and Dr Janette Curtis, joined us. District Leadership Co-ordinator Deb Maes led us through training on building better teams using the new Leadership modules on the Zonta International Website. Clubs are all encouraged to complete the modules and reflect on areas where you can increase your strengths in your teamwork, communication and leadership skills.



The news this month, which has excited clubs, has been of the US\$300,000 Centennial Anniversary Grants now made available. The application is now available on the Zonta International website. The international committee has criteria for the projects and a score sheet for clubs to check off.

You may also be interested in a series of webinars available by the end of October, which will be available for members to discuss various topics of interest. Zonta International has the facilities for 1000 members to be involved in the discussion over a length of time. What a great way to connect globally and learn about the wider world of Zonta! Keep your eye on [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Armidale who have organised a committee to charter the Zonta Club of Inverell, and to Zonta Club of Sydney West for their efforts in organising a new Z Club with Strathfield Girls High School. Anyone who wants more information about these two new initiatives please contact the clubs.

*Sharyl*

Sharyl Scott  
Governor, Zonta International District 24 Inc



District Board and Guests – August 2018

## Lieutenant Governor's Message

Hello everyone,

In this edition of the Voice I want to congratulate all members celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2018.



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| 50 years | Marcia Seymour–Dane   |
| 40 years | Shirley Chandler, Clarice Thibault  |
| 35 years | Joanna Quinn, Ann Hannema, Pamela Ploughman   |
| 25 years | Robyn Gaspari, Helen Gee, Karin Regel, Jennifer Bounds, Wendy Bradley, Lily Cowen, Beverly Gibson, Janet Ann Hartley, Susan James, Helen Kennett, Gail Ladner   |
| 15 years | Johanna Adriaanse, Anne Parnell, Elke Wilkens, Heather Dixon, Lynette Sepetauc, Wendy Wilkinson, Refat Murshed, June Taylor, Lyndall Lett, Barbara Grieve, Trudi Voorwinden, Leonie Winlaw, Jessica Cameron |
| 10 years | Susan Lough, Deb Maes, Beverly Rooney, Merran Adams, Jennifer Vandeleur, Nicola Davies, Janice Toner, Frances Young, Meredith Bryce   |
| 5 years  | Carol Richards, Birgit Firlus, Vicki Channon, Venessa Deguara, Heather Stuart, Jan Rayner, Maureen Gaudry, Deb Howe, Pamela Ewings, Maureen Girgenti, Linda Kopp, Alison McLaren, Anna McManus              |

Thank you for your years of membership and service, and please continue to be inspiring and supportive members of your clubs for many years to come.

*Karen*

Karen Tromp  
Lieutenant Governor, Zonta International District 24 Inc

## **Announcements and Events**

### **Annual General Meeting**

District 24 AGM will be held at Roselle Hospital, on the 25 November 2018 at Rozelle. In the morning committee and club board training will take place, as well as updates on the Centenary Grant applications and advocacy issues. The AGM will be in the afternoon and it would be fantastic for every club to be represented.

### **Zonta Says No Campaign**

A Toolkit will be available for Clubs to use for the 2018 16 days of activism. It will be available on the Zonta International website from October 2018.

Please share your plans and activities on your club's Facebook page!

### **Area 2 Meeting .... Followed by Canberra Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Canberra

### **Area 3 Meeting**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 hosted by Hunter-Newcastle

### **Australia New Zealand 2019 Conference**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Brisbane Conference & Exhibition Centre

### **Zonta District 24 website**

[www.zontadistrict24.org](http://www.zontadistrict24.org)

The 'Events' section of our website is to be removed.

Please update your club's Facebook pages with upcoming events or include them in your Voice updates.



## Centenary Committee

### HONOUR AND EMPOWER

The Centenary of Zonta International is rapidly approaching and while we are still seeking an appropriate District project to mark our celebrations those who attended Area meetings will recall that it was proposed that Clubs throughout the District consider either setting up or revivifying Zonta Rose Gardens and/or encourage members to grow the Zonta Rose in their own gardens or give them as presents

The supplier in Australia is Ross Roses who originally developed the rose for Zonta International and the rose itself is a very pretty and remarkably hardy yellow rose which can be seen on the Ross Roses Website

If interested please contact Maureen Ross on (08) 8556 2555 or [admin@rossroses.com.au](mailto:admin@rossroses.com.au) (Attn Maureen Ross) directly to advise how many roses you or your Club may be interested in purchasing so she has an idea of how many to propagate – I understand that packaging is different for individual roses or group roses (for civic gardens) and that the roses will be available next winter the cost being approximately \$15-\$20 a rose.

As many of you will also know International is promoting Centennial District, Country and Club awards – for people or organisations outside Zonta who have made significant contribution to the empowerment of women – certificates and roses rather than money are suggested as awards and the Guidelines on the Centennial Website [www.zonta100.org](http://www.zonta100.org)

Honour and Empower

*Joanne*

Joanne Quinn  
District Committee Chair





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DISTRICT 24 INC  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

# Zonta District 24

## ZI GOALS for 2018-2020

**Goal 1:** We maximise our impact through Service and Advocacy initiatives and educational programs that empower women and girls



Student clubs are designed to provide opportunities for young adults to develop communication and leadership skills, explore career alternatives and increase their international awareness and understanding through service.

### **Centenary Goal: Charter a Z Club!**

ZClubs bring awareness of Zonta and issues affecting women and girls and empower a new generation to make a difference with activism and projects like birthing kits.

#### **16 Days of Activism**

Create a media spot in the school library aimed to educate the global status of women.

Make a video using rock music—"It's never OK" - say No to Violence Against Women

Share with local boys schools

Form a human NO on the school oval wearing orange accessories to show support for the campaign

Gain local media attention with a large photo and an article to support it.

The photo can then become the desktop image for school computers—raising more awareness.

#### **Address your school assembly on ZI Projects**

#### **Pack Birthing Kits**

**Ideas welcome!**

**Share them!**

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## Useful Links .....

Want to be more engaged? Looking for projects to support? Need to learn more about women's issues ... check out some of these links:

[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

Zonta International website

[www.zontadistrict24.org](http://www.zontadistrict24.org)

Zonta District 24 website

[www.zonta100.org](http://www.zonta100.org)

Zonta celebrating 100 years

[www.unwomen.org](http://www.unwomen.org)

UN Women – the UN organisation dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women.

[www.equalityrightsalliance.org.au](http://www.equalityrightsalliance.org.au)

Australia's largest network advocating for women's equality, leadership and recognition of women's diversity.



Make sure you like District 24's Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/zontadistrict24](https://www.facebook.com/zontadistrict24)

And while you are there – search for our club pages too. Follow each club and keep up to date with their events and news.

And don't forget to check out the newly created Zonta 100 Australia and New Zealand 2019 conference page – [www.facebook.com/Zonta-100-Australia-New-Zealand](https://www.facebook.com/Zonta-100-Australia-New-Zealand)



# *Area 1*

## *Botany Bay*

As the year races away, many plans for the ZCBB have come to fruition.

Late July saw the presentation of an Indigenous Award to Olivia Denis from St. Ursula's College at Kingsgrove – joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Placegetter.

We have been successful in obtaining Club Grants from Bayside Council, Georges River Council and Sutherland Council for specific programs within the Club. Members were able to attend the many presentations of these funds, and network to highlight the role of Zonta in the community. These funds help us to support women in many situations, and go towards our Breast Care Cushions, Birthing Kits and designated items for the refuges we support.

We held a very successful “stuffing day” recently, where approximately 200 breast cushions were made ready for distribution.



Our outgoing President, Amanda, attended the ZI Convention in Yokohama, and gave an informative talk on her return, outlining the decision making process and the roles of the ZI Board. Amanda enjoyed being part of the wider Zonta Community. As I write, we are in full swing for our YWPA event, showcasing the wonderful young women in our community – our future is in good hands!

On another note, our meeting venue has recently changed, as when we are all present, our former meeting space was too crowded – this augers well for the future of Zonta in our community.





## *Central Coast*

The past few months have been a whirlwind of activity for the Zonta Club of the Central Coast. One of our recent activities was a very successful trivia night involving 148 guests, dressed in an array of rainbow colours and enthusiastically participating in the quizzes, games, silent auction and raffles.

The evening was fun and informative, promoting goodwill amongst members of Zonta and the local community. The proceeds from the night were very pleasing and will be put to great use supporting women and girls' health and wellbeing both locally and in the wider community.



White ribbon events to support Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Prevention are also being planned as a partnership between ZCC and Central Coast Council.

Activities include making a banner filled with white flowers denoting the number of women killed by DFV in 2018, information on DFV and available services on light boxes and DFV training for ZCC members prior to participating in the project.

The Smart Work Hub will be provided by CC Council to enable community members to participate in flower making circles.

Zonta CC agreed to take on the project because it has significant potential to change attitudes in the community to domestic and family violence, and to provide support for those experiencing DFV

## *Northern Beaches*

A fun Trivia Night was held in August with a Royal Wedding Theme this event raised over \$3000!

Our Mackellar Girls Zclub have had elections for new office bearers and the new President plans to make her mark on the future! We have representation from both Senior and Junior ranks on the Committee. This is a great opportunity for students to learn communication and leadership skills.



October we will be holding our 5th Birthing Kits Packing Day for this year. We have taken the project to 5 different schools as a teaching/learning tool. The students fundraise and then pack. When the students are asked: "Would you expect to have your baby in a hospital or on a sheet of black plastic?" The reply is total silence! Our community packing day in August at Barrenjoey High School saw over 120 volunteers from the local community arrive to pack 2000 kits-it was a most uplifting event!

In September, member Stella Roberts hosted a day of fellowship sewing and stuffing Breast Cushions in preparation for the opening of our new local hospital.

We are now busy planning our Annual Advocacy Dinner on October 15th. We are very excited to have Tracey Spicer AM, Author and Media personality as our Guest Speaker.



# Sydney



The Zonta Club of Sydney has had a busy few months. In August, our new website went live at [www.zontaclubsydney.com](http://www.zontaclubsydney.com), giving us a new platform to spread the word about Zonta.

At our August club meeting we heard from Sarah Neill, from Girl Guides Australia, who gave us an update on the Voices against Violence program, which we are supporting.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September club members enjoyed a night out at the theatre, seeing “The Secret Singer” at the Darlinghurst Theatre. Not only did we raise funds for our service projects and awards, we also enjoyed a powerful performance and a Q and A session after the show with the writer/director and cast.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September our long time club member Marcia Seymour-Dane was invested with her OAM for services to women at Government House.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September the annual Empowering Women, Changing Lives breakfast was held at Parliament House. This event is supported by Zonta and ZCS members attended as both volunteers and guests, as well as our advocacy committee being involved in the organisation of the morning.

And finally our September club meeting included our guest speaker the Hon Leslie Williams MP. Ms Williams entertained us with stories of her background before discussing her support of the coalition for Keeping Women out of Prison, which ZCS is a member of. She also discussed the importance of mentoring women to increase representation in Parliament. We also inducted our newest member, Vanessa Cook, which brings our current membership to 33 active members.





## *Sydney Breakfast*

The Women in Engineering & IT (WIE&IT) Program is a long-standing initiative at UTS designed to address the low rate of female participation in these fields. The Zonta Club of Sydney Breakfast partnered with UTS on its WIE&IT Award, which was initiated in 2002 to support a female engineering student at the UTS. This award encourages young women studying Engineering & IT to pursue their passion.

Our guest speaker was Eva Cheng, the Deputy Director of Women in Engineering and Information Technology at UTS. Eva is passionate about social justice, focused on education programs for diversity in STEM fields and humanitarian engineering.

Our finalists were impressive young women who are excelling academically and actively involved in outreach - Megan Farleigh, Georgia McCarthy, Georgia Kirkpatrick-Jones, Amy Robertson and Tanzeem Syeda.

Our award winner was Natassja Sundara Is a third year student attaining her Bachelor of Science in Games Development. She enjoys finding new and useful ways to use game strategies and techniques and has developed games to assist elderly people to maintain their physical and mental health.

Natassja has run Code Camps for high schools progressing to Head Teacher with the responsibility of teaching a large class of students basic coding in the games and graphical coding environment.

She has worked on a UTS marketing team communicating the attractions of the UTS game development course to prospective students who may not know it exists.

The Club acknowledges the great support of its sponsor, Calmar Corps. Calmar Corps commit 10% of their monthly commercial fees to funding their not-for-profit sector partners, of which Zonta is one.



## *Sydney Hills*



We held a stall at the shire's Orange Blossom Festival Community Fun Day on Sunday 16.9.18. The event showcased local talent, roving entertainment, games, amusement rides, food and community stalls, all with an orange theme and finishing with a spectacular fireworks display. Thousands attended the event and our stall was packed with lots of eye-catching info on who we are and what we do.

One of our younger members who has been with us for several years now summed up her feelings about the day as follows:

“Can I say I was dragging my heels attending as a Zontian to this event. I really didn't want to go as last year didn't go so well (it rained and we were in an obscure location). My outlook on the day: it was a perfect day the sun was shining our stall was in a perfect position. As I ventured around promoting Zonta so many people opened their arms up to me saying: 'we know Zonta!' That was like music to my ears – for so long I have been promoting Zonta and all I ever got was 'who is Zonta?' so what I took out of this day was 'don't give up!'”



## *Sydney West*

We have a strong focus on awards at Sydney West, so we were proud to hear that our candidate for the JMK Award was the District 24 winner. We congratulated Helaina Narvaiza at the Birthing Kit assembly day at Birrong Girls High School. She is a great packer and a worthy winner.

Our members are always keen to try new experiences, so we accepted an invitation from Padstow RSL, one of our Awards sponsors, to “Drag Bingo” for a fun night and modest fundraiser. Spot the Queens in our photo!



The Muslim Women's Association manage the refuges for our local area. They accept everyone with faith - in themselves. The well-known Maha Abdo is a prime mover in this organisation. ZCSW provides “exit” packages of household goods and clothes.

After input from President Diana, Homebush Boys High School raised funds to assist women who are victims of domestic violence, and entrusted ZCSW to identify a worthwhile cause. Together, we are now furnishing the “Safe Room” at Burwood Court.

Newly inducted member, Therese, passionate about birthing kits, single handily raised nearly all of the \$3,000 needed for 1000 kits, by asking women to join her for afternoon tea, which they had to bring, and donate an hour's pay. Great work, Therese!



# *Area 2*

## *Berry*

The Zonta Club of Berry hosted a range of 'International artists' at their recent trivia night. This is an exciting annual event, which raises funds for our service projects. Each year the community waits with bated breath to see who will be attending.

This year we had artists from the Blue Period, the Impressionists, including Renoir, some friends of Andy Warhol, Gauguin's group travelled the sea to attend, and even some modern artists including the Artful dodgers and some local Sculptors turned up. In fact, it was such a good night that Frida Kahlo came three times!

Much fun was had by all as 'artists' jostled for the leader position, testing their knowledge, hand eye coordination and spelling prowess. Many of the 'Artists' are coming to our next club meeting where we will be celebrating our club birthday.

Other club news includes some wonderful feedback on the Zonta International conference, a club donation to assist families affected by the drought, and ongoing support for education and homelessness in the Shoalhaven.



## *Cumberland West*



The club's annual award to an indigenous woman studying at Western Sydney Institute of TAFE at certificate 3 and above was awarded to Nina Whitton who is studying photography. She plans on achieving a diploma level and eventually joining the NSW police force. We enjoyed a morning tea with Nina and the TAFE staff at the presentation of her trophy, certificate and a cheque to assist her with her studies.

Fund raising can be a lot of hard work but also a lot of fun. The afternoon tea and fashion parade held 8 September was a great success due to excellent team work, wonderful support from family and friends who helped with the catering and modelling the garments styled and showcased by Dina of Instyle Intro. We thank Lendlease for the donations of many of the lucky door and raffle prizes and Rochford Place Retirement Homes for the use of their community hall. We also thank the members of Zonta Club of Nepean Valley for attending our fashion parade. It's wonderful to have sister clubs' support.

Our club was successful in receiving a grant from Blacktown Workers Club under the 2018 Club Grants Scheme. We very much appreciate this financial support which will fund our breast cushion project.



## *Canberra*

The club has had a busy time over the last few months. We continue to support the Vinnies Street to Home program in Canberra with money raised at our Bunnings BBQs. We had a very successful BBQ in July and another is scheduled for October. Some of the Vinnies staff helped us out at our last BBQ.

A second very successful trivia night was held in July in support of Femili PNG. Loads of fun was had and the winning table comprised our friends from Zonta Club of Canberra Breakfast!



# Macarthur



Zonta Club of Macarthur members and guests enjoyed an interesting presentation by Denise Pritchard, from the Macarthur Sunrise Rotary Club at our dinner meeting on 22 August 2018. Denise gave a very detailed account of the *Days for Girls Project* which provides quality sustainable feminine hygiene kits and awareness to girls living in poverty in over 75 countries. Donations of resources were made to assist Sunrise Rotary with their work on the project.

Macarthur Zontians and volunteers also turned out in force to man a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Saturday 1 September 2018, before Father's Day. The weather was warm, the sausages sizzled and the tantalising aromas attracted patrons. Everyone was kept busy and the comradery was great to see.

The Zonta Club of Macarthur is celebrating their twenty five year anniversary on Wednesday 28 November and would welcome fellow Zontians to our festivities.



## Nepean Valley



The Westfield Local Hero Awards program is a new community recognition and grants program that recognises individuals who have made outstanding contribution to their community. The ZC of Nepean Valley nominated Maree Cairns who is the Chair of our main fundraiser for the year, our 'Women Alive!' Festival. Maree has been working tirelessly to bring this project to fruition and the club was delighted that she was listed as one of the six finalists in the Penrith Westfield program. Whilst missing out on the \$10,000 grant that was awarded to the affiliated organisations of the three winners, our club has still been given the opportunity to promote our festival and the work of Zonta in general in the Penrith Westfield Centre.

**Women Alive!** takes place on Saturday 27 October at Glenbrook Public School, 10am - 4pm.



Sarrah Le Marquand - editor-in-chief of STELLAR magazine, guest presenter on The Project, panelist on various television 'talk' shows, and commentator on ABC radio – will open the event at 11:00am.

There will be workshops and presentations across a diverse range of fields, and information Stalls will provide access to a range of services for women whilst market stalls will provide a variety of gorgeous locally-made products.

## Orange



Dr Sue Hatcher, of the Zonta Club of Orange, was recently honoured by being elected as a Fellow of the Australian Society of Animal Production. Sue was elected to the Fellowship for the contributions that she has made to the Australian sheep industry through her academic achievements, her practical research and her skills in communicating her findings to the Industry. Her special field is research into genetics aimed at improving wool quality, meat production and reproductive success in Merinos. She has been praised for her outstanding ability to communicate her research

so that it translates to improving sheep production systems.

Even her busy life as mother, researcher and communicator did not prevent her from serving as Club president. Her fellow Orange Zontians are thrilled at this recognition of her wonderful career. She is only the third woman to be enrolled as a Fellow of ASAP, but also the youngest! What a role model.

The Zonta Club of Orange presented the funds raised from their annual Antique, Jewellery and Vintage Fair to the recipients at the latest dinner meeting in September. The funds were donated to Orange Family Support Services, which was represented by Elly Haines and Housing Plus represented by Penny Dordoy. Both recipients spoke of the assistance these funds will make to their institutions.





## *Wollongong*



Over the past two months we have had some comings and goings as our members took to the skies and travelled to places near and far. On her return Janette Curtis gave us an interesting report on the International conference held in Yokohama, Japan. We have also offered support and fellowship for members with health issues.

We have welcomed a number of visitors and prospective members to our meetings in the past few months and we hope they will take the next step and become members.

At our August meeting we met the new Vice President of St Mary Star of the Sea's Z club, Bethany Burjarski, who attended the meeting with her mother. Bethany outlined the Z club's for the month's ahead beginning with Good Samaritan's day at the College and their continuing interest and support of the Room to Read organisation.

Interviews have been held at Wollongong University to select our scholarship recipients for 2019. This year's recipients, Crystal Arnold and Brianna Luque, will be attending our September meeting along with two staff members from the university's development office.

Coming up on 6<sup>th</sup> October is our fundraising event, a wine tasting with Strawhouse Wines from Orange.

## *Armidale*

This year we decided to offer sponsored membership- a category of membership specific to our club-to two new members. We have a special fund (made possible by a generous donation from former member, Judith Ross-Smith, and topped up by the club) which, in the first year, pays the person's ZI and District 24 membership in full, then 50% of these fees in the second year. Another benefit is covering the cost of any special dinners the club holds.

Our two new members are:

- Ebony Adams, former club winner of the Young Indigenous Woman Award. She is now in her second year of a combined Arts and Law degree at UNE and is the first of her family to commence tertiary education.
- Sarah Keenan who has extensive experience working with families experiencing social inequity and injustice, providing support and advocacy for individuals, as well as being involved in community projects.



They bring different knowledge and experience to the club and we look forward to their involvement. Karen Tromp, District 24 Lieutenant Governor, had pleasure in inducting them.

Members were very interested to hear about a 6 month STEM mentoring program for Year 10 girls called "Curious Minds" when Dr Mary McMillan was our guest speaker. Mary is a UNE lecturer involved in the program and she talked about how the program works and what the outcomes have been to date, including increased enjoyment of STEM subjects, increased confidence doing STEM subjects, and increased likelihood of studying STEM subjects at university, especially IT. The program, consisting of an academic camp at the start and end of the program, mentoring in between, and preparation and presentation of a research project, is funded by the Australian Government. Our club offers an annual \$1000 scholarship to a Year 12 female intending to pursue tertiary studies in a STEM field.



## *Coffs Harbour*

Our second Uplift bra collection project is again in full swing. The first bra collection was sent to community agencies in Fiji. It was decided to do a one off extra collection as bras were still trickling in to our collection centres, the Hope Chest (Coffs Harbour) and Asian Imports (Woolgoolga). It is planned that this time the bras will be distributed to women in the Western Highlands and Hela provinces of PNG, in communities where our member, Cheri Floyd, and her husband are involved in community work. She especially wants to target female students or women working to see girls get an education (this may include teachers and mothers who are active in supporting their daughters' schools). The bras will be packaged and 'piggybacked' with a vehicle consignment to PNG in October.

The Zonta Club of Coffs Harbour Inc is one of the event partners for the Women's Leadership Forum to take place in Coffs Harbour on 12th Oct. The forum, with Tracey Spicer as the Keynote Speaker, is being held to support, connect and empower female leaders in regional and remote communities. As well as promoting the event, our involvement will allow us to introduce the commencement of the search for the 2019 International Women's Day Coffs Coast Woman of the Year Award.



## *Hunter-Newcastle*

Zonta Hunter Newcastle is now quite well known for their movie night success and Novocastrians certainly turned out in droves for the fabulous supper and a great movie, "Book Club". A cheeky film surrounding a women's book club, who rediscover themselves by reading 'Fifty Shades of Grey'. With the movie ticket sales and raffle, and outstanding result was achieved, with over \$4,000 being raised towards our valuable scholarship programmes and to support the women and girls of the Hunter region. A fun filled evening, with a record attendance of first timers which was fantastic! I am sure we would all like to age as well as Jane Fonda at 81 years of age!

We recently held a "stuffing" morning completing 30 breast cushions for our local hospitals. Special thanks to Pam Roberts for organising this. Lyn Jackson coordinated a wonderful morning for a local refuge with a hairdresser and beautician providing a morning of free service for five clients. These young women were delighted with their makeovers which boosted their morale and provided a very enjoyable spring pampering session.



## *Port Macquarie*



The Golf Day held at Emerald Downs Golf Course on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September was an outstanding success: thanks to the generosity of players and major sponsors – HEM Realty, RobMUSIC, KFC and Salty Crew Kiosk.

Funds raised will support Zonta projects to empower women and girls.

Also special thanks to club members who worked on the day – Joy Whiting, Charlotte Gillespie, Gail Mendoza. Thanks to prospective member, Anne Round, who 'manned' the 9<sup>th</sup> tee and Sue Macri for her donation of wine for our raffle.





# *Tamworth*

Members of the Zonta Club of Tamworth came together on Saturday 15th of September for our Annual Birthing Kit Foundation making day. The Tamworth Club has again put together 1000 kits with the help of friends and family. Each kit contains items that come in handy when giving birth: a plastic sheet for the ground, soap to wash hands, a pair of latex gloves, gauze pads and a scalpel & string to cut & tie off the umbilical cord. Put together with love by women for women.

Special thanks to Karen Tromp who came down to help us on the day all the way from the Armidale Club up the hill.

The Tamworth Club has also started a 4-5 strategic planning process where club members were asked questions from independent facilitator Mandy Walker like – What would be missing if? Are we having the impact we want to have? What do you hope will be noticeably different about your organisation in several years? What does winning look like?

We have also asked members to prioritise the activities that we will support and advocate on in the near future. Over the years, like many clubs, we have accumulated over a dozen causes which are all important however very time consuming. The club decided to go for a spring clean approach where members were given 10 stars to allocate to the twenty or so causes to prioritise them down to a more manageable 5-6.

Debrah Hubbard our Advocacy Chair organised a fashion parade with Blue Illusion where 15% of their sales for the whole afternoon were donated to our Club. What an enjoyable way to raise \$450 for Zonta.

