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Dear Fellow Zontians,

Winter is upon us and as I watch my social media feed, I can see many of my Zonta friends in much warmer places. It IS time to travel and I hope many of you are getting excited about travelling to Brisbane and the 6-8 September conference.

All Club Presidents have now been sent the Call to Conference and in the coming month you will be discussing the conference business. Please continue to send in the delegate forms and read the Conference newsletter to keep up with arrangements. With only seven weeks to go until the conference, I have been meeting with the D24 Conference Chair for the business session Barbara Horsfield and District Secretary Brenda Bradbery to finalise the program. Please look out for an email with the business papers for the conference in the new three weeks. This will include the full conference program and the District Guidelines. It has been very rewarding to watch the number of registrations climb past 700 with the estimated number being closer to 800. If you are a delegate credential desk will be open from 7.30 on Friday 6th September. Due to restrictions in using the Convention Centre the Registration Desk will not be open until the Friday morning. Delegates please allow time to go to registrations to be seated in the business sessions by 8.45 am.

I have the pleasure of announcing the finalists for 'Share Your Story', a short presentation about a service or advocacy project completed by a club in District 24. Botany Bay project of Breast Care Training gained the award for service and The Northern Beaches club was the finalist for advocating for the empowerment of women. Their presentations will be seen during the conference. Thank you to the other clubs who presented their different projects for the Share Your Story presentations at conference. You truly make a difference to your communities.

This month I will have the delightful experience of sitting with the committee for the Centenary Anniversary Award. I wish to thank Amanda Gibson who chaired the committee of Fran Lyndon-Ross (Area 1), Leanne Elliott (Area 2), and Jenny Wiseman (Area 3), in the process of selection. It was a tough call with 17 very commendable applicants. The finalist has been selected and will be with us for the presentation at the conference. All applicants will be acknowledged at the business session of the conference to honour their achievements.

In the next few weeks I will celebrate the Zonta Club of Sydney Hills 40th birthday with a large group of party loving people and travel to the Central Coast for their 32nd annual women in service dinner which involves many service clubs of the Central Coast but hosted this year by Zonta International. I congratulate both clubs for the impact they have on their wider communities and will continue to do so as we **Honour and Empower**.

I hope many of you have been reading the many quotes and news items on the Zonta International social media sites. Research conducted in the U.S comparing many other large service organisations have put Zonta International streets ahead in utilising Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and e-newsletters to connect and communicate with members and the wider society. Last week I had the absolute delight of seeing my own club Macarthur have an article on Twitter, as did the Zonta Club of Armidale. Congratulations to both clubs.

Zonta International have announced the allocation of the grant and it is a delight to announce that the Zonta clubs of Orange, Cumberland West and Macarthur have been successful. I know there were many others in District 24 submitted and some of you will be very disappointed about not gaining a grant.

There are 289 submissions, 61% being submitted in the last week and only 62 clubs globally were awarded a grant in support of their partnering organisations. Projects were awarded on merit by a panel of independent judges not by district, so there are some district not receiving an award. If you have any question about the allocation of the grants please contact Governor Sharyl Scott, who will be able to explain the process to you. Zonta International has written a Q&A for clubs with questions about the grants, which has been sent to me.

The following projects below have been awarded:

Cumberland West - \$4,884 with Parramatta Mission - Supply of equipment for mothers and their babies who are at risk of experiencing homelessness

Macarthur - \$4,856 with Baptist Care Housing and Retirement Living Campbelltown
Macarthur - Making change by Education - Development of a training package

Orange - \$4,925 with Housing Plus – Zonta Wellness Retreat

Yours in Zonta,

Sharyl

Sharyl Scott
Governor, Zonta International District 24 Inc



Lieutenant Governor's Message

Hello everyone,

Exciting news! Our District 24 e club website is up and running – all we need now are 15 new members to charter the club! I encourage everyone to look at the site www.zontaaustralia1e.club and to send any feedback to me Karen.tromp@yahoo.com.au or Dorothy Koukari tkoukari@ozemail.com.au. Please consider any former members of your club who may have left because they did not have the time to attend meetings but were good zontians and send this link to them to explore.



The e club is also a means to capture new members in a geographical area where we would like a physical club, but do not have enough members to charter at this stage. Thanks to Dorothy for her efforts over a number of years in pulling this together. If you are interested in supporting Dorothy to further develop the club or website, please contact her directly, as any assistance will be very welcome.

We are now less than 6 weeks away from our combined Districts conference and the Membership workshop team has a (closed) Facebook page for workshop attendees to join and discuss any membership issues from now until the conference. Look for Zonta 100 Membership Workshop and please join the discussion. Our D24 representative on the workshop discussion panel is Ebony Adams, a past Young Indigenous Woman of Achievement Award winner and she is attending the conference courtesy of sponsorship from Joblink Plus Tamworth.

I wish all clubs well for their celebratory events for the 100th birthday of Zonta and look forward to seeing many of you in Brisbane.

Karen

Karen Tromp
Lieutenant Governor, Zonta International District 24 Inc

Useful Links

Zonta District 24 website and Facebook

www.zontadistrict24.org

www.facebook.com/zontadistrict24

Zonta 100 Years website

www.zonta100.org



Australia New Zealand 2019 Conference

Brisbane 6-8 September

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2019 – Brisbane Conference & Exhibition Centre

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=479031&>

Z Clubs Report

I am delighted to confirm the students from our Zclubs are joining those from Queensland at the Brisbane Conference

15 Students and 2 teachers are coming from our recently chartered Club at Strathfield Girls High (Z Club of Sydney West). This club is meeting twice a month and planning a social justice program.

2 Students from Mackellar Girls Campus (Northern Beaches) are travelling up with parents. Last meeting the girls packed 40 dignity toiletry Bags which they had fundraised for with the SRC.

Armidale is also taking 3 students with members.



From O'Connor Z Club President:

Z Club at O'Connor have had another very successful year in raising funds and awareness for the Birthing Kits. We are very thankful for everyone who helped out. Some of the jobs that have to happen to streamline this process include: students helping with our pizza fundraiser day, which included baking cakes and biccies to sell at recess, serving the massive 118 pizzas at lunch, folding plastics every break leading up to our assembly day, cutting up the string, and then of course, everyone who helped assemble the 600 birthing kits on Saturday 28th June.

We have raised close to \$900 because of everyone's generosity. We would like to thank the Zonta Club of Armidale for donating \$500 to help with the purchase of the kit supplies and to those members who could make it to our packing day. We would also like to thank the school community for their kind donations and support of this very important community service.

We can all be very proud that we are making a difference to many lives, those who are so less fortunate than us. A clean and safe birth should be a right that all mothers get to experience but for so many this is just not the case.

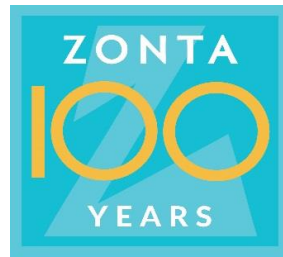


Margaret

Margaret White
Coordinator

Centenary Committee

HONOUR AND EMPOWER



100 Years of Empowering Women

As we rocket towards the actual centenary birthday of Zonta International on 8 November 2019 I am aware that some Clubs are celebrating in their own way. If you are having a special event, please let me know so we can spread the good news. I know that Northern Beaches has had a Trivia night which unfortunately I could not attend, and that Sydney West is planning an event.

As you will all be aware the Zonta Club of Sydney Inc is hosting, on behalf of the District, a Luncheon in the Strangers Dining Room at Parliament House Sydney for all members of Zonta in particular those of District 24, former members, honorary Zontians and friends of Zonta (or as many as it can fit) on the actual day. The guest speaker will be Kristy Muir Professor of Social Policy at UNSW Business School.

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2019
THE STRANGERS DINING ROOM PARLIAMENT HOUSE SYDNEY
11.00am to 3 PM

Early bird (before 5pm on Friday 11 October 2019) \$120.00 per person
After Friday 11 October 2019 but before 25 October 2019 Full Price \$130.00 per person
Register and pay by 25 October 2019 (or when all places are filled whichever is the earlier date)

Bookings through Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAYAT>
All Enquiries: Marilyn Smith marilyn.smith.zonta@gmail.com

I have had no response from Clubs about rose gardens referred to in my previous article nor any whispers about special Centenary awards for people outside Zonta who have made a significant contribution to the empowerment of women - see Centennial Website www.zonta100.org.

I trust everyone is considering attending the Combined District 24, 23, 22 and 16 Conference in Brisbane from 6-8th September 2019 which will be attended by our International President Susanne von Bassewitz and promises to be a very enjoyable celebration of the Organisation

Joanna

Joanna Quinn
District Committee Chair

Co-write the Zonta Story

Zonta International is undertaking social media campaigns to celebrate our Centennial featuring our motto's HONOUR AND EMPOWER.

Each district can take part in these exciting campaigns by providing photos and quotes which will be featured on Zonta's social media pages and Zonta100.org. We have been asked to make submissions that show how Zonta has touched the lives of women around the globe, show those who have been empowered by Zonta and how Zontians have supported or encouraged.

Make your club submission NOW!

- Provide a quote
- Take a photo (via phone is ok – selfies too!)
- Choose which campaign you would like to support:
 - EMPOWER – Show how Zonta has touched the lives of women around the globe
 - HONOUR – Honour those who have supported or encouraged you
- Send your photo & quote to your Area Manager
- Selections will be submitted to Zonta International to feature on social media and Zonta100.org

Honor – Co-write the Zonta story



- **Message:** **Honor** those who have supported or encouraged you.
- **to be posted:** social media, zonta100.org
- **to do:** submit a photo & quote to your Area Manager by Sunday 11 August
- **Thank you**



Empower – Co-write the Zonta story



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SEND YOUR SUBMISSION TO YOUR AREA MANAGER!

Area 1

Botany Bay



June and July have seen great activity for the ZCBB as we continue to actively fundraise for, and support, women worldwide and at home. June saw a fabulous social evening in the city for Vivid, which also ran as a fundraiser for our Club thanks to our friend Sonia Fenton. Members were treated to a spectacular view whilst enjoying drinks and finger food from Sonia's beautiful city apartment – what a treat! June also saw our second Vintage and Collectibles Fair in Hurstville, which was another unbridled success thanks to the planning committee headed by Ann Selle. Patrons were queued at the door before 8.30am and kept

coming until closing at 4pm. The many dealers were delighted with the response and our organization of the event, many already registering for 2020! We are delighted with a huge profit which we can now use for our many projects!



Another wonderful initiative followed with a Birthing Kit packing day at Bankstown Senior College – what a delightful group of mature students from all over the world, who identified strongly with this program and why it is so vital – it was an awe-inspiring day to be part of! And again, our organization of this event, headed by Judy Bendl, was exceptional. Following this, there was a Breast Care Cushion stuffing day at a member's home, where as well as accomplishing a great task, it was a time of fellowship and sharing as members sewed, stuffed, talked and swapped stories.

Our rescheduled Golf Day at Calderwood Golf Course looms large on July 27th, a day not to be missed. ZCBB – busy and productive – just how we like it!

Central Coast

The Trivia Night on 29th June proved to be an outstanding success for our club. A classic 'black and white' theme inspired our guests to wear sequinned masks, to dress as French mime artists or to don smart suits as worn by the Men in Black.

Central Coast Grammar School generously provided the venue for the evening, and a record-breaking number of enthusiastic guests helped us to exceed our fundraising target. The raffles, table games, guessing competitions, donations and silent auction all combined to ensure our continued support of local women's refuges, study grants and ZI International Projects.

Thank you to all of the tireless members who contributed to the evening in so many ways. Congratulations!



The Annual Women in Service Dinner is an exciting event and it's coming up on 13th August. The dinner is the 32nd Annual Dinner held to celebrate the contribution of women to the Central Coast Community and this year the Zonta Club of Central Coast is honored to host the occasion. Our club members will welcome other local community groups volunteering to support women, all coming together to enjoy a delicious meal and to hear an inspirational speaker.

Saba Vasefi is a Human Rights activist, poet and feminist filmmaker. Saba is the Director of the Sydney International Women's Poetry and Arts Festival, Director of the Diaspora Symposium and an Asylum Seekers Centre Ambassador. What a wonderful way to celebrate the dedication and talents of women in our local area and in the wider community.



Another exciting event coming up on 12 November is an opportunity for Zonta Club of Central Coast to celebrate the Zonta International Centenary year, and concurrently, the 40th Anniversary of the inauguration of our local ZCCC. Past and present members of ZCCC will combine to celebrate the achievements of Zonta, both internationally and domestically. The evening will be an exciting addition to our busy and productive year.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai



In June, we held another successful Young Women in Public Affairs event with fifteen finalists from local high schools, their parents, school supporters and other friends. With the cost of holding dinner events always rising, we decided to try something new in 2019 and changed the format to a Sunday afternoon tea at the refurbished pavilion rooms of the St Ives Wildflower Gardens.

We were able to raise more service funds than usual and feedback from parents / students indicated the weekend afternoon format was more relaxed and less stressful than a mid-week dinner out at term end.



North Sydney Breakfast

We have been busy in the last few weeks preparing for our Breast Cushion 'Sip and Stuff' afternoon on Saturday August 10th at 1pm at the North Sydney Community Centre. We would love to see you there.

We continue to collaborate with other clubs and organisations in furthering some of Zonta's broader programs such as 'Say No to Violence' as well as supporting homeless women locally through the 'Share the Dignity' program. We help to sew reusable sanitary pads for 'Days for Girls' and held a successful Birthing Kit Day earlier this year.

As 2019 was an election year we lobbied various State and Federal MP's regarding issues affecting women such as funding for shelters for those escaping violence and the financial inequity of women.

Zonta North Sydney Breakfast Club is holding a fundraising movie night on Wednesday, October 16th at the Hayden Orpheum, Cremorne. The movie is 'I am a Girl' by Australian director Rebecca Barry. More details later but we hope you can join us.

Sydney

Apologies to Zonta Sydney – their contribution to our May issue was accidentally missed, so please find it below followed by their July submission.

On March 31st we held our main fundraiser for the year – a jazz night in the crypt of the historical St James Church, Sydney. Entertained by the Steph Russell Trio, and enjoying a fabulous array of finger foods, paired with wine or bubbles, guests enjoyed the night so much that a repeat is a distinct possibility for future years. We raised \$4000 for our worthy causes; breast cushions and birthing kits, services which assist keeping women out of prison, our awards and scholarships, and donations to Lou's Place in Kings Cross.



In April we farewelled long-time member and past president Barbara Horsfield, who is transferring to a club nearer her home, in Sydney Hills District and we are so grateful for the work she has done for the club over the years. We will miss her but wish her well and look forward to catching up at regional events and conferences.

During our May meeting we were fortunate to have Professor Jennifer Burn as our guest speaker. Jennifer is the Interim Anti-slavery Commissioner of NSW, and she outlined the Modern Slavery Act, and gave interesting examples such as forced marriages, which affect women in Australia, and of the consequences once the act comes into effect. Members had a multitude of questions after her presentation, and we discussed support networks for those affected by modern slavery.

At our AGM, out-going President Kerrie Bigsworth, outlined the successes of our year at Sydney Zonta, and welcomed Joanna Quinn as new President, assisted by Vanessa Cook as Vice-President.

Sydney



June saw members and helpers pack 600 kits for the Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia. Thanks to employees of Optiver who helped as part of their 'Corporate Social Responsibility' initiative.

Zonta Club of Sydney sponsored a section in Sydney Eisteddfod in honour of Elizabeth Todd, a charter member of the ZCS, who was the first woman to be appointed as a lecturer (singing) at the Sydney Conservatorium, and became Senior Lecturer and Head of Vocal Studies. She received many honours and awards relating to her pioneering contributions in music. The inaugural competition (for Female Voices Solo 16-20years) was held in June, and the winner Belinda Thomas, received The Elizabeth Todd OAM Memorial

Award from club president Joanna Quinn. Elizabeth was a member of Sydney Zonta Club for 51 years, a club president and a past Governor of District 16, which at that time (1978-80) encompassed Australia and New Zealand. She passed away in 2017.

In June, our MBA Award recipient Vanessa Sore, addressed the club, and we welcomed her as a member in July. We also thanked long-standing members for service: Susan Copeland (15yrs), Marilyn Smith (10yrs) and Marcia Dane, (50yrs).

Our guest speaker, Nicole Yade, manager of Lou's Place, Potts Point, outlined how the support of ZCS and other donors, has allowed Lou's to extend and improve services to disadvantaged and homeless women of Sydney. Lou's is proudly celebrating 20 years as Sydney's only daytime refuge which assists with crisis intervention, housing, legal issues, counselling, addiction and mental health.



Sydney Breakfast



Over the last quarter, Our Zonta Club of Sydney Breakfast was proud to organise and donate 18 kilograms of toiletries to Lou's Place in Darlinghurst, a daytime refuge for women in crisis.

In July, our Club delivered 120 breast care cushions to St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney's East. We had a productive Club meeting while sewing and packaging. We were joined by Past International President, Val Sarah, and Area 1 Director, Kristiane Molloy.



Sydney Hills



An elegant black and white theme added to the festivities for the Zonta Club of Sydney Hills when we celebrated our club's 40th Birthday at Springfield House, Dural, on the evening of Friday 26 July. Special guests Cllr. Dr Michelle Byrne, Mayor of The Hills Shire Council and Annabelle Daniel, Chief Executive of Women's Community Shelters, joined club members and other guests including the D24 Governor Sharyl Scott and Lt Governor Karen Tromp, for an evening of great food, fun and fellowship.

Charter members- Shirley Purser, Rhondda Figgis Close and Patricia Lawson were presented with Zonta International length of service certificates, acknowledging 40 years of continuous service to Zonta. Club Vice President, Karin Regel, also received a certificate for 25 years of service.

Shirley Purser, Zonta co-chairperson of the Western Sydney International Women's Day Breakfast Committee, presented Annabelle Daniel with a cheque for \$3,000 - the proceeds raised from the 2019 WSIWD Breakfast - which will be used to establish a new refuge in the Parramatta area, for women fleeing domestic and family violence.

Entertainment from The Hills Dance Factory was a highlight of the evening and the beautifully dressed dancers received robust applause for their efforts from a delighted audience.

Originally chartered as the Zonta Club of Parramatta-Ryde in 1979, the club changed its name in 2001 to better reflect its catchment area. The club's achievements were highlighted in a range of displays that reflected 40 years of continuous service empowering women, locally and internationally.

Members of Zonta Sydney Hills wish to thank everyone who helped the club celebrate its first 40 years and we all look forward to the next 40!



Sydney West



Looking back on 18 years of Zonta Sydney West Year 10 Citizenship Awards, we can only speculate on the impact of these awards on not only the young women themselves, but on their families and their communities. Our club does not specify criteria for being chosen for the award: the schools, now 13 of them, select young women who may not be the most academic, or a sporting hero, but have the special quality of having an awareness of the needs of others, as well as goals and aspirations for themselves.



Our Club was unanimous in bestowing the honour of being recognised as an “HonZon” on Mandeep Sarna, a member of the teaching staff of Birrong Girls High School, whose efforts in organising and fund-raising for Birthing Kit Assembly Days at the school has been outstanding over recent years. Another thousand kits were assembled on the day of the photo, which shows President Diana Humphries and Birthing Kit “Commandant” Sandra Gilbert presenting Mandeep with his badge.

Zonta Sydney West is pleased to report that 17 of its newly formed Z Club members and two teachers will be attending the Conference in Brisbane in September. See you there!

Area 2

Blue Mountains

How time flies! We are six months into re-establishing the Blue Mountains Club and we are excited to say that we have raised enough funds for our first Birthing Kit Assembly Day. This has happened through having a small event every month. Goes to show what persistency and consistency can do!

We are also in a position to fund a small project for the Coalition Against Violence and Abuse CAVA, in Katoomba.

Our members are collecting toiletries which are donated to the local Women's Refuge.

We were invited to run the Coffee/Tea Station at Katoomba's Winter Magic Festival and our small band of members worked hard to put this together. It was bitterly cold, but visitors received a warm welcome and a warm drink from us. In return, we received generous support from our community!

We are busily preparing for our first major fundraiser – a Trivia Night and are heartened by the community support for this. We are anticipating this will set us up for other projects in the coming year.



Berry

On the 30th July, Zontians around the globe celebrated the International Day of Friendship. In particular they celebrated the friendships, fellowship and dedication to the Zonta mission that has made a difference for countless women and girls around the world.

As part of this mission, the Zonta Club of Berry will be holding a birthing kit assembly day on the 17th August 2019. This is usually a very well supported event with community members returning year after year to assist on the day.

Our club also held a small event to mark our friendship in Zonta, with members and partners joining together for a mediterranean themed dinner. It's a lovely thing to grow our friendships within the club while we provide support and assistance to the wider community.

Planning has commenced for our Annual Trivia night and our Centenary Working group is progressing a range of ideas to mark this milestone. Our club enjoyed finding out more from one of our local artists about her plans to complete a Master of fine arts at the London Architecture School, and how art can be a very effective vehicle for advocacy and social justice.

Our community links continue with practical support provided to women experiencing hardship due to domestic violence, and continued support has been provided to the Shoalhaven Education Fund to advance educational opportunities for young people in our community.

Canberra

The Club has had a relatively quiet time after our hectic opening months of 2019.

One decision we made was to hold our June & July business meetings on a Saturday, rather than the evening of the 4th Wednesday of the month due to the cold winter weather making evening meetings relatively unattractive for our members. We have held our June & July meetings at the restaurant in Old Parliament House.



BUNNINGS BBQ – Sunday 7th July

Our club held another successful fundraising Bunnings BBQ (our 2nd this year) on 7th July. We were assisted by St Vincent de Pauls' Street to Home personnel and some of the funds raised will go to supply their night bus with warm tracksuits for women who are living on the streets.

TRIVIA NIGHT – Friday 26th July

We are excited to be holding our 3rd annual Trivia night in aid of Femili PNG. Femili PNG is a local NGO (run out of the Crawford School at the ANU) but working in Lae & Port Moresby running Case Management Centres to assist survivors of family and sexual violence.



Cumberland West

Our club was delighted with the news that we were awarded with one of the Centennial Award Grants.

This grant is for partnering with Parramatta Mission to purchase and provide baby equipment for their facility to house young mothers/mothers to be in a building near Parramatta. The young women must be under 25 for this facility and many of them have been homeless and unable to access support from their families. The facility supports them during the birth of their child and assists with finding them somewhere to live afterwards.

Parramatta Mission will purchase baby equipment, eg cots, strollers, highchairs, baby baths and then 'lend' them to the young mothers for as long as needed. Then the equipment will come back to the facility to be used by another young mother. Our role will be to monitor the funds and compile reports for Zonta International as required. We will have stickers made for the equipment with the Zonta logo as well as a few words on them.

We have worked with Parramatta Mission before on several projects and have found them to be a very good, professional organisation. We worked with them on the grant application.

Goulburn

The Zonta Club of Goulburn has changed its meeting times to alternate between the third Wednesday evenings of the even month at 6.30pm and the third Saturday of the odd month commencing at 10.30am at Goulburn Workers Club when we usually conduct an activity.



On the 18th May we held a fundraiser cake stall at Goulburn Bunnings supported by 6 members and two husbands followed by our AGM in the afternoon. The meeting was supported by Governor Sharyl Scott.

The following month at our Wednesday meeting the new Board was inducted by Area 2 Director Deb Carroll. The members wish to extend their sincere thanks to the outgoing Board for their commitment and leadership. The new board consists of:

President Jean Dally

Vice President Georgina Spilsbury

Secretary Robyn Bonham

Treasurer Karen Alling

The Director positions are still to be filled.

The members eagerly anticipate our planning day to be on Saturday 20th July where ideas and suggestions for fundraising and activities for the next 12 months will be discussed. The members are looking forward to a dynamic and productive year ahead.



Macarthur



Zonta Club of Macarthur Inc has been very active this month. June Tayler and Yvonne Stapleton, attended a presentation for Certificate III Fashion and Design students at Macquarie Fields TAFE, who produced 84 cushions for the Club's project recently. The students work was commended, and the Club provided special awards for two students who were nominated by their peers for their outstanding work during the production process. The Zonta Club of Macarthur has been working with TAFE NSW Macquarie Fields for over 16 years on the project and has helped make breast cancer treatment for women a little easier through the donated cushions.

TAFE NSW Macquarie Fields, Teacher for Fashion, Rosaria Bugge, said, "We're very proud to be part of such an important project for the Zonta Club of Macarthur. Having to deal with cancer treatment is never easy and our students enjoy being able to create beautiful cushions that are distributed to breast care nurses across NSW."

Ann Selle, OAM and fellow Zontian from the Botany Bay Club attended our monthly July meeting and gave an informative, entertaining, topical and inspirational talk to our members and guests of the development of the Breast Cushion Project and her current initiative in obtaining Breast Care nurses for Sri Lanka. From a small throw-away line, with thought, commitment and vision Ann is assisting in achieving so much to actively help others.

Our Club has increased our membership by two, welcoming Sembra Huissein and Peter Scott.

Our Annual Birthing Kit and Breast Cushion Assembly day was once again held at WESTS Tennis Club. With 33 willing helpers the compilation activities were completed in a room abuzz with activity, knowledge and laughter. 600 Birthing Kits and 55 Breast Cushions are now available for distribution in our community.

The ZONTA Club of Macarthur is holding a Display day in August at Narellan Town Centre to actively promote ZONTA in our community

Nepean Valley

Our **'Women Alive'** event this year was held on the afternoon of Sunday 30 June at the U3A Hall in Penrith. The 90 people in attendance were treated to a delightful and stimulating afternoon that featured guest speakers and entertainers. A small grant from Penrith City Council allowed us to offer complimentary tickets to clients of Penrith Women's Health Centre and to other non-Zontian volunteers who have assisted our various club projects.



Our four guest speakers' topics included 'Success in helping women return to the workforce', 'Modern slavery and how we can end it in our lifetime', 'Clever women – Indigenous women who have achieved success in their chosen fields' and 'Women Power'. The final speech 'Women Power' was delivered by the club's 2018 winner of the St Marys Senior High School Graduating Student Award who is now a First Year Law student. Her impassioned speech inspired all present.



We were entertained by a female a cappella quartet and two young classically trained sopranos who delighted all with their performances.

The afternoon ended with a fabulous afternoon tea prepared by our club members.

This month, July, we inducted two new members to our club, bringing our membership total to 40, and we are delighted that eight of those members will be attending the ANZ Centennial Conference in Brisbane.

Orange

Antique and Jewellery Fair

Zonta Orange held its annual Antique and Jewellery on Friday 14th June until Sunday 16th June 2019. Thousands of people attended the fair across the 3 days this year. The antique dealers and visitors are looking forward to the opening Gala Night and Weekend Orange Antique and Jewellery Fair in 2020.

The Fair is the major fundraiser for the year and has been running for 36 years.

Zonta Support CWA Health and Wellness Expo Condobolin

Anne Eastwood, Robyn Moore and Kim Harmer had a 5am start and long drive home to represent Zonta at the Condobolin CWA Health and Wellness Expo.

Old and New Member Zonta Journeys

Zonta Orange has also celebrated the long-term work and commitment of two of our members. Sue Hatcher received her 20-year Award and Anne Eastwood her 10 year Award. We have also welcomed a new member Barbara Bannister who is a second generation Zontian.

Join Us

Zonta Orange has dinner meetings the second Tuesday of every month please come along if you are visiting Orange for more information see our Facebook page at Facebook: [@zontaorange](https://www.facebook.com/zontaorange) or [zontaorange@zontacluboforange](mailto:zontaorange@zontacluboforange.com.au).



Wollongong



Our club has had a very busy time since our last report. Our planning day was held in June and our year's activities planned and goals set. One of the goals was to attract new members and another to look at fundraising ideas. A subgroup has been established to look at available local grants.

We have welcomed a number of visitors to our meetings this year and have one new member joining us next month and already enthusiastically supporting our events.

We held a successful Bunnings sausage sizzle at the Wollongong store in June. The day was grey and cold, but the rain held off until 3.30 luckily. We made a good profit and had a few interested enquiries about the Zonta organization.

Janette Curtis and Robin Peters delivered a donation of bras to Berry Zonta Club member Rita. These will be forwarded to Fiji.

Our High Tea event is on 21st July so more news of that in our next report.



Area 3

Armidale



Club member, Ebony Adams has been in the news, firstly in her hometown of Inverell. She had a chance to catch up with ZI Foundation and ZI Board member, Marg Bateman. Both Ebony and another of our Club's previous Young Indigenous Award winners, Alex Jeffery, are being sponsored by JobLink Plus to attend the Brisbane conference. This was the first outing for our new, bright banner.

<https://www.inverelltimes.com.au/story/6252364/strong-indigenous-leaders-invited-to-zonta-conference/>



Ebony also spoke at the ceremony to open this year's NAIDOC Week at the University of New England's Oorala Centre. She is pictured here with Stephen Briggs, Colin Ahoy, Lyall Munro Jr and Prof Todd Walker (acting Vice Chancellor) Photo: UNE

You may have heard of Backtrack, an Armidale-based program that works to keep kids alive, out of jail and able to see a better future. The documentary, "Backtrack Boys" gives an insight into the program through focussing on the lives of some of the troubled youth who are helped. You may not be aware that there are girls undertaking a complementary program, Running Strong, which aims to develop skill, grow confidence and help the girls reach their hopes and dreams. Three participants, with one of their youth workers, joined our club for dinner recently.



Coffs Harbour

This is our quiet time in Coffs Harbour with members travelling and the rest of us enjoying the beautiful Coffs winter.



The 1st day of winter was celebrated with a Zonta fashion parade at Blue Illusion. We were so pleased that the Blue Illusion head office again allowed their regional stores to support local community non-profit groups in this way. Our Saturday fashion parade was well attended, confirming the relevance of this as a fund-raising event.

It was exciting to induct a new member, Michelle Williams, at Changeover in May. Michelle has been very supportive of our projects and has blended so well into our team it is as if she has always been there. Our membership is still small, with one of our seven members currently based in Papua New Guinea, however we are still 'working above our weight' and have plans for attracting new membership.

We were delighted to receive a visit from Lt Governor, Karen Tromp, early in July. Karen delivered our new Zonta 100yrs banner. While enjoying a coffee, we were able to catch up on family news and all things Zonta, especially the upcoming District Conference.

Karen surprised member Liz Donnan with a certificate to recognise 20 years of service. Liz provides service to the community at a number of venues and we at Zonta are lucky to count her as one of us. Congratulations Liz!



Hunter Newcastle

ZONTA Hunter Newcastle has had the pleasure of inducting two new members this month, Carolyn Reggers and Glenda Beswick, and we welcome these two vibrant ladies to our Club. We have had the pleasure in welcoming Nissa Lee Phillips as a guest speaker, who is working with Hunter Homeless Connect on a wonderful project assisting the homeless, from haircut to a place to wash their clothes, incorporating local businesses in the programme, which is a superb initiative.

Our Club has also undertaken its annual July linen drive, where members, their friends and colleagues donate new linen which is distributed throughout 5 local refuges via our refuge representatives. We received a wonderful amount of beautiful linen this year, which we believe was extremely well received. We have also distributed over 200 bottles of hand sanitiser to the refuges, which was kindly donated to our Club by our Federal member Jodie Harrison, as part of the “Stamp out the Flu” campaign.

Port Macquarie

Trivia Night

Held on Saturday 29th June was a great success. Special thanks to Lyndall and Kim and to all those members and friends who participated. The winners of the Settlement Point boatshed BBQ Boat adventure was Venessa Deguara's NAB table. It was great to see Area Director Jill and hubby attend on the night.



World Population Day – July 11

We took the opportunity to promote our Birthing Kit Assembly project and sell tickets in our major raffle. Thanks to those who volunteered on our stand at Port Central.

15 years service award

Was presented to Carole Field at our June meeting



Women in Service luncheon – Wednesday August 21

To be held at Panthers' Renaissance room is an annual celebration of organisations making a difference for women in the local area. We are the host club this year.