



ZONTA
 CLUB OF
 GEELONG INC
 MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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President Joy Herman

Upcoming Events... all welcome

Club Meeting
 Wednesday 5 August
 6pm for 6.30pm start
 Berkeley Lodge,
 258 Pakington St,
 Geelong West

Guest Speaker:
 Helen Bolton CEO,
 Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault

Birthing Kits Assembly Day
 Saturday 15 August,
 Multi Purpose Room
 Matthew Flinders SC
 Lt Ryrie St, Geelong

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While reading the May edition of The Zontian I came across an article on attracting new members. It made me think about our efforts in promoting the Zonta Club Geelong. On reflection the importance of what we do to make membership attractive to potential new members is very important.

From 2014 – 2016 Zonta International have three distinct catch words for members to act on:

Conviction - a firmly held belief or opinion

Commitment the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause or activity

Courage - to act on one's beliefs despite danger or disapproval

Our club works hard to fulfil these aims. We firmly believe that Violence against Women is wrong and has no place in our society. We actively hold events that benefit disadvantaged women in third world countries, and we have the courage to speak out to support women in vulnerable situations.

Since the beginning of 2015 one woman is killed in Australia almost every week by a partner or ex-partner and I question what is happening in our society that results in such horrendous outcomes.

Belonging to Zonta we can make a difference. Club events such as Birthing Kits to be held in August, The G21 Month of Action - held in November, and Awareness Evenings held after major events, all add up to an important pieces in the jigsaw puzzle.

This is an important process in the expansion of our membership and the encouragement to join and get involved in the club.

To successfully help others we firstly need to support our existing members to be able to participate at whatever level they feel comfortable. When we accept new members it is our responsibility to mentor and support them to become comfortable, and productive, within the club.

On another level our club has developed a Website and Facebook account. We announce through media releases what the club has planned and once the general public becomes aware of what we do they can contribute appropriately. Then our job is supported on a wider scale. To this end membership is the key to a successful club, and the strength of our commitment to support those in need.

Joy Herman
 President
 Zonta Club Geelong

Snippet- Zonta Belgium

Twenty-five Zontians from Area 5 in District 27 participated in a four-daylong 1,000 kilometre "Fight against Cancer" bicycle race. The cyclists wore *Zonta Says NO* attention-grabbing orange and black outfits, which gave them the opportunity to explain Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and Zonta International's mission to curious onlookers throughout Flanders, Belgium. The team collected money for cancer research, which was dedicated to the empowerment of women in all fields of society. The cyclists appeared on television and in photo shoots, spreading the Zonta spirit wide.

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Service & Advocacy

Birthing Kit Assembly Day

When: Saturday 15 August

Where: Matthew Flinders Secondary College

Start: 9am (Finish time is when we complete the assembly of 1000 kits—usually about 3pm)

We need you for an hour or 2 or more...

Organisation of the Birthing Kit Assembly day is well underway. The contents for the kits have arrived. Requests seeking volunteers have been issued and a press release prepared.

Please remember to ask your friends to participate and support this worthy cause and flagship project of Zonta District 23. Contact Cheryl on 0417033173 advising her of your preferred availability on the day. Many hands make light work and we appreciate every voluntary hour you can assist. The more help we have the quicker the task is completed.

The Birthing Kit Assembly project is gaining momentum. Once again students from Northern Bay College and Geelong College will be assembling kits within their school. This year the schools have agreed to conduct fundraising activities to purchase the contents of two hundred kits. We congratulate both schools on their efforts and for supporting this initiative.

November Dinner/Month of Action Activity

Preparations are underway for the annual November Dinner which denotes the Month of Action activity led by the Zonta Club of Geelong. This year's event will be an open

panel discussion. The committee is currently sourcing appropriate venues and the composition of the panel. Fiona McCormack – CEO – Domestic Violence Victoria and has confirmed her acceptance to be a panel member. We are awaiting a response from Natasha Stott Despoja.

The committee are hopeful that the Regional Family Violence Action Plan will be completed prior to the November dinner and we intend to ask either Cr Jan Farrell or Jill Evans (Chair of the Committee preparing the plan) to speak to the Plan.

International Women's Day Art Exhibition 2016

The theme for the 2016 Art Exhibition will be Women: Conviction, Commitment and Courage. The Committee is producing the Artist Entry forms, promotional material etc. These will be available shortly to be issued and distributed to artists, galleries and appropriate venues.

Other Activities

The committee has discussed undertaking new Advocacy activities such as the Women' Empowerment Principles and the possibility of displaying *Zonta Says No* signs on the COGG roadside sign boards at various times during the year. Watch this space for further details.

Chris—Convenor Service and Advocacy



Inside Scoops

Raema Ash.... In recognition of your ongoing and numerous contributions to the Zonta Club of Geelong and for your continuing work with Outpost the Club has nominated you for the Kardinia Rotary Volunteer of the Year 2015 Award. Best of luck.

August Birthdays

Congratulations to :

Lisa

Deborah

Robin



Membership/Fellowship Committee

The first meeting of the new committee was held at the 'Challis Chateau'. Lots of information was shared during the handover of the Chair from Lisa to Marion.

Two (2) AWARENESS HOURS are planned per year. The proposed date for the first of these is for the week following the November Dinner. A tentative Wednesday 25 November 6-7pm event is planned at the Mercure. Watch this space.

The committee have decided to postpone the High Tea until May 2016. This is in response to the busy period ahead with members attending the District 23 Conference in Adelaide during October 2015 and the November Dinner.

To Phillipa thank you for your hospitality in hosting our first meeting. Future meetings will continue to be held at Phillipa's home. The meeting will commence at 7pm on the Monday evening following the Club dinner. Please note due to committee member absence (holiday commitments) the next scheduled meeting will be on 12 October. Informal meetings will be held as necessary.

Marion Wilde
Convenor—Membership/Fellowship Committee

The Z CLUB

The Z Club lead by the 3 enthusiastic Middle Years Captains, Megan, Maia and Madelyn, is relaunching itself with renewed vigour at Matthew Flinders Girls' Secondary College.

The first project is advertising, and then assisting with, the Birthing Kit Assembly Day on August 15. The Z Club are delivering a presentation at the school assembly in early August to introduce and explain the importance of the birthing kits, setting up a static display, advertising in the school newsletter and then organising a "volunteer crew" to help assemble on the day. As it is at the Z Club home school the girls will be wonderful hosts for the event.

The Z Club is holding a BBQ later this month to raise funds. At this stage the girls are still in conversation as to who they will support with these funds. There is much discussion and this raises their understanding of the need in many sectors both locally and internationally.

The agenda for the next Z Club meeting is to focus on expanding the number of Z Club members and the best way to manage this moving forward. The Z Club members will also be discussing projects for the months of October and November.

We are preparing the Z Club girls to write their own report for next months Zontalong. This will demonstrate their great level of commitment and enthusiasm, and provide us with insight into their perception of Zonta.

Robyn and Leslie
Zontians for the Z Club

Note to Self

- Read the revised version of the Club Handbook. Amendments have been made to Committee duties.
- Name badges have been ordered Remember to bring to dinner the \$10 for your badge

The 2015-2016 Leadership Team

Board

President -	Joy Herman
Vice President -	Cheryl Gibbons
Treasurer -	Robin Turner
Secretary -	iona MacDowall
Directors -	Lisa Savage, Shani Cain, Phillipa Challis, Robyn Cameron.

2015-2016 Committee Convenors:

Fundraising—	Anna Milner
Service & Advocacy -	Christine Denmead
Membership—	Marion Wilde
Z Club -	Robyn Cameron

CONGRATULATIONS

Standing Item:

SalvoConnect Women's Service.

The Zonta Club of Geelong has a long-standing affiliation with SalvoConnect Women's Services.

We collect donations at our monthly club meetings and forward these to SalvoConnect.

Donations of the following items would be appreciated:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Spray deodorants, Tampons, Baby bottles with NUK Teats.