



# ZONTALONG

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## President's Report

The past month has been a busy and productive time for the Zonta Club of Geelong.

Our website has been updated, the branding has been revised in line with the Zonta International Guidelines, and the overall presentation of the website is clear and easy to navigate. A big thank you goes to our member Robin Turner, Convenor of the Communications committee, for enhancing our website to a very high standard. If you have not viewed our website it is worth a visit:

<http://zontageelong.org.au/>

The partnership with Minerva is progressing extremely well. Minerva has accepted a proposal to receive contributions and we will endeavor to provide support to their organisation in the future.

The fellowship day was a very enjoyable event with good food and company, well done Lisa, Robin, Jane and Joy for hosting the on such a hot day.

Public interest in the club has excelled in the past few months. This is directly attributed to several of the great events held, combined with media interest, and the work of the committees. The comradeship offered by members at club dinners and events to welcome new members is appreciated.

On a final note Zonta Rose Day coincides with International Women's Day on 8 March. This is a day to reflect on the voluntary work done by Zontians empowering women worldwide.

A donation to the Zonta International Rose Fund, in honor of someone who has made an impact in your life, will contribute to Zonta International's continued support for projects and programs. These programs help women achieve a life free of violence, and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education and professional advancement. <http://www.zonta.org/>

*Maria Zaluski*

## Service & Advocacy Report

We are pleased to announce that the Service and Advocacy Committee will be presenting four awards at our March dinner.

1. Ann Hilda Sainsbury Memorial Award;
1. Marianne Zandren Scholarship;
1. Young Women in Public Affairs; and
1. Outstanding Woman of Achievement award.

We have wonderful prizes for the raffle such as a gift voucher from Westfield Shopping Centre; and six bottles of wine. Tickets will be one for five dollars, three for ten dollars.

As previously stated we have a high quality guest speaker:

### **Lizzie Corke**

Lizzie Corke is CEO and Co-Founder of the Conservation Ecology Centre, an organisation dedicated to an Otways once more vibrant with wildlife. The Centre works to achieve this vision through repairing and rebalancing the fragile ecosystems. The organisation is particularly focussed on conservation of Australia's last tiger – the endangered Tiger Quoll. Lizzie grew up in Geelong and studied at Melbourne University.

<http://www.conservationecologycentre.org/about/our-people/>

<http://www.conservationecologycentre.org/about/history/>

**Convenor: Cheryl Gibbons**

### **Membership/Fellowship Committee**

The **'Under the Tuscan Sun'** lived up to its name. It was a hot day but big fans, water cooling the veranda and welcoming hosts made the day a very happy one. The fellowship event held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February was a great success. 20 members, family and friends sat down to a lunch of Antipasto, slow cooked Lamb Shoulder, Nonna's Chicken Casserol, Vegetarian Pasta, Italian Potato Salads, Tiramisu, Lemon Cannoli and Italian Gelato. Lots of good company



Lisa Savage and Robin Turner  
Putting the finishing touches to the table.



Zontians, family and friends enjoy antipasto and good conversation



Enjoying good food and company.

Lots of beautiful Italian sweets to finish off.

The next membership/Fellowship event will be a High Tea. It was originally planned for Easter but due to other commitments the committee has decided to reschedule it to the 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Convenor: Lisa Savage**

### **Z Club Report**

We have a new Convenor, Robyn Cameron who will be looking after the Z Club, and planning has begun. A list of projects will be forthcoming in the April newsletter. Well done Robyn for taking on this roll and we look forward to hearing about the Z Club in the future.

### **Fundraising Committee**

The Fundraising Committee has confirmed their major fundraising event for the year.

The Zonta Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 13th June @ The Geelong Umpires Rooms starting at 7pm. Steve Horman, who was very popular last year, has agreed to be our Trivia Host again this year, and funds raised will go towards the cost of producing Birthing Kits. Members are asked to start collecting prizes for a silent Auction, and we are proposing to have a prize for the best decorated table. The prize will be donated by @luxe.

**Convenor: Anna Milner**



# Why women and girls are the secret weapon in ending poverty.

## GIRLS AND EDUCATION

### WHY?

Because when a girl in the developing world gets 7 or more years of education, she marries 4 years later and has 2.2 fewer children.

### SUCCESS

The number of young women (15-24) who are literate in sub-Saharan Africa rose by 8% between 1999 and 2010.

### REALITY CHECK

Two thirds of the world's adults who are illiterate are women .

## WOMEN AND AGRICULTURE

### WHY?

Because when women have equal access to training, tools and fertiliser, food production can increase by 20 to 30%.

### SUCCESS

Countries with greater gender equality are experiencing higher cereal yields.

### REALITY CHECK

In Kenya women produce 80% of the food, but own less than 10% of the land.

## WOMEN AND EMPLOYMENT

### WHY?

Because when women and girls earn income, they re-invest 90% of it into their families, compared with only 30-40% for men.

### SUCCESS

44% of businesses in Ghana are run by women.

### REALITY CHECK

75% of women worldwide cannot get bank loans because they have unpaid or insecure jobs and do not own property.

## WOMEN AND POLITICS

### WHY?

Because a World Bank study of 100 countries found that the greater the representation of women in parliament, the lower the level of corruption.

### SUCCESS

Africa has two female presidents and two Nobel Peace Prize winners.

### REALITY CHECK

Women are outnumbered four to one in government positions around the world.

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

04 March	Awards Night/IWD Dinner – Club Night
18 March	Board Meeting
21 March	Combined Area 1 & 4 Meeting