

# ZONTALONG

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## 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball



## **President's Report – Maria Zaluski**

The month of September included several key events that continue to attribute to raising the profile of the Zonta Club of Geelong and improving internal processes.

The milestone 35 year anniversary celebration was well attended by members and guests. Acknowledgement must go to all members and in particular the Finance and Fundraising committee. The event was an elegant affair, informative and entertaining. As I engaged with guests it became obvious that:

- a) Until that evening , they were unaware of the Zonta organisation; and
- b) They were impressed by our professionalism, services projects and advocacy work.

Furthermore the event received great publicity on Social Media on our clubs Facebook Page 'Zonta Geelong'. We received many congratulatory messages including from Val Sara, Zonta Club Melbourne on Yarra and District 23 Foundation Ambassador Ann Horrocks.

Our next major event is our White Ribbon Day Dinner to be held on 5 November 2014. Our Service and Advocacy committee is arranging this event. I urge everyone to invite family and friends to attend this dinner. We are honored to be joined by **Rosie Batty**. Rosie will be our guest speaker.

Following our home meeting with Past Presidents Faye Juetz and Beryl McMillan we received an email from both women congratulating our Club on its achievements and hard work. This meeting facilitated a lot and beneficial discussion. Now is the time to act on this.

### **Membership/Fellowship Committee Report - Lisa Savage**

The Fellowship/Membership Committee wish to advise that we postponed our September 17 **Awareness Hour'** due to renovation and construction works being undertaken at the venue. The committee assures readers that the Awareness Hour will be rescheduled. Watch this space for details in the future.

### **Finance/Fundraising Committee Report - Anna Milner**

It was a night to remember. Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Ball held on 6 September 2014, was a wonderful and successful event. Members and guests had a fantastic and fun-filled evening. We were pleased to have been joined by special guest entertainer, Imogen Brough and guest speaker Beryl McMillan. Beryl provided our guests with a concise and informative insight into the Zonta organization, its goals and objectives.

As well as Imogen Brough singing a song that she wrote and performed before finding fame, we were also entertained by local entertainers Sassy Soul Sisters.

I would like to thank our sponsors and our committee members for the many hours that they contributed to make our night and celebration a success.

Pictures of the fun enjoyed by all which were captured by Kobi-Lee Hiebl of Hiebl Photography, appear above on page 1.

### **Service & Advocacy Report - Cheryl Gibbons**

Our committee has been working tirelessly organizing our November Dinner. We are delighted that Rosie Batty is coming to Geelong. Rosie has agreed to be our guest speaker on the night. Rosie, who tragically lost her son Luke through family violence, will share her story with us.

Kevin Godfrey a member of the Victoria Police ~ Geelong's Family Violence Unit will introduce Rosie.

Rosie has also been nominated by Chief Commissioner Ken Lay for a Pride of Australia Courage Medal.

The committee has put in many hours working on the November Dinner and it is wonderful that Rosie has accepted our invitation.

Join us to hear Rosie's inspirational story and her campaign for change.

### **AN EVENING WITH ROSIE BATTY**



### **WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2014**

**6.00 pm for a two course dinner, served at 6.30 pm (Drinks at bar prices)**

**Mecure Hotel, Cnr Gheringhap & Myer Streets, Geelong**

**Tickets \$65 available online at [www.trybooking.com/FXZT](http://www.trybooking.com/FXZT)**

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It is now time for all members to sell tickets to their families, friends and professional contacts. Many families are touched by violent tragedies so it is important that we get Rosie story out to the public.

Geelong Club members are only too happy to 'home host' members from other clubs and districts in order to assist with accommodation needs. Please contact membership convenor, Lisa Savage on 0409955854.

### **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

<b>1 October 2014</b>	<b>Club Meeting – 6:00pm for 6:30pm start Dromoland House, 258 Pakington Street, Geelong West</b>
<b>21 October 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting – 5:30pm start at Lunan Avenue, Drumcondra</b>
<b>5 November 2014</b>	<b>November Dinner Meeting An Evening with Rosie Batty Mercure Geelong</b>
<b>18 November 2014</b>	<b>Board Meeting – 5:30pm start at Lunan Avenue, Drumcondra</b>