

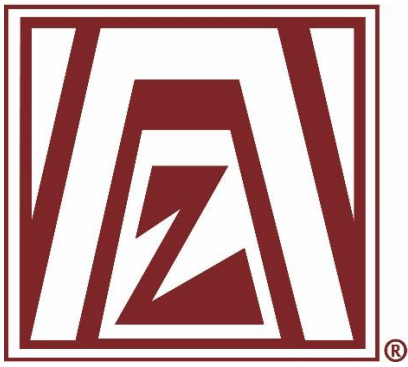


ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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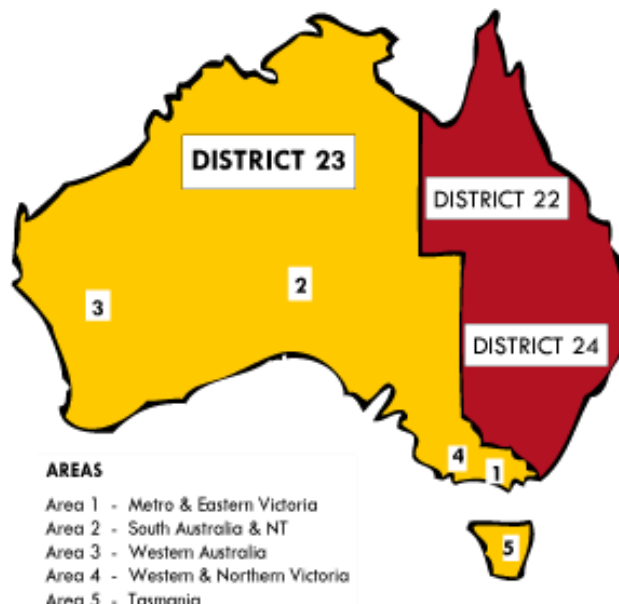


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CLUB OF MELTON INC

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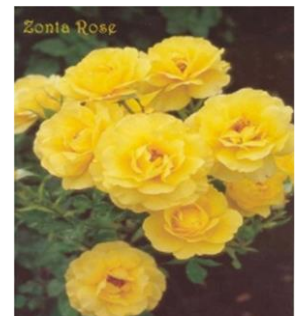


REGISTER OF CURRENT MEMBERS AT 1ST APRIL 2023

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Adams Jenny | 01 September 2014 – Inducted by Annette Pedersen, Past President |
| Alurkkar Deepti | 3 February 2020 – Inducted by Annette Pedersen, Past President |
| Carter Judy | Charter Member 24 May 1997 - Inducted by Kay Poustie, D23 Gov |
| Calleja Lucy | 06 May 2019 – Inducted by Barbara Reithofer, Past President |
| Cook Sharon | 06 May 2013 - Inducted by Jane Adornetto, Area 4 Director |
| Farrugia Kylie | 07 May 2022.- Inducted by Christine Denmead Area 4 Director |
| Fowler Sandra | 03 June 2019 – Inducted by Dawn Clark, Past President |
| Handford Julie | 05 March 2012 – Inducted by Margaret Hinks, Area 4 Director |
| Heaney Bianca | Charter President 24 May 1997 – Inducted by Kay Poustie, D23 Gov |
| Hill Lyn | 01 August 2000 - Inducted by Brenda Nankervis, Treasurer - Geelong |
| Leahy Suzanne | 06 May 2019 – Inducted by Barbara Reithofer, Past President |
| Martell Meredith | 07 May 2022.- Inducted by Christine Denmead Area 4 Director |
| McBride Chris | 05 March 2012 – Inducted by Margaret Hinks, Area 4 Director |
| Pedersen Annette | 01 August 2000- Inducted by Brenda Nankervis, Treasurer – Geelong |
| Reithofer Barbara | 20 May 2009 - Inducted by Bianca Heaney, D23 YWPA Co-ordinator |
| Stewart Janet | 6 March 2023- inducted by Bianca Heaney, President |
| Stubberfield Amy | 03 February 2020 – Inducted by Annette Pedersen, Past President |
| Sultana Jane | 02 December 2013 – Inducted Ann Horrocks, D23 Governor |
| Warren Jane | 07 May 2022.- Inducted by Christine Denmead Area 4 Director |
| White Pauline | 05 December 2011 – Inducted by Margaret Hinks, Area 4 Director |
| Wright Karen | 01 July 2019 – Inducted by Annette Pedersen, Past President |

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES IN 2022-2023

No Change



LIFE MEMBERS

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Sandra Hall | Served 25 years of service in Zonta International with Melton Club and Melbourne's West |
| Margaret Hinks | Served 25 years of service in Zonta International with Melton Club and Geelong |



BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS 2022 - 2023



| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| President | Bianca Heaney |
| President Elect | Suzanne Leahy |
| Secretary (Public Officer) | Bianca Heaney |
| Correspondence & Minute Secretary | Julie Handford |
| Treasurer | Pauline White |
| Directors: | |
| Membership and PR | Sharon Cook |
| Service and Status | Suzanne Leahy |
| Fundraising | Deepti Alurkkar |
| Nominating Committee | Lyn Hill Barbara Reithofer Jane Sultana |
| Archives | Bianca Heaney |
| Photographer & Welfare Officer | Annette Pedersen |
| Newsletter Editor | Barbara Reithofer |
| Advocacy Officer | Jane Sultana |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022-2023

We certainly started off with a huge celebration recognising 25 years of Zonta service to the local and international community. Little did I realise at the time things were going to get crazy, not just a little but super crazy. I decided to put myself up as President again after 25 years and being the Charter President. My how things have changed over the past 25 years. Communication, Technology, Media, keeping up with what's happening not only in Zonta but around the world, advocacy and building up relationships with other Zonta Clubs, organisations and keeping all our members up to date on what is going on and focused on our theme for the year

“Build a Better World for Women and Girls”

I am deeply honoured to be working with an amazing group of women in my club. They are dedicated, passionate, enthusiastic and value the work that we do to help women and girls.

Celebrating 25 years in Zonta 7 May 2022.

We were honoured to have Val Sarah AM as our guest speaker. Members and guests were inspired by her story of resilience and how women could turn something simple into something spectacular, bringing hope to other women in their home village, town or city. How lucky we are to have Val Sarah, a past Zonta International President, in our Zonta District!

During the evening, we inducted three new members - Meredith, Jane and Kylie. All have taken up roles and are enjoying Zonta and all it has to offer.



Sharon Cook, outgoing President & Bianca Heaney Incoming President cutting the 25th Anniversary Birthday cake.



Hay Runs to flood affected areas around Grafton NSW.

It didn't take long to get out in the community and provide a helping hand. I was on the road again and travelled to Grafton NSW with the Aussie Hay Runners! In July, 31 semi-trailers full of hay and stock feed were delivered to the flooded affected farming community around Grafton. Then in September, 56 semi-trailers of hay and fodder were delivered to the same area. You don't realise that the farmers and families are still doing it tough up there. Their stories are heart breaking.

The Rotary Club of Melton was successful in getting transport subsidies through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority to help the truck loads get to NSW. Zonta, were also involved and I thank all members who donated items, packed goodie bags for women, backpacks for children, along with wool doonas, socks, toys etc. We worked with the Rotary Clubs along the way and CWA assisted in distributing the packs etc to the local families.

This is how our communities and service clubs combine their efforts to help our farming communities in need.

We also featured in ZI “Share your Story” in August 2022.



Unveiling of Melton Botanic Garden Zonta Bench On 30 October 2022.

The Bench is in recognition of Zonta's 25 years of service to women and girls in the local area. It also recognises gender equality and those who have been affected by family violence, it is a place to sit in silence and remember.



The sun was shining and I was overwhelmed with the number of people who attended in particular those who traveled far to join our club in this celebration. 31 attendees included Zonta members Kay Stewart D23 Governor, Yvonne Lockwood D23 Area 1 President, Jasmine Koh D23 Breast Cushion Coordinator, Faye Juetz Melbourne West, along with our own Melton members. Also special community representatives Cr Sophie Ramsay Melton City Councilor and past Mayor of Melton, Steve McGhie Member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly who represents the seat of Melton, John Bentley President of Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden.



Our very special guest was Tammy Higgins from Melton, a great supporter of our club. She raised \$1,000 at her local gym and donated it to our club. This wonderful donation went towards the purchase of the Bench. She assisted in unveiling the bench on the day.

Rosemary plants were given to all who attended as a token of appreciation, to remember this day and a symbol of friendship. Many thanks to Bunnings who donated the plants.

Did you know that Zonta International celebrates "firsts for women" in all different sectors in countries and communities around the world?

[Here is a list of Women from Australia... In case you missed it.](#)

June 2022

Anne Aly – first Muslim woman to serve as an Australian minister (early childhood education and youth).

Linda Burney – first Aboriginal woman to serve as Indigenous affairs minister in Australia.

Helen Lofthouse – first woman CEO of Australian bourse operator Australian Securities Exchange Ltd (ASX).

October 2022 Donna Adams – first woman to serve as commissioner of Tasmania Police.

December 2022 Jo Davies – first woman artistic director of Opera Australia.



Zonta presentation at the Rotary Club of Melton 24 January 2023

I was invited to make a Zonta presentation at the Rotary Club of Melton.

The presentation included the History of Zonta, international projects, how the Melton Club fits into International, District and Area 1. I explained how we provided 25 years of service to the Melton and the surrounding communities, including getting involved with joint projects with Rotary such as Red Cross Calling and the recent hay runs to Grafton, NSW. International Women's Day events, the scholarships we provide to local young women at the secondary colleges in Melton. Breast cushions and birthing kits.

Rotary members were very impressed on what we have achieved as a small club and congratulated us in celebrating and providing such a wonderful service to women and young girls in our area.



Area 1 & 4 Workshop

Nine members (including three new members) attended the Area 1 & 4 workshop on 18 March 2023 which was held at the Ivanhoe Library. Speakers were excellent and kept us entertained during the day. We listened to Kerry Cue from Kyneton who recalled her childhood memories growing up in a small country town. Women in Iran/Afghanistan presenters Sue Lees/Farkhondah Akbari, YWPA 2022 winner Mia Salomon, Guest speaker from Nepalese Women's Group Dr Jamuna Parajuli. It was a fantastic day and congratulations to Melbourne on Yarra for putting together such a wonderful event. Melton organised the raffle on the day and raised over \$360 to go towards Zonta projects. Our members collected a number of goodies which will be put to good use for projects etc.



Women's Mental Health Unit at Footscray Hospital

At the March meeting we had four amazing women from the Women's Mental Health Unit at the Footscray hospital speak about what they are doing to help women. The Team includes Belinda Strangis - Clinical Nurse Consultant, Sarah Pittcher - Occupational Therapist, Tegan Erichsen - Nurse Unit Manager and Lynn Nyugen - Mental Health Nurse. This unit opened in December 2022. They explained that the WIPU at Footscray Hospital is a new, innovative, 16-bed women-only mental health inpatient unit that offers women support, holistic care and evidence-based treatment. Members agreed to assist with the provision of dignity bags, clothing, blankets and other items required by the unit for women who come into their hospital with nothing.

Partnership with other Groups to Build a Better World for Women and Girls

We are pleased that the **Melton Phoenix Women's Football Club** have partnered with us to celebrate International Women's Day. This is the second year and we are now working together on other possible projects for women and girls in our area.

The Zonta Club of Melton have also worked with the **Rotary Club of Melton** on various projects over the years. These include assisting with Red Cross Calling, Relay for Life, providing donations to families in need with the Hay Runs, attended events at Tabcorp Park, Clean Up Australia at the Melton Botanic Garden and more. Rotary have also assisted us with the "Walk with Her" annual event prior to COVID and provided donations for some of our projects.



During the last Hay Run to Grafton, I contacted the members of **Country Women's Association (CWA) North Coast** Group who assisted us with the distribution of dignity packs for women, back packs for children and wool socks, doona's, Manchester to families in the flood affected areas. Our club also has a close connection with CWA in Melton.

OUR CLUB AND THE YEAR AHEAD

In preparing this Annual Report you suddenly realise how much our members have done over the past twelve months. I am proud to be the President of the Zonta Club of Melton. Our members go above and beyond in every aspect of helping women and girls, raising funds for projects, advocating for women and girls for a better life, providing scholarships for young women to achieve more, saving women and babies with our birthing kits and much much more.

Our focus for the next twelve months will include communication, promoting what we do and increasing membership. We have a lot to offer and I look forward to the next twelve months.

Bianca Heaney
PRESIDENT 2022-24

The Year in Focus

APRIL 2022

Annual General Meeting

Suzanne Leahy awarded Christina Du Rink award

May 2022

Changeover/25th Anniversary Celebrations

June 2022

July 2022

Mental Health First Aid Workshops

Hay Run to Grafton with Rotary Club of Melton

August 2022

Indigenous Story Guest Speaker

September 2022

Bunnings BBQ

Women's Health Week

Hay Run to Grafton with Rotary Club of Melton

October 2022

ZC Melton Bench Unveiled, Melton Botanic Garden

November 2022

Trivia Night

16 Days of Activism

December 2022

Financial Literacy Workshop

Scholarship Awards Nights – Three local Secondary Colleges

January 2023

Amelia Earhart celebration

February 2023

March 2023

International Women's Day Dinner. Guest Speaker Rosie Batty

Area 1 & 4 Workshop – Guest speaker Kerry Cue, we assisted with the Raffle,
9 members attended.

Induction of New Member, Janet Stewart at dinner meeting.

April 2023

AGM to be held on 3 April 2023



TREASURER'S AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

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To whom it may concern,

I have examined the books of the Zonta Club of Melton Inc.

In my opinion, this statement together with the Profit & Loss report gives a true and fair view of the Financial Year ended 31 December 2022. Please note that the income, expenses and documentation were not audited. Checks of selected transactions were carried out.

Yours sincerely

Debra Perry

Debra Perry

Accountant / Registered Tax Agent

Zonta Club of Melton
PO Box 1481
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Balance Sheet

As of December 2022

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cheque Account | | \$15,477.97 |
| Petty Cash | | \$200.00 |
| Term Deposits | | |
| Term Deposit | \$10,800.89 | |
| Total Term Deposits | | \$10,800.89 |
| Trade Debtors | | \$36.00 |
| Total Assets | | \$26,514.86 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Net Assets | | \$26,514.86 |
| Equity | | |
| Retained Earnings Admin | | |
| Retained Earnings Admin | \$3,132.20 | |
| Total Retained Earnings Admin | | \$3,132.20 |
| Retained Earnings Service | | |
| Retained Earnings Service | \$19,382.66 | |
| Total Retained Earnings Service | | \$19,382.66 |
| Retained Earnings Fundraising | | |
| Retained Earnings- Unused Grants | \$4,000.00 | |
| Total Retained Earnings Fundraising | | \$4,000.00 |
| Retained Earnings | | -\$3,703.64 |
| Current Year Earnings | | \$3,703.64 |
| Total Equity | | \$26,514.86 |

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Profit & Loss [Cash]

January 2021 To December 2022

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Income | | |
| Administration | | |
| Dinner | \$4,370.00 | |
| Membership Fees | \$4,454.00 | |
| Grants Income | \$4,000.00 | |
| Interest | \$27.00 | |
| Other- Admin | \$1,509.00 | |
| Total Administration | | \$14,360.00 |
| Service | | |
| CCCM | \$269.05 | |
| IWD Dinner | \$10,220.00 | |
| ZIF/Donations | \$305.50 | |
| Other-Service | \$729.50 | |
| Golden Rose | \$1,400.00 | |
| BBQ's | \$6,302.35 | |
| Raffles | \$1,204.00 | |
| Trivia Nights | \$3,356.00 | |
| Workshops & Seminars - Service | \$1,752.63 | |
| Total Service | | \$25,539.03 |
| Total Income | | \$39,899.03 |
| Gross Profit | | \$39,899.03 |
| Expenses | | |
| Administration | | |
| Guest Dinners & Room Hire | \$233.11 | |
| Marketing, Website, Email & Workshops | \$711.90 | |
| Membership Fees | \$3,414.43 | |
| Interest & Bank Fees | \$20.00 | |
| Other Expenditure-Admin | \$5,813.68 | |
| Total Administration | | \$10,193.12 |
| Service | | |
| Birthing Kits | \$1,000.00 | |
| IWD Dinner | \$9,808.62 | |
| Aprila | \$86.00 | |
| Breast Cushions | \$841.72 | |
| ZIF/Donations/Rose Fund | \$2,107.60 | |
| Endeavour Awards/YWPA Programs | \$3,050.00 | |
| Cambodian School - Brighter Future Org. | \$400.00 | |
| Other Project Expenses-Service | \$1,661.65 | |
| Golden Rose | \$1,000.00 | |
| BBQ's | \$2,038.85 | |
| Square Fees | \$16.33 | |
| Trivia Nights | \$472.27 | |
| Workshops & Seminars Exp - Service | \$3,519.23 | |
| Total Service | | \$26,002.27 |
| Total Expenses | | \$36,195.39 |
| Operating Profit | | \$3,703.64 |
| Net Profit/(Loss) | | \$3,703.64 |

MEMBERSHIP AND PR. REPORT

Director: Sharon Cook

Committee: Chris McBride, Sandra Fowler(Resigned) Julie Handford,

Karen Wright, Janet Stewart

It is great to be back to normal and getting out and about with our fellow Zontians and families.

Thank you to my committee who are great at keeping me organized and on the ball.

Karen who organizes the morning teas at Urban 35, Chris who sends the birthday cards to members and takes rsvp for non-attendance to meetings. Julie the keeper of the flags.

Speakers

We have been very fortunate to have many people give up their time to come and speak to us at our Club meetings and my list of prospective speakers keeps growing.

Such a great variety of people willing to share something of their lives, their work and passions with us each month, thank you all.

May 2022 Melissa de Santis shared her story of survival with Family Violence

July 2022 Jo Layton – Insights into Aboriginal Culture in the Shire

August 2022 Tegan Barton – Pilates instructor and Naturopath

September 2022 Eugene from Melton Waves – tips in ageing gracefully and keeping fit

February 2023 Belinda Marshall an update on her work in Cambodia

March 2023 Ladies from the newly set up Mental Health Unit for Women at Footscray Hospital.

Months without a speaker were

June 2022 – we had a getting to know you segment – for our newest members Jane, Meredith and Kylie

October 2022 – Social night

November 2022 – Cup Day had a fashion parade and prize for the best Hat – Lucy Calleja took the prize

Fellowship – Outings

Urban 35 has become our go to for our morning teas – great to see so many members meeting on a Saturday for a cuppa and a chat.

Friends and past members are all welcome.

To get the ball rolling many of you went to Priscilla Queen of the Desert at Her Majesty's Theatre in Ballarat on the 10th July. Lunch at Craig's Hotel was an easy stagger across the road to the Theatre after a wine or 2 with lunch.

A great day out to Mary Poppins on the 8th February with lunch at the Spaghetti Tree beforehand. Fabulous show and terrific company made for a memorable outing – we must do more of them.

We have plans for more outings during the year and maybe a weekend away too 😊



Christmas 2022

Our Christmas Dinner was a great night out for all – it was fantastic to see so many friends and family relaxing and enjoying time together, some of us have not been together for many years. Such a surprise to see Santa join us and choose our best dressed, congrats Barbara 😊

We had Kris Kringle and everyone got a treat from Santa too.

Thanks to those who brought goodies for CCM and along with our annual donation, the goodies were delivered by Judy the next day.



Amelia Earhart 2022



We went to Diggers Rest to visit the Harry Houdini memorial on Saturday the 14th and then to Olive Tree in Sunbury for lunch. It was a warm and windy day but great to get together and remember Amelia Earhart and her fellow aviator Harry Houdini.



Membership

Unfortunately, we have had 2 members resign this year, Lucy Calleja and Sandra Fowler we will miss you both and thank you for your contribution to the club and the community. We thank you for your friendship and support during your time with us.

On a brighter side we welcomed Janet Stewart to the Club in March and we look forward to getting to know you.

Thank you to the members of my committee and the Club for supporting the Membership Committee and I look forward to welcoming new friends and family to the Club over the next year.

Stay safe and well and I look forward to working with you all in the next year.

Yours in Zonta,

Sharon Cook

Lunch after visiting Houdin's
Amelia Earhart day



Women's Mental Health Unit at Footscray Hospital
Staff spoke about the unit at our March meeting.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

Director: Deepti Alurkar

Committee: Jane Sultana, Judy Carter, Barbara R, Jenny Adamas, Lucy Calleja, Kylie Farrugia.

Highlights of the Year 2022-2023- we celebrated 25 years of Zonta and I got the opportunity to work with an amazing team as a Fundraising Director.

So much to learn and celebrate this year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Karen for her support and the brilliant core team of fundraising and all the other members of Zonta Melton who always step up for amazing causes year after year irrespective of their health, their family situations or a State lockdown.

Year 22-23 has been a comeback year for us with face-to-face meetings, catch ups and events.

Let me first share with you, we have achieved as a group this year...

In August, we had some of our volunteers participate at **Bunnings Community days** which resulted in gift cards to the value of **\$300**, that were used to purchase 3 large Eskies to use at Bunnings BBQs and other events.

Our first set of fundraising events for the year was **Bunnings Barbecue** in September and November. The Barbecues aren't easy but with the help of our members it was super successful. From buying meat, to arranging onions, drinks, sauces and then standing all day in shifts, setting and packing up, it takes a lot. Thanks to Val Turner from Bunnings and the volunteers who worked extra hard to achieve an outstanding result of **Nett \$4391**.

The third big event we organised was the **Trivia Night** on 12th November which was attended by 100 people who enjoyed quizzes and games conducted by our Trivia Queen, Chiara. A super successful event, still remember putting 300 ++ strips in straws and packing more than 100 gifts which were donated to us by our generous members as prizes. Again, the fundraising team went all out in sorting out the presents, wrapping them up and taking them to the venue, selling straws on that day. We raised **Nett \$2900**, again a magnificent result.

We had another round of success at the IWD event organised by the wonderful membership team, our fundraising team again used this opportunity to raise **\$1218** from Raffle sales.

We are yet to finish our round of Golden Rose which will help us raise almost **\$2000**.

Total funds raised for the year 2022 -2023 drumrolls please approximately \$11000.

I am so grateful to this amazing group of dedicated women in the Fundraising team. I would like to thank each one of them.

Judy who gives us milestones to achieve, the most senior member in the team and definitely more energetic than me, thank you for always being proactive and keeping the fun on long days. Jenny whose energy is so infectious and her presence even when she is hosting the trivia night is amazing. Jane Sultana a very resourceful and dedicated member than we could ever ask for, she didn't care about her health and always gave more than 100 %, Lucy my comfort corner, I'll miss her. Barbara a task master and who I can rely on 100 % especially in my absence to pick up and start running with any events, Kylie being the newest member has contributed so much and I cannot thank her enough she was the one who got us \$250 from MP Steve Mcghie as a donation and was the one most of the times picking up goods for our events.

I must thank all the family members and friends of our members who came and supported all our events.

I couldn't have asked for a better team, I learned so much from each one of them and still learning.

The Board members have been an amazing support to me, contributing to some fantastic outcomes and ideas. Bianca, Sharon, Julie, Suzanne and Pauline thank you for always being there.

Last but not the least, thank you to all Zonta members for all your support to the fundraising team and the initiatives.

Pictures speak a thousand words, some pictures from our events, are attached for you to enjoy.

Looking forward to another bigger and successful year for Team Zonta.

Best Regards,
Deepti Alurkkar
Director, Fundraising Committee



SERVICE REPORT

Director: Suzanne Leahy

Members: Lyn Hill, Meredith Martell, Annette Pedersen, Amy Stubberfield, Jane Warren, Pauline White

It was great to be able to meet in person with members of the service committee after a couple of years of zoom meetings, and also to work together to plan and accomplish our goals for the year.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID WORKSHOP:

This workshop was a great success with 20 attendees registered. The workshop was held at the Melton Community Centre and the CWA offered to provide the lunches for the two days. Thanks for the Melton Council for a grant which enabled us to organise this workshop. We distributed the flyers throughout Melton, Sunbury and surrounds and had attendees from a large cross section of these communities. All those who attended finished the course and are now qualified as Mental Health First Aiders.

ADVOCACY SUB-COMMITTEE:

Annette Pedersen has been appointed our representative on this committee and will report on any outcomes.

BREAST CUSHIONS:

During June/July we held a working bee to sew and stuff 70 Breast Cushions which were given to the Sunshine Hospital. We do have another batch which will be sewn as soon as the hospital requires another supply. Thanks to Lyn Hill for sewing the breast cushions in readiness for stuffing by members of the club and also organising the distribution to the hospital and the volunteers who helped.

KNITTED BLANKETS:

Various members of the committee knitted squares and have sewn them together to make blankets to pass onto Aprilia. We have also given squares to an organisation in Melton called KOGO (knit-one-give-one) who have volunteers who make up blankets with the squares which are then given to women in need.

SHARE THE DIGNITY BAGS:

Members of the club donated dollars to purchase goods for this project. Following a very successful shopping trip with myself and Sharon from the Membership Committee, we had a working bee and made up 30 bags with the backpacks purchased. These were transported by our President Bianca to give to the farmers families affected by the floods when they did the Hay Run. Both children and adult packs were made up of a range of toiletries and children's books and toys.



BIRTHING KITS:

A packing day was organised by Sharon Cook with the girls from The Gap, where 100 kits were packed. Sharon also helped assemble some Birthing Kits with the students from the Bacchus Marsh Grammar, which the school purchased. We also held a club packing day where another 100 kits were packed.

Thank you to the members involved in this project.



These Birthing kits have been distributed to the countries and organisations listed below -

- DR Congo - SOS Jeunesse
- Nigeria - Safer Hands Initiative
- Uganda - Beaton Foundation Initiative
- Nigeria - Golden Change Concerned Youth Forum
- Uganda - Efoli Africa
- Uganda - Supporting Opportunities for Ugandans to Learn Foundation
- South Sudan - Better health Care Organisation
- Uganda - Uganda Ministries

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM:

We held a working bee at Jane Sultana’s home to complete the 16 orange ladies with different signage on each lady. 12 will be positioned in the Melton Library and 4 in the Caroline Springs library. It was decided that we would not have the signage at intersections this year but to concentrate on community areas with the ‘ladies’.

We have been donated another 15 smaller ‘orange ladies’ from the Melbourne East Zonta Club which has unfortunately closed. These ‘ladies’ will be used in various areas on front desks and possibly in shop windows in the future.



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY DINNER 2023:



Organisation for this event commenced early in 2022. It was held in association with the Phoenix Women Football team, at the Witchmount Estate on Thursday 2nd March 2023 with 145 members and guests.

Our guest speaker for the night was Rosie Batty, who inspired us with her courage. The many awards that she has been awarded are amazing. We were successful in gaining a grant from the Melton Council which enabled us to have a great guest speaker.

Our Woman of Note was Jan Shiberras - Jan is involved in the community, catering and fund raising for many activities, she volunteers at Melton Police Station doing welfare checks, organises groups to attend theatre and movies.

Unfortunately, the venue had problems with their sound system which was definitely a concern for our speaker.

I would like to thank the members of the Service Committee - we have worked together as a team to organise many activities and

complete the projects listed.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY THEME – EMBRACE EQUITY



ADVOCACY REPORT:

CHAIR: Jane Sultana (Fundraising)

MEMBERS : Sandra Fowler (Membership), Bianca Heaney (President) and Annette Pedersen (Service).

In 2022 the Service and Advocacy Committee was devolved into two committees. The Advocacy Committee is an amalgam with representatives of all the other committees.

During this Biennium Zonta International and District 23 have emphasised the role of Advocacy at all levels to improve the lives of Women and Children.

Bianca and I have been attending the Area 1 and 4 Advocacy which have been held a mostly monthly basis via Zoom. The following topics have been discussed and shared with club members.

- Response to Family Violence and Coercive Control
- Homeless Women and Children
- Financial Literacy for Women

As a committee we decided to pick up on Financial Literacy which we did in two ways.

1. We held a **Financial Literacy Information Night** during the 16 Days of Activism on the 1st December at the Melton Library and Learning Hub. We had three excellent speakers:

- **Christian Unger** – Financial Capability Worker from Good Shepherd Foundation
- **Mel Shirley** – Community Stakeholder Officer from Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria
- **Alec Cole** - Accountant with Tax Concepts in Melton.

The small number of people who attended gained good information.

2. **Behind the Toilet Door Campaign**

We printed 1000 posters with information about helpful websites, about financial literacy for women. We have distributed approximately 700 posters which have been placed behind toilet doors in community centres, childcare centres, gyms and doctor's surgeries. We are about to start on businesses such as hairdressers and pubs. The posters have been placed in these venues in Melton Bacchus Marsh and Sunbury.



Financial Literacy Information Night
Take control of your life & finances
Building a better world for Women and Girls – 1 December 2022

SAVE THE DATE

SPEAKERS

Good Shepherd – Christian Unger, Financial Capability Worker
"We aspire for all women, girls and families to be safe, well-being and connected."

Energy & Water Ombudsman – Mel Shirley
Managing energy & water bills and what services the Ombudsman can offer.

Tax Concepts – Alec Cole, Accountant
Income Tax returns and other services provided by accountants to manage your finances.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
E: info@zontaclubofmelton.org.au
W: www.zontaclubofmelton.org.au/

WHERE: MELTON LIBRARY
31 MCKENZIE ST.
MELTON

TIME: 4pm for 6.30pm start

ENTRY: Gold Coin Donation

ZONTA SAYS NOW
To gender equality and climate action

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Financial Independence for Women

Could homelessness happen to you?
www.womenandmoney.org.au  SCAN ME

What happens when you give someone access to your money?
www.moneysmart.gov.au  SCAN ME

Are you doing all you can to be financially independent for your whole life?
www.wire.org.au/category/financial-wellness/  SCAN ME

These information websites are free to access.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Child Sponsorship

A yearly donation to the Brighter Futures NGO to support girls in their education and food supplies in Cambodia.

Our Mission

To implement educational projects and programs that help to alleviate poverty.



Combined Churches Caring Melton

We continue to support Combined Churches Caring Melton (CCCM) by providing nonperishable goods at the December Meeting to go into Christmas Hampers for their clients.

Also our monthly collection of small amounts is totaled up at the end of the year and given to CCCM to purchase sanitary products that be given out as required. This year the total forwarded to CCCM \$300.00



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Knitted Rugs for Aprila



The knitted rugs project has continued. Rugs are knitted by Zontians, and friends of Zonta. Most of the rugs this year have gone to Aprila, the private refugee for women who have housing issues. We are continuing to support Aprila through a garden beautification project. This will provide a pleasant outdoor area for their clients.





Christina Du Rinck Award

In 2011, the Zonta Club of Melton lost one of its beloved members, Christina Du Rinck.

After reading about Zonta in the local paper and attending the International Women's Day Dinner, Christina became a member of our club on 3rd December 2007. Christina had been battling cancer for 20 years and despite poor health, she was a dedicated member and loved Zonta.

She was on the Membership Committee 2007-2008 then Director of Fundraising 2009-2010. Unfortunately, Christina had been very unwell during 2011 but tried to continue in her fundraising role and other Zonta activities. Sadly, she passed away on 12th August and is still missed by all members. RIP.

In honour of Christina's memory, and in appreciation of her tenacity, commitment and contribution to the club and the goals of Zonta, in 2012 the Club created "The Christina Du Rinck Award". The recipient is a club member that the President feels has lived up to the expectations and requirements of being a Zontian, who has perhaps gone above and beyond the call of duty, and who has worked tirelessly to achieve the club and ZI goals and objects in the past 12 months.

The Christina Du Rinck Award recipients to date have been:

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| 2012 | Faye O'Shea | 2013 | Jill Leslie |
| 2014 | Dawn Clark (Dudkowski) | 2015 | Lyn Hill |
| 2016 | Margaret Hinks | 2017 | Jane Sultana |
| 2018 | Julie Handford | 2019 | Judy Carter |
| 2020 | Christine McBride | 2021 | Margaret Hinks |
| 2022 | Suzanne Leahy | 2023 | Sharon Cook |

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPEAKERS & WOMAN OF NOTE AWARD

| CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY | | | |
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| YEAR | GUEST SPEAKER | WOMAN OF NOTE | VENUE |
| 1998-99 | Mrs. Rita Robinson | | Greenworld nursery |
| 1999-2000 | Marg Card from Bacchus Marsh and Janet Stumbo author of "Endless Journey" | | Greenworld nursery |
| 2000-01 | Michelle Rabasha who spoke on life in Botswana | | Greenworld nursery |
| 2001-02 | Di Angelo who spoke on being a breast care nurse | | Greenworld nursery |
| 2002-03 | Jocelyn Bignold who spoke on programs being implemented to assist women being released from prison. | | Greenworld nursery |
| 2003-04 | Fabian Dattner, who spoke about women, business, life's challenges and change. | | Galli Restaurant |
| 2004-05 | Dr. Sally Cockburn "Dr Feelgood" who was a very entertaining and inspirational speaker. | | Galli Restaurant |
| 2005-06 | Kerry Cue | Sophie Ramsay | Galli Restaurant |
| 2006-07 | Denise Drysdale | Denise Morris from Combined Churches Caring. | Galli Restaurant |
| 2007-08 | mountain climber Brigitte Muir | Jill Leslie & Judy Carter | Galli Restaurant |
| 2008-09 | Paula Constant | Barbara Richards | Galli Restaurant |
| 2009-10 | Debra Byrne | Carolyn Seagher | Galli Restaurant |
| 2010-11 | Tracey Bartram | Val Turner | Galli Restaurant |
| 2011-12 | Jane Clifton | Margaret Hinks | Galli Restaurant |
| 2012-13 | Moira Kelly | Galli Restaurant staff for exceptional service to Zonta over the past 10 years | Galli Restaurant |
| 2013-14 | Former Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon. | Eileen Cochrane | Melton Country Club |
| 2014-15 | Catriona Rowntree | Leonie Patterson | Melton Country Club |
| 2015-16 | Jacqui Cooper | Margaret Wood | Melton Country Club |
| 2016-17 | Teisha Rose | Barbara Petterson | Westwaters, Caroline Springs |
| 2017-18 | Bev Brock | Jane Sultana | Tabcorp Park |
| 2018-19 | Jo Stanley | Margaret Behan | Tabcorp Park |
| 2019-20 | Fadak Alfayadh | Carole Behan | Tabcorp Park |
| 2020-21 | Susan Alberti | Belinda Marshall | Tabcorp Park |
| 2021-22 | Libby Gorr | Bianca Heaney | Tabcorp Park |
| 2022-23 | Rosie Batty | Jan Shiberras | Witchmount Winery |

For the past 16 years, the Zonta Club of Melton has nominated a woman who has made an outstanding contribution to the Melton community as our Woman of Note. This award is part of the Club's International Women's day activities and is presented to the recipient at the International Women's Day dinner in March. The recipient is selected by the Service Committee from the local area. This woman is not necessarily a member of Zonta, but someone who has made an outstanding contribution to serving the Melton community in a volunteer capacity.

The 2022 Woman of Note Award was presented to Our Charter President Bianca Heaney for her many years of volunteering service for many varied organisations within our community.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The club has established strong, mutually beneficial partnerships with several schools, community service organisations and retailers during the past year.

Melton Secondary College

- Jill Lesley Scholarship for 2 Year 11 girls to help continue their studies into year 12.
- Endeavour award for 2 Year 11 girls to help continue their studies into year 12

Kurunjang Secondary College

- Endeavour award for 2 Year 11 girls to help continue their studies into year 12

Staughton Secondary College

- Endeavour award for 2 Year 11 girls to help continue their studies into year 12.

Braybrook Secondary College

- Birthday Kit Assembly Day (due to COVID unable to involve the school).

Bunnings Warehouse Melton

- Prizes donated for raffles at IWD Dinner, Trivia nights etc.
- Assist with family day events at Christmas & Easter
- Promoting Zonta at community events
- Bunnings BBQ for fund raising.

Melton City Council

- Councilors attended IWD Dinner
- Council supports the role Zonta plays in the Melton Community and has provided a grant of \$1500 to go towards our club running the Mental Health First Aid Workshop
- Provided a grant for speaker at the International Women's Day dinner

Melton South Community Centre

- Worked in partnership with our club to provide products for our dignity bags.

The GAP on Graham

- Birthing Kit Workshop on Girls night

Melton Phoenix Football Club

- International Women's Day Dinner
- Woman of Note presented at IWD dinner

Rotary Club of Melton

- Hay Runs to Dunedoo and Grafton NSW
- Red Cross Calling at BP Service Centre at Rockbank, VIC
- Race Nights at Tabcorp Park
- Bunnings BBQ – assisted when required.

MOTIONS PUT FORWARD AT CLUB MEETINGS

Motions passed during the period 1st March 2022 – 31 March 2023

March 2022

Motion: That the term deposit be rolled over for 10 months at the best rate that Pauline can get from the Westpac bank

Moved Pauline White **Seconded** Julie Handford
All members approved.

April 2022 AGM

MOTION 1: The President's expenses annual allowance to be set at \$350 per annum

Moved by: Jane Sultana **Seconded by:** Annette Pedersen
Agreed by all members

MOTION 2: The annual membership fee for 2022-2023 to be \$220

Moved by: Sandra Fowler **Seconded by:** Lucy Calleja
Agreed by all members

April 2022 General Meeting

Motion: To discontinue the P.O.Box providing it does not affect Consumer affairs and to use in its place the info@zontaclubofmelton.org.au email address for all mail.

Moved by Pauline White **Seconded by** Barbara Reithofer
Agreed by all members

August 2022

The Advocacy Committee have put the following recommendation to Board, who have agreed to proceed with the following project.

Due to timing, I am now putting it to the members to approve it as well. It was not included in the 2022-23 Budget however there are funds in reserve to support it.

Poster behind the toilet doors in and around Melton

The Advocacy Committee has been working in the background and you may recall Jane spoke about putting posters behind toilet doors across the Melton area with Melton City Council approval. This is progressing and we have updated the poster – see attached.

Jane has got a quote from Speedex. The BOARD recommends that you accept the following please so we can progress to the next stage. The Committee agree that we can use these beyond just Melton and it is more cost effective to purchase more than just a small quantity and then have to go back to the printer to get more copies.

A4 Posters printed full colour 1 side on 250gsm matt card and laminated 2 side

1000 copies cost is \$590

Background information to support the Poster project that was not included in our Budget for 2022-23.

A recommendation was put to the Board to review the Service Budget to include the \$590 cost for the Posters. This was APPROVED.

The recommendation is based on review of the June Balance Sheet and service Budget for 2022-23.

Balance sheet at June 2022 shows

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| Retained Earnings Service | \$21,459.18 |
| Approved Service Budget for 2022-23 is | \$11,950.00 |
| Available funds for Service is | \$ 9,509.18 |

This is an important service project promoting advocacy and Zonta in our Community. It is aimed at helping women take control of their own financial independence no matter what age.

At a cost of \$590 it is not much in the overall scheme of things. Funds are available and we should use them to provide benefits to the women in our community.

Moved by Bianca Heaney **Seconded by** Jane Sultana
Agreed by all members

September 2022

Motion: That the ZC Melton donate \$50 to ZC Melbourne on Yarra to support this award

Moved Bianca Heaney **Seconded** Sharon Cook
Agreed by all members

Motion: To spend \$500 of the club's funds for items to go into the Backpacks and the small white toiletry bags to go with Bianca on the Hay Run to donate to those affected by the floods and still doing it tough.

Moved Lyn Hill **Seconded** Annette Pedersen
Agreed by all members

February 2023

Motion: Board recommended to Club members that we subsidise members registration fee for the Area 1 Workshop by \$20 per member who attends. The funds are to come out of the admin budget

Moved Bianca Heaney **Seconded** Pauline White
All members agreed

Motion: Board recommended to Club members that we keep the fee's the same as 2022 at \$220

Moved Bianca Heaney **Seconded** Sharon Cook
All members agreed

CLUB HISTORY IN BRIEF

Club no. 23.04.1568



Ballarat

Organization

The Zonta Club of Melton was formed with 18 members at a meeting in November 1996 with the assistance of the SOM Committee of the Zonta Club of and chaired by Pat Fraser.

The club was chartered on 24th May 1997 with 24 members and Bianca Heaney as president. The charter dinner was held at Cara's Restaurant in Melton in the presence of District 23 Governor Kay Poustie and was attended by Val Sarah International President elect, Margaret Rowland District 23 Lt Governor, Phillipa Challis District 23 PR Chairman, Christine Fitzherbert Area 1 Director and members from Ballarat, Bendigo, Frankston Hobart Footscray Geelong Melbourne and Kyneton Zonta clubs.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month except for January. Meetings were originally held at the Melton Valley Golf Club and now at the Melton Country Club.

Development

The number of members has fluctuated between 11 and 24 over the years. Currently there are 20 members. We have a Friends of Zonta group.

Service Programmes

1. District programmes – Birthing kit and breast cushions
2. ZI – every year the club has donated money for various ZI projects
3. Sent sewing aids to women in East Timor.
4. Scholarships to girls in Tibet
5. The club began sponsorship of a child through PLAN in 2002 and in 2009 this was changed to sponsor 3 girls in Bali via Rotary.
6. Breakfast programme for primary school students.
7. Assist Red Cross.
8. Breast care nurse scholarships
9. Sponsored a financial councillor for 2 years through a community church group.
10. In 1998 Caring Kids Camp programme was established and in 1999 it won the Victorian Council of Community Service Single Club Award. This project was so successful it was eventually taken over by the Victorian Government and became a state wide project.
11. In My Shoes project commenced to assist local police to have more understanding of domestic violence.
12. Support of White Ribbon Day
13. In 2010 ZADS – Zonta Against Drink Spiking project was launched. Bottle caps are distributed to licensed venues and to secondary schools. This program is now drawing to a close.

14. Organized health information nights for the public – teenagers, aged care, diabetes, Jean Hailles menopause health, PAMPA healthy eating and fitness, stress and depression and heart disease.
15. CHIC programme to assist girls in local secondary schools with issues of self-esteem, health, grooming etc.
16. Members taught sewing to women at Dame Phyllis Frost prison and also to girls at a local youth centre, The Gap.
17. Donate sanitary products to local women via Combined Churches Caring.
18. Scholarships for girls via Western Chances.
18. Making and distribution of breast cushions to Western Hospital.
19. Annual Endeavour Awards to 6 girls in VCE at 3 local secondary schools – commenced December 2013
20. Relay for Life team entered in 2013 and 2014 “Zonta Power” to raise funds for women’s cancers.
21. Petition commenced in 2014 seeking greater funding for women’s refuges in western suburbs. The Petition was presented to Minister Natalie Hutchinson MLA and Don Nardella MLA on the night of the Candle Light Vigil (27th November 2015). The Petition was presented to Parliament by Don Nardella on the behalf of the Zonta Club of Melton. The Royal Commission into Family Violence in Victoria is still in session as a consequence we are still awaiting an outcome.
22. Hay Runs – prepared pamper packs for women, Back Packs for children, socks, doona’s, toys Manchester. All goods were delivered to Grafton NSW for families in flood affected areas.
22. Tonga International project in conjunction with Rotary Club of Melton. Delivered sewing machines and fabric to teach women how to sew and develop their own little industry to provide school uniforms to local schools. Bras for women and books for children at schools.

Fundraising

Fundraising activities have included shopping trips, fashion parades, trivia nights, silver circle, IWD dinners, raffles and Bunnings BBQs. We have raised over \$99,000 since 1998.

Special achievements

1. In 2002 our nomination for the Jane M Klausman award, Jennifer Long, won the District Award and was runner up for the International Award. The club had candidate for the Jane M Klausman Award in 2010 Georgina D’Souza and in 2012 Vivienne Pham.
2. 2007 - Louise Van Keulen was appointed District 23 United Nations Liaison Officer
3. Margaret Hinks – Area 4 Director 2010-2012
4. Margaret Hinks – president of Past Presidents Group 2013
5. Bianca Heaney – District 23 YWPA Co-ordinator 2008-2012
6. Hosted Area 1 + 4 workshops
7. Managed the market place at the International Convention Melbourne 2006
8. 2013-2014 Annual report wins PR & Marketing Award at D23 Conference in WA
9. Relay for Life team raises over \$5000, earning right to name research fund “Zonta Melton Power Research” to fund Monash Institute’s ovarian cancer research project.
10. Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony held in November 2014 earns “Certificate of Acknowledgment” from Melton Council for Australia Day Community Project Awards.
11. Our Women of Note at the International Women’s Day Dinner in 2015, Leonie Patterson, was nominated by the Club for the City of Melton Women of the Year Award at the Australia Day Celebrations 2016. Leonie received this Award to our great delight in recognition of her contribution to Foster care within the municipality

12. Our Club spent our 20th Birthday celebrating at Eynesbury homestead in May 2017 with guests from other clubs and Melton's Mayor.
13. On 26th January 2018 at the Australia Day celebrations Jane Sultana was named Melton's Women of the Year for her service Linking Melton South, U3A, Women Making it Happen and Zonta.
14. In 2018 we connected with the Djerriwarrh Health Service /Women Making It Happen Group to take part in walks against family violence which has continued into 2019.
15. On 30th May 2019 a Purple Park Bench was installed in the newly re-developed Hannah Watts Park near the children's playground. The bench was coloured purple as this is the international colour against family violence. Attached to the bench is a plaque noting a hundred years of Zonta International and a dedication to all those affected by family violence plus the 1800 Respect helpline telephone number.
16. November 2019 was Zonta International's 100th Birthday. We celebrated by having a dinner at Galli Restaurant with current members, some past members, Members of Friends of Zonta, some of our Women of Note and female Councillor's past and present from the City of Melton.
17. Also in November 2019 the Zonta Club of Melton organized for our local MP, Mr. Steve McGhie to read a statement about Zonta into Hansard to celebrate Zonta's achievements over the past 100 years. Representatives of most Victorian Clubs attended then stayed for afternoon tea in the Parliamentary dining room followed by a tour of Parliament.
18. March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic arrived and changed the world. It is ongoing and our lives will be forever changed.
19. May 2022 celebrated 25 years of Zonta service to women and girls in the local and international communities. Celebration took place at Witchmount Winery. Guest speaker Val Sarah PIP from Ballarat and Christine Denmead inducted three new members to the club.
20. October 2022 installed a Bench at the Melton Botanic Garden in celebration of 25 years of service to the Community.

Author : Lyn Hill. Information obtained from annual reports, archives and club minutes

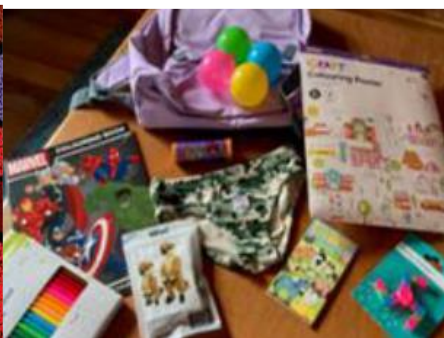
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Updated

March 2021 by Sharon Cook

March 2023 by Bianca Heaney

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