

Z Club Annual Report 2023-2024

Wednesday the 26th July was the day we celebrated the Charter Ceremony of the newly formed BMZ Club at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

We were privileged to have PIP, Val Sarah conduct the Charter and she along with Bianca Heaney inducted 26 young women from years 7 – 11. They were presented with a Membership Certificate, Pin, Z Club Manual and gift from the Zonta Club of Melton.

Along with Bianca and myself, Jenny Adams, Judy Carter, Chris McBride, Suzanne Leahy and Jane Warren from our Club we participated in the ceremony pledging to help the girls and support the BMZ Club.

Guests were invited to sign the Guest Book which was presented to the BMZ Club, Yvonne Lockwood, Area 1 Director joined us along with friend of Val Sarah, Sandi Harbison and as always, the wonderful David McBride.

The Grammar Principal Mr Andrew Neal, spoke and welcomed us into the school Community and was very supportive of the work Zonta does and the possibilities it opens up for his students.

The school supplied some catering for the event and we were able to stay and enjoy some fellowship after the bell went and the students and teachers went back to class.

I would like to thank Caitlyn Stephen who contacted me to go to the school and do some Birthing Kits with students at the end of last year. It was then that I did a presentation to the students about the Z Clubs and it took off from there. Without the dedication and work from her this would not have happened, support from the school is vital. I look forward to working with her and Rufaro Zivave for many years to come. Not to mention the amazing young women who are now Charter members of the BMZ Club.

The newly elected BMZ Club Charter President Jasleen Minhas, gave an inspiring speech at the end of the ceremony. She is a credit to her school, family and now Zonta.

Since their Charter the BMZ Club have been very active within the school and the local community participating in projects such as

Bake Sale raising over \$700 which was donated to Think Pink.



Highlighting RUOK day and Pinktober

November saw the BMZ Club Office Bearers join us at the Melton Country Club with teachers Caitlyn Stephens and Rufaro Zivave. They listened to our guest speaker talk about Human Trafficking, watched the running of a meeting, which has seen the girls adopt a more structured approach to their own meetings. We also presented them with their Charter Certificate, which has since been presented to the Principal of the Grammar at School assembly. This is now proudly displayed in the cabinet at the front of reception.



A major achievement was the collection and donation of 67 Dignity and toilet bags to be donated to the local community.

The toilet bags were delivered to the Bacchus Marsh Police station.

The rest were divided between the Darly Neighbourhood House, The Food Bank and the Uniting Church.

I am sure with times being difficult presently these will help many women and girls in our community.



I would like to thank the Parents, Students and Staff of Bacchus Marsh Grammar for their support with this project for the BMZ Club your generosity was truly overwhelming.

This was the last project for the Z Club, this year, and they should all be very proud of their achievements since the Club was formed earlier this year.

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This year the girls are planning another Bake sale, they will attend the Zonta Club Bunnings BBQ in May and are planning an induction of new members and a succession plan for office bearers.

We will be stuffing some breast cushions for the Ballart Zonta Club at our next meeting. A great opportunity for the girls to be involved in the wider Zonta community Zontians helping Zontains help women.

I am so looking forward to working with the BMZ Club and the Bacchus Marsh Grammer going forward.

Personally, I would like to thank the Zonta Club of Melton members for all their support and encouragement in getting the BMZ Club up and running, it would not have happened otherwise. Your ongoing support is valued by the BMZ Club, they love to see us there each week.

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