

# District 23

# NEWS FLASH!

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## From the District Governor.....



Dear Zontians,

We are moving towards the start of a new biennium, with the next couple of months a very busy time for clubs – AGMs, Area Workshops, forms for District and ZI, final club reports.

### ZI MARCH MAILING TO ALL CLUBS

The arrival of the hard copy mailing is imminent. It includes all papers relevant to Convention. Those wishing to have a preview can check on the ZI website, [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) where there is an electronic version of the March mailing.

### CONVENTION UPDATE

Have you registered yet? If not, you have until the end of March to register at the early bird rate. On 1 April, the rate rises from 350 to 425 Euros – enough for 15 tickets in the raffle where it is hoped there will be around 30 prizes, each valued at around \$AU250.

So... if you plan to go to Rotterdam, NOW is the time to register! A reminder that the IBAN bank code was printed incorrectly in the original printed Call to Conference,

but the details online are correct.

### 'Local Service in Action' Photos

I hope that many District 23 clubs have submitted photos of service and advocacy projects focusing on our mission. A PowerPoint presentation of these photos from across the Zonta world will be shown 15 minutes prior to the start of each business session. All clubs that have submitted photos following the guidelines will be eligible to receive part proceeds of the special convention raffle for their service project! The raffle will consist of items donated by districts around the world, and the number of club grants will be determined by the sales of raffle tickets at 5 Euros each. Details of the raffle will be passed on to clubs as soon as I receive them.

### LEADERSHIP IN ZONTA

Our Governor Elect Alison Martin has recently returned from Governors' orientation in Chicago. I remember well the time two years ago when I was there: the huge learning curve beginning, meeting many inspirational people, the fun we had, the friend-

ships formed and the realisation of the commitment and responsibility that being DG would entail. Life has certainly changed for me since that time and I am grateful for the learnings, the new friendships and the opportunities.

It has been (and still is) a pleasure to have had the opportunity to lead the District during this biennium. I look forward to hearing of the new leaders in clubs across the District. If your Nominating Committee is still looking for nominees, please consider taking on a leadership role. Great clubs are those where people are willing to take the challenge and reap the rewards that come with being on the Board, chairing a committee or leading a working party.

For all members, whether new or long-standing, the forthcoming Area Workshops are a wonderful opportunity to share experiences, learn more about Zonta, be challenged and hear inspirational speakers.

### CLUB REPORTS

Just one report left to do

**District Governor**  
**Beryl McMillan**  
ZC of Melbourne CBD

### Change of Details

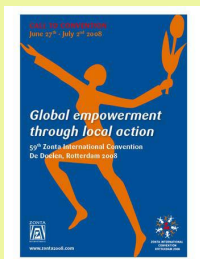
Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Darwin. The club has become incorporated, so is now: **Zonta Club of Darwin Inc.**

Name change: The Zonta Club of Storm Bay is now the **Zonta Club of Hobart East**

## Breaking News!

The 2012 Convention will be held in Turin, Italy - start saving!

### Registered for Convention?



Early bird discounts for registration finish on 31st March 2008. It costs €75 more after this date!!

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this biennium ...your report is due to your Area Director and the DG by 25 April so that the final District report for the Zonta International Board meeting in June can be prepared. Data should cover the period from January to the date of completion, plus estimates for the month of May.

Your prompt attention to filling out this report and submitting it on time would be most appreciated. With two Area Workshops and a weekend retreat for work between that time and the due date for my report to ZI, I will not have any time to spare!

#### **MEMBER DUES**

All clubs should have now received their statement of dues from District Treasurer Jasmine Koch. Please ensure that your payment and accurately completed paperwork are sent to Jasmine on time so that she can send all dues to ZI – a service provided by our District which others around the Zonta world envy.

#### **SAY NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CAMPAIGN**

Nicole Kidman is the UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador and is the spokesperson for the 'Say NO to Violence Against Women' campaign, collecting signatures on the web site [www.saynotoviolence.org](http://www.saynotoviolence.org). The United Nations Foundation issued a challenge, agreeing to donate \$US1 to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women for each of the first 100,000 signatures to the campaign.

The 'Say No to Violence' campaign is a global advocacy effort that invites people sign their

names to a virtual book as an expression of public support and a call on decision-makers worldwide to make ending violence against women a top priority. The initiative is designed to feed into and support UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's campaign on the same issue.

In remarks to the Commission on the Status of Women in New York on 25 February, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said:

'Violence against women is an issue that cannot wait. A brief look at the statistics makes it clear. At least one out of every three women is likely to be beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime. Through the practice of prenatal sex selection, countless others are denied the right even to exist. No country, no culture, no woman young or old is immune to this scourge. Far too often, the crimes go unpunished, the perpetrators walk free.

It is a campaign for the women and girls who have the right to live free of violence, today and in the future. It is a campaign to stop the untold cost that violence against women inflicts on all humankind.'

See the web site [www.un.org/women/endviolence](http://www.un.org/women/endviolence) more information.

Even though the original goal of 100,000 signatures has been reached, the web site is still accepting signatures. If you have not yet done so, show your support to end violence against women by adding your name today.

**Beryl McMillan**  
**District Governor**



Left: Amanda Richards, 2007 D23 & ZI YWPA winner

#### **Reminder to District 23 STWS Chairmen and Presidents:**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE YWPA ENTRIES IS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2008.**

I look forward with anticipation to receiving your individual Club's Recipient entry completed on the **appropriate application forms.**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March will be the last postage date but I would be most grateful to receive it *before the week-end* for my perusal.

Your correct entry will be accepted and included for District selection by the Evaluating Committee on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2008.

My address is: D23 YWPA Coordinator Judith Rothe, P.O. Box 903, Kyneton VIC 3444.

**Judy Rothe**  
**D23 Coordinator**  
**Young Women in Public Affairs**

#### **Breast Cushion Update**

Hope all clubs are arranging dates for cushion workshops in 2008.

Try to outsource to sewing groups/retirement clubs - even hold a workshop at high schools !

TONTINE FILLING - due to be delivered in April. If clubs haven't got orders in, this is your last chance!

PUBLICITY - please send copy of all publicity to Area rep & District coordinators.

**Sarah Cunningham & Mary Colvill**  
**D23 Coordinators**  
**Breast Cushion Project**

# Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

I would like to provide you with a brief report of the workshop I attended in Adelaide hosted by the Australian Government Office for Women with the support of the South Australian Government Office for Women. These consultations throughout Australia are to shape the next report on implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The Minister for the Status of Women is the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP.

In Adelaide the discussion centred around the following broad headings:

- Equality before the law
- Australia's Aid program
- Public education about CEDAW
- Gender pay gap
- Downgrading of women's machinery
- Education
- Health
- Sexual health
- Employment
- Violence Against Women
- Financial literacy
- Women's leadership
- Housing
- Marginalised women

Matters that Zonta members might like to actively participate in are the following:

## Optional Protocol

The Australian Government is actively considering whether Australia should become a party to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). A number of steps must be taken in considering whether Australia should become a party. The Attorney-General's Department, with the support of the Office for Women, will conduct an initial assessment of the likely domestic impact of Australia becoming a party to the Optional Protocol. The assessment will begin shortly and is expected to involve consultation with the community.

## CEDAW Paid Maternity Leave Reservation

One of the Rudd Government's 2007 election commit-

ments was to examine reforms to support parents with newborn children. The Government has asked the Productivity Commission to undertake a review examining the effectiveness of different models of support to parents with newborn children, including support through paid maternity leave. It would be premature to reconsider Australia's reservation pending the Productivity Commission's review of best models

to support Australian parents of newborn children. The Commission will conduct a thorough examination and provide an opportunity for public participation. The Commission will be asked to report by February 2009. Public hearings will be held and submissions from the public will also be sought, with a report produced for the Government to release publicly. To register an interest in the inquiry or to find out more, details are available from the Commission at [www.pc.gov.au](http://www.pc.gov.au) or phone 02 6240 3239.

## National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children

The *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children* will be developed through close consultation with major stakeholders such as sexual assault and domestic violence service providers and survivors; State/Territory Governments; men's services; law enforcement; health and children's services amongst others. Please advise Ms Tracy Gerholt at [tracy.gerholt@facsia.gov.au](mailto:tracy.gerholt@facsia.gov.au) if you wish to be part of these consultations. The Office for Women will then include your details on the National Plan's stakeholder list, and will extend an invitation for your participation in the consultation process, when arrangements have progressed further.

For further information and to read all about CEDAW go to [www.huwu.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/](http://www.huwu.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/)

**Pauline Glover**  
Lieutenant Governor

## WHAT CAN ZONTA CLUBS DO?

- Register an interest in the review of the effectiveness of different models of support to parents with newborn children or find out more - details are available from the Commission at [www.pc.gov.au](http://www.pc.gov.au) or phone 02 6240 3239.
- Advise Ms Tracy Gerholt at [tracy.gerholt@facsia.gov.au](mailto:tracy.gerholt@facsia.gov.au) if you wish to be part of The *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children* consultation process.

## Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Unfortunately Rachel Thomson, our nominee for 2007, was unsuccessful at the Zonta International level for the Jane M. Klausman scholarship. But now is the time to be contacting your local tertiary institutions to promote the award for 2008.

The following materials will assist you in promoting the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships this year. The materials below are on the Zonta International Web site at Member Resources/International Scholarships and Awards: [http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mr\\_awards](http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mr_awards) You are encouraged to access the following from this site.

### Posted on the Zonta International Web site:

1. New – Application cover page for Governors
2. New – Sample Letter for applicants not selected
3. Poster
4. Downloadable application for 2008
5. Guidelines for Clubs and Districts
6. Selection Criteria
7. Evaluation Committee Scoring Sheet
8. Program Background/Statistics
9. Sample News Releases - These releases are designed to be adapted for use in your district to raise public awareness about the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Program. The first release can be adapted to focus on your district applicants. The second release focuses on your district recipients.
10. 2007 International Recipient Biographical Descriptions
11. Sample Certificates for club and district recipients

Clubs in District 23 did some outstanding work in locating and encouraging promising women at the undergraduate level in business management fields in 2007, and I hope that Zonta Clubs will be able to find some more outstanding applicants this year.

Please note the timetable below:

**Application is updated on the Zonta International Web site ([www.Zonta.org](http://www.Zonta.org)).....1 January**  
**Applications received by Zonta Clubs (contact club for deadline-generally in April / May)**  
**Club recipient is selected and application is received by District 23 Coordinator /Governor..1 July**  
**District recipient selected- application received by Zonta International Headquarters....1 Sept**  
**Announcement of International Recipients...15 Oct.**

**Rosalie Lake**  
**D23 Coordinator**  
**Jane M Klausman**  
**Women in Business Scholarship**

## Zonta Birthing Kit Project

Many thanks to the Zonta clubs making 50,000 extra kits in April and May to increase our total to 158,000 for this contract with AusAID.

We could fund extra kits because we had nearly 15,000 kits sent at no cost either through containers to Uganda or by the Australian Defence Force to Afghanistan. We now have our own storage and distribution centre that has reduced our storage and transport costs. Our corporate rates have also reduced our transport costs. All the donations by Zonta clubs pay for the supplies and transport of kits only.

We were also able to increase our Community Development budget by \$10,000 to enable 3-day midwifery training programs to be established in Tibet and Kenya. This was additional to our current programs in Ha Giang and Thahn Hoa Provinces in Vietnam.

We were also able to increase our Monitoring and Evaluation budget by \$10,000 to enable the programs in Vietnam, Tibet and Ethiopia to be personally evaluated in April this year. AusAID insists we monitor our programs, especially our community development programs, if we want future funding.

While it is a privilege for the members of the monitoring teams to go on these trips, there is a lot of responsibility and it is no holiday. There is an enormous amount of planning and reporting for AusAID. Every day is booked with appointments. One team has 5 hours of flying to Chengdu in China then 5 hours by bus to Kangding and another 12 hours by bus to Bathang, so we know the kits do go to the remote regions of Tibet. After the Diphtheria, Typhoid, Cholera, Tetanus, Flu, Hep A and Rabies vaccinations we felt very sore leaving our doctors. Our bodies were in shock with our immune systems under siege.

Future Funding – there has been some very positive feedback from AusAID regarding future support. We now have to wait for their response to our latest proposal. Applications to International Philanthropic organisations for future funding have also been made and we are waiting for responses.

The Birthing Kit Foundation feels confident that we will have future support and we ask that clubs continue their support by organising more assembly days after June 30.

Our website [www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au](http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au) has recently been updated. Please let us know what extra information you would like on the website. Thank you once again for your wonderful support.

**Julie Monis-Ivett**  
**Zonta Birthing Kit Project**

# Around the Areas

## Area 1

### Area 1 and 4 Workshop 2008

I am pleased to say that we have finalised the venue for the workshop and it will be held at the Malvern Bowls Club on May 3rd. We are presently finalising the details of the catering. Our Guest Speaker is Brooke Parsons who is a Young Stroke Survivor and quite inspirational. We are going to have training sessions for Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries, Committee Chairs and lots of informative and fun sessions as well. This is a real opportunity for networking with friends and making new friends, while finding out more about Zonta.

### International Women's Day

Clubs in Area 1 supported International Women's Day by attending functions in their community.

### Service and Advocacy

Many clubs have started off the year with Breast Care Cushion days and are working towards the Birthing Kit Project. Other projects include toilet bags to go to Women's Refuges, assisting children from Domestic Violence backgrounds, providing assistance for women with Postnatal Depression and assisting women and children from migrant backgrounds.

**Glenda Peck**  
Area 1 Director



Darwin celebrated IWD with the Red Cross but...who's that below?



'Snapshot', a book written by member Elena Bucovaz was launched at Darwin's IWD luncheon.



## Area 2

Area 2 Presidents and club representatives recently held a very enjoyable business and fellowship meeting at the home of Anna Siebert, President of Adelaide Torrens. It was good to welcome Thelma Harvey, President Port Lincoln, and Jenny Boyd, President Riverland to share some of their clubs' news and for them to meet with representatives from other clubs.

Plans are underway for our Area 2 Workshop to be held on 10 May at Marryatville High School. Adelaide Torrens is hosting this year's workshop and Jenny Weaver and Jill Wheatley have undertaken to co-ordinate the day. The theme is "Renovating Zonta" and the proposed programme is looking very exciting.



A2 Director Jane Smith, guest speaker Gala Mustafa & President Thelma Harvey at Port Lincoln's very first IWD UNIFEM breakfast.

**Adelaide Hills/Noarlunga Southern Vales** held a combined meeting. Guest Speaker was Gillian Cordell from Domestic Violence Crisis Service. I was able to be part of the induction of two new members which is always an honour.

Seventy Zontians and guests attended a cocktail party to celebrate the **Adelaide Torrens** Woman of Achievement Awards on 29 February. The Guest Speaker was Sergeant



Annie Martin, SA Police Victim of Crime and Domestic Violence Coordinator. The topic of her address was the new "Domestic Violence Policing Model For South Australia." The main aim of new policy is try to keep the family unit together in the family home if possible and to judge each situation on its merits. The club had the privilege of welcoming Annie as a new member to the club. The W of A

awardees have worked in diverse areas of prevention of violence against women.

Exciting news from **Adelaide Flinders**. Mrs Liz Scarce, wife of the Governor of South Australia, is to be inducted as an

Honorary member of the club at the March meeting and hopes to attend meetings when her official duties permit her to do so.

Many clubs have been involved with **International Women's Day** functions held during the first week in March. Many clubs were represented at the Adelaide UNIFEM Breakfast where 1920 guests heard Guest Speaker, Margaret Pomeranz speak of her work in radio and television. This is the largest IWD function in Australia.

An IWD luncheon was held in Darwin where **The Zonta Club of Darwin**, in partnership with the Red

Cross, launched a book written by member Elena Bucovaz. ABC Presenter Julie Christensen,

# Around the Areas



*Lt Gov Pauline Glover, Fleurieu President Ann Overall & Mrs Nicky Downer plant roses for IWD at Victor Harbor.*

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launched the Book entitled “Snapshotz – stories of Top End Women”. This book is available through the Zonta Club of Darwin.

The **Zonta Club of Port Lincoln** held their first IWD UNIFEM Breakfast on Saturday 8 March. 220 Zontians and guests (a “sell-out”) breakfasted at the new Port Lincoln Hotel and heard a heart-wrenching address by Gala Mustafa, a Kurdish woman who has survived repression and torture under the regime of Iraq’s Saddam Hussein. Women of Achievement Awards were presented to volunteers in the areas of Environment, Health, Arts and Community Service. *(Photo on p.5)*

A breakfast for 130 Zontians and guests at the Hotel Victor was hosted by the Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula. The Guest Speaker was Nicky Downer AM, wife of Alexander Downer. The topic of her talk was “One Woman’s Travels” which reflected her travels and challenges along the journey of life. Entertainment was provided by 10 young ladies who are part of the Victor Harbor High School Band. To celebrate IWD two rose bushes were planted in the Rose Garden in Worland Reserve – one was planted by Nicky Downer and the other by Lt Gov Pauline Glover.

*Jane Smith, Area 2 Director*

## International Women’s Day in Area 3

The **Zonta Club of Perth** was involved in two major events for this year’s IWD:

- An **IWD Breakfast**, held at the Perth Town Hall at 7.00 am till 9.00 am on Friday 7 March 2008. The occasion was ideal for the launching of the WA Branch of UNIFEM, so there was much talk of UNIFEM and its work. Proceeds from the breakfast went to UNIFEM projects in East Timor.
- Later, at the Convention Centre, Perth Zontians Gillian, Carole and Refat were ‘manning the stand’ and sharing their Zonta experiences with over 750 women and girls at the **Worldly Women Event**. This event featured a mini Careers Expo and a mentoring session so that the 600 students attending could talk to the 150 women from businesses and the professions.



**Left:** Perth’s Carole Theobald does her ‘spiel’ with a group of students.

Step 1) Look at the figures on this card – that’s why Zonta is needed! (Gives students cards.)

Step 2) This is what we do Internationally (points to international display and describes photos)

Step 3) This is what we do locally...(describes local projects on local display stand)

Carole reported, “There was a constant stream of interest and it was great to meet Judith Parker from the National Council of Women who was our Club’s Woman of Achievement in 2001. Perth Zontians Fiona Crowe and Mary Gurgone were also seen on the day. They had a meeting about our mentoring project on the same site at the same time – so all in all a busy, high profile day for Zonta!”

After the Careers Expo and mentoring sessions, attendees entered the main auditorium to listen to the four inspirational young speakers, while eating specially prepared gourmet lunches from plastic boxes. We heard: Caty Price (sports journalist), Sam Johnson (school dropout who later became an Australian New Apprentice of the Year), Ren Balakrishnan (tax advisor, women’s rights advocate and academic) and Jade Lewis (ex heroin addict, anti drug advocate, youth mentor). The women spoke from the heart and connected well with their audience.

*Thanks to Carole Theobald and the ZC of Perth for the above photos and information.*

## Area 3 - continued

The **Zonta Club of Peel Region** celebrated IWD with a **Breakfast** with over 100 attending. The guest speaker was Dianne Guise MLA, and the three following awards were presented: YWPA—Sallyann Cope, Woman of Achievement - Margo McAllister and Education Award - Alison Goss.



L-R: Margo McAllister - WofA, Alison Goss - Education Award, and Sallyann Cope - YWPA recipient

The **Zonta Club of Bunbury** attracted around 245 guests to its annual **International Women's Day Breakfast** held at the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.



Former policewomen Bunbury Zontian Irene Bell (L) & Grace Harris catch up with Barbara Etter, Assistant Police Commissioner of WA, at the breakfast.

Guest speaker Barbara Etter, Assistant Commissioner of Police, gave an inspirational address on her life as a top level police woman as well as some tips

on how to manage a balanced life.

The Zonta Club of Bunbury published a book called, *'A Weight off our Chests - Dealing with the lighter side of breast cancer'* It was written by local breast cancer survivor, Caron Wade and was launched at the IWD breakfast.



L-R: D23 PR&C Chairman Nan Martella and local author Caron Wade after the launch of Caron's book.

## Area 4

International Women's Day was celebrated in great style by all the clubs in Area 4, some clubs even being involved in two events!

The **Zonta Club of Albury Wodonga** opened the much awaited Carers' Room at the Albury Base Hospital with a special IWD Breakfast. The club has been involved for quite some time, ensuring that this much needed facility for local families was completed. Zonta Roses were planted in the hospital gardens to recognize IWD and Zonta Rose Day. The guest speaker was Nicki Melville CFO Bogong General Practitioners Training. This special event by our smallest club was attended by Governor Beryl McMillan and District Secretary Ann Horrocks.



L - R : Zontian Maddy Dobson with Past President Tonia Timmermans inspect the new carers room presented to the hospital by the ZC of Albury Wodonga.

In Ballarat, I joined 380 women gathered for an IWD dinner and the launch of a book "Amongst Ballarat's Finest" to highlight women's commitment to community and as part of the celebration of the Centenary of Women's Suffrage in Victoria. The book featured several Ballarat Zontians including PIP Val Sarah. **The Zonta Club of Ballarat** excelled with a wonderful program including an address by Dorothy Wickham on "The Women of Eureka" and guest artists Jacqueline Dark and Bridget Davies.

**The Zonta Club of Bendigo** celebrated with hundreds of women and men at a dinner where the guest speaker was Elaine Canty ABC sports reporter and broadcaster and first and only woman appointed to the AFL Tribunal. The club also joined women at the city's "Women in Harmony" at Lake Weeroona where women from all local organisations and entertainment groups celebrated. A tree to mark the occasion was planted by Auntie Lyn a leader in the local indigenous community and by Z Club member Rachel Russell.

## Area 4 - continued



ZC of Geelong Art Show: L- R President Caroline Carey with resident artist Faye Owen checking the art entries.

I was delighted to attend the **Zonta Club of Geelong** Art show: "Women - a Celebration". The fabulous show at the Wintergarden Geelong had entrants from both men and women and a huge crowd turned out for the opening by internationally acclaimed illustrator and artist Robert Ings. The aim was to get the name of Zonta out into the commu-

nity and it certainly did that. The club also held its annual IWD Awards Evening Concert with guest speakers from the Choir of Hard Knocks and music by Kavisha Mazzella and Sweethearts. Of course the excitement of the night was the granting of awards for Young Women in Public Affairs and other local scholarships.



ZC of Geelong IWD Award winners with President Caroline Carey (centre)

**The Zonta Club of Kyneton** celebrated with guest speaker Di Foggo – Australian Industrial Relations Commissioner, who spoke on "Daughters of the Ranges", while the **Zonta Club of Melton** again celebrated IWD with an outstanding attraction in guest speaker Bridget Muir – the first woman to climb Mt Everest and first Australian to climb the highest mountain on each continent.

**The Zonta Club of Wangaratta** held its annual IWD event by involving the area's young women. The IWD Careers Breakfast was again a great success with students from all schools and colleges in the region in attendance along with mentors from a very diverse range of careers. The club is busy with the final arrangements for their 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday party on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, where PIP Val Sarah will be guest speaker. Zontians in Areas 1 and 4 will join them in the celebrations. The weekend will also be combined with an Area 4 Presidents' meeting.

I congratulate all the clubs on their outstanding IWD events which not only showcases what Zonta does locally and globally to a wide audience but provides members with a great way to celebrate their contribution to the advancement of women.

**Sandra Burns**  
**Area 4 Director**

## Area 5

The Zonta year in Tasmania got fully underway at the end of January starting when Julie Wiltshire explained to the Hobart East Club the background to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship and continuing with Australia Day Fellowship and fund-raising functions.



Launceston held its popular 'Jazz in the Garden' (photo above) at the home of Club secretary Vicki Gee near Exeter. The fabulous weather and the locally renowned Jazzmanians attracted a large crowd of picnickers and Zonta supporters to listen to the music whilst plied with nibbles by the hard working Zontians of Launceston.

One Queenborough Zontian invited a friend to their Australia Day Fellowship lunch. She was so impressed with our Zonta goals that she brought four of her friends to the next Birthing Kit Assembly Day. These ladies not only enthusiastically assembled birthing kits but also took up the Southern Clubs' latest fundraiser, the inaugural 'Entertainment Guide' in Tasmania.

On that note of never quite knowing what you have started, the former Storm Bay Club learnt something new at their Re-naming Ceremony on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. This event was hosted by the Clarence City Council Mayor Jock Campbell. In his welcome to the newly



Mayors Torenus and Campbell with Hobart East Club President Lois Green



## Area 5

named Zonta Club of Hobart East he acknowledged the valuable service that the Club has given, in particular, on the Eastern side of the Derwent. He was followed by the Mayor of Sorell, Camel Torenus, who spoke of the direction-changing role that Zonta had played in her life! As a young



Anne Hamilton speaking at the Queenborough IWD breakfast

This year the guest speaker was Anne Hamilton the Settlement Officer at the Migrant Resource Centre whose interesting background included work in the refugee camp on Nauru and as a Police officer responding to domestic violence crimes. Using examples of the experiences of women migrants and refugees she spoke powerfully to the impact of culture on the opportunities available to women and to the role that advocacy and supportive legislation can have on improving the status of women.

IWD was also the trigger date for the Material Girl Art Award coordinated by Women Tasmania and for which the Zonta Clubs in Area 5 are now jointly the major sponsors for the Award for 3-dimensional Art. 103 entries have been received and judging will be completed in time for the touring exhibition starting in Burnie on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

It has been a true delight as Area Director to be able to attend such a variety of functions around the State. Whether the event is primarily a fund-raiser, a service project or a fellowship activity – Zonta is on display, in the public eye and our actions speak louder than words. It is here that potential members assess us.

The next Area workshop, which will be held in Launceston on May 10<sup>th</sup> has the title: 'Hands On Zonta' and will include 'hands on' workshops so that we can all continue to develop our talents and increase our skills for advancing the status of women.

**Odile Glenn**  
**A5 Director**



Georgie Hutchinson & Lynn Whittle presenting the notebook to Rokhsar Hussain

woman she had won a Zonta-sponsored fashion design Award. Her win she said gave her the confidence and encouragement to enrol at TAFE and become qualified in design, leading to a whole new career.

March brings Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day. In Devonport this coincided with their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday and they issued a press release highlighting their local/global connection when they assisted two Iraqi sisters Rozset & Rokhsar further their education into University by providing them with laptop computers.

They concluded it was also a good time to celebrate the gains women have made over the years, and recognise that the Zonta Club of Devonport continues to make a difference, with a whole hearted birthday party complete with fun games.

Down South the Zonta Club of Queenborough hosted an International Women's Day breakfast at Rydges Hotel Convention Centre.



Jeannette Lander and Julia Taylor enjoy a laugh with a game at the 12<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations



Cake cutters: Grace Brown (Minutes Sec), Julia Taylor (Corres Sec), Lynn Whittle (Pres), Jeannette Lander (Vice Pres), Pat O'Donnell (Treasurer)

# Dates to remember

When?	What?	Who?	
2008	31 March	Deadline for receipt of Convention registration at early bird rate of 350 Euros	Clubs, members
	1 April	YWPA club award winners to District Coordinator Judy Rothe Convention registration fee increases to 425 Euros Deadline for ZIF contributions to be received by ZIF for Convention recognition	Clubs Clubs, members District Treasurer Jasmine Koch
	5 April	Area 3 Workshop	Area 3 members
	12 & 13 April	District Board meeting in Adelaide	District Board
	24 April	OMC report due to ZI OMC Chairman	Lt Gov
	25 April	Final club report for the biennium due to AD & DG	Club presidents
	30 April	Emma Conlon applications (Z & Golden Z Club) due to ZI & DG	Z & Golden Z Coord Fiona MacDowall
	1 May	Club officers 2007-2008 report form due to ZI & District Secretary Ann Horrocks Club annual report due to AD & DG (or ASAP after AGM) ZI & District dues payment for 2008-2009 due to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch YWPA District candidates due to ZI	Clubs Clubs Clubs  YWPA Coordinator Judy Rothe, DG
	3 May	Areas 1 & 4 Workshop	Area 1 & 4 members
	10 May	Area 2 Workshop Area 5 Workshop	Area 2 members Area 5 members
	15 May	Convention delegate credentials forms (paper or faxed) due to ZI DG report due to ZI and ZI Liaison	Clubs DG
	22 May	Convention delegate credentials forms (online) due to ZI	Clubs
	23 May	Items due to Jo Wittorff for <i>Newsflash</i>	District leaders
	31 May	Jane M Klausman club recipients due to District Coordinator Rosalie Lake Last day to register for convention at 425 Euros	Clubs Clubs, members
	1 June	Convention registration fee increases to 475 Euros 2008-2009 International dues payment due to ZI	Clubs, members District Treasurer Jasmine Koch
	30 June	YWPA international recipients announced by ZI	
	27 June – 2 July	59 <sup>th</sup> International Convention, Rotterdam	All members
2009	25-27 September	District Conference in Ballarat	All members