

District 23

NEWS FLASH!



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From the District Governor.....

globally.

*District Conference in
Ballarat 25-27 September
2009*

In keeping with ZI President Beryl Sten's goals of **Simplicity, Transparency, Accountability and fiduciary Responsibility** and also being the "International Year of Astronomy", the theme for our District 23 Conference is **Successful Teamwork Advocating Rights for women through Zonta – STARZ**. All members who give their time to improve the lives of other women are STARS. Ensure you are part of the 2009 District Conference by making your accommodation and travel bookings **NOW!**

Voluntary Donation to ZI & Membership

Thank you to the 26 Zonta clubs and the individual members who sent a voluntary donation of \$15 to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch. At the time of writing this item District 23 Zontians have collectively donated \$8,292 to enable our Headquarters to better support us. Well done! Our international organisation can only be as strong as our membership and the resources we put into it.

Let's see if we can increase our membership by 10% this biennium. More members will allow better support for funding our international service projects; more fees will ensure improved services for members, effective representation on the International Board and enable an up-to-date website with easy references and solutions for clubs.

"We must become the change we want to see."
Mahatma Gandhi

"Walking in their shoes" exhibition – 30 years of service by the Zonta Club of Ballarat

What an honour it was on 10th October to open this wonderful exhibition at The Gold Museum, Ballarat which was coordinated by our Past International President Val Sarah AM, Charter President of Zonta Club of Ballarat. Val also narrated the documentary which runs continuously on screen, and depicts the work of Zontians locally and globally. This exhibition (directly opposite Sovereign Hill) is a celebration of the 30 years of service and advocacy by the Ballarat Club and I urge you to visit before 28 February 2009!

Important Reminder!

Thank you to Clubs for sending your Minutes and



Alison Martin, D23 Governor

Christmas Message

Enormous thanks to every member for your dedication in all that you are achieving for women both locally and globally in Zonta's name. I am privileged to serve as your District Governor for the 2008-10 biennium and realise we have many challenges in striving to improve the lives of women and girls. If I can encourage you to achieve, inform and motivate you, or help raise your awareness this biennium, I will feel I have succeeded!

On behalf of the District 23 Board I sincerely thank all members for your dedication to providing assistance to women and girls and wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break. May the New Year bring health, happiness and renewed energy and spirit. Your Board looks forward to continuing our exciting work with you in the coming year to assist women locally and

**District Governor
Alison Martin**
ZC of Perth Northern
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Change of details:

- **Adelaide President** is now Dr Anna Muller—
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From D23 Secretary
Jo Wittorff:

*Please note that minutes,
newsletters etc should not be
emailed to the District
Secretary and the District
Yahoo email site.
Email to the D23 Yahoo email
address only please.*

wonderful newsletters, especially the humorous articles! Make every day your best day and let it start with a laugh! Please ensure your Secretary is sending Club Minutes and Newsletters to your Area Director and to me at alison.martin@telstra.com—we love to read what you are doing!

Zonta Thanks (Grace)

A couple of Clubs expressed concern in the wording change in the District Directory from *Zonta Grace* to *Zonta Thanks* as they weren't at ease with the word "grace". As the District Directory was being re-printed it was timely to ask the author, 'Tricia Summerfield of ZC Perth, her views on a title change. 'Tricia advised it was not written as a prayer. Please do not feel your Club **has** to change to "Thanks".

Thanks to you, those whose lives you have touched have been part of our journey this year. Keep up your good work so that we can grow stronger and move forward in 2009 to focus on new fund-raising ideas, provide more support to improve the lives of women and the excitement new members will bring.

*"If you are **Dedicated, Realistic and Enthusiastic** towards your goals and show a positive **Attitude**, then you will achieve your **Mission (DREAM).**" Kate Leeming, author of 'Out There and Back'.*

Alison Martin – District Governor

D23 Yahoo Address

Are you sending copies of minutes, newsletters etc to your Area Director or the District Governor?

If so, please also send them to the Zonta District 23 Yahoo address at:

zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au

Forward articles for the next edition of *Newsflash* to

carole.theobald@cormorant.com.au

before 6th February 2009

Never miss an opportunity!

Jane Smith,
D23 Lt Governor



In July, David and I spent 10 weeks touring WA with our camper trailer. We travelled up the west coast to Kununurra, via the Gibb River

Road, back to Broome and home via the goldfields. We saw so much of this beautiful country and had an almost Zonta free holiday. I learned to snorkel (I'm hooked), went canoeing, took 100s of photos, saw some breathtaking scenery and made many new friends.

I say "an almost Zonta free holiday" as I never missed an opportunity to drop the "Z" word. Sitting in the hot Zebedee Springs at El Questro I spoke with a school teacher from Melbourne who was so interested in the Zonta projects that she was going to look at the ZI website when she got home and encourage her students to learn about ZI. We exchanged business cards and I will keep in contact with her. I was talking with a lady in a caravan park about the books we were reading and she gave me one she had just finished. We had also talked about Zonta so I asked her to put her name and contact details in the front of the book. I now have a contact in Albany, WA. There were a number of others whom I will follow up with a Christmas card that will include some Zonta information.

We must be continually on the lookout for these opportunities. I carry my Zonta business cards wherever I go, even in my camera bag, and hand them out whenever I can.

Just out of Derby at the start of the Gibb River Road we visited the Mowanjum Art and Culture Centre. I was very excited to see a couple of our Yarri Wada puppets being stored there and to see the workshop where the Aboriginal people of the Community work at their art and craft.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – it really does!

A survey from ZI Organisation,

Membership and Classification (OMC) Committee was sent to all clubs in September asking them to look at their club's membership and retention goals for the next two years.

As a result of the information received back, the survey showed that all clubs are planning to increase and retain their membership, which is very encouraging. Many clubs reported that they hold at least one recruiting event during the year but those who indicated that they considered each meeting to be a recruiting event are "on the ball".

Quite a number of clubs asked for more information on a number of subjects. Among these were new member orientation, mentoring programs for new members, member recognition, ZI mission-focused advocacy projects, and training for club leadership. There is information on the ZI website covering all these topics, and much more. The Marian de Forest Membership and Classification Manual is a very handy tool for all membership related information. It can be downloaded from the ZI website and I encourage you to do this.

I also encourage all members to register on the ZI website. A tip is to make the ZI homepage your homepage so that you access it every time you go "on the net" and are kept up to date on the happenings of ZI which are continually being updated.

Please contact me, or any members of the OMC Committee (listed in the District Directory) if there is any way in which we can help you with any membership issues.

Wishing you a blessed and very happy Christmas and looking forward to a very productive 2009.



Project test:

Does this project directly advance the status of women?

Sandra Burns,
D23 Service Committee Chair

In planning for 2009 it may well be time for clubs to again look at their Service Projects for the coming year and apply the *Project Test*.

Some newer members to Zonta may well be asking what the *Project Test* is and how it may impact on the projects supported or planned by your own club.

We do hope that members have read the District 23 Biennium Goals but as we do not expect that you would memorize them, under the Service section it reads:

Project Test: Does this project directly advance the status of women?

1. Encourage clubs to engage in local service projects that meet Zonta's mission.

This is where the *Project Test* fits in – it will assist you and your club to ascertain whether or not the project you are considering is mission focused and is indeed a *Zonta A project*.

There is a PowerPoint presentation on our ZI web site – Member

Resource/Tools for Clubs/Service and Advocacy/ which gives good examples of *how to link service projects with advocacy*. A reminder that this is what ZI is asking us to do.

Many of us of course choose to talk about our international programs when someone outside our club asks what we do to advance the Status of Women but what do we say about our club projects?

It is clear that a number of clubs continue to support projects which do not have a clear view to advancing the status of women and could be carried out by any charity or organization. In short, some have very little to do with Zonta's mission and in the past we have referred to these as *B projects*, not Zonta Projects. At a District and Area level we have been encouraging clubs, when *choosing new projects*, to apply the *Project Test*. If you can answer easily in a few short sentences, how the project advances the Status of Women, then it is most likely a Zonta project. However if you need to explain a few things first, then perhaps the project needs to be redefined or have a clear goal for advancing the status of women.

It is important to have *mission focused club projects* to keep members satisfied. If projects are aimed at other causes in your community there maybe no specific reasons to stay in Zonta.

Clubs are reminded to put this item on their agenda when considering awards and projects they will sponsor next year. For further assistance you may wish to look at the Advocacy/Service Project Score Card on the Legislative Awareness and Advocacy (LAA) page on the Member Resources section of the ZI web page that also featured in the October Newsflash. Your Area Director will be able to assist and of course they are looking to see an increase in projects that directly advance the status of women and a decrease in the number of "other projects".

So please, in 2009, ask the question, *Is our new project advancing the status of women?*



Amelia Earhart—Zontian, Record Breaking Aviator, Women's Rights Advocate

Ann Horrocks,
D23 AE Co-ordinator

Zonta is proud to honour the extraordinary achievements and the uncompromising spirit of *Amelia Earhart* throughout the month of January. **11**

January is Amelia Earhart Day.

Zonta Clubs are encouraged to create events to:

- Celebrate the achievements of Amelia Earhart;
- Encourage women of various ages to follow in her footsteps;
- Generate contributions to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund; and in doing this create visibility for Zonta and our clubs.



Many clubs will be celebrating Amelia Earhart events in January and I encourage those clubs to send me (and ZI) a report and photos of their events. ZCs of Frankston and Mornington Peninsula are holding their annual AE Breakfast on 18 January followed by an

exciting agenda of wineries and galleries finishing at Cruden Farm with afternoon tea. The ZI web page has ideas on how clubs may celebrate AE Day.

I encourage clubs to give funds to the AE Program that since 1938 has

awarded 1,227 Amelia Earhart Fellowships totalling US\$7 million to women pursuing PhD degrees in aerospace science and engineering – women following Amelia's dream for gender equality. These 855 Fellowships to women have been awarded in 58 Countries including a number in Australia. Two of these Amelia Earhart recipients spoke of their career paths at the 2007 Conference in Hobart.

Applications for 2009 Fellowships were due directly to ZI in November so we are hopeful that Australia may once again be successful. For more information on the Amelia Earhart history, Fellows and celebrations visit www.zonta.org.au, log on and go to

No one could have imagined how the project would grow in 9 years—from 100 kits to PNG to 500,000 kits to 30 countries through over 40 organisations. I would estimate conservatively 10,000 women are alive today purely because of the wonderful work of Zontians in Australia making these simple but effective clean birth kits.

Helen Keller *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"* – how true!

Rotary: Probably the hot topic that most Zontians are interested in hearing about is our potential future working relationship with Rotary. The Rotary Health and Hunger Resource Group recommended their clubs worldwide consider supporting our project with donations of 3 USD per kit. With over 33,000 clubs it was a wonderful offer. The potential expansion and ability of the Foundation to provide kits for more needy communities is exciting.

Rotary will distribute BKFA Birthing Kits. There are NO plans for their birthing kits to be called Rotary Birthing Kits.

Zonta clubs through the AusAID subsidy will continue to make Zonta Birthing Kits.

Exactly how the Rotary project will work will depend on where and how much support we receive. We will not know the true extent of Rotary support probably until March - April 2009. We have many strategies to handle the Rotary project however it all depends on how much support we get and from what countries.

Club members may be asking the following question "If Rotary is raising funds for BKFA, does that mean Zonta clubs could draw on materials and organize assemblies?"

This is a real possibility later in 2009. However, timing means this possibility will be too late for this year's AusAID project.

It is vitally important to our project that our Zonta clubs fund and hold assembly days for this AusAID contract.

35,000 kits needing to be made: We have made 95,000 kits since July. Please book your next assembly day with Kristen.
kristen.frost@optusnet.com.au For accounting reasons NO assembly days

can be booked in June 09.

We expect Rotary clubs in Australia may be interested in joining with a local Zonta club's assembly day. With permission from the Zonta assembly day coordinators, their contact and assembly day information has been forwarded to Rotary for their clubs to access local assembly days and liaise with local Zonta clubs. We hope this is the start of a closer working relationship between Zonta and Rotary throughout Australia.

Future Directions: The BKFA board has decided to direct future project support strategically to the most needy countries in the world being at a higher risk from delivery acquired infection, including Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Laos, Somalia and DR Congo. Current project partners will still get support, however the bulk of kits will be sent to the most desperate countries. One such project is the Rotary International Nigeria Fistula project which has asked for 150,000 kits annually to be distributed through 10 hospitals to midwives in remote regions.

Don't forget: To expel all air out of bags, especially those going in boxes to Africa. Each box can cost over \$300 to send, so squeeze them in!

BK Foundation news: The AGM went well last month with Joy O'Hazy, Jenny Weaver and Margaret Parsons being re-elected onto the board for another two years. The office bearers are Julie Monis-Ivett chairperson, Jenny Weaver vice-chairperson, Maggi Gregory treasurer and Di Bartel secretary. Jane Abdilla has stepped off the board with two boys in year 12 next year. We wish to thank Jane for her commitment and dedication. She has been a key person at all of our future planning sessions, and integral to our strategic planning since 2001. We will miss her company and valued opinions at board level and wish her and her family a successful 2009.

A letter from Ruth Kennedy in Ethiopia: *Dear Zonta friends, I am beginning to realize that all the emails are not getting through! So sorry! Yes, ALL the bags have arrived and I am sorry you have not received notification of same. The Health Post staff are so pleased to have the kits, one Health Extension Worker (HEW) stated that even she was using them as often she did not have the required simple*

equipment at Health Post Level. At the next visit by our nurse Sister Letish we will try and have some feedback directly for you. She goes once a month to four locations at present.

We are waiting for a car and once we have this we will travel much farther away and be able to distribute many more! We are so remote here that each kit is more precious than any gold or money, as these items cannot be bought with either as the contents are simply not available.

Bless you, bless you all for sending these to us!

Ruth for the women in Northwestern Tigray!

Part of an email from Dr Luc in Kenya and DR Congo: *"While we were walking around the houses, we noticed one expectant woman who could not go to give birth at the nearest health centre because of too much rain. There were traditional midwives present who on many occasions help them but could not because she needed professional attendance. By good luck, we had birthing kits from the Birthing kits foundation Australia, helped her give birth and by good luck she gave birth to a bouncing baby girl. They were so much mesmerised and filled with happiness, and said that We were angels sent to them by God at a time of dire need."*

Words from Dianne Curtis President Elect - *The ZI Board is very proud of your accomplishments with the "Birthing Kit Project"*

It is very encouraging to receive these positive words from our ZI Board.



Have you read the latest BKFA annual report? It may be downloaded from:
<http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au/downloads/Birthing%20Kit%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Easing the Pain of Breast Surgery

Alexa Little
President Zonta Club of Para District Area Inc.

Following discussions with breast health staff during a regular delivery of Zonta Breast Cushions to the Lyell McEwin Hospital (Elizabeth Vale, SA), Dr Sabita Prasanan had asked for a device to support wound drain bottles, for post-surgery patients, to make mobility more comfortable whilst recovering.



to Breast Health Staff. As seen in the photo, they were delighted with the donation which can only be viewed as going on with one of Zonta's aim in providing service to women in our community.

Members of the Zonta Club of Para District Area had already devised such a device in the form of their "Tickled Pink" bags, produced for another Adelaide hospital, where some of their members had undergone breast surgery in recent years.

Pictured (L to R): Belinda Nettle (Breast Health Nurse), Alexa Little (President ZC of Para District Area), Bronwyn March (Hospital @ Home Nurse), Dr Sabhita Prasannan (Breast Surgeon).

Early in November, 2008, president of the Zonta Club of Para District Area, Alexa Little, was pleased to present twenty "Tickled Pink" bags



Tickled pink bag

Paid Parental Leave

Kay Poustie
D23 Chair Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

Many members will be aware that the Productivity Commission has issued a Report with Recommendations on Paid Parental Leave.

The Recommendations are as follows:

- The federal government will provide 18 weeks payment at the adult minimum wage (\$543.78 per week or \$9788 in total).
- The baby bonus and family tax benefit would be "rolled in" so this proposal would add \$3629 to the tax bill although the leave would be taxable so some would be clawed back.
- There is an extra 2 weeks paternity leave for the father/partner.
- Employers would pay super at 9% of the payment or the employee's normal wages, whichever is the lesser amount.
- The payment would be made by the employer and reimbursed by the government.

- Payment would cover non-family adoptions and stillbirths. An extra \$5000 would be paid for each extra baby.
- Parents who had not been employed before the birth or did not meet the work test would still receive a payment equivalent to the Baby Bonus, renamed Maternity Allowance and now non-means-tested, and Family Tax Benefit B.

The Report concludes with the observation that whilst Australia does not have a statutory paid parental leave system, it already provides generous levels of family payments - in some instances exceeding the benefits of countries which do have paid maternity leave schemes.

Denise Conroy, the International Chairman of LAA has been asked by several members about Zonta's position re this issue. It is one

which certainly interests our members but, like abortion, euthanasia, and prostitution, it is one on which Zonta cannot take a formal position because we don't want to cause division in our ranks as different people will hold different views on the issue dependent on their beliefs, values and circumstances.

As there will be a divided opinion amongst our membership, it should be off our advocacy agenda in Zonta's name. Therefore there should be no Zonta submissions to the Inquiry report. However, if members feel strongly about the issues in the Report they are free to make personal submissions.

Stop press!

Guess which Zontian was just announced as the West Australian of the Year 2009? She is now in the running for the Australian of the Year in January....See page 11

2009 District 23 Conference

Ballarat, Victoria, 25th – 27th September
Doherty's Ballarat Lodge

See the Conference Newsletter that has been distributed to clubs and make start making plans to attend today!

Every 10th of December, the world remembers the extraordinary accomplishment on that day in 1948 when many nations came together in Paris to sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The power and relevance of the recognition enshrined in the Declaration – *that all human beings have fundamental rights and freedoms* – is undiminished today. As that day approaches, it is timely to emphasize the document's enduring relevance, its universality and that it has everything to do with *all of us* today.

Members are invited to share the following two celebrations to mark this special day. The Zonta Club of Geelong, Area 4 commemorated this anniversary at their December club meeting by holding a candle lit ceremony led by District 23 UN Chairman, Joanne Metzger.

Members and guests were invited to reflect on Articles from the Charter and sign a Club signatory's list to pledge their commitment to the



Charter. An executive committee member from their newly formed Matthew Flinders Z Club read a recent quote from Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon concerning Education, followed by Article 26 from the Charter, also on the topic of Education.

Their club President, the President Elect, the longest serving member, a newly inducted member, a dinner guest and a Z Club member all read pertinent Articles for the gathering to reflect upon. Several copies of the full UDHR document were available for members and one framed copy

will now stand alongside the Zonta flags at each meeting.

The second celebration will be more festive! The Geelong Zonta Club has been invited to a Geelong community UDHR 60th Street Festival of World Music and Food.

They will join diverse groups from the Indigenous, Migrant, Refugee, Interfaith and Baha'i communities – all sharing the same common humanity. Many cultural groups will perform dance and music items and prepare food. What better way to celebrate the universality of man? As part of the program, a Human Rights Ambassador will be nominated and a Human Right's Space will be chosen at the City Hall for display of all relevant material.

How did your Club observe this special anniversary? We would all love to hear. Please send an email attachment describing your event to: michael.metzger@bigpond.com

Australia Comes in from the Cold on Women's Rights

Kay Poustie
D23 Chair Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

The following is a media release from 24/11/08 by the Attorney-General The Hon Robert McClelland MP, and the Minister for Housing, Minister for the Status of Women the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP.
www.attorneygeneral.gov.au

Australia has today formally moved to become a party to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which was opposed by the former Government.

Australia has been a party to CEDAW since 1983. The previous Government refused to sign the Optional Protocol when it was adopted in 2000, despite countries such as the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and a number of our Asia-Pacific neighbours doing so. Even today, the Coalition, under Malcolm Turnbull, still opposes this important international human rights instrument.

The announcement comes on the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Attorney-General Robert McClelland and Minister for the Status of Women Tanya Plibersek said that by becoming a party to the Optional Protocol, the Government is making a powerful statement that discrimination against women in any form is unacceptable.

"The Rudd Government is committed to overcoming the stereotypes and prejudices that can stifle women's rights and weaken equality," Mr McClelland said.

"Becoming party to the Optional Protocol demonstrates our commitment to the promotion and protection of the rights of women, both at home and abroad."

Under the Optional Protocol, women in Australia will be able to make a complaint to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against

Women about alleged violation of Australia's obligations under CEDAW. This can only occur after domestic legal options have been exhausted. The protocol also permits a UN investigation process.

"Acceding to the Optional Protocol will send a strong message that Australia is serious about promoting gender equality and that we are prepared to be judged by international human rights standards," said Minister Plibersek.

"It will also add credibility to our offers of support to women across our region."

Australia's instrument of accession to the Optional Protocol will be lodged shortly in New York, meaning it will enter into force for Australia before International Women's Day on 8 March 2009.



In Adelaide

Jane Smith

D23 Lt Governor

Project 5-0 team

Members of the SA Project Five-O Group: Business and Professional Women International, International Council of Women, International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and Zonta International (although now not officially a part of Project Five-O internationally) organized South Australia's inaugural White Ribbon Breakfast held at the Adelaide Festival Centre on Tuesday, 25 November 2008.

This was an excellent opportunity to showcase Zonta in SA. Area 2 Director, Cintra Amos, very ably held the organizing reins and put together an event that was a credit to the Project Five-O team. She did a great radio interview too!

The Breakfast was attended by a capacity number of 300 men and women from all walks of life, including His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce The Governor of South Australia, and Mrs Liz Scarce, as well as other VIP's, politicians, many of the newly appointed White Ribbon Ambassadors and (of course) quite a number of Zontians. Mrs Scarce was introduced as an Honorary Member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders and she was wearing her Zonta Club badge – great for Zonta. The morning was co-hosted by SA media identities Leigh McClusky and Peter Goers.

The Hon Gail Gago MLC, Minister for Status of Women and representing the Premier Mike Rann, spoke about the White Ribbon Campaign and the horrific statistics which show there is a large number of victims of domestic violence in Australia and this should not be tolerated. Violence against women costs Australia \$8.1 billion a year. Violence against women has been identified as the biggest single health

larger than many well-known preventable risk factors, such as high blood pressure, smoking and obesity. During the 2005-06 financial year alone, 11 South Australian women were killed as a result of domestic violence.

The Guest speaker was Derrick McManus, SA's newest White Ribbon Ambassador. In May 1994 Derrick was shot 14 times with a high-powered rifle when his team went to arrest a man classified as 'high risk'. With broken bones and severed arteries Derrick was lying on the ground for 3 hours before he could be rescued. He spoke about the 14 bullets, the 3 hours and the response people had to his 'VICTIM' status. He also compared the experience of his friend who was sexually assaulted in Sydney and how people responded to her 'VICTIM' status. He was treated as a hero, she was shunned by family and friends.

Congratulations Cintra, and the Project Five-O team, for putting on a function of this status and what a wonderful way to highlight such a very important subject. Thanks also to the Zontians who attended and gave their support. There is certainly a lot to be said for working together with like minded organisations and sharing the load. I believe we can look forward to another great event in 2009.

In Darwin

Carolyn Richards and Mary Pocock

The Zonta Club of Darwin once again held an extremely successful White Ribbon Breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, with one of their sponsors providing a yellow rose for each guest. Guest Speaker was Major-General David Chalmers, Commander of the NT Intervention Taskforce, whose speech was later quoted by the Police Commissioner at his White Ribbon Day Lunch. The Commissioner also made several references to our Zonta White Ribbon Breakfast, which was great

risk for women aged 15 to 44 years. This is

PR! Our Breakfast was a sell-out with over 140 attending and several on a waiting list, and we are looking forward to finding a larger venue for 2009.

A number of Darwin Zontians attended the Police Commissioner's White Ribbon Lunch, which launched the NT Violent Crime Strategy for 2009, and featured a young Aboriginal woman who spoke movingly about her experience of domestic violence in her family and her community.

The following day a Bill was tabled in Parliament which made some very positive amendments to the 2007 Domestic and Family Violence Act, and we understand that this means that the Northern Territory now has the most progressive legislation in Australia relating to family violence.

In Perth

Carole Theobald

A successful Project Five-0 White Ribbon Day breakfast was held at the Burswood on Swan Function Centre.

Co-organiser Di Bryant from ZC Perth Northern Suburbs did a fantastic job and the event went off without a hitch. Among the attendees present to hear an inspirational address from local celebrity Dixie Marshall, were the World President of Soroptimist International, WA State Government Ministers, D23 Governor Alison Martin, Area 3 Director Judy Tennant and many Zontians.



L-R: Alison Martin, Judy Tennant and the Hon Robyn McSweeney, Minister for Child Protection; Communities; Seniors and Volunteering at the Perth White Ribbon Breakfast.

Celebrating a Centenary of female suffrage in Victoria “Love, Justice, Equality”

“In 1873, the Victorian parliament debated a bill to enfranchise female property owners. George Higginbotham, a strong supporter of female suffrage (and later Chief Justice) decided to up the stakes. He moved a clause to give every adult female a vote. The bill was defeated 40:16. But by November 1908, following years of campaigning, the bill was carried and women gained the right to vote in Victoria for the first time.”

Thus began the journey to 29th November, 2008, a day on which a choir of more than 400 women sang the inaugural performance of the Women’s Anthem before a packed audience (including Zontians, Val Sarah, Beryl McMillan, Hilary Pope, Stella Coffey, Elizabeth Davies, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Evelyn de Bonnaire and Faye Juetz) at the BMW Edge in Melbourne— a gift of Love and Justice to women in Victoria and beyond. The Victorian Women’s Trust commissioned composer and lyricist Kavisha Mazzella to write a song in celebration of 100 years of women’s suffrage so that women everywhere are able to share the poetry and power of the Anthem, to keep the song alive and to never lose their voice.

Performance of the anthem was preceded by a forum entitled “Keeping the Faith” featuring three thought provoking speeches examining women’s current day experiences, challenges, and hopes for the future.

ZI website snippet

Our D23 JMK Scholarship winner, Chloe Jarratt, is one of the 12 International winners!
See Chloe featured on the ZI website at:
http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=zi_jmk_2008

Government House was the venue for the recent 10th anniversary celebration of the Victorian Immigrant & Refugee Women’s Coalition.



In the photo are Melba Marginson, Executive Officer of the Victorian Immigrant & Refugee Women’s Coalition (purple top), Mrs Jan de Kretser, Patron (and wife of the Governor of Victoria), (orange top), Faye Juetz and Beryl McMillan with members of the VWIRC board of management. The occasion was the tenth anniversary of the formation of the coalition and was hosted by Mrs de Kretser at Government House,

Area 1 Director, Faye Juetz accompanied by past DG Beryl McMillan, was welcomed by patron Mrs Jan de Kretser (wife of the governor of Victoria) to “our” home along with vibrant women from many professional and cultural backgrounds. The VIRWC has recently been granted 12 months Federal Government funding and Area 1 Zontians may have the opportunity to participate in a community-based project that aims to link mainstream and immigrant/refugee women at selected local government areas across Melbourne.

It is rewarding when a program comes together and members are able to see first hand how changes can come about to improve women’s lives. The Melbourne’s West Club recently attended 2 separate workshops facilitated by an experienced and skilled female Psychologist for General Duties Victoria Police, with the aim of changing perceptions about Family Violence and its impact on women and children. This was “out of the square” education which challenged rigid thinking and looked at specific

situations, not just from the code of practice under the law, but also from the perspective of the woman and her options (or lack thereof) to change her situation. Judging by the participation and comments of those attending, it was a great success and will have a positive impact on great numbers women and their children well into the future. Approaches have also been made by the facilitator to Area 4 clubs in order to broaden the workshop program.

It is good to know that the Zonta Club of Mornington is supporting the film industry with such enthusiasm – the regular monthly cinema night recently attracted 60 people for the screening of “Australia”. The film night is a very good fundraiser for the club.

Area 1 clubs have continued to conduct birthing kit assembly days, involving schools, hospitals and their own members. And even those clubs who are not “crafty” have found ways and means to ensure they are participating in the breast cushion project which is good to hear. The opportunity to do some “hands-on” projects together is invaluable in encouraging members to get to know each other away from meetings, thereby enhancing and strengthening the club culture.

Judy Rothe has been busy with ideas for the combined Areas 1 & 4 Workshop/Training Day on *May 2nd* and I joined her for a planning session where we became quite excited about the possibilities – we are now preparing for the realities of putting together an interesting program. Please help us by putting the date in your diary so that we know we will have a huge attendance!

All clubs have had a full calendar in the past months and now deserve a short rest, so I wish you all a safe and happy time over the Christmas period and look forward to another productive year in 2009.

Adelaide: Women of Achievement Awards—In October the Club held its annual Women of Achievement Awards at an extremely well-attended civic reception at Adelaide's very elegant Town Hall.

Recipients for 2008 were Maggie Beer, international food author and a star of ABC TV's "The Cook and The Chef" (Outstanding Service to Business), Rose Wight, Executive Officer for Adelaide Writers' Week (Outstanding Service to promoting Literature and Authors), Shirley Piesley, high achieving volunteer (Outstanding Service to the Community), Kris Lloyd, CEO and Head Cheesemaker of Woodside Cheese Wrights (Outstanding Entrepreneur) and Christie Anthony, Director Adelaide Fringe (Outstanding Service to Arts and Entertainment). Awards were also presented to Adelaide High School students Mary Suen and Hang Chea.

The Awards to these seven wonderful female role models were presented by Adelaide's Lord Mayor, Michael Harbison, who stated that all recipients were exceptional achievers, at the same time advancing many of Zonta's objectives. A great PR article about the Awards appeared on Page 2 of the Adelaide Advertiser next day.

Clare & Districts—High School Bursaries. The Club has presented \$1,000 in bursaries to local high schools, to be used for female students to explore opportunities for development and to run a camp or program within the schools for female students at risk.



Club President Janet Whitham presenting cheque to Clare High School Counsellor, Amanda Knight

Riverland: Raising awareness with White Ribbon Tree—As the Riverland area is facing severe drought conditions which are proving very stressful, the Zonta Club of the Riverland held a White Ribbon Fashion & Pamper Show to provide an afternoon of relaxation.



White ribbon tree

Guests were pampered with massages, facials and helpful style and fashion tips, and were treated to a fashion parade.

White ribbons and wristbands were sold, and those attending were informed about Zonta's projects to eliminate violence against women. All decorations were white and white flowers were auctioned. A special focus was our *White Ribbon Tree* where women wrote anti-violence messages on white ribbons and tied them to the tree. *Sharyn Schlein, President, Zonta Club of the Riverland*

Darwin: White Ribbon Breakfast (See page 7)

Alice Springs: Masters Games. The Club held its major fundraiser of the biennium by manning a Coca-Cola Booth at both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2008 Alice Springs Masters Games in October. The Opening Ceremony was extremely successful as the first night is always a big draw for locals and visiting competitors alike who have caught the spirit of the "Friendly Games." A week later, the warm temperatures and nationally-known entertainers (including Daryl Braithwaite) really brought out the crowds for the Closing Ceremony and the Club sold out of stock that night!

In total, the Club raised \$2,000 to fund our Zonta projects locally and internationally. It was a great effort by all Club members who pitched in for shifts on the two different nights - it did become rather crazy at times with the long queues, but we

packed a lot of Zontians into our small booth - it was also a fabulous opportunity to promote our profile in the community.

The Alice Springs Club was also thrilled to receive a letter forwarded by the Birthing Kit Foundation from Ruth Kennedy, serving in the Oasis Foundation Ethiopia, thanking us for the birthing kits assembled and mailed by our Club. It has been a real pleasure to receive personal communications during the last two years from the individuals who help remote and disadvantaged women experience safer and cleaner childbirth by using our kits. There is nothing like these words of encouragement and thanks to show us how worthwhile the birthing kit assembly project is! *Beth Madden, President, Zonta Club of Alice Springs*

Port Lincoln: Club Honoured at Prestigious "SA Great" Awards. President Thelma Harvey gave tribute to "the talented, innovative, supportive and inspirational members of the Zonta Club of Port Lincoln" after she proudly accepted a Certificate of Merit at the recent very successful SA Great 2008 Regional Awards Dinner.



L-R: Lt Governor Jane Smith, President Thelma Harvey, Yvonne Glass and Cheryl Keating with their SA Great Award.

Out of a field of thirteen diverse and highly successful groups from across Eyre Peninsula, our efforts for 2008 were judged worthy of a special award. We were delighted to receive the commendation from among a field of such enterprising and hardworking groups. The major Award was presented to the Cummins Enterprise Committee, whose Chair is Lt Governor, Jane Smith! Congratulations to Jane and her team.

Over the twelve months our activities included major functions such as our UNIFEM Breakfast, Women of Achievement Awards and the annual Zonta "Long Lunch" which raised \$5,000 for mental health services in Port Lincoln. These and other smaller ventures also enabled us to make donations to groups such as Dragons Abreast, Yarredi House and Community House.

We also joined with Rotary, Apex, Lions and Freemasons to organise a fundraising dinner for Beyond Blue, with the \$4,000 raised being donated back by Jeff Kennett on the night to further assist mental health services in Port Lincoln. More recently, during a cool afternoon and freezing cold night, Port Lincoln Zontians assisted at the Relay for Life event where teams from all over the Eyre Peninsula gathered and raised a combined total of \$72,000 for cancer research. Our final fundraiser for 2008 was a screening of the epic "Australia" followed by a champagne supper.

Adelaide Hills and Adelaide Flinders: Joint Fundraiser

These two clubs Club of Adelaide Hills and Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders recently pooled their talents for a "Bingo Bling" joint fundraiser.



Adelaide Flinders Zontian, Didy Button and daughter Emily with their stall selling silk scarves and jewellery.

It was "eyes down and looking" for a fun Sunday afternoon of Bingo, interspersed with shopping at 15 club and community stalls selling a myriad of items. Over a hundred people had a great time and were thrilled with the prizes they won, the bargains they bought and the fabulous afternoon tea.

Gawler: Village Fair. The Club joined other service and sporting clubs at their village fair with a Trash & Treasure stall and a stall selling yummy dried oranges dipped in chocolate.



Above: New members Annette Gilbert and Trish Campbell. Below: Dipping oranges, Glenda Scira and Annette Gilbert



With wonderful weather, family entertainment and a festive atmosphere, this local community event was a great success! *Jill Talbot, President*

Adelaide Flinders: High Tea at the Grand. Over 100 Adelaide Flinders Zontians and friends dressed up to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea in the elegant Promenade Room at the Stamford Grand on the foreshore at Glenelg. Guests were then treated to a magnificent recital by Adelaide tenor, Antonio Villano and the beautiful soul songstress, Kate Lara. The magic of their music held us



spellbound and lifted our hearts and spirits! *Anne Miller, Fundraising Chair*

Adelaide Flinders: International Night. During the United Nations

month of October nearly 80 Zontians

and friends attended our annual International Night. With guests wearing colourful masks, the foyer was buzzing as we were entertained by a duo playing fine Italian music. With tables adorned with feathered masks, bowls of flowers and flickering candles, the scene was set. During the evening Area 2 Director, Cintra Amos, formally inducted our Honorary Zontian, Mrs Liz Scarce, who was accompanied by her husband, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia. Guest speaker for the evening was



Area 2 Director Cintra Amos, Honorary Zontian Liz Scarce, and President of Adelaide Flinders Carolyn Colquhoun

Dr Tommaso Coniglio, South Australia's Console d'Italia who was accompanied by his charming wife, Sabina. Tommaso spoke to us about "The Challenges of a Young Diplomat in a Globalising World". Following our dinner featuring Italian cuisine, music again filled the air with the stirring sound of the Italian organetto, which had the crowd tapping their feet and finding their way to the dance floor. The evening was an outstanding success with the sharing of many impromptu "Espresso Tales" and a prize awarded for the best mask. Ah, it was truly La Dolce Vita! *Dianne Evans, UN and International Chair.*



Colourful Masks at International Night with an Italian Flavour

ZONTA SUCCESS IN THE 2008 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S AWARDS

During Service Clubs Week in October many Area 2 Zontians attended the annual South Australian Premier's Awards Presentation Dinner for Community Service Projects. The Dinner was also attended by members of Apex, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Soroptimists. The evening was a great success, with the Lord Mayor of Adelaide presenting the Awards.

Once again Zonta was well represented, with the Adelaide Club winning the Education/Literacy section for their female scholarships program (science/engineering at

UniSA, gender studies at University of Adelaide and bursaries at Adelaide High School). Adelaide Flinders were runners up in the Social Inclusion section for their Karpandi Indigenous Women's and Children's Centre project and Adelaide Hills were runners up in the Health section for their Entertainment Bags for the Domestic Crisis Centre. Adelaide Torrens was a member of the team that won the Event Award for the Princeton Reunion, and Port Lincoln received a Certificate of Merit for their UNIFEM Breakfast also in the Event section.

The "Heide Taylor Medal" for Outstanding Community Service was won by Katharine Micka from



Heide Taylor with Katharine Micka receiving the Heide Taylor Award from Hon. Paul Caica MP, Minister for Volunteers

Coober Pedy for her community work in this isolated, multicultural town. Katharine was nominated by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders, and a photo of Katherine receiving the award was featured on the front page of the Coober Pedy Regional Times.

Congratulations to all!

WA Australian of the Year 2009: Dr Penny Flett, Zontian and Advocate for the Aged

*Carole Theobald
President, Zonta Club of Perth*

(from <http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/pages/page499.asp>)

The WA Australian of the Year 2009 is Geriatrics specialist Dr Penny Flett.

Dr Penny Flett has had a long interest in geriatric medicine but has become a champion for people of all ages who require a high level of ongoing support. Dr Flett has worked in a variety of positions including serving with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). In 1974, she became the first woman in peacetime to hold a male rank and the first woman doctor to serve in the RAAF.

She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Brightwater Care Group, which provides residential and at-homes services for elderly and young disabled people. Over the years she has contributed to many boards and associations and is currently Chair of the WA Aged Care Advisory Council.

The Council provides advice to the West Australian Government on health and related aged care services for older people. In this role she oversaw the development of a State Aged Care Plan, which provided the first ever blueprint to guide the evolution of



Penny Flett: WA Australian of the Year 2009: Zontian extraordinaire

health and aged care services for the elderly.

She has worked tirelessly to dispel stereotypes of old age, and shift deep-seated cultural attitudes. Dr Flett's goal is for the community to revalue older people, and respect their wisdom and experience. She is leading the way in enhancing the lives of older Australians.

But wait, there's more! Penny is also an enthusiastic, hard working Zontian who has been member of the Zonta Club of Perth since 1991. She served as Club President from 1999-2001 and during this time was also the national Telstra Businesswoman of the Year.

Even with her phenomenal professional commitments, she continues to serve on the Club's Board providing valuable experience and insight on a range of issues and at the last meeting was heard to comment:

"Women can do everything, but just not all at once!"

Penny received her award at Government House last week and, according to the ABC, she said that she was stunned to win and hopes the award can help her in her work. "It gives me the most remarkable opportunity for a whole year to talk about the things I'm passionate about, and most of that is actually shaping up ageing in the future."

"Because it's important we really re-think the way we do this and build strong and healthy and happy communities."

All the winners are now eligible for the Australian of the Year award, announced in Canberra in January.

We wish Penny every success in her even-busier year ahead!

The focus of my report in this edition of the District Newsflash is the Area 3 Founders Day Dinner held on Saturday 8 November.

Methodist Ladies College was the venue for the gala dinner and coincidentally 89 Zontians and friends gathered to celebrate the 89th anniversary of Zonta International.

During the dinner, I had the pleasure of presenting the Area 3 Jane M Klausman Award to Saffron Sharp, a third year student at Curtin University. Saffron's major field of study has been corporate film production, and with the help of the scholarship, Saffron intends to reinforce her film and marketing studies with additional units in business studies.

Saffron was awarded a certificate and a cheque for \$1500.



L-R Saffron Sharp presented with JMK certificate and cheque by Area 3 Director Judy Tennant

An Award unique to Area 3 Clubs is the Woman of Achievement Award, presented to a woman, not previously recognised in her field of endeavour. The Award seeks to identify Women who demonstrate a significant commitment through service and advocacy to the areas in which Zonta works to improve the Legal, Political, Economic, Educational, Health and Professional status of women.

This year for the first time all four nominees of the Award were acknowledged and presented with a Zonta Pin and certificate. When the overall winner was



Women of Achievement: L-R Judith Fordham, Margot McAllister, Pat Kopusar, Eeve Knight with Judy Tennant on right.

announced, no one was more shocked than the overall winner, Eeve Knight, nominated by the Zonta Club of Bunbury.

President Penelope Northcott, of the Bunbury Club joined me on stage to present the Award to Eeve—a beautiful individually designed brooch, crafted in Kalgoorlie gold and set with a Broome pearl and an Argyle diamond.

Eeve is responsible for establishing an organisation called Mayunmarri in Western Australia. This organisation operates healing workshops for people whose lives are disabled by past traumas. The key to the success of Mayunmarri is that the programs are run by survivors for survivors.

It was a wonderful evening and I am



L-R: Penelope Northcott (President, Zonta Club of Bunbury), a surprised Eeve Knight and Judy Tennant

ever grateful to the Zonta Club of Perth for their detailed organisation of the event and to all of the Clubs in Area 3 for their support on the night.

It has been encouraging to note in Area 3 Club minutes that there is a

steady increase in membership with each of the Clubs having inducted at least one new member. I have been very pleased to have been invited to induct some of these members and to enjoy the fellowship of the host Club.

The Zonta Club of Swan Hills held



Judy Tennant (Right) inducts Trish Daly into the Zonta Club of Swan Hills

their annual Awards night on 19 November where they presented a Studies Assistance Grant and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. It is always a delight to hear these wonderfully talented young ladies speak of their goals and plans for the future.

On 25 November I attended an International White Ribbon Day breakfast organised and hosted by Project Five-O. It was a highly successful event and well attended by many Zontains from Area 3. Much of the credit for the planning of the breakfast is attributed to Di Bryant of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs. (See also page 7—Ed)

A very successful Melbourne Cup Lunch was again orchestrated by the Zonta Club of Dunsborough Area, and held for the first time at the historic Caves House in Margaret River. This event is very popular with local and city folk and a 1/3 of the money raised (total of \$8,500) will go to the Zonta International Foundation and local and District projects.

All Clubs in Area 3 are planning for their final meetings for 2008 and their Club Christmas function prior to going into recess over January.

Christmas is a time for family and friends, enjoy your festive season after a successful year of service to our great organisation.

Albury/Wodonga: 20th Anniversary

The 20th Anniversary dinner held on Friday 31st October 2008 was a wonderful night for celebrating their memories and successes in Zonta. "A sketch by local Zontians portraying the first meeting of founding women in 1918/1919 to formalise our global organisation Zonta International" was not only entertaining but most informative.

A superb night enjoyed by all who attended and thank you for your home hospitality.

Ballarat: Walking in their shoes

The Zonta Club of Ballarat opened its "Walking in their shoes" exhibition at the Gold Museum. This excellent exhibition, orchestrated by Val Sarah our Past ZI President (and past District Governor of D23), is open to all Zontians and the public. Make sure you visit this display of 30 years of Zonta if you are in Ballarat.



Past ZI President Val Sarah.
Photograph by Dom O'Brien, courtesy of The Courier, Ballarat.

A birthday dinner was held for Ballarat's thirty years of service to the local and global community. Guest Speaker, Kate Leeming presented a very entertaining description of her bicycle trek through Russia and around Australia.

Bendigo: Chloe Jarrett

Chloe Jarrett the JMK recipient from the Zonta Club of Bendigo has not only won the District 23 Jane M Klausman Award but also received one of twelve Zonta International JMK Scholarships that were judged by the JMK Zonta International Committee. Chloe receives a certificate and a

cheque for US \$5,000 to add to the \$1500 she has already received from the Club and District 23.

Zonta registered members are invited to read all about Chloe on the ZI web page.



JMK winner
Chloe Jarrett

Geelong: New Z Club being formed

The first meeting of the proposed Z Club associated with Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College was held in October 2008. The D23 UN Chairman Joanne Metzger has done an enormous amount of work in spreading the word within the campus and there were over 20 enthusiastic students attending the meeting. Office bearers and board members were elected and now the ZC of Geelong begins the process of chartering this club. It has been some time since a Z Club was associated with their club and they look forward to mentoring these very positive young women in service to the community.

The birthing kit day was a great success with 1000 kits being packed and posted.

Kyneton: White Ribbon Day Tuesday November 25th 2008.

The club prepared educational material and gave 20 white ribbons and 20 wrist bands to the staff of the two Secondary colleges to wear this week especially on Tuesday and gave them the white ribbon website.

100 ribbons were distributed to men in Kyneton and 30 ribbons to the helpers at Birthing Kit workshop for their husbands and sons etc. The club presented 30 ribbons and information to the Rotary Club of Kyneton to be distributed at their meeting on the Monday prior to White Ribbon Day.

Girls' Gala Night, hosted by the Zonta Club of Kyneton was hailed a great success.

More than 170 women attended the dinner and they were treated to a fashion parade and belly dance exhibition. The evening was Kyneton's major fund-raiser for the year and The money raised will help fund local scholarships and provide birthing kits for women in developing countries. Several local businesses supported



President Diane Barbeler and models.

the event, with models showing off the season's fashions in clothing and hair styles.

Melton: Joint meeting

The club travelled down to the ZC of Melbourne's West to join them for their dinner meeting. A wonderful night of fellowship and networking was enjoyed by all.

Two club members attended the first Area 4 Director's (Judith Rothe's) President's meeting at "Trawool Resort" close by Seymour. Thirteen Zontians were present including two past D23 District Governors (Beryl McMillan & Ronda Walker) and three D23 leadership team chairmen.

Wangaratta: Community support

The Women's Domestic Violence Centre "Covroonya" is well supported by the ZC of Wangaratta. Zontians supply comfort packs for women and children and donate a considerable amount of finance to the organisation annually.

The club has also donated the amount suggested by the Committee in charge of the new D23 project "Yarri Wada Puppet Project" for 2008. Wool has been transported to the ZC of Geelong for their Afghanistan project.

Congratulations to all clubs for their contribution to ZI.

My! How time flies between Newsflashes! But it's amazing how much Zontians are able to pack into their busy lives! Several clubs recognised White Ribbon Day and drew awareness to this International Day in their communities.

Early in October, **Zonta Club of Queenborough** enjoyed a Spring Lunch at Odile Glenn's home in Richmond. On November 25, to recognise the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the club hosted A White Ribbon Day Breakfast. Guest speaker at the event was Commander Colin Little of the Tasmanian Police Force.

Hobart Zonta Club held a sausage sizzle fund raiser recently, with seven club members supporting the successful event.

Hobart East hosted a very enjoyable and successful Christmas Garden Party on Saturday 29th November. Held at the home of Allan and Margaret Bird, Palmara Vineyard, guests caught the spirit of Christmas with fashions from EWE NIQUE of Richmond, jewellery by Anita Fry, viewing Margaret Bird's large Christmas collection as seen on the ABC's Collectors 2007 show, wine tasting and enjoying afternoon tea.



Ewe Nique boutique owner, Hobart East's President Julie Wiltshire, and Area 5 Director, Georgie Hutchinson enjoy the Christmas Garden Party at Palmara Vineyards.

They also had the chance to buy some early Christmas gifts or win a raffle or a lucky door prize drawn by Area 5 Director Georgie Hutchinson. All proceeds were directed to Zonta International YWPA and local service projects to support young women and girls.

Zonta Club of Devonport members have been churning out their famous miniature Christmas puddings, strutting their stuff at a fun, classy Fashion Parade attended by over 200 women, organising a White Ribbon Day display at the local library and also making a donation to NW Centre Against Sexual Assault to assist with art classes for sufferers of sexual assault.



Devonport Zonta Club President, Lynn Whittle presents a NWSAC representative with a donation at the White Ribbon Day display at the Devonport Library.

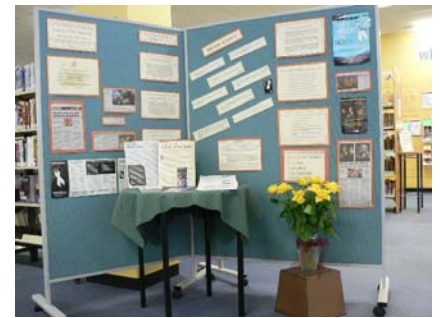


Grace Brown at the Fashion with the Tide parade

Zonta member, Grace Brown enjoyed keeping models and patrons happy at the recent "Fashion with the Tide" parade hosted by the Devonport Zonta Club. Proceeds from the event were donated to Spurr Wing, 'A Home Away from Home' for patients in Launceston.

It's been a unique opportunity to combine with Zonta Launceston to achieve a wonderful outcome: the furnishing of a Zonta Room at the accommodation residence.

Zonta Club of Launceston had a display in the Northern Regional Library supporting the National Elimination of Violence against Women campaign (White Ribbon Day). They received several laudatory comments from the public



Display at Launceston library

about the display that outlined statistics about violence world wide as well as details of Zonta International's current ZISVAW projects. The display tried to highlight different forms of violence perpetrated against women all over the world as well as types of violence that exist within Australia. Articles also indicated to interested and compassionate men, what they could do as individuals to eliminate this type of anti social behaviour.

In November the club also held their annual Christmas Shortbread baking day. In excess of 250 dozen boxes of shortbread were baked and people are still asking for more. This is a terrific little money earner for Zonta! Ingredients were donated by Statewide Foodservice, packaging from Corporate Express and the use of Riverside High School kitchens. Even though only 6 members were available on the day, production expectations were exceeded by efficiency and industry!

Congratulations!

D23 Governor, Alison Martin advises that District 24 Governor, Olivia Sarah-Le-Lacheur recently gave birth to a girl, Chloe Alexandra Le Lacheur, a happy, healthy and absolutely gorgeous daughter for Olivia and Greg.

Alison is sure that Grandmother Val, our dear PIP is over the moon with joy.

How wonderful that we have another little Zontian to follow on in Mum and Grandmother's footsteps!