ZONTA SHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED IN THE 1990s

In 1990 the Club established a scholarship in memory of Charter member and nurse educator, Heather Winderlich. It was awarded to a student in the Health Sciences faculty. Lisa Kuhn was the inaugural recipient of this $200 scholarship in 1990.

In the same year Amy Simpson was the first awardee of the Club scholarship of $200, for the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Amy was also selected as the Zonta District 23 nominee and went on to be the ZI runner up. Bendigo Zonta has nominated a local girl for the ZI YWPA every year since. In 1991, Kylie Edmonson was the D23 runner-up, while Kathryn Field (1994) and Evelyn Ng (1997) both received the D23 award and nominations for consideration for the Zonta International award.

Following the death of charter member Gwen Symons in 1993 charter the club voted to acknowledge the contribution Gwen made over 13 years by renaming the existing $400 Zonta scholarship given to a student to help her complete Years 11 and 12. The inaugural recipient was Kylie Peters.

To celebrate the 10th birthday of Bendigo Zonta in November 1990, the club instigated the Woman of the Year Award. Judges June Gibson, Mary Mulvahil and Greta Jefferis selected Willie Carnie, from fifteen leading women in the local community, as the winner of this prestigious award. This award was re-established and renamed “Women of Achievement” in 2015 and is now presented annually.