



ZONTA

CLUB OF
BENDIGO INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

*Celebrating 35 Years
of Zonta Service*



*Chartered by the Zonta
Club of Melbourne*

30th November 1980

The Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc 1980 – 2015

District 23, Area 4, Club 0954

The Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc was chartered on 30th November 1980 under the sponsorship of the Zonta Club of Melbourne. From that date it has been committed to supporting women and children through Zonta service both internationally and locally. Charter president, Heather Winderlich, laid the foundations for a strong club focussed on achieving the ideals of Zonta. The club was chartered as part of District 16 and then incorporated into District 23 in 1990 when Australia and New Zealand were divided. In the formative years the club was honoured with two Premier's Award and a Community Service Award. In 1988 a Zonta Rose Garden was established at the Bendigo Conservatory Gardens.

Governance: The Board, led by the President has a Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and a number of Directors as well as a Media Liaison Officer. The club follows the International and District Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, as well as club specific documents.

Membership: The club has always had a strong membership which is currently 43. "What is Zonta?" events are held and our Website and Facebook pages are a 'first point of contact' for younger women. A monthly newsletter provides Zonta information as well as sharing members' achievements and milestones. All members are allocated to one of the four committees after their Club induction.

Organisation and Extension: The Club supported the chartering of the Zonta Club (ZC) Shepparton in 1986, chartered the Kyneton ZC in 1994 and a Z Club at Girton Grammar School in 2007. In conjunction with the ZCs of Ballarat and Kyneton, we chartered the Central Goldfields ZC in 2012.

Advocacy: The ZC of Bendigo Inc prides itself on advocacy and since its early years has worked to the benefit of the local community. Specific initiatives include: implementing a day centre for isolated elderly folk; purchasing a small bus for community transport; funding since 1990, a University Nursing Scholarship in honour of Heather Winderlich, the Charter President; creating a scholarship in 1985 named after charter member Gwen Symons to assist a girl in the final years of secondary schooling; mentoring girls in the Tall Poppies Leadership project for 6 years, and also working with young mothers and Koori students to help build self esteem. A careers breakfast for girls called "Jobs with a difference" was held for 10 years. In 2015 the Ann Horrocks Science and Technology scholarship was established.

The club has worked for many years towards the elimination of violence against women by supporting the women's refuge with food hampers and later emergency toiletry bags, each for over 20 years. We prominently support and participate in White Ribbon Day events. An annual International Women's Day dinner features a prominent, inspiring woman as guest speaker with the funds supporting our scholarships.

The club has successfully nominated member Margaret Cook and award winner Evelyn Ng as Bendigo Citizens of the year.

Service projects: Many service projects funded by the club have had a medical focus including: a Defibrillator for Victorian Ambulance Service; an Oncology Chair and Dosing pumps for Bendigo Health; Breast Cancer Support such as \$12,000 for the Otis Foundation; Ovarian Cancer Research; Dragons Abreast; a Wig Library at Breast Screen as well as specific research at Peter McCallum Cancer Institute. The club has furnished rooms in a Women's Refuge, the Centre for Non-violence and other local accommodation places. Major donations have helped establish a Women's Room in Maubisse, East Timor; and supported recovery from drought, cyclones, floods and bushfires. Current service projects are the ongoing supply of emergency toiletry packs for women leaving domestic violence situations, the assembly of Zonta birthing kits for third world countries and support for the new Women's Refuge – Annie North.

Fundraising Activities include: Movie nights, raffles, trading tables, open gardens, Christmas markets and fashion parades, some of which are regular events. Production and sale of merchandise including Rose Cards and Zonta Aprons is ongoing.

Area Activities: Members attend and have hosted Area 4 Workshops and Past presidents' workshops. Our Club has provided four elected Area 4 Directors: Norma Cook 1990 - 1992, Mary Mulvahil 1992 - 1994, Ann Horrocks 1998 - 2000 and Sandra Burns 2004 – 2006. We have welcomed Area Directors to meetings and special events since our charter.

District activities: The Club has been represented at every District Conference since 1979— Ann Horrocks the immediate past District Governor (2012 - 2014) and other members have held ZI and D23 positions as Committee chairmen and members. The Club supports the District 23 Breast Cushion and Birthing Kit projects. We have provided 1310 breast cushions and funded and assembled 32,800 Birthing Kits to date.

International Activities: Bendigo ZC has been represented at International Conventions since 1982 and gave strong volunteer support to facilitating the 2006 ZI Convention in Melbourne. All members fundraised to "Buy a Brick" to pay for ZI headquarters in 1991. We have submitted a YWPA candidate since 1991, with 3 of our nominees being District 23 winners and one an International winner. Since 2002 we have awarded Jane M Klausman Women in Business scholarships and nominated a district, and international winner in 2008

ZI Foundation: Each biennium, the Club has supported the Foundation by sending 1/3 of funds raised to support ZI scholarships and projects. Most members regularly donate to the Foundation.

We received a **ZISVAW Grant** of USD25,000 in 2002 to implement a program to reduce bullying in schools – Solving the Jigsaw.

Bendigo Members at 30th November 2015

Ngaire	Anderson	Rosalie	Lake
Deb	Armstrong	Dale	Little
Cheryl	Axell	Robyne	Livingston
Susan	Brown	Anita	Lowe
Janice	Buckland	Linda	Marchesani
Maggie	Burke	Irene	McKinna
Phillipa	Chantry	Lyn	McNamara
Lisa	Chesters	Annette	Mouat
Ember	Chittenden	Ann	Naughton
Sue	Clarke	Naidene	Parry
Janet	Cobden	Kathryn	Patarica
Noemi	Cummings	Flo	Pitson
Rosalind	Deacon	Raelene	Schmidt
Stephanie	Di Palma	Kate	Smith
Gay	Hanrahan	Sally	Thomson
Marg	Harkin	Christine	Thorne
Diane	Hicks	Philipa	Varris
Sue	Hinton	Pamela	Vine
Marian	Holmes	Sunnie	Watts
Joan	Hooper	Kathy	Wilton
Ann	Horrocks	Larrie	Winzar
Debbie	Kesper	Bernadette	Wood