



# Zonta@Bendigo

Editor : Rosalie Lake

December 2018

Christmas Dinner Meeting

Sandhurst Ridge Winery

Tuesday 4th December

\$ 32 6.30 for 7.00pm

Please Confirm your attendance and any APOLOGIES and GUESTS

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Don't forget to bring a gift or gift card for an older woman to the Christmas dinner.



## From our president .....

Dear Fellow Zontians

*As we think about Christmas being just 4 weeks away, we also come to review the past 12 months and how quickly they have gone. Is it just me being busy or because I am getting older that I think the years disappear faster? Guess we are all getting older at the same rate!*

*On Wednesday we were part of the Greater Bendigo Against Family Violence event culminating in the Walk against Violence around the city. Our club was well supported this year – many thanks.*

*Thanks also to Fundraising Chairman Sally and her committee for organising a very successful Christmas Market raising about \$5000, which will go a long way towards the cost of our birthing kits for next year. This day is not only a fundraiser, but an opportunity to advocate for Zonta projects while enjoying great fellowship as experienced by many members.*

*I have many members to thank this year in particular our board, for stepping up when I was out of action and that is what being a Zontian is about. We should always be on the lookout for our fellow members.*

*I recently read a VIA article that encourages us to Celebrate Our Strength of Gratitude, and Christmas is a good time*

*to reflect. It brings us back to celebrating the simple things in life and actually acknowledging others. "Research shows that finding more opportunities to connect the things, moments, and people in your life with this grateful feeling can decrease stress, improve self-esteem, and overall make you a happier, more resilient person". "The key is to start noticing the small things, and instead of taking them for granted, giving them a moment of appreciation for making your life just a little bit sweeter."*

*I would like to close by wishing everyone a happy Christmas and holiday season. For those who are travelling – have a safe trip. I look forward to catching up with some members in January and everyone in February as we begin Zonta's Centenary year.*

Warmest wishes,  
Ann



## 100 Years of Empowering Women



Governors from District 16, 22, 23, and 24

(*Souella Cumming, Sandy Venn-Brown, Jane Adornetto, Sharyl Scott*)

Invite all Zontians to the [Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre](#)

Southbank Brisbane QLD

for the Australia and New Zealand Centennial Conference in **Brisbane 6-8th September 2019**.

Since the creation of Zonta International in 1919, we have dedicated the last century to empowering women and taking action to address the challenges of gender equality. To celebrate our achievements and honour our future work together, we welcome you to Brisbane 2019.

**Bendigo Zontians—organise your travel and accommodation now.**

[accommodation link](#)

## Calendar 2018 - 19

Tuesday 4th December	Christmas function- Sandhurst Ridge winery. Bring friends/partners
Sunday 20 January	Zonta get-together brunch at Edwards Provedore Strath village.
Tuesday 5 February	Dinner meeting - Foundry Hotel
Tuesday 5 March	International Women's Day Dinner - All Seasons Hotel.
Saturday 4 May 2019	Garage sale including pre-loved handbags
<b>September 6-9th 2019</b>	<b>Combined district Conference in Brisbane to celebrate Zonta's Centenary</b>



## Fundraising

**Committee: Chair—Sally Thomson**  
Gay Hanrahan, Annette Mouat, Lyn McNamara, Sunnie Watts, Trish Kerr, Sarah Hibberd.  
Lots of exciting fundraisers being considered including a community lottery.

### Christmas Market:

Xmas market profit of \$5025  
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the market in many ways (1650 birthing kits!)  
Raffle winners – 1. Kerryn Hamilton 2. Trish Kerr 3. Noel Harvie

### Trading Table

The committee will start having regular trading tables from our February meet-

ing. Bring any surplus produce, jams, lemons etc.

### Future Fundraisers

**Garage sale** – we are looking for volunteers to assist with organizing this event on 4 May 2019

**Peter Sheahan's Walk up monthly music afternoons** at The All Seasons has allocated June to assist us in raising funds. We only have to supply a raffle prize on the day.

**Fundraising year to date**  
**\$10,042**

**Well Done Bendigo Zontians**



## Membership and Programs

**Committee: Chair: Sue Clarke**  
Naidene Parry, Dale Little, Britnee Swan, Bernadette Wood, Linda Marchesani, Marian Holmes

**New member mentors**— The membership committee will mentor new members until they join a committee. There is continuing interest from additional people interested in joining,

**Please remember : apologies** for meetings go to -

[sueclarke47@gmail.com](mailto:sueclarke47@gmail.com) or

**Club Survey** see P 7 for information on Board's Role requested in the survey. Looking to provide short talks to enable us to get to know members in future meetings.

**Hosting D23 Conference 2021.** Working with the City of Greater Bendigo Business Unit to put in our submission.

**December Meeting** Venue is Sandhurst Ridge. Cost to remain at \$32 and buy your own drinks. Members are asked to bring a gift for an older woman, wrapped in Christmas paper to \$20 value. Will be distributed through Uniting Care.

**February meeting**—using travel passports as the Amelia Earhart theme, members are asked to collect 1 or 2 favourite travel photos in preparation for a short conversation about where you went and any links to Zonta on your trip.



## Service and Advocacy

**Committee: Chair: Sarah Cirillo-**  
Kathy Wilton, Sue Brown, Irene McKinna, Robyne Livingstone, Humsha Naidoo. Kim Stewart. Sarah Gee, Janet Cobden, Julie Rivendell.

please let Sue Brown or Ann know and a filling day will be organised in the new year.

### Toiletry packs & TOTE bags

Please see notice on P 4 for items required for tote and toiletry packs this month.

### Breast cushion Sewing

Our supplies of breast cushions are getting very low. Members able to do some sewing and/or stuffing at home,

**Orange Ribbon -The Greater Bendigo Against Family Violence (GBAFV) Wednesday 28th November.** Thank you to the 12 members plus friends who sold t-shirts, ribbons & wristbands, helped Grill'd prepare sliders and carried our banner in the walk against violence. A great turn-out from our members.



### Scholarships

The committee is in the process of interviewing applicants for Gwen Symons scholarship and YWPA applications close on Feb 8th 2019.

**IWD**—Dr Skye Kinder has agreed to be our guest speaker for International Women's day dinner.



## Treasurer

Members may pay the \$32 cost of the supper/dinner meetings by direct debit prior to the meeting.

**Bendigo Bank BSB: 633 000**

**Account No. 2005817**

Please include your Surname & identify the purpose of your deposit: eg Supper , Dinner, Toiletries etc

**Recommendation:-** That the accounts for Payment as reported and the Treasurer's report be approved.

### Recommendation 2

That the term deposit of \$5000.00 be re-invested for 12 months, @ interest rate of 2.30%. Interest of \$62.46 be transferred to the general account, allocated to scholarship funds

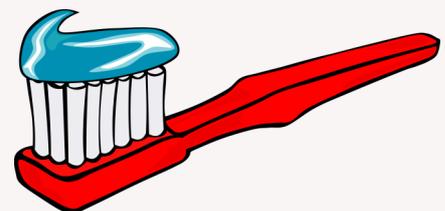
### BUFS—membership

Don't forget to get your family and friends who are renewing BUFS membership to nominate Zonta to receive their BUFS donation

Christmas season sees a spike in demand for our Toiletry Bags and Tote Bags.

Kathryn has put together 50 bags ready to deliver for Christmas to Centre for non violence, Haven; Home, safe.

We now need supplies of tampons / soap / brush / shampoo / conditioner / tooth paste / tooth brushes



## Governance & Finance

**Committee: Chair:** Raelene Schmidt  
Kathryn Patarica, Maggie Burke, Dianne Hicks, Rosalie Lake, Jan Buckland. Kate Smith.

**Strategic Plan:** Working on aligning the Club goals with those biennial goals of ZI and of D23. A work in progress at the moment..

**Committee Role review**—Responses from subcommittees have been collated and a draft committee role statement prepared. It will be presented to members in the new year.

If members would like to take on the leadership of any Zonta Committee please indicate your interest to Janet Cobden in the new year. Janet is Chair of the Nominating Committee.

### Club History:

A subcommittee of Maggie Burke, Ann Horrocks, Kim Stewart, & Rosalie Lake has been formed to work on club records and development of an appropriate way to celebrate ZI 100 years and our up-coming ( in 2020) 40 year birthday.

While the timeline for the history is generous, we may be looking for more

members to assist with writing our history in the new year. Please let Raelene know if you might be interested in joining the writing team.



## Fellowship snippets and club news

### Welcome to our new members

Bendigo Zonta extends a very warm welcome to three new members. At our November meeting we inducted Rhonda Lawson-Street, Ashleigh Colquhoun and Caralyn Collins. We look forward to working with you all, and trust that you enjoy commencing your service and advocacy with Zonta in our Club.



**Congratulations to both Sarah H and Sarah G who celebrated a special "0" Birthday recently**



## Fellowship snippets and club news

### Congratulations to the Albury / Wodonga Zonta Club on their 30th birthday



Pictured are:  
Audrey Davidson, Carmel Love (Ling) and Kay Bennett who were 3 of the Charter Members present at their recent celebration

### GREATER BENDIGO AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE—WEDNESDAY 28 November 2018

It was great to see so many of our Club members supporting the family day and walk against violence on Wednesday. Bendigo Zontians sold t-shirts, wrist bands and orange and white ribbons as well as helping Grill'd provide sliders to the public. Most of our members carried our "Zonta Says No banner" in a 15 minute walk, with around 300 others, around the city blocks adjacent to the Library Gardens. The weather was perfect, and it was interesting to hear from the CFA and teachers at Spring Gully Primary School about how they are working to eliminate gender bias and reduce violence against females.



## Invitations



### DECEMBER

Irene McKinna 3rd  
Kathy Wilton 8th  
Sue Clarke 25<sup>th</sup>  
Kim Stewart 30th

An Invitation is extended to

**PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS  
TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> December 12 pm**

**NATIONAL HOTEL BENDIGO**

Look forward to catching up soon.

**PLEASE RSVP PRIOR TO 3<sup>Rd</sup> DECEMBER**

**Earlier would be preferable for bookings.**

**TO SUE BROWN**

**54 373 258 / 0409 198 974**

### You wanted to Know.....

**One of the questions arising from our Membership Survey was "What does the Board do?"**

*I'll attempt to summarise our board meeting earlier this week. However if you would like to read further about the role of a Club Board then the ZI Club Manual details the role at .....  
(<https://membership.zonta.org/Governance/Manuals>).*

*After reviewing the minutes from our Board meeting in October we moved on to review the Correspondence (as sent out to members before our dinner meeting but with an update from the last week).*

**Correspondence** that needed action:

*Consumer Affairs Vic require further information - to the treasurer for action*

*Individual memberships – all members have received this from ZI*

*Club report has been submitted to our Area Director*

**Treasurer Report:** *As sent to all members before this meeting*

*Board recommended that accounts be paid - but members must still approve the payment.*

**Committee Reports** *as detailed in our monthly newsletter ,but first discussed at our meeting. If you would like clarification on any matter then please ask me or your committee chairman.*

**General Business.**

*We discussed the distribution of our toilet bags prior to Christmas hoping to meet the need of CNV, LCCASA, Haven Home Safe*

*Centennial Community Grants. Initial approach has been made to Kaye Sykes at Community Health re a program for migrant women*

*A working group is planning to submit application to D23 for the 2021 Conference—discussed progress.*

*Discussed the planned improvement of our website including adding a member login area. Discussed cost & options re outsourcing the work.*

*Letter to Addie with thanks and congratulations on VAW features*

*D23 Club Goals - discussed progress on incorporating D23 goals into our strategic plan and goals.*

*Ann Horrocks—President*