

ZONTA DAY CENTRE AND BUS.

In 1981 the Zonta Club of Bendigo (ZCB) established a Day Centre for isolated community members who were not eligible to attend other existing programs. The following year the ZCB received a Premiers Community Award with funds of \$2000 provided to support the program.

One of the many benefits of the program was ZCB provided transport to the program however it wasn't long before there was a need for a bus.

In 1983 ZCB joined the Bendigo Council's Community Bus Program. ZCB raised funds for the program and the bus and donated \$10,000 towards the cost of a bus and also obtaining a dollar for dollar grant. The bus was also used by community other groups and the council paid for its up keep. The Zonta Logo was inscribed on the bus.

Once the bus arrived 1984 the ZCB was able to establish a second Day Centre with Zonta member Margaret Cook coordinating activities. The program ran very successfully until it ceased 2002. The ZCB Day Centre made a difference to so many lives.