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Office Bearers

President	Vicki Moir
Vice President	Linda Tinning
Secretary	Letitia Depiazzi
Assistant Secretary	Genevieve Rose
Treasurer	Marilyn Ide
Directors	Laurel Coyle, Wendy Dowling, Susan Taylor, Susanne Vaughan,

Committee Chairs

Fundraising and Finance	Susan Taylor
Service & Advocacy	Jean Wyder
Membership	Liz Wason
Public Relations & Communications	Irene O'Leary
Program	Linda Tinning
Area 3 Representative	Vicki Moir
Nominating Committee	Leanne Sultan



Awards and Scholarships

26th Young Women in Public Affairs Award
Winner 2017
Maddy Barrett, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, Karrinyup



Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary
Winner 2017
Ellen Raven



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President's Annual Report

I am very pleased to present my final annual report as President of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs for the 2016-2018 biennium.

A sincere thank you to my Board members, Linda Tinning (Vice President), Letitia Depiazzi (Secretary), Marilyn Ide (Treasurer), Wendy Dowling, Susanne Vaughan and Sue Taylor for your support, open debate and belief in our Zonta vision. I am pleased that my initiative to trial Saturday morning breakfast meetings has been a success and provided an opportunity for us to enjoy a great coffee while we debate and discuss Zonta business.

I acknowledge and sincerely appreciate the willingness of all our members to keep our club vibrant, to try new things and be flexible in our approach throughout this biennium. Our business year now starts earlier with committee members supporting Zonta throughout January. This has provided us with a more collaborative and strategic approach to our February planning meeting and also ensured the success of our new club event, the International Women's Day breakfast in March.

Thank you to our Committee chairs. The quality of your reports displays a comprehensive understanding of

governance and accountability. Our members, friends of Zonta and wider community have enjoyed a number of successful events and club activities with your leadership.

The capacity of our club to retain its enthusiasm and attraction has been supportive by the many members who have stepped beyond their committee and taken on roles that have promoted collaboration and a genuine shared approach to achieving our Zonta goals. I think this model of practice is inclusive and praiseworthy. It provides opportunity for each of us to accept the challenge of personal growth and leadership with the confidence that there are many mentors and supporters to help you to succeed. Thank you.

I wish the incoming President, Linda Tinning and her Board members a successful 2018-2020 biennium. It will be an exciting time with our centenary celebrations and 2020 Convention in Chicago. I hope you enjoy your new challenge as much as I have enjoyed mine.

Vicki Moir
President
Biennium 2016-2018



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Area 3 Presidents' Meetings

Our 2016–2018 Area 3 Director, Jo Wittorff, has coordinated three meetings to date for club Presidents. Our final changeover meeting with incoming Presidents is scheduled for June. These meetings have been informative and supportive and focussed on District 23 Biennial Goals. I have enjoyed the friendship and discussion of these meetings.

The agenda covered items such as each club President's Report, Area 3 Birthing Kit and Breast Cushion reports, Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Business discussions included membership, public relations, governance and risk management and the impact of technology.

Throughout this biennium clubs have collaborated to review and rewrite our constitution and the completed version is now with each club to allow club specific details to be added. Thank you to our club member, Linda Tinning for her regular updates on the progress of this work.

Thank you to Area 3 Director Jo Wittorff for following through with the McGrath Foundation. Area 3 now has an official connection with the McGrath Foundation and our breast cushions have now been added to the Foundation's website.

Area 3 continues to support Debbie Mason, Manager of SOS. All Zonta Clubs in Area 3, agreed to **"Zonta SAYS NO To Violence Against Women"** signage on the side of an SOS truck. All clubs are



named and contact details for Zonta are displayed. We are hopeful this will raise awareness and attract like-minded women to Zonta.

The ZI Foundation has set up a 'Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign' (CAEC) to coincide with our 100th Anniversary and this is well supported by Area 3 members.

Thank you to District 23 Governor Judy Gorton and Area 3 Director Jo Wittorff for your knowledge and leadership and I wish the incoming Governor and Director every success in our very exciting centenary biennium 2018–2020.

Vicki Mair
President
Biennium 2016–2018



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Membership

The Membership Committee (MC) members of Letitia Depiazzi, June Fowler, Liz Wason and Kaye Metaxas have continued to meet each month, mindful of the Membership goals as recommended by ZI. At our meetings we consider, discuss and focus on membership matters including recruitment, growth, engagement, retention, mentoring, support and recognition of years of service.

This past year our club suffered a significant loss with the passing of one of our Foundation members, Alma Dempsey. She was the epitome of Zonta being a quiet but warm warrior for women's rights and advancement.

Our current membership is 25 with a new member being inducted at our April 2018 meeting.

Due to the initiative of Zonta International introducing a Young Professionals category, our committee centred discussions around this policy and created awareness to all members on increasing club membership through diversity of culture, profession, ethnicity and age. We continually seek ways to foster club growth and regeneration. Our message has been to all members to invite and encourage visitors to our monthly dinner meetings and club events.

Of course, this is most effective by liaison with Service & Advocacy, PR and Fundraising committees to combine our talents and skills to promote Zonta. Our committee demonstrated this by organising a Champagne tasting event in October 2017 which boosted our finances and successful PR due to 50 attendees, plus the kindness and expertise of a Zonta husband, Steve Leslie.

We have initiated a Special Guest night concept with the emphasis on each member inviting a guest to a friendly, less formal, but informative evening endeavouring to attract new members based on their interest in global, district and local projects. If successful, it may become an annual event. Flexibility for membership via E-clubs and Z or Golden Z clubs will be discussed at this event.

Our committee also coordinates attendance lists, special dietary requirements and table settings for the monthly dinner meetings and other special events. This involves liaising with the staff at Ambrose Estate at Wembley Golf Club who have been very helpful and professional in these matters.

At each dinner meeting our Visitors Book is signed by all visitors with their details recorded. This is a stepping stone in maintaining contact and informing



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visitors/guests of our club's activities, future events, projects and news through email, social media, phone contact and our fabulous monthly "The Entrepreneur" newsletter (published by Dawn Newman). If repeat visits occur, prospective membership is approached and followed by a friendly coffee get-together with a Membership Committee member. For new members we also organise a mentoring program to guide them through their first few months of membership.

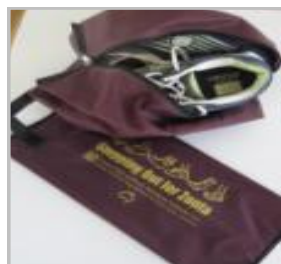
Our club register which documents individual classifications and member numbers as well as years of service is recorded and adjusted accordingly and all information forwarded to Zonta International. Archiving club documents in electronic format is also ongoing work for our committee. Through our club Service Record, we will continue to identify members with significant service years and acknowledge these members as ZI records are finalised.

A high priority for our committee is offering a range of support as required to our members through happy and sad life circumstances. Birthdays too, are always remembered.

As required, we conduct confidential exit interviews to gain feedback for gainful changes to club policies and procedures.

Growth and diversity of membership will be a continuing goal in the year ahead for our committee.

Liz Wason
Membership Chair





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Public Relations & Communications

In June 2017, there were some role changes in the Public Relations & Communications (PR&C) Committee. Hilda Malanczak stepped down as Chairman after four years and Irene O'Leary stepped up into the Chairman role. Hilda continues to manage and maintain the ZPNS website and Trybooking site while Jenny Gleeson agreed to take on the PR Secretary role from Irene. Unfortunately for our club, Jenny relocated to Bunbury and transferred to the Bunbury club in September.

Dawn Newman continues in her current role preparing our monthly club newsletter *The Zontapreneur*, creating flyers; updating the club handbook and member contacts; manages the stationery, banners, signage and certificates as well as being our club photographer. Linda Tinning continues in her current role as Program Coordinator until May when she steps up into the Club President role. Well done to Sue Pertile who stepped into the role as Program Coordinator.

We also lost two valuable Committee members during this period, Robbie Hayes-Hearse (on leave) and Laurel Coyle. Thank you for your hard work.

On 2 August 2017, our main event of the year, The Young Women In Public Affairs Award Presentation Dinner, was held at 'Ambrose Estate', Wembley Golf Club. The winner of the award went to Maddy Barrett from St Mary's Anglican School for Girls. The PR&C Committee had strongly promoted the event on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, local Community Newspapers and in *The Zontapreneur*. As a result, our event was featured in "Stepping Out" published on 8 August 2017 in the *Stirling Times Community Newspaper*.



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Butler schoolgirl finalist in Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs award

August 10th, 2017, 01:00AM | Written by Laura Pond | North Coast Times [View](#)



Extraordinary young women: Katrina Welch, from sponsors Kott Gunning, with Young Women in Public Affairs finalists Sarah Soen, Maddy Barrett and Alexandra Robinson.

IRENE McCormack Catholic College student Alexandra Robinson has been recognised for her community involvement.

The Year 12 student and head girl was a finalist for the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs 'Young Women in Public Affairs' award.

Alexandra coaches basketball and football, as well as playing soccer and football, with a passion to improve gender equity in Australia.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award Presentation Dinner was also published in the **North Coast Times** on 10 August 2017.



In September 2017, at the District 23 Conference held in Geelong, our club was the recipient of the best **Twitter Award**. Our Club President, Vicki Moir, proudly accepted the certificate.

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Community news



Nursing student Ellen Raven, third from left, receives her bursary from, from left, senior lecturer Dr Caroline Vafeas, Zonta club bursary coordinator Sue Pertile, and Professor Di Twigg, dean of the school of nursing and midwifery at ECU Joondalup.

\$1000 for student nurse Ellen

Ellen Raven, a second-year nursing student at Edith Cowan University, has received a \$1000 bursary from the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs.

The bursary is offered to a female nursing student who has completed the first year of study towards a bachelor of science (nursing) or a double degree in bachelor of science (nursing and midwifery).

Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professional empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Ambrose Estate, Wembley.

For more information, go to zonta.org.au or zontaperthns.org.au, or email secretary@zontaperthns.org.au

On 1 November 2017, our annual Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary was awarded to Ellen Raven, a nursing student at ECU. Our media release was published in **The Post Community Newspaper** on 18 November 2017.

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In January 2018, we created an **Instagram** account to increase our network, boost our online exposure and to attract younger members.



In April 2018, we created a promotional **marketing** video to encourage young women (aged 16-19) to submit applications to be in the running for \$1,000 to assist in tertiary education. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award Presentation Dinner, sponsored by **Kott Gunning Lawyers**, will be held on 5 September 2018.

Our monthly club newsletter, **The Zontapreneur**, is produced by our editor extraordinaire, Dawn Newman. Her exceptional work in reporting interesting stories and important news around the club helps to keep club members informed as well as to keep our followers, supporters and friends up-to-date.

Our club website is maintained by our Webmaster, Hilda Malanczak who continues to perform outstanding work in designing and keeping the contents up-to-date. Our website is an important public relations tool to keep everyone informed.

Our Program Coordinators, Sue Pertile and Linda Tinning continue to do a great job sourcing and organising interesting and inspiring speakers for our dinner meetings. Their joint efforts and contributions to the

committee and to our club are most appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Linda for her involvement in the PR&C as she steps up to the role of Club President in June.

With our busy schedules and with Dawn living outside the Perth CBD, we have been conducting our committee meetings via Voxeet, a VOIP web conferencing software app. It is easy to use; the connection is clear and is free of charge. We have downloaded the app on our computers and mobile devices and have successfully been using Voxeet since January 2018.

I am so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to lead the Public Relations & Communications Committee as Chair for the past 12 months. I am extremely grateful for the ongoing tremendous support and encouragement I receive from my committee and club members as I learn and develop into the role. It is very rewarding working with devoted and enthusiastic women in our club all working toward the same goals to empower women and girls locally and globally.

A special heartfelt thanks to Dawn Newman, Hilda Malanczak, Linda Tinning, Sue Pertile, Jenny Gleeson, Robbie Hayes-Hearse and Laurel Coyle.

Irene O'Leary

PR & Communications Chair



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Fundraising and Finance

Chair — Susan Taylor, Committee: Dagmar Barnes, Marion Brown, Connie Coltrona, Wendy Dowling, Merilyn Ide, Palma Phipps, Kath Snashall and Leanne Sultan.

As a fundraising committee we focused on working collaboratively with other committees in our club to come up with some ideas .

The fundraising events held in 2017-18 were:

- ♦ **Entertainment books** — April to June organized and promoted by Marion Brown.
- ♦ **Mystery Dinners** — members invited guests to their home for a meal they had prepared. The guests paid \$50 per person for the experience, organized by Palma Phipps and Jenny Gleeson. Thanks to the hostesses from our club for assisting and preparing food for their guests .
- ♦ **High Tea** — we had two this year, one at Wardrobe Fashion in Mt Lawley (Sue Taylor) and the other at Chapman's Clothing in Woodvale (Wendy Dowling), with promotion organized by the PR committee .
- ♦ **Champagne Tasting** — in November Champagne Tasting organized by Liz Wason and her husband, Champagne Master Steve Leslie. As a

first time event for our club, it was a huge success and was well patronized by members and friends. We hope we can do this again in 2018 .

Our committee is assisting the club's International Women's Day Breakfast by organizing the raffle prizes for the morning. Once again, **Wendy Dowling** and her husband, **Ross** have been busy sourcing some wonderful prizes.

In 2018 the **Entertainment books** will be up and running again and after almost 20 years Marion Brown has handed over the reins to Irene O'Leary who will be promoting and organizing this fundraiser. A **huge thanks** to **Marion** for making this such a successful fundraiser for our club, and thanks Irene for volunteering. I am sure this will continue to be a great fundraising success.

I would like to say 'thank you' to the committee and the members of Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs for their ongoing support and promotion of ideas and events. Looking forward to another great year and thanks again to all members for your support and commitment to raising funds .

Susan Taylor
Fundraising & Finance Chair



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MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT REPORT
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INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT

ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT

Balance as at 01/04/2017 \$5,819.33

Add: Total Income \$17,700.76

Less: Total Expenses \$16,271.20

Balance as at 31/03/2018 **\$7,248.89**

INCOME

YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET

Member Income:		
Nomination Fees	\$0.00	\$150.00
Member Fees	\$5,990.00	\$5,000.00
Dinner Meetings	\$11,570.20	\$15,000.00

Area Function Income:		
Area Workshop	\$40.55	\$0.00

District Founders Day Dinner		
Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00

Income Received for Service/Fundraising Projects		
Various	\$100.00	

TOTAL INCOME: \$17,700.76 \$20,150.00

EXPENSES

YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET
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Member Expenses:		
Nomination Fees	\$0.00	\$150.00
Member Fees	\$3,920.00	\$4,125.00
Dinner Meetings	\$11,368.95	\$12,000.00
Venue Hire	\$0.00	\$0.00

Area /District Function Expenses:		
Area Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00
Governor's Gift (Even years)	\$0.00	\$60.00
Founders Day Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00
Woman of Achievement	\$0.00	\$0.00

Committee Expenses:		
Programmes/Admin	\$233.25	\$200.00
P.R. & Communications	\$143.00	\$200.00

General Expenses:		
Bank Fees and Charges	\$0.00	\$5.00
Post Office Box Renewal	\$201.00	\$200.00
Refund Overpaid Member Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

Delegate Expenses		
International Convention	\$0.00	\$500.00
District Conference	\$250.00	\$200.00
(President donated to IWD)		

Transfer to Service/Fundraising		
Various	\$155.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$16,271.20 \$17,640.00

The Membership Account and Fundraising/Service Account Statement of
Receipts and Payments, being a Special Purpose Financial report of
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Audited by Graeme R Jennings BCom FCA Chartered Accountant

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INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT**ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT**

Balance as at 1st April 2017	\$14,794.11
Add: Total Income	\$22,253.99
Less: Total Expenses	\$20,389.70
Balance as at 31st March 2018	\$16,658.40

INCOME:

Year to Date Budget Income

Fundraising Events/Activities		
Amerlia Earhart Function	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mystery Dinner	\$1,650.00	\$1,500.00
YWIPA	\$5,805.33	\$3,000.00
Entertainment Books	\$1,188.00	\$1,000.00
High Tea-Fashion Parade	\$1,445.00	\$2,100.00
International Womens' Day Breakfast	\$4,670.50	\$4,000.00
Champagne Tasting	\$4,674.16	\$4,000.00
Club Merchandise		
	\$0.00	
Utility Bags	\$145.00	\$250.00
Number Plate Frames	\$0.00	\$100.00
Rose Cards	\$595.00	\$100.00
Other Income		
Donations	\$1,360.00	\$1,000.00
Donations - Breast Cushions	\$100.00	\$150.00
Donations - Birthing Kits	\$271.00	\$0.00
Cancelled Paella Evening	\$350.00	\$0.00
Contingency Funds		
	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$22,253.99	\$17,200.00

EXPENSES:

Year to Date Budget Expense

Fundraising Events/Activities		
Amerlia Earhart Function	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mystery Dinner	\$0.00	\$300.00
YWIPA	\$6,078.65	\$2,793.00
Entertainment Books	\$0.00	\$0.00
High Tea-Fashion Parade	\$0.00	\$100.00
International Womens' Day Breakfast	\$3,050.00	\$3,400.00
Champagne Tasting	\$1,668.83	\$1,500.00
Club Merchandise		
Zonta Say No Ribbons	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Expenses		
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency Funds	\$0.00	\$300.00
Cancelled Paella Evening	\$350.00	\$0.00
Rose Cards	\$618.20	\$600.00
Awards/Scholarships		
Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
JMK Women in Business Scholarship	\$247.50	\$500.00
Organisations Supported		
Zonta House	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Pat Giles Centre	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
District Projects		
Breast Cushion Workshops	\$376.52	\$400.00
Birthing Kit Foundation	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
International Commitments		
AE Fellowship Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
International Service Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
ZIS/VAW	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$20,389.70	\$18,693.00

The Membership Account and Fundraising/Service Account Statement of Receipts and Payments, being a Special Purpose Financial report of Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc. for the year ended 31st March 2018 Audited by Graeme R Jennings BCom FCA Chartered Accountant



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Program

The aim of the program is to have a diverse number of speakers from a variety of interest areas in keeping, as much as it is possible, with monthly themes. Members are also very proactive in forwarding to the Program Coordinator very welcomed suggestions for possible speakers. The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs values the importance of interesting speakers not only to add interest for the club members, but also as a means to attract potential members to the club.

Each speaker receives information about Zonta. The budget is up to \$25 for a gift depending on the gender and age of the speaker e.g. flowers, pot plant, toiletries, wine etc. Also as part of the cost is the transfer cost for a Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs' utility bag and the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Yellow Rose cards, as it is always good for the speaker to have a specific Zonta memento as part of the *thank you* gift.

A variety of members are invited before the meeting to introduce the speaker and also at the end of the presentation to *thank* the speaker on behalf of the club. At all times, after the presentations, the Program Coordinator sends a thank you letter to the speaker.

The Program Coordinator works closely

with Membership, Web Coordinator, Public Relations and Communications' committees in the promotion of the speakers. *Special thanks to Irene O'Leary and Hilda Malanczak* for the consistently good work that they both do in organizing the data projector and screen equipment if they are required by the speakers. Also *special thanks to Dawn Newman and Irene O'Leary* for their great work coordinating the publicity for the speakers.

This is my final report as the Program Coordinator as I will be taking on the position of Club President in June 2018. Since 2009, I have enjoyed very much the role as Program Coordinator. I have found that when potential people are approached to speak at club meetings that the speakers have always been responsive to the request of being a speaker at meetings.

At the start of 2017 Sue Pertile joined with Linda Tinning to coordinate speakers as Linda transitions out of the role by June 2018 and for Sue to become the Program Coordinator. It has been my pleasure to work with Sue and the PR Committee in my role of Program Coordinator.

Linda Tinning
Program Coordinator



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Monthly theme and speaker

Meeting/Theme	Speaker
Apr 5, 2017 <i>Women in Entertainment</i>	Kerry Ella Macauley, Actress, Singer and Entertainer <i>"Final Act or Not?"</i> Introduction: Robbie Hayes-Hearse Thanks: Sue Taylor
May 3, 2017 <i>Women in Administration</i>	Tillie Prowse, CEO The Patricia Giles Centre <i>"Creating a commercially-minded organization with a focus on client relationships"</i> Introduction: Linda Tinning Thanks: June Fowler
Jun 7, 2017 <i>Changeover Dinner and Club's 36th Birthday</i>	Caroline Heeris, Lecturer Meerilinga Training College <i>"Do you believe in fairies?"</i> Introduction: Sue Pertile Thanks: Alison Martin
Jul 5, 2017 <i>International Peace and Empowerment</i>	Carol Bahemia, Managing Solicitor, Women's Law Centre <i>"Safe as Houses"</i> Introduction: Sue Pertile Thanks: Jean Wyder
Aug 2, 2017 <i>Service Committee</i>	Three Young Women in Public Affairs Award finalists speak on the topic: "The woman who inspires me the most"
Sept 6, 2017 <i>Youth in the World</i>	Rosemary Donovan, Marr Mooditj <i>"Training for a better future"</i> Introduction: Sue Pertile Thanks: Marion Brown
Oct 4, 2017 <i>Status of Women United Nations</i>	Debbie Mason, SOS <i>"SOS: Making a house a home after crisis"</i> Introduction: Dawn Newman Thanks: Linda Tinning
Nov 1, 2017 <i>Lucy Bohan Award/Elimination of violence against women</i>	Short presentation by former Lucy Bohan awardees <i>"Where I am now"</i>
Dec 6, 2017 <i>Christmas Function</i>	No speaker required
Feb 7, 2018 <i>Planning Meeting</i>	No speaker required
Mar 1, 2018 <i>International Women's Day / Zonta Rose</i>	Irene Stainton, Manager Aboriginal Affairs, Inpex <i>"A cultural exchange with Irene Stainton"</i> Introduction: Linda Tinning Thanks: Susanne Vaughan



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Service and Advocacy

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Club members were once again assigned to personally contact the schools and to encourage applications. This also gave the opportunity to promote Zonta. Our Panel interviewed five outstanding students and three were invited to attend our Gala Dinner held at Ambrose Estate on 2 August. The function was attended by parents, friends, principals, Year 12 Coordinators, Zontians from other clubs, previous YWPA winners, politicians and councillors and important members of the community. It was very pleasing to have two nominees from the previous year also come to support last year's winner as well as our 2015 winner of the Jane M Klausman Award. Senior Associate Katrina Welch and Marketing Manager Tanya Kay, represented **Kott Gunning Lawyers**, our **Gold Sponsors**. Our MC was again Dr Demelza Ireland a recipient of this award in 1996. The previous year's winner, Paige May gave an update on her progress

at University. All three students gave inspiring speeches and were worthy applicants and it was difficult for the interview panel to select the winner. Katrina Welch from Kott Gunning Lawyers announced the worthy winner, Maddy Barrett from St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, Karrinyup.

It was very pleasing to see our 1993 YWPA winner, Tammy Solonec inducted into the WA Womens' Hall of Fame this year for her work as a Human Rights Lawyer.

Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award

As this is a biennial award there was no nominee this year, but congratulations must go to Nonie Browner, last year's club nominee as she received a very well deserved OAM in the 2018 Australia Day Honours in January.



Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Unfortunately there was no fundraising event this year.

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Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary

Ellen Raven from Bunbury was this year's recipient. Ellen is interested in working in mental health, is a 2nd year student and a single Mum of two young sons — aged 2 and 4 and hopes to be a positive role model for them. She plans to spend the \$1,000 Bursary on books and childcare. Our coordinator, Sue Pertile, as well as organizing and interviewing applicants in conjunction with ECU, invited past winners from 2008 to 2016 to our November meeting to update us on their careers. Four were able to attend and spoke very well about their journeys thus far. Dr Caroline Vafeas, Senior Lecturer School of Nursing & Midwifery at Edith Cowan University Joondalup, gave summaries of three others, which was most informative and our new awardee was inspired and now has a network of new friends.



Zonta House Refuge

With Jenny Gleeson's transfer to the Zonta Club of Bunbury, our club is no longer represented on the refuge Board.

Through the work of CEO Kelda Oppermann and the Board, there is now a facility, separate from the crisis centre, where women can access the large number of outreach programs offered through Positive Pathways including sessions on self esteem and self confidence, building resilience, keeping safe, assertive communication, finance skills, women's wellness, what is trauma, TAFE and job readiness workshops and parenting.

Many of our club members attended the official opening of the new Lois Goodram Centre in Willetton on March 1 and met the very generous namesake of the building. It is an outstanding outcome after much work. We congratulate you all.

Our annual Christmas gift wrapping was again well supported by our members and much appreciated. We had much pleasure in presenting our annual cheque to Kelda at our Christmas dinner.

Members continue to offer donations of goods as requested as we maintain a close connection with Kelda and her team.

The Patricia Giles Centre

Regular contact with CEO Tillie Prowse has ensured that our relationship with The Patricia Giles Centre is flourishing. President Vicki and Vice President Linda have also met with the Partnership Manager, Rod Sweett to share ideas. The organization's new Social Enterprise initiative has inspired



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our members. The generous donation made by the Dempsey family will provide the opportunity for a woman from The Patricia Giles Centre to participate in the program and commence her journey to financial independence.

Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre Inc

Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs supported Ishar for many years. After a productive meeting with CEO Mrs Andrea Creado, President Vicki and Vice President Linda will be presenting to the Board recommendations for a new level of support for 2019-2020.

Breast Cushion Project

Many thanks again to our coordinator, **Kath Snashall** who has organized six sewing workshops this year with Zontians as well as her friend's craft group and members from Inner Wheel, making a total of 186 cushions. They were all forwarded to Elaine Newman the Breast Cushion Coordinator for our Area 3 for distribution to hospitals.



Congratulations to Margaret Bird, D23 Breast Cushion Coordinator, who received an OAM in the Australia Day Honours in January.

Birthing Kits

A big **thank you** to **Hilda Malanczak** for coordinating the previous assembly days held at Churchlands Senior High School, but as she has now retired from this position therefore the venue is no longer viable. Fortunately we are pleased to announce a new club coordinator of this project, Connie Coltrona, who is already planning our next event to be held in May.



Congratulations to Julie Monis-Ivett, District 23 Birthing Kit Coordinator who received an OAM in the 2018 Australia Day Honours in January.

Jean Wyder

Service and Advocacy Chair



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