

A word from your President



"There are two seasons in Scotland—June and Winter!" Billy Connolly

The winter months can bring grey skies and gloom, but not for us! June brought us an exciting new member in **Tjipo Malaba** who will share her life

journey with us at the July meeting. Tjipo will join the Visibility Committee (PR) and I will be her mentor.

We also have two lively new Board members—**Dr Lesley Andrews**, Vice-President, and **Jan McNaught** who has stepped up as a Director. Their terms will run from July 2023 to June 2024. I'm really looking forward to working with them and the whole team (see below). **"A big welcome to another year of building a better world for women and girls!"**

"Gillian's Gift" has allowed us to help five young mothers this year who are really struggling to commit to their six-week practicums, an essential part of their Nursing Degree. I had the privilege of playing Santa which was such a joy, but also brought tears to my eyes when they cried with relief to hear the news they were recipients of this 'gift'. They all expressed their grateful thanks and disbelief that someone would be so generous and kind.

Some of these women have endured so much through domestic violence and the constant struggle to just exist! Why is life so hard? When our lives are so comfortable—perhaps never perfect—it can be easy to forget the struggles of others, or to blame them for their woes.

On another topic, our Board will be discussing how we can, as a Club or Area, work to advocate for Federal and State Government to address the issue of young children being exposed to violent, aggressive, pornography on their 'phones. We will discuss this at our July meeting following which we hope to form an advocacy group. This is about human rights for the safety of children!

It was lovely to welcome members of the Edith Cowan University **'Women in Business'** group, which they thoroughly enjoyed, at our June meeting. Once again, **Linda** does a wonderful job of keeping our relationship with ECU vibrant and relevant. However, the students were very disturbed to hear how exposed our children are to online pornography.

Onto a happier note. **Registration for the D23 Conference in Bunbury** is now open. If you haven't booked, members are encouraged to please do so as it will not only be educational, but also lots of fun.

A big "thank-you" to Letitia for always remembering to acknowledge our quiet achievers! We have so many Zonta members who go about their 'jobs' on a daily, monthly and yearly basis. **THANK YOU!!!** [A successful club requires teamwork, and we certainly have the best!](#)

Our **Service & Advocacy Committee** has been busy this month interviewing applicants for the **Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA)**. However, much work was carried out earlier in the year contacting the many schools in order to reach this final selection stage.

The **Award Presentation Dinner**, being held at the **Lake Karrinyup Country Club** on 9 August, is perhaps the highlight of our calendar year. We look forward to welcoming 100+ guests so make sure you book early on this link—

<https://events.humanitix.com/ywpa-and-jmk-awards-2023-presentation-dinner>

This night is a great opportunity to invite your husband, partner, family and friends to what has always been a most inspiring evening when we showcase some of our awesome young women!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our July meeting.

Love and affection.

Sue Pertile

Members can rest assured we will be in good hands for the next year, thanks to the Nominating Committee, with this mix of new and experienced Zontians.



Sue Pertile
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Member since 2022



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Member since 2013



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Director
Member since 2017

Acknowledging our Quiet Achievers

One of **Zonta International's Goals** this biennium is to **Celebrate Ourselves** by promoting the **'Spirit of ZONTA'**.



Our **Membership Committee** is certainly making sure they foster a positive Club

environment and membership experience by giving, from time to time, recognition to our quiet achievers.

Our meeting room this month was adorned with the most gorgeous floral arrangements (courtesy of **Clementine Flowers**). So who were those deserving members this month? Well, here they are—

* **'Cushion Queen' Kath.**

As I write this, Kath has a sewing morning underway. Not only does she arrange these every couple of months, but she sources all the materials, always keeping an eye open for those Spotlight specials! As well, she pre-sews the shells to facilitate a quicker finishing off.

* **'Kit Queen' Connie**

A lot of preparation is entailed in arranging a Birthing Kit assembly day. There's the promotion, hiring a venue, ordering the materials from South Australia, two days of preparation, coordinating everything and everyone on the day and the morning tea of course, to keep the 'workers' happy!

* **IT Guru Irene**

The whizz kid in our Club! What Irene doesn't know about IT isn't worth knowing! She sets up all of our videos, PowerPoints and meeting slides, maintains our website and keeps the social media platforms current. She also mentors we dinosaurs!

* **Area Cushion Distributor Elaine**

Having converted her guest bedroom into a cushion store, Elaine collects and distributes breast cushions to all the major metro hospitals and cancer support groups as well as to a few country hospitals. She also meets with some of her past Swan Hills members who finish shells made by others.



Welcome to New Member Tjipo

Last meeting we were thrilled to welcome new member **Tjipo Malaba** to our team. We met Tjipo last November at the Domestic Violence Memorial Day march. We introduced ourselves and



invited her to join us—see pic below. From our conversation, it was obvious she wanted to help women. What Zonta was doing impressed her and the rest is history!

Tjipo was born into a loving family in Zimbabwe. Her father worked in business and was a self-supporting Methodist Minister. She grew up with three brothers and one sister.

Tjipo's working career commenced as a Personal Assistant/Executive Secretary but after eleven years, decided to study mental health nursing which she undertook at the University of Brighton in the UK. In May 2002 she completed her nursing studies and progressed to Team Leader status.

In April 2009 her itchy feet took her to northern NSW. After a time she became a Nurse Unit Manager in Sydney. But wishing to spread her wings further, another opportunity and more experiences arose from 2018-2020 as a FIFO Mental Health Nurse on Nauru.

Following this contract, Tjipo returned to Australia and Perth working at Head-space as a Mental Health Clinician from April 2021 to February 2022. After this she joined the Perth Children's Hospital as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Tjipo has a passion to make a difference to the lives of women from all

walks of life and couldn't wait to become a member of Zonta so she could follow her passion with a group of friendly and like-minded women.

With her professional background, outgoing, fun and caring disposition, we know Tjipo will make an outstanding Zontian. We can't wait to learn more about her when she steps up as our guest speaker next month.

Again, a very warm welcome, Tjipo, to the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs. We look forward to working with you to **Build a Better World for Women and Girls**.



ECU Women in Business JMK Link

It was a pleasure to have members of Edith Cowan University's **Women in Business Club Leadership Team** as guests at our 42nd Birthday Dinner on 7 June. Vice-President, Alex Allen, gave a

annual Networking Event.

Linda is extremely pleased to be our Club's liaison for this group as the young women, whom she has the pleasure to meet, are admirable in balancing



L-R: Marina Sarkoski (2020 D23 Awardee), Linda Tinning (D23 JMK Scholarship Coordinator), Sue Pertile (President ZC PNS), Alex Allen (Vice-President ECU WiB), Tina Mihailova (ECU WiB Director Industry Relations), Jacqui Fletcher (President ECU WiB) and inset Suneha Amin (Treasurer ECUWiB)

very informative presentation about the Club's 2023 goals and outlined their calendar of events. Our Zonta Club has been a sponsor of ECU WiB since its inception in 2017 and has supported its

study, work and family commitments.

The ECU WiB Club have also been great supporters of Zonta's **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholar-**

ship promoting it through all of its student networks.

Since 2018 four Area 3 and District 23 winners have come from the ECU WiB Club. It is all about supporting women and our future business leaders. The **Area 3 winner** will be announced and presented with a certificate and \$1,500 at the **Young Women in Public Affairs Award** dinner which our Club is hosting on 9 August.

We can thank **Jane M. Klausman**, a business woman, member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York USA, and the 1990-1995 Zonta International Parliamentarian for leaving a bequest to fund this scholarship.

Zonta International established the scholarship in 1998 to encourage undergraduate women to enter careers and seek leadership positions in business. Since inception 713 scholarships, totalling more than US\$1.8 million, to 559 women representing 70 countries, have been awarded.



JMK 2014 Awardee in the News

Did you happen to see **Lori-Ann Shibish** on Channel 2 News recently? She's the person who rescued some NZ penguins who'd washed up on our beaches near Esperance! Alison alerted me to the fact that L-A was the Club's 2014 **Area 3 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Awardee**! Here's an extract from the 'Zontapreneur' at that time—

'L-A, as she likes to be known, is a vibrant exciting young woman who knows where she's going. She is nearing the completion of her studies in Tourism Management and said she was the first member of her extended family to go beyond high school!

"I chose a research topic that is near to my heart as I am passionate about parks and protected areas having been brought up on a farm and close to nature." **She added—**

"My business aspirations lie in entrepreneurship and advocacy. Our society is struggling with big issues at the moment: access to clean drinking water, CO² emissions, obesity and other health issues from a sedentary lifestyle, children with attention and other disorders, loss of flora and fauna, mental

health problems and socio-economic issues."

L-A believes she knows of a magic cure that would address all of these issues!



"It is our parks and protected areas that hold the future for a healthy society. Aboriginal people have known for tens of thousands of years that there is nothing more important than Caring

for Country. Could you be persuaded to invest in something that would help alleviate these global issues?"

In thanking Zonta, L-A said she was honoured to receive the Award which had made it possible for her to attend the World Parks Congress to present to an international audience and network with world leaders in the business of parks and protected areas.'

Interestingly, **Ross Dowling** (Wendy's husband) was L-A's supervisor while undertaking her Masters of Tourism Management at ECU so we have yet another connection with this university! L-A now works in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

It's always amazing to find out where some of our awardees end up and to think that Zonta has had a hand in their career aspirations. Perhaps we could invite L-A to speak at one of our forums sometime in the future now that the environment is on Zonta's agenda!

Well done L-A. Those penguins certainly found the right place to land!

Alison has circulated the latest Newsletter which contains everything you need to know about the Conference. Early bird registration is by Friday 21 July! After that all registration closes on 15 August.



Conference Newsletter #3: June 2023 – Registration Issue

ZONTA DISTRICT 23 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

If you're thinking about attending, now is the time to take advantage of the Early Bird price. Check with your Club colleagues to share transport and/or accommodation. Also, husbands/partners are welcome to join in the social activities.

Registration Link: <https://events.humanitix.com/zonta-district-23-conference>

OTHER EVENTS AND REMINDERS

This looks like fun! Want to set up a table with Jenny Gleeson-Sharpe to raise funds for all those grandparents who are looking after grandchildren? They need all the help they can get!

Dinner Meeting—5 July to hear our latest member speak—*Tjipo Malaba—Peace & Empowerment—My Journey*

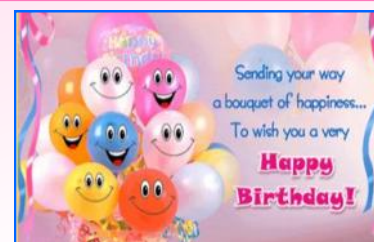
Bookings are open until the end of this week via this link—<https://events.humanitix.com/zcpns-july-2023-meeting>.

Bookings now open for our—

Young Women in Public Affairs Award & Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Presentation Dinner

Details via this link— <https://events.humanitix.com/ywpa-and-jmk-awards-2023-presentation-dinner>.

Jill (9th), Connie (11th), Rosemary (15th) and Letitia (24th), wherever you are today, we send you warm and happy greetings for your special days in July!



Speaking of grandmothers, and we have a few in our Club. Here's one little boy's explanation—

"A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own and so she loves boys and girls of other people. Grandmothers have nothing to do! They only have to be there. If they take you for a walk, they go slowly past lovely leaves and caterpillars and things. They never say 'come quickly' or 'hurry up for goodness sake'. They never mind reading the same story over and over again. Grandmothers are the only people who have time. Everyone should have a grandmother. They are really young—only they have grown old on the outside!" Here's to all the 'nans' everywhere!



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Come One! Come All!

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