

A word from your President



Dear friends!

Because of my recurring health issue, **Vice-President Wendy** will be acting in my role for the time being. I hope to continue my term as President to 31 May 2026, but only time will tell. Needless to say, I shall look forward to my return in due course. In the meantime, I know the Club is in good hands and our business will continue as planned. Thank you all for your understanding and good wishes for my recovery.

Lesley

For the last couple of months our Club has been frantically busy so it will be some relief when Easter arrives. As is customary, we have a long break between the end of November and February but we certainly made up the 'slack' at the beginning of February when we kicked off with our Planning Meeting and involvement in two major events.

Past President **Sue Pertilé** lead the discussion which covered many topics such as—

- * *The future of 'Gillian's Gift' after 2025 which program assists female students struggling to complete their nursing studies.*
- * *Consideration to helping more females who may need assistance in other fields of study.*
- * *Degree of support for Zonta House refuge.*
- * *More emphasis on seeking sponsorships for our programs and projects.*
- * *Requirement for a new Club Birthing Kit Coordinator.*
- * *Types of fundraising ideas and reflection on their outcomes.*
- * *Consideration of monthly meeting venues.*
- * *Continuation of our monthly fellowship events.*
- * *Thoughts around having an 'Orange Room' in one of our Perth hospitals.*

Obviously more discussion will result from these topics as we set our goals for the next biennium.

One of the two special events was the **Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award** held on 20 February. This resulted in a huge success and was fully reported on in the *January/February 'Zontapreneur'*.

The beginning of March was especially hectic with a dinner meeting on 5th and our **International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day Breakfast** on 7th. Our guest speaker in March was **Julie Smith**, mother of last year's Lucy Bohan Bursary awardee, Jessy Joy Scattini. Julie was an inspiration relating how she had overcome adversity during her life and survived! She is now a very happy and settled person with a close-knit family for support.

The March highlight was of course our breakfast when former **CEO of the Western Australian Cricket Association, Christina Matthews AM**, spoke about her life as a cricketer and leader. She certainly captured and entertained the 90 attendees, so much so that there was a lengthy Q&A and many requests for a photograph with Chris. See more later in this newsletter.

As members will be aware, the **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business (JMK) Scholarship** has been retired and the new **Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award (ZWBLA)** has been established. Applications for 2025 have now opened and all the relevant documentation is available on the [Zonta International website](https://www.zonta.org/womeninbusinessleadership). Applications need to be lodged through a Zonta Club.

Our member, **Linda Tinning**, is the **D23 Coordinator of this Award** having carried out this role for the former JMK Scholarship. This new award is far more reaching in its endeavours to capture and give opportunities to women aged 18-35 who demonstrate evidence of the following—

- **Entrepreneurial spirit.**
- **Ethical conduct.**

2025

ZONTA WOMEN IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Encouraging women to drive innovation and impact in the business world

1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Area 3 Club award AU\$1,500 10 international awards US\$10,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: [zonta.org/womeninbusinessleadership](https://www.zonta.org/womeninbusinessleadership).

CLUB DEADLINE:

Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc
1 July 2025

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Linda Tinning, Area 3 Coordinator
ltinning@bigpond.net.au

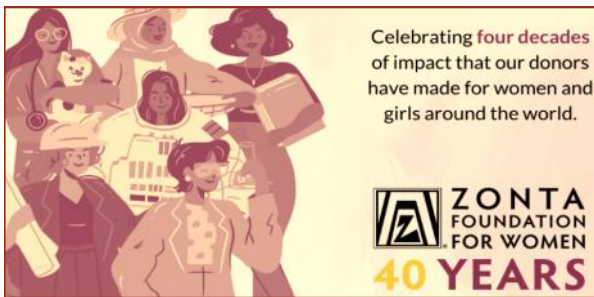
The Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working to build a better world for women and girls.

- **Exceptional leadership in a business-related field of study or industry.**
- **Significant contributions to addressing global or local issues affecting women and girls or climate justice.**

Clubs in WA will contribute towards \$1500 to be presented to the Area 3 winner at a dinner on 4 August. Her application will be forwarded to the D23 Judging Panel who will then select a final District winner for inclusion in Zonta International's judging and announcement in December of the ten US\$10,000 awardees.

Members are asked to look out for prospective candidates. Enquiries should be directed to Linda in the first instance.

ZI Foundation for Women News



It's been 40 years since the Zonta International Foundation (now the **Zonta Foundation for Women**) was officially incorporated. The idea was mooted at the 1985 International Convention in Sydney, which, for the interest of our members, was attended by **Pam Brand**, our Club's third President at the time.

Since then, more than 90 international service projects and education programs, focusing on building a better world for women and girls, have been supported through the generosity of donors.

The Foundation has been on the front lines, supporting critical work and programs to promote and protect women's and girls' rights across educational institutions, workplaces, and local communities around the globe. But there is still work to be done!

Members around the globe are being asked to consider what Zonta means to them and to make a special gift on this anniversary in honour of all that has been accomplished and all that still needs to be done. The Foundation's goal is to reach US\$2,000,000! If you

would like to help you can donate by clicking on this [link](#).

At the recent **Commission on the Status of Women** meeting in New York, ZI was discouraged to learn of the United States' recent denouncement of the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs), particularly the vital commitment to gender equality. The SDGs, which have been endorsed by virtually every nation on Earth, serve as a comprehensive global framework for inclusive development, human dignity, and the promise of a better future for all.

In his opening remarks, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said—

"The poison of patriarchy is back, and it's back with a vengeance. But there is an antidote, and the antidote is action."

The US's withdrawal from its commitment to the SDGs risks reversing decades of hard-won progress and betrays the collective effort to build a more just and peaceful world. In a time when international solidarity and collective action are more critical than ever, this withdrawal threatens to weaken the global momentum needed to confront shared challenges.

Having returned from New York, our **International President, Salla Tuominen** said she felt revitalized and focused on our mission. This was founded by the unwavering grit and courage of advocates who envisioned a world where women's rights are human rights, and every woman and girl deserved the opportunity to fulfil her potential. This dream remains alive today.

While global current events may have dimmed that reality, Zonta's fight, our fight, is not over. We remain steadfast in our mission to build a better world for women and girls and call for the reaffirmed commitment to the SDGs.

However, it is possible that funding to some of our partners and therefore our projects could be in jeopardy because of recent actions by the United States.

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Over the years the Zonta Foundation for Women has funded vital programs that have expanded access to education for women across the globe. One of these is the **Amelia Earhart Fellowship** which supports women pursuing advanced degrees in aerospace engineering and related fields. Here's the story of one of those recipients—

After almost a decade of working in the business world, **Dr Lindy Elkins-Tanton** received two Amelia Earhart Fellowships to fund her research and returned to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for her PhD in geology. Receiving the fellowship marked a turning point in her career, providing her with the financial support needed to pursue her dreams along with a global network of mentors in aerospace.

Today, Dr Elkins-Tanton is a remarkable planetary scientist on NASA's Psyche mission, Vice-President of Interplanetary Initiative at Arizona State University and co-founder of Beagle Learning. She is only the second woman to lead a

NASA mission to a major solar system body.

The impact of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship extends far beyond individual stories. By investing in women like Dr Elkins-Tanton, we are shaping a more inclusive future in our workforces and encouraging young girls to pursue their passions.



Globally, women make up around 25 percent of the workforce in the aerospace industry. In an effort to assist women to have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, these Fellowships were offered.

They were established in 1938 in honour of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US\$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women pursuing PhD/doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. It may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.

Our Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies and even Secretary of the US Air Force!

Since inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,764 Fellowships, totalling more than US\$11.9 million, to 1,335 women from 79 countries. Amazing!

IWD/Zonta Rose Day

As an inspiring leader and someone whose contributions resonate deeply with the values of Zonta International, what better person to have than **Christina Matthews AM** as our International Women's Day / Zonta Rose Day Guest Speaker.

Chris certainly attracted 90 attendees to this annual breakfast event. She spoke with passion and humour about her journey, from playing cricket in the streets of Melbourne with the boys when a kid, to her twelve-year tenure as **CEO of the Western Australian Cricket Association**.

As with Zonta, Chris was always mindful of fostering diversity and inclusiveness, particularly for women and girls. She oversaw a number of transformative changes while at the WACA one of which has allowed very young girls to experience the game. She has been an outstanding role model working in a male-dominated industry, although that is changing somewhat now. Perhaps if she'd been a lot younger she would have qualified for one of Zonta's new **Women in Business Leadership Awards**!



In 2024 Chris received her **Member of the Order of Australia** for services to cricket and women and was inducted into the **Australian Cricket Hall of Fame** receiving that award at the MCG earlier this year on the opening day of the 90th Anniversary of women's Test cricket. These are just some of the recognitions she has received over her cricketing journey.

It was a great relief to **Jillian** (looking very happy below), who stepped into the breach to coordinate this event. As a reasonably new member, our hats go off to her for bravely taking this on! She need not have worried as it was a resounding success, particularly since we made a little profit which will go towards our programs to build a better world for women and girls.



L-R: Dawn Gleeson (Director of Marketing and Sales, Joondalup Resort), City of Stirling Councillors Teresa Olow and Tony Krsticevic, Christina Matthews AM, City of Wanneroo Councillor Natalie Herridge and Deputy Mayor James Rowe, and City of Stirling Councillor Carlo Perkov



Vice-President Wendy Dowling AM and husband Ross AM



Third from left Janene Martin, then Linda Tinning and Glenda Cooper (in white) with other Mums whose kids all went to the Carine Primary School!

None of these events happen without our fabulous supporters some of whom are shown above. As well, the silent auction items were all donated. **Chris** and her **Fundraising Committee** always do a great job of displaying auction items. All in all we had a fun and inspiring morning with so many of our friends!

Thank you to everyone for supporting yet another of our special International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day events.



ZI President rings the bell in honour of gender equality!

What a thrill it must have been for our ZI President **Salla Tuominen** to ring the bell to open the Nasdaq and therefore Helsinki's Stock Market trading day in honour of gender equality and International Women's Day on 8 March! She said—

"If only we could start every day like today — full of excitement for equality and dedication to accelerate our actions and mission to build a better world for women and girls!"

"While we cannot maintain the same level of cheers and smiles every day, we can hold true to the values and Zonta Spirit that drive us to bring about change and opportunities for women and girls."

International Women's Day is a special day to highlight Zonta's aim to achieve gender equality. We must speak up and advocate for women in decision-making positions by making room for them and ensuring their voices are heard.

And we must tell the countless stories of the impact of Zonta's commitments and activities around the globe, specifically through our relationships with the United Nations and Council of Europe during our proud history.

"Even though anti-gender initiatives and counter-movements continue, now is not the time to sit back and wait for change. As Zontians, we are the change!"



Women's Hall of Fame



WA Women's Hall of Fame event at Government House.

As usual it was a pleasure to see the acknowledgement of 16 WA Women in the categories of Arts, Business, Community, Culture, Education, Health, Sport and Stem, and hear their inspirational stories. Also four past women were acknowledged in the Roll of Honour.

On 6 March **Wendy, Linda** and **Alison** (shown above with City of Stirling Councillor **Elizabeth Re**), represented our Club at the 15th Anniversary of the

event at Government House.

Congratulations Fiona Reid Chairperson (WA WHoF) and her Committee for the another very successful event.

The WA Women's Hall of Fame was first established in 2011 in recognition of the Centenary of International Women's Day held annually on 8th March. One hundred women were inducted at the centenary, across a range of sectors and celebrating a diverse set of achievements. It's purpose is to recognise and celebrate the achievements of Western Australian women past, present and future.

Use this [link](#) for information about the inductees.

Kayelene Kerr's Kids' Questions



and ...



Remember the public forum we held last year in conjunction with **Kayelene Kerr**?

eSafeKids strives to reduce and prevent harm through proactive prevention education, supporting and inspiring parents, carers, educators and other professionals to talk with children and young people about protective behaviours, body safety, online safety, digital wellbeing and pornography. eSafeKids is endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a [Trusted eSafety Provider](#).

Kayelene has recently announced a new book to add to her resources. It is directed at 8-12 year olds who might ask "Where do babies come from?"

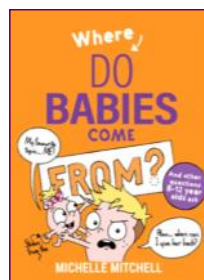
Where Do Babies Come From?

is a treasure trove of accessible information and unforgettable comics. It empowers "twens" with accurate, age-appropriate answers in a world overflowing with misinformation. It's the resource every curious mind, and parent, will appreciate.

Tweens are curious learners who think concretely. This book breaks down complex topics, anchors them in values, and prioritises a child's safety

every step of the way. There's even a little bit about body safety and online safety too! Packed with comics and humour, this book will engage even the most reluctant readers. It's designed to spark meaningful conversations to be treasured forever.

Click on the book to order.



Once **Sue Pertile** returns from gallivanting around the world we may consider holding further forums in other metropolitan areas. In the meantime, Kayelene continues providing consultancy services and resources for those wanting to keep kids safe. More on her website [here](#).

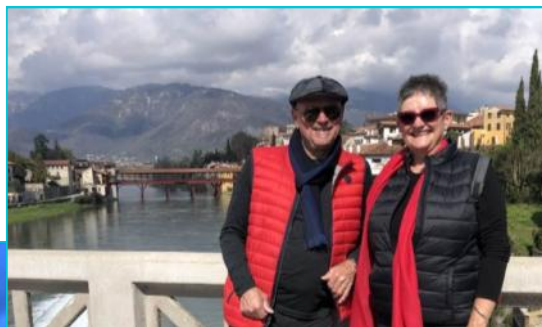
Around the Club



We are happy to see **Marion** and **Palma** back from leave of absence but they are currently sailing and having a lot of fun around the Kimberley with hubbies and friends. Here they are cooling off at King Cascades in the Prince Regent River although on board away from those beady eyed crocs!

A day or so later they were forced to take shelter from Cyclone Dianne in Sampson Inlet near Kuri Bay after lots of wind and rain the night before. All part of the experience at times in the north of our State.

On the other hand, **Sue** and **John Pertilé** after Sue's very busy two years as President and moving house, decided on a much further odyssey to parts of Scandinavia and Europe.



Irene and **Tony** however, skipped off to Africa. Here's Irene's summary of their Unforgettable Adventure—

"Our two-week journey through Africa was nothing short of spectacular, taking us from the vibrant city of Cape Town to the untamed wilderness of Kruger National Park, the breathtaking Victoria Falls, and the wildlife haven of Chobe National Park in Botswana.

In Cape Town, we explored the city's highlights, rode the Table Mountain cable car, and took a scenic drive along the Cape Peninsula, visiting Clifton,

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Camps Bay, Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak Drive, Cape Point, and Boulders Beach, home to African penguins.

At Kruger National Park, we embarked on thrilling game drives and spotted the Big Five—lions, leopards, elephants, and rhinos, buffalo along with zebras,

giraffes, hippos, and diverse birdlife.

Victoria Falls was a spectacular highlight, where we stayed near the falls, walked through the rainforest, took a breathtaking helicopter flight over the cascading waters, and enjoyed a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, spotting wildlife along the way.



Our adventure ended with a full-day safari in Chobe National Park, where we once again saw incredible wildlife, including the Big Five. A river cruise along the Chobe River offered a unique perspective, with elephants, hippos, and crocodiles gathering along the banks.

This journey was an unforgettable experience filled with stunning landscapes, incredible wildlife encounters, and cherished memories."

Our members have agreed to assist families at the North Balga Primary School who are doing it tough with supplies of household goods. Every



family will automatically be placed in the draw on a monthly cycle to win one of these hampers. A Facebook post has confirmed that the first of these was won by a very happy Kobie.



Needless to say, we have been thanked for our generosity.

more over...



More from around the Club



L-R: Lois, Linda, Sonia and Marian

Thank you Ross Dowling for organising the voucher—it was truly appreciated by myself and my sisters."

I'm sure Ross would have been involved in providing some of the other items as well. So, again, thank you Ross.

Someone else who was very happy was **Linda** who picked up the **Captain Cruise Swan River Lunch** for four at our IWD silent auction!

Linda chose to use the voucher to take her two sisters **Sonia** and **Marian** and her sister-in-law **Lois** to celebrate her sister Sonia's birthday. They had a great day on Saturday 29th. As she said—

"The sun was shining, the river looked beautiful, the buffet was delicious, the staff were great, Sparkling Wine was chilled, friendly environment, lots of laughter and good conversation."

A reminder to all Committee Chairs that **Kaye** requires your **Annual Report by 21 April** at the latest please so she can assemble these in her usual very professional manner in time for the AGM on 7 May.

After some time away from the Club, **Tjipo** has made the decision to become an International Member so that she can stay connected to Zonta without having to commit to regular meetings. She hopes to return one day when her life stabilises, but in the meantime, Irene and I will keep in touch on a regular basis.

The District Nominating Committee is calling for nominations for Leaders for the 2026-2028 Biennium. They are



seeking passionate and qualified leaders to step forward and take on key District roles. These leadership positions offer a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact, develop new skills, and help guide our District toward a stronger future.

A Slate will be prepared for presentation at the D23 Conference in Devonport for the following positions—

Governor, District Treasurer,
Lt Governor, Area Directors,
Vice-Area 2 Director, and
Five nominations for the Nominating Committee

Letitia emailed further information to us on 10 March. If you feel like considering a nomination, check this out or talk to one of your own PNS members who has previously taken up a District role!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 24 May 2025

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EXCLUSIVE AFTERNOON WITH **MASTER OF CHAMPAGNE, STEVE LESLIE**, TASTING AND LEARNING THE FINER POINTS ABOUT THIS CENTURIES OLD AND EVER POPULAR FRENCH ELIXIR!

Where: Castellorizon House
164 Anzac Road, Mt Hawthorn

Tickets: \$75

Time: 2.00 - 4.30 pm

Watch out for further details and the Booking link closer to the date!



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VALE

Patricia Helen Stapledon

We were saddened to learn that Lucy Bohan's sister Pat, who has kept in touch with our Club for a number of years in relation to the **Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary**, passed away suddenly on 7 February. She turned 90 this year. I attended the funeral along with Anette and many of Pat's friends as she was an avid golfer at Karrinyup and a keen bridge player. She always said how proud she was of Lucy and thrilled that our Club had kept Lucy's legacy alive.

12 Things to Always Remember!

1. The past can't be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Judgements are not about you.
5. Over-thinking will lead to sadness.
6. Happiness is found within.
7. Your thoughts affect your mood.
8. Smiles are contagious.
9. Kindness is free.
10. It's okay to let go and move on.
11. What goes around comes around.
12. Things always get better with time.

I thought readers might like this little verse to reflect on and to finish off the newsletter. I hope you enjoyed it.



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