



ZONTA
CLUB OF
PERTH NORTHERN
SUBURBS INC

BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

44th Annual Report
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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President	Dr Lesley Andrew
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Programme	Wendy Dowling AM
Service & Advocacy	Jean Wyder
Greater Visibility	Irene O'Leary
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Area 3 Representative	Dr Lesley Andrew
Nominating Committee ...	Linda Tinning, Rosemary Donovan, Jean Wyder

Awards and Scholarships



Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award
Awardee 2025
Allura Predovnik (Duncraig Senior High School)

Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary
Awardee 2024
Jessy Scattini



Area 3 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business
Scholarship Awardee
Norbu Sonam Lhaden

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Acting President's Report

Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs inducted a new Board and President and in June 2024 Dr Lesley Andrew took over the helm and has been a very enthusiastic, energetic, fun-loving role model to us all. Unfortunately, she has had to step away from her President's role for the time being but as a Club we stand behind her and wish her a complete recovery. As Vice President, I have therefore assumed the role of Acting President to give Lesley the time and space to heal.

Dawn Newman was awarded an OAM recently for her services to Zonta International and cricket. She joined our Club in 1985 and since then has held a number of Club, Area 3, District 23 and international roles within the organisation. At our April meeting, Dawn regaled us with her cricket and Zonta stories in a presentation titled "**Scoring Runs for Zonta**". As a club we are so proud of Dawn's huge contribution to both cricket and Zonta.

In May we were thrilled to have as our guest speaker, **Emeritus Professor Elizabeth Rakoczy** whom recently had been inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame. Elizabeth spoke to us as a Science Trailblazer – **Bench to Bedside** being her theme for the evening. As Professor of Molecular Ophthalmology, she is a highly respected scientist having written hundreds of papers and worked with many organisations. Elizabeth's current role is mentoring young scientists.

At our Changeover dinner meeting in June, the Club celebrated its 43rd year of Zonta service and in late June, very proud that 16, half of our membership, travelled to Brisbane to attend Zonta International's 66th Convention and for the five "first timers" it was an amazing experience and all were blown away by the sheer enormity and atmosphere of the event. A wonderful experience to share with 1700 Zontians from all over the world and to learn more about the work of Zonta International.

In July, Simran Vyas, our Club's 2019 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee, was back in Perth from her studies in Sydney and spoke to us of her journey since her Award in 2019. Her presentation was titled "**Paws and Possibilities; My Path to becoming a Veterinarian**". Simran was born

in India into an amazing family when it was the norm to celebrate the birth of boys. However, her entire family celebrated her arrival. They created for her a foundation of love for everyone, courage to not fit the stereotypical ideals of society, and gave her their support. It is always inspirational to follow the career paths of these amazing young women and we are grateful to members like Sue Pertilé who keep in touch with "her girls" on a regular basis.

August 8 saw our Club celebrate its Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Tribute Dinner at the Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club. This event was attended by many Zontians and guests with the guests of honour being past Young Women in Public Affairs Awardees namely, Dr Demelza Ireland, Dr Ditta Teng, Karri Lee Coles, Paige May, Maddy Barrett and Charlotte Easden with Demelza again delighting us with her charm as she led the panel discussion.

Several of our members attended the 40th Anniversary of the Zonta House Refuge Association and since the refuge began operation our Club has been involved in providing many donations, both monetary and in goods and assisting with the annual Christmas gift wrapping day. Special thanks must go to Letitia (aka Mrs Feelgood) for her liaison with the refuge and regular visits to drop off boot loads of goodies.

Our fellow Zontian, Carole Theobald from Perth Club, was our guest speaker on 4 September presenting the "Disastrous Preparedness" Workshop which was one of the workshops on offer at the Brisbane Convention and a timely reminder that disasters can come at any time and in many different forms.

September saw us again holding two very successful birthing kit assembly days and completing over 1000 kits that were distributed to Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Nigeria. A very special thanks to Connie Coltrona for again coordinating the birthing kit project. Our first Recipe book was also launched in September and our wonderful member, Shanaz Lambat hosted a High Tea fundraiser at Lavendar Bistro & Boutique in the Swan Valley – a perfect spring day in the Valley which raised much needed funds for our Club.

October 3 our Club hosted a fashion parade courtesy of [lisie](#) at Sorrento Tennis Club and our thanks go to our member Chris Tapley for arranging this venue for us. It was a great fundraiser for our Club with over 80 ladies enjoying a wonderful evening.

November 4 saw our initial [YouthGuard](#) workshop held in Maylands with presenters Kayelene Kerr and Daniel Principe sharing valuable information to parents during the two-hour session. The content was extensive and provided excellent tools for the parents, grandparents, carers and school teachers who attended. A big thanks to Sue Pertilé for her initiative in forming YouthGuard with a group of members from our Club and it is exciting to see our Government taking action to protect our vulnerable children from the harms of social media. The Club hopes to host many more of these workshops around Perth.

November 6 was our Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary evening and our very deserving Awardee was Jessie Joy Scattini, a very busy mother to seven children, whom was overjoyed to receive this bursary sponsored once again by [Ramsay Health Care](#). We also welcomed new member Anne O'Shannon into the fold and her enthusiasm and eagerness to be involved in the Club is infectious.

During the 16 Days of Activism, 25 November to 10 December, many Club members on 25 November attended the silent march in the City of Perth, listening to harrowing stories of domestic violence victims and honouring those who had been killed during the year.

A special thank you to Letitia and Ambrose Depiazzi for hosting members at our wonderful annual Christmas Party and to the Board for providing the delicious food. Many donations were given to Zonta House Refuge at this event and several members helped wrap Christmas gifts on Wednesday, 18 December – always a rewarding activity.

We started 2025 with our annual planning meeting dinner on 5 February after a well-earned break from all things Zonta and we came back with

renewed vigour and enthusiasm. February 20 saw us hold our inaugural Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award - a rebadging of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

At our 5 March dinner meeting, Julie Smith was our speaker, the mother of our Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary recipient for 2024, Jessie Joy Scattini. Julie's story of escaping domestic violence and her journey to healing and happiness was raw and inspirational.

March 7 saw our annual International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day breakfast – the highlight being our guest speaker, Christina Matthews AM regaling us with her stories of her life as an Australian cricketer and leader. She captured and entertained the 90 attendees with a lengthy Q & A session and many lining up for photographs with this amazing woman who certainly broke through the glass ceiling in a male dominating profession.

All-in-all our Club has had a very successful year with all members contributing their time and skills whenever they can. We have a wonderful Board and I am grateful for their support and to all our members and supporters a huge thank you for all you do to make the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs the fabulous, warm and caring club it is. I look forward to continuing my service as we work towards building a better world for women and girls.



Wendy Dowling AM
Acting President
2025-2026

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee has been very busy this year supporting our worthy projects. Although there were many events during the year, they were fun, interesting and varied.

The committee was delighted to gain Chris Findlay from another committee. Chris has been a great asset to the ideas and enthusiasm of the group.

We could not have achieved our goals if it was not for the devotion and dedication of our amazing committee members—Connie, Leanne, Jan, Chris, Kath, Ruth, Dagmar, Palma, Sue and Shanaz.

The following are the 2024-25 fundraising events and the profit amount:

1. Joke Night	\$2,186.00
2. High Tea	\$1,517.00
3. Fashion Parade	\$1,908.30
4. Entertainment Books	\$14.00
5. Merchandise	\$1,219.00
6. Dinner Raffle	\$400.00
7. Hawaiian Grant	\$2,500.00
8. Recipe Books	\$331.00
9. Recycling	\$126.80
10. International Women's Day	<u>\$2,523.64</u>

Total amount: \$12,725.74



Although this is an outstanding amount, we fell short of the Club's committed amount of \$18,000 for the allotted projects.

Despite the incredible efforts of the team, it is obvious that the workload is enormous.

The campaign to approach companies for sponsorship is an important one. Club members are encouraged to reach out to their network of people to seek sponsorship for our worthy projects.

I am very honoured to work with these amazing ladies to improve the lives of women and girls who are struggling in their lives.



Chris Tapley
 Chair, Fundraising Committee



Membership

Committee: Marion Brown, Letitia Depiazzi, Wendy Dowling AM, June Fowler, Elaine Newman, Liz Wason, Kaye Metaxas (Chair).

Committee meetings were held in 2024 on May 29, July 31, Sept 25, Oct 30 and in 2025 on Feb 26, Apr 16.

During the reporting year, Club membership began with 33, increased by one with a welcome and induction of new member Anne O'Shannon. However, membership reduced by one as sadly Tjipo Malaba advised of decision to resign to devote time to pursue another career path and well-being and expressed desire to remain connected with Zonta via her International membership.

Below is an attendance overview of our monthly dinner meetings. Leave of Absence and Apology were for extended travels, a caring responsibility or health issues.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>LOA</u>	<u>Apology</u>
2024 May	23	9	5	5
June	22	6	5	6
July	18	6	5	10
Sept	21	2	5	7
Oct	24	5	4	5
Nov	22	7	5	6
2025 Feb	25	N/A	2	7
Mar	25	2	2	7
Apr	23	1	2	9

Member birthday From June last year, we ceased sending a birthday card to members and replaced with a **Happy Birthday** message to mobile so member receives on the day.

Humanitix booking site is set up for monthly dinner meetings and special events. Apart from purchase of ticket and raffle option, introduced **"Add on sales"** for members and guests alike, the opportunity to purchase Merchandise items at time of booking ticket – this initiative has been successful.

Membership coordinate and receive wonderful cooperation from Greater Visibility who design flyer to promote monthly dinner meetings and special events on our Humanitix website.

After meetings, Membership routinely forward to Greater Visibility guest names and email addresses to add to PNS Supporters list. We also coordinate with Fundraising and Club Treasurer by providing list of raffle ticket purchasers.

When Humanitix final payout statement of sales (tickets, merchandise and raffle) is received, this also forwarded to Club Treasurer.

There is ongoing liaison with Venue function managers for our dinner meetings and other events. As of 7-May AGM/Dinner meeting, Greenwood have obliged with an additional meal option to make it five on our Zonta menu.

Apart from being on this committee, we have members who assist in **coordinator** roles: Elaine, regularly arranges distribution of Area 3 Breast Cushions when and where required; Letitia organises, collects and delivers car load of donated items to Zonta House; recently Liz arranged a collection of household goods for distribution to disadvantaged Mums and children; and Wendy organises all the guest speakers.

Partnered Florist

We sincerely thank and appreciate the generosity of **Anita** at **Life Less Ordinary** in Wembley, who supplies potted succulent gifts and bouquets according to our specific requirements.

In conclusion, a **sincere thank-you** to a dedicated team whose experience, input, support and friendship is greatly appreciated.



Kaye Metaxas
 Chair, Membership Committee

Annual Financial Report

The Club's financials for the

GENERAL ACCOUNT

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025
INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT

and

SERVICE/FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025
INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORT

Auditor Report



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH NORTHERN SUBURBS INC.

I have audited the Fundraising/Service Account and Membership 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 2025.

Committee Member's Responsibility for the Financial Report
The Committee Members of Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the Special Purpose Financial Report.

Auditor's Responsibility
My responsibility is to express an opinion on the Special Purpose Financial Report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements, and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Special Purpose Financial Report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the association's preparation of the statement that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal controls. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence
In conducting my Audit I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Opinion
In my opinion, the Special Purpose Financial Report fairly reflects, in all material aspects, the financial performance for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Inherent Uncertainty regarding the Completeness of Donations and Subscriptions
Without qualification to the opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to the following matter :-

As is common for associations of this type, it is not practicable for Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund-raising activities until their entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to these income items was limited to amounts recorded.

Basis of Accounting
The Special Purpose Financial Report has been prepared to assist the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (WA). As a result, the Special Purpose Financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.


GRAEME R JENNINGS BCom FCA
Chartered Accountant

Date: 4/6/2025

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Audited Accounts

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES For the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

	YEAR TO DATE		
	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS
			YTD
Membership			
New Member Nomination Fees	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Annual Member Fees	\$6,700.00	\$5,712.11	\$987.89
Dinner Meetings	\$6,272.75	\$6,155.00	\$117.75
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,405.00	\$0.00	\$1,405.00
Area -District			
Area Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
District Board/Governor Gifts	\$0.00	\$97.80	-\$97.80
Committee Expenses			
Speaker/Guests	\$0.00	\$543.99	-\$543.99
Membership (New Badges etc)	\$0.00	\$77.00	-\$77.00
Public Relations & Communications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Secretarial & Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Bank Fees and Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Post Office Box Renewal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subscriptions/Purchases	\$0.00	\$70.99	-\$70.99
YouthGuard		\$297.00	-\$297.00
Account Transfers	\$3,751.25	\$5,131.26	-\$1,380.01
Delegate Expenses			
International Convention	\$0.00	\$1,044.85	-\$1,044.85
District Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$18,229.00	\$19,130.00	-\$901.00

Opening Balance 1st April 2024	\$6,612.14	
Add Income	\$24,358.87	
Less Expenses	-\$26,496.50	
Cash Book Balance	\$4,474.51	
Balance as per Bank Statement	\$4,474.51	28/03/2025

SERVICE/FUNDRAISING STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES For The Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

	YEAR TO DATE			BUDGET
	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS YTD	
Fundraising Events/Activities				
Entertainment Books	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$98.00	\$100.00
Tea and Fashion	\$5,703.00	\$2,191.22	\$3,511.78	\$3,000.00
Champagne Tasting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WVD Breakfast (2024)	\$6,193.64	\$380.00	\$5,813.64	\$2,000.00
Amelia Earhart	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Quiz Night/Joke Night	\$2,979.05	\$0.00	\$2,979.05	\$3,500.00
Founders Day Function	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	
Conference Sale Table		\$59.89	-\$59.89	
YWIL Function	\$7,778.26	\$6,426.24	\$1,352.02	\$1,000.00
Club Merchandise				
Utility Bags	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$515.00	\$100.00
Personal Alarms	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$60.00
Car Stickers	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$0.00
Rose Gift Cards	\$293.00	\$402.93	-\$109.93	\$100.00
Rose Pins	\$520.00		\$520.00	\$200.00
Recipe Books	\$1,860.00	\$1,529.00	\$331.00	
Miscellaneous Income & Expenses				
Dinner Meeting Raffle	\$865.00	\$0.00	\$865.00	\$1,000.00
Recycling	\$325.70	\$0.00	\$325.70	\$400.00
D23 Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ZI Foundation for Women		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
YouthGuard		\$443.65	-\$443.65	\$0.00
Other than donations	\$19.19	\$69.19	-\$50.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$27,438.84	\$12,502.12	\$14,936.72	\$11,660.00
PAYMENT OF CLUB PROPOSED COMMITMENTS				Proposed Payments
District Projects				
Birthing Kits	\$8,994.62	\$8,201.04	\$793.58	
Breast Cushions	\$860.00	\$746.58	\$113.42	\$200.00
Area 3 Projects				
Area 3 Breast Cushion Fund	\$290.00	\$514.00	-\$224.00	\$200.00
Woman Of Achievement	\$0.00	\$630.00	-\$630.00	\$0.00
Area 3 Workshop		\$1,521.00	-\$1,521.00	
Scholarships				
Young Women in Leadership	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	-\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00
Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jane M Klausman	\$1,276.92	\$1,655.00	-\$378.08	\$250.00
Gillian Cuss For Nursing	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	-\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Organisations Supported			\$0.00	
Zonta House Refuge	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
ECU Women in Business	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Trauma Sensitive Yoga	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
International Projects -				
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Endowment Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
International Service fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
General Endowment Fund for Women	\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$17,921.54	\$28,317.62	-\$10,396.08	\$14,450.00
TOTAL	\$45,360.38	\$40,819.74	\$4,540.64	

Opening Bank Balance	\$ 21,435.72	
Add Income	\$45,360.38	
Less Expenses	\$40,819.74	
Cash Book Balance	\$25,976.36	
Balance as per Bank Statement	\$25,976.36	28/03/2025

Programme

The aim of the programme is to have a diverse number of speakers from a variety of interest areas, in keeping, as much as possible, with monthly themes.

Members are also very proactive in forwarding to the Programme Coordinator very welcomed suggestions for possible speakers.

The club values the importance of interesting speakers not only to add interest for 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 age and gender of the speaker e.g. flowers, pot plant, wine etc. They also receive a specific Zonta memento such as our Perth Northern Suburbs utility bag and rose cards.

A variety of members are invited before the meeting to introduce the speaker and also at end of the presentation to thank the speaker on behalf of the club.

At all times, after the presentation the Programme Coordinator sends a thank you letter to the speaker.

The Programme Coordinator works closely with the committees of Membership, Greater Visibility Committee and the Web Coordinator.

I would like to say "thank you" to **Irene O'Leary** for organising the data projector and screen equipment. Also, a "big thank you" to both **Dawn Newman** and **Irene O'Leary** for coordinating the publicity for the speakers.



Wendy Dowling AM
 Programme Coordinator

2024-25 Meeting/Theme	Speaker
Apr 3 Women in Administration	Dawn Newman OAM – "Scoring Runs for Zonta"
May 1 AGM, General Meeting and A Science Trailblazer	Emeritus Professor Elizabeth Rakoczy
Jun 5 Change Over Dinner and 43rd Birthday celebration	No speaker
Jul 3 Peace & Empowerment	Simran Vyas - 2019 YWPA Awardee
Aug 8 Young Women in Public Affairs Tribute Dinner	Past Awardees
Sep 4 Disaster Preparedness Workshop	Carole Theobald
Oct 2 Status of Women/United Nations	Mel Thomas BA, LLB, LLM – "Global Indigenous Histories and Contemporary Rights Struggles"
Nov 6 Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary	Awardee – Jessy Joy Scattini
Dec 4 Christmas function	No speaker
Feb 5 Planning meeting	No speaker
Mar 8 An inspirational woman	Julie Smith – "Surviving adversity"

Greater Visibility

The Greater Visibility Committee proudly amplified its presence and impact within our local community and beyond. We strengthened our voice through strategic communication, expanded partnerships, and increased public engagement — ensuring that Zonta's mission and advocacy were both seen and heard.

Media/News Releases

From 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, the Greater Visibility Committee (Committee) published three media/news releases, which are listed below and available on our [website](#):

1. 7 August 2024: Birthing Kits Save Lives;
2. 12 September 2024: Kits Save Lives; and
3. 24 February 2025: Re-badged Zonta Award Goes to Duncraig Student.

The Post Newspaper featured two articles about our Birthing Kit Assembly Day held on 7 September 2024 sponsored by EEO Specialists to assemble 1,000 kits.

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COMMUNITYnews

From Floreat to the mothers of the world

A few hours of your time on Saturday September 7 can make an enormous difference to the health of women and babies around the world.

The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs invites members of the public to help assemble 1000 clean birthing kits for the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia).

A foundation spokeswoman said that each year more than 300,000 women, mostly in developing countries, died from preventable pregnancy or child-birth-related complications.

Each birthing kit cost less than a cup of coffee but provided essential resources to help reduce infection and fatalities among women and babies.

The kits will be assembled from 8.30am at All Saints Uniting Church, 50 Berkeley Crescent, Floreat. Morning tea will be provided.

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) provides kits and education in clean birthing practices to women giving birth at home in remote parts of the developing world.

For more information visit www.bkfa.org.au.

Zonta International works to improve the lives of women and girls, and members have raised money to buy the kits, composed of eco-friendly items.

Sign up for the kit assembly morning at “events.humanitix.com/birthing-kit-assembly-day-7-sept-2024”.



Help assemble birthing kits for women in developing countries.

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COMMUNITYnews

Mums kitted out for a better birth

More than 1000 birthing kits assembled in Floreat are about to be sent to mothers around the world.

The kits were put together by an army of 40 volunteers who gathered at the All Saints Uniting Church.

The event was organised by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs, and the kits will be sent by the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia to women in remote regions around the world, to help them give birth in a healthier environment.

The kits are environmentally friendly and contain soap, a plastic sheet, gloves, gauze, cord ties and a sterile blade.

The plastic bag and sheets are treated with an organic compound and are biodegradable in microbe-rich environments such as landfill.

Each costs less than the price of a cup of coffee in Australia.

For more about the Birthing Kit Foundation go to www.bkfa.org.au.



Volunteers in Floreat helping mums around the world.

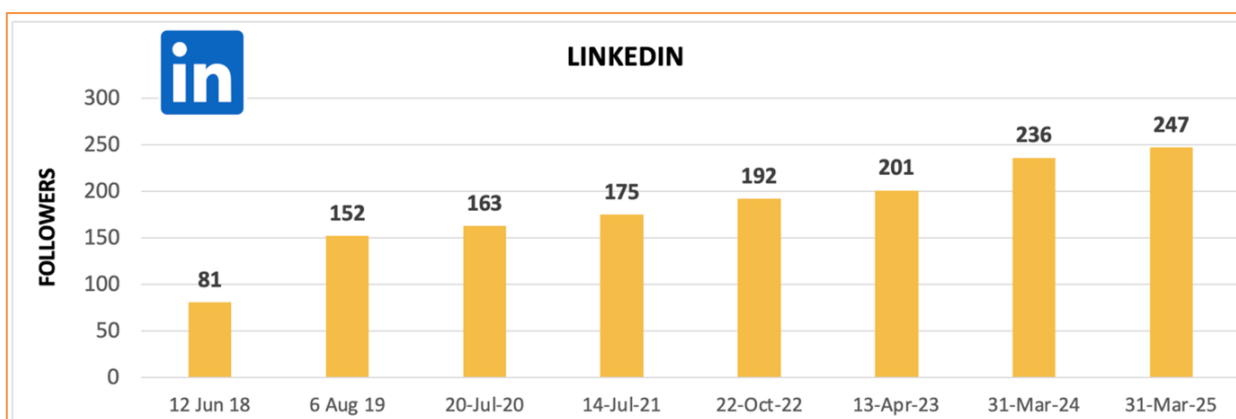
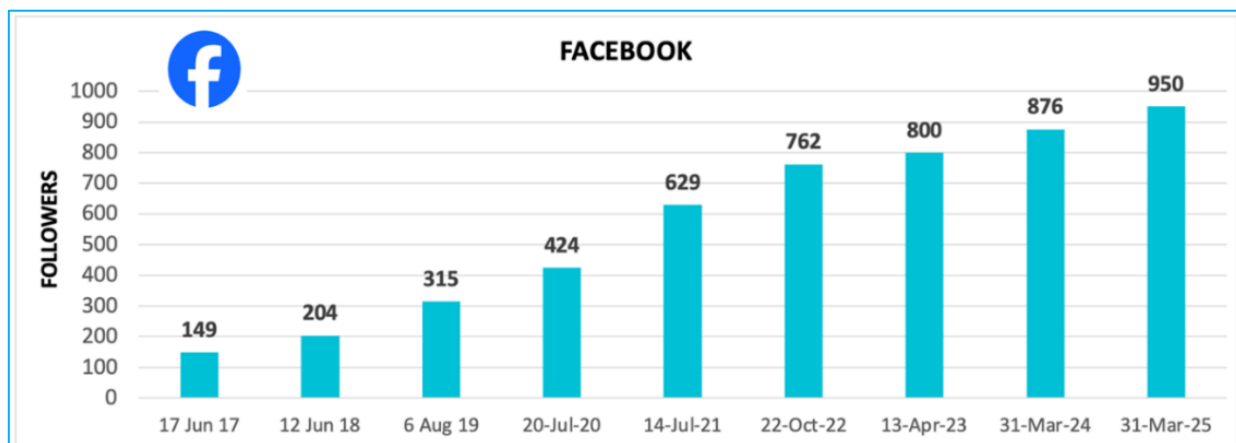
The Zontapreneur

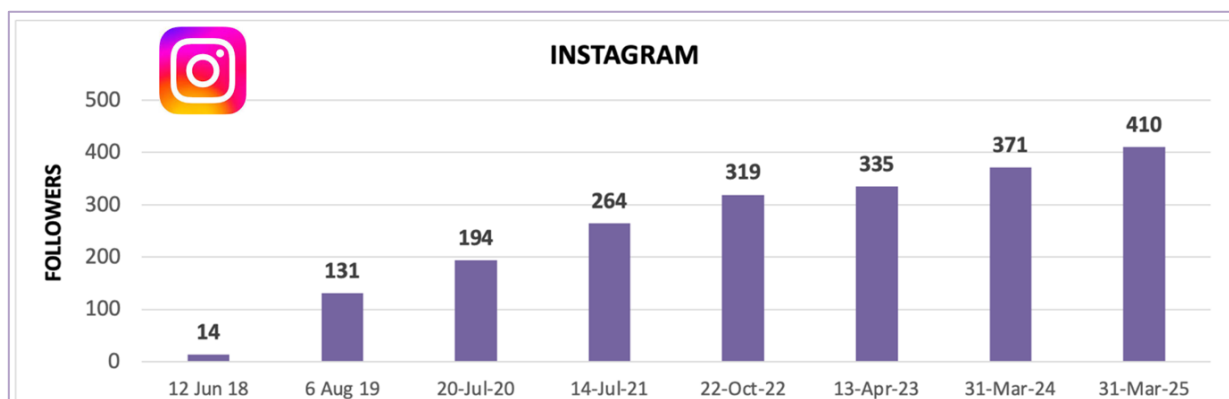
Our Newsletter Editor, Dawn Newman, worked tirelessly to research and source valuable information for The Zontapreneur, publishing eight editions listed below, all of which are available on our [website](#):

1. April 2024: Volume 19, Issue 13;
2. May/June 2024: Volume 19, Issue 14;
3. July 2024: Volume 20, Issue 1;
4. August 2024 Volume 20, Issue 2;
5. September/October 2024: Volume 20, Issue 3;
6. November/December 2024: Volume 20, Issue 4;
7. January/February 2025; Volume 20, Issue 5; and
8. March 2025: Volume 20, Issue 6

Social Media

In 2024/25, we strengthened our connection with followers and supporters while significantly growing our social media presence. Compared to the previous year, our follower count increased by 108% on Facebook, 111% on Instagram, and 105% on LinkedIn, reflecting our expanding reach and engagement, as shown in the charts below. We have discontinued using "X" as we found it was not effectively serving our needs.





The above data demonstrates the success of our communications strategy in delivering engaging and relevant content that resonates positively with social media users.

Events

Most of our event flyers are now created using Canva, which offers hundreds of templates and ensures a professional appearance. These can be found on our [website](#).

In 2024/25, our committee actively promoted 10 diverse club events across multiple channels, both online and offline. These efforts created valuable opportunities to engage with our local community, attract potential members, and secure support to fund our club's projects and programs.

At every event, our committee ensures that attendees have access to promotional materials to take home. A special thank you to Nola for organising some of the essential printing—your support is greatly appreciated!

	EVENTS	DATE
1.	Joke Night Fundraising Event	12 April 2024
2.	Birthing Kit Assembly Day	3 August 2024
3.	Young Women in Public Affairs Award Tribute Dinner	8 August 2024
4.	Birthing Kit Assembly Day	7 September 2024
5.	Spring High Tea Fundraising Event	15 September 2024
6.	Summer Collection Fashion Parade Fundraising Event	3 October 2024
7.	Parenting in a Digital World Workshop presented by Kayelene Kerr and Daniel Principe	4 November 2024
8.	Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary Award Presentation Dinner	6 November 2024
9.	Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award	20 February 2025
10.	International Women's Day Breakfast & Zonta Rose Day with guest speaker Christina Matthews AM	7 March 2025

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Linda Tinning, District 23 Area 3 Coordinator and a member of the Greater Visibility Committee, successfully managed and promoted the 2024 Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. For more information, refer to the Service & Advocacy report on page 5.

ZI Share Your Story

- [Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc Honours Scholarship Recipients at Tribute Dinner](#) – 18 September 2024 - Our club hosted a tribute dinner honouring past Young Women in Public Affairs Award recipients, highlighting their careers and Zonta's commitment to empowering young women.
- [2024 Zonta Says NO Recap](#) - 14 December 2024 - Our club participated in the March Against Domestic and Family Violence on 25 November 2024 in Perth, held during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Our club photo appeared 25 seconds into Zonta International's Share Your Story segment in its 2024 Zonta Says NO Recap [YouTube](#) video.

Committee Meetings

Our committee held five meetings (dates listed below) for the period 1 April to 31 March 2025 to advance our club and committee goals.

1. 15 April 2024
2. 2 September 2024
3. 30 October 2024
4. 20 January 2025
5. 7 April 2025

We also replaced two of our club banners—Zonta Says Now and Zonta Says No with the graphics designed by Phillipa Jacobs-Lory from Zonta District 16 in New Zealand.

Thank You to My Team

A heartfelt thank you to my team—Nola Hackman, Dawn Newman OAM and Linda Tinning—for your unwavering support. Despite the loss of three committee members, we pulled together and filled the gaps, ensuring our work continued seamlessly. Your dedication and commitment have been instrumental in our success, and I am truly grateful for your efforts. Let us continue to cherish the camaraderie and collaboration that define our team. Your support means the world to me, and I'm honoured to work alongside such incredible teammates.



Irene O'Leary
Chair, Greater Visibility Committee

Archiving & Inventory

Archiving is a continual process of many updated documents being uploaded during the year.

The **Inventory** list of various items and equipment held by office bearers and/or committees is yet to be circulated for updates. As soon as this is achieved, a copy of the updated Inventory shall be forwarded to Club Board.

Kaye Metaxas
Archivist

Service and Advocacy

All the Committee members work as a team fulfilling the Zonta mission of building a better world for women and girls.

Awards

Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award

After 32 years of presenting the Young Women in Public Affairs Award, the name of the award has been changed to the Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award (ZYWLA), so we thought it a fitting time to change our timeline from August to late February to fit in with District deadlines.

Our inaugural ZYWLA presentation dinner was held in the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on 20 February 2025. We were very fortunate to have Brant Tapley, Chris Tapley's son, from JT Metallurgical Services as our Gold Sponsor as well as a Silver Sponsor, Bespoke Wills & Estates Pty Ltd, represented by Emily Nixon. These valued contributions offset the cost of the venue, the dinners for the finalists and a parent, the previous year's winner, the emcee and other expenses. We thank our event sponsors for making this event possible.

The Judging Panel selected two YWLA finalists - Claudia Gao from Churchlands Senior High School and Allura Predovnik, from Duncraig Senior High School. Both spoke passionately about the *"woman who has inspired them the most"*. The audience enjoyed hearing about two inspirational women as well as meeting these young leaders who exemplify the true essence of Zonta, and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours. Allura was selected for the \$1000 Award and she has now been put forward for the District/International Level judging. Claudia received a \$250 Gift Card. Our 2023 awardee Amalea Halls, also inspired us with an update of her amazing activities and achievements since receiving the Award. Our Emcee was again Dr Demelza Ireland, the 1996 recipient of this award, who once more did a magnificent job of making the finalists feel comfortable and acknowledging their achievements.

The event was attended by the finalists' parents, their friends, teachers; Zonta International, 'Zonta Says NOW' Working Group Chair, Carole Theobald; District 23 Area 3 Director, Kimberley Robbins; Past District 23 Governor, Alison Martin;

District 23 Women in Business Leadership Award Coordinator, Linda Tinning; District 23 Greater Visibility Chair, Irene O'Leary; Area 3 Breast Cushion Coordinator, Elaine Newman.

Also in attendance were The Honourable Ayor Makur Chuot MLC, North Metropolitan Region; The Honourable Lorna Harper MLC, East Metropolitan Region; Deputy Mayor of City of Wanneroo James Rowe, and representing Mayor of City of Stirling, Councillor Teresa Olow.

We were also privileged to have past awardees, 1996 Dr Demelza Ireland, 2008 Dr Ditzza Teng, 2016 Paige May, 2023 Amalea Halls and 1990 Inaugural Youth Awardee Bradley Greenslade who has attended and supported every Award presentation over the past 34 years. The overall success is due to a whole-of-club team effort.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Area 3 and District 23 Coordinator, Linda Tinning

The Area 3 \$1,500 award was presented to Norbu Sonam Lhaden at our Founders' Day Luncheon on 9 November 2024. Norbu was one of four finalists for District 23 Award, representing clubs from Area 3, Area 5, Zonta Club of Bendigo and Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Inc.

Nicolette Chen, nominated by Area 5's Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent Inc., received the \$500 Area award. Her outstanding application was then selected to represent District 23 at the international level, where she was named one of 32 recipients of the Zonta International US\$5,000 award. The official District 23 announcement is available on District website.

This Award has now changed its name to The Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award which honours women who exhibit outstanding leadership, entrepreneurship, and ethical conduct while making meaningful contributions to their industries and addressing issues affecting women, girls, or climate justice. The scholarship has increased to an Area 3-level award, valued at AU\$1,500 and the successful District 23 applicant will be forwarded to Zonta International for consideration for an additional US\$10,000 International Award. Linda has kindly agreed to continue as the Area 3 and District 23 Coordinator of this exciting new award.

Area 3 Woman of Achievement - Jean Wyder

The Zonta Club of Peel hosted this year's Area 3 Founders Day Lunch on 10 November at the Sebel in Mandurah where the WA Clubs presented their Woman of Achievement. Fourteen of our members along with four husbands, joined in celebrating Zonta's 105th Anniversary. Our awardee this year was Brooke Canham, a young woman who has faced life's challenges with exceptional grit, determination and resilience. Born with Down Syndrome Brooke defied expectations and graduated with her peers, achieving her High School Certificate of Education. Brooke credits being actively involved with the Down Syndrome Association for the many opportunities that have shaped her life. She has contributed to creating educational videos and speaking on how people with DS want to be treated, particularly in medical settings. Now living independently, Brooke works with Inclusion Australia, advocating for people with disabilities and participates in a Reference Group. She travels for conferences, and participates in parasailing, standup paddle boarding and plays softball. One of her passions is ballroom dancing, competing in the All Abilities section with her partner James, and aspires to compete in the Special Olympics World Games one day. Brooke's story is one of perseverance, self-advocacy and community service, making her an inspiring role model for others. She chose the Para and Ability Dance WA for her \$500 gift to charity.

Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary - Sue Pertilé

This year's Lucy Bohan awardee of the \$2000 Bursary provided by **Ramsay Health Care** is Jessy Scattini. Jessy is working full time, a mother of seven children and is a survivor of domestic violence. Jessy hopes that by advancing her education she will set a positive example to her children, and this will encourage them to face life's challenges. To be in control of their own journey. Jessy would like to complete her Bachelor of Science so that she can continue to serve the healthcare field. Jessy is passionate about research and has a strong desire to improve healthcare policies and advocate for vulnerable populations.

We would like to thank our sponsor **Ramsay Health Care** CEO Steve Cohen-Jones who was unable to attend the Club presentation but Karen Cunliffe and Fiona Legg represented him. Another very successful year!

Gillian's Gift - Dawn Newman

During 2024 'Gillian's Gift' grants were presented to another five students, all of whom are single Mums experiencing financial and day-to-day hardships trying to study and look after their families.

From reports received from the ECU School of Nursing and Midwifery, Joondalup, many of these students would have discontinued their courses, especially during their six-week practicums when, without constant employment, their financial burden escalates. Each one has expressed her grateful thanks for this wonderful support.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is delighted with the program so far and looks forward to it continuing, as we are. Sufficient funds are available for another five grants during 2025; however, the need to source funding to enable the program to be maintained during 2026 and beyond, will be paramount.

WA Women's Hall of Fame - Alison Martin

Wendy Dowling, Linda Tinning and Alison Martin were present at Government House for the induction of the 16 inspiring women of whom we were all so proud. We did not nominate anyone this year.

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Breast Cushion Project - Kath Snashall

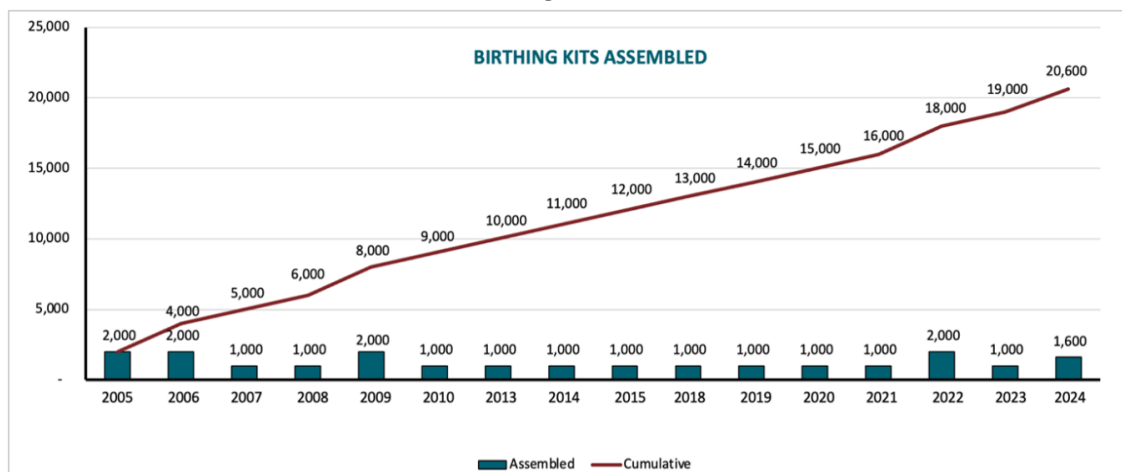
This year as there were many Zonta things happening so the craft group did the sewing of the cushions. We held three sewing days and made 94 cushions bringing our club's total to 2,522.

Birthing Kits Project - Connie Coltrona *Area 3 and Club Birthing Kit Coordinator*

The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs packed 1,600 Birthing Kits in 2024 with monies from generous donations.

- ❖ 600 kits were assembled at the Sorrento Tennis Club in August 2024 and grateful thanks to Chris Tapley and the Sorrento Tennis Club for the use of club facilities. Attendance from regular community members was much appreciated.
- ❖ 1000 kits assembled at the Floreat Uniting Church Hall in September 2024 with funds totally donated by Franca Sala Tenna and her team. The POST Newspaper advertised the upcoming assembly day resulting in community awareness and attendance on the day.

Since 2005 our Club has assembled 20,600 kits, a great achievement.



Zonta House Liaison – Letitia Depiazzi

We had a generally quiet year, with a mid-year winter collection of sleepwear, warm clothing and scarves/slippers. Comfort for the cold and lonely.

There was, as usual, a very good response to the Christmas collection of various gifts and vouchers, all being generously donated and collated before our Party night, to enable staff at Willetton to sort and allocate ready for wrapping and distribution.

Our members and friends see this as a very necessary project as it keeps us grounded in its very nature of helping so many struggling women and families. Again, I sincerely thank everyone who is willing to allocate time from their own Christmas preparations to think of, and be actively involved in, this show of compassion. It does have a personal and humbling effect as we reflect on the unfortunate plight represented by those bags of gifts we have helped wrap and prepare ready for delivery.

I do thank our members for their generous response for this project, and there is of course the financial aspect as our club includes Zonta House in its Annual distribution of funding. In

keeping with the over-riding theme at this time of the year may we continue to support this very serious cause bearing in mind 'there but for the grace of God' ... "Lest we Forget"

March Against Domestic and Family Violence

During the 16 Days of Activism, 25 November to 10 December, all Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take part in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and to take actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviours to end violence against women.

On Monday, 25 November many of our club members attended the 34th annual March Against Domestic and Family Violence in their bright orange T-shirts. They met in a huge marquee at Forrest Chase surrounded by trestles manned by various organisations.

There was a huge gathering of women and men from a range of domestic and family violence services, government, WA Police and members of many organisations and community members. There was a moving ceremony to honour victims and survivors of domestic and family violence and to say NO to

violence against women and children. A sense of frustration was felt by all as after all these years there seems to be more deaths and little change, one had occurred that very morning! The main speaker was incredibly moving, as her mother's best friend and 18-year-old daughter were murdered by her father searching for her and her mother, and she had warned the police several times apparently to no avail. The group walked through the city, stunned into silence and demonstrating a shared determination to drive change.

Trauma Sensitive Yoga Course - Leanne Sultan

Once again, our club provided funds to Phoenix Support and Advocacy Service for the Trauma Sensitive Yoga Program with the aim of supporting current and former clients suffering from complex trauma. These courses were held in April and May 2024. The post evaluation provided extremely positive feedback and testimonials with 100% of respondents stating they felt respected in a welcoming and safe space; the course met their expectations and they gained benefit from participating in the course.

One of many Testimonials: *"The Trauma Sensitive Yoga course was a gentle reminder of how I am in control of my body and to feel more appreciation for what my body does for me. Whilst accepting that is not always capable because it needs more love, rest and care. The course also showed me how much I've missed being on the yoga mat, how good it feels to me and that it is a component of my self-care."*

International Women's Day (IWD) Breakfast

Jillian Dielesen, ably assisted by fellow Zontians, organised this year's event, which was very successful with 90 attendees. The Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club once again provided a beautiful setting with a delicious breakfast enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Wendy Dowling AM, who as Vice-President stepped up to assume the Master of Ceremonies role which she performed with her usual warmth and professionalism. Wendy also welcomed the various special guests who joined us from other Zonta clubs, Politics, Council representatives and of course previous winners of Zonta awards.

We were extremely fortunate to have as our guest speaker Ms Christina Matthews AM, whom Dawn Newman OAM invited to speak and

introduced on the day. Christina spoke about her Life's Journey, which all would agree has been remarkable. She has been the most capped Test cricketer, recently being inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, is a Life Member and has recently been elected, President of the Australian Cricketer's Association, making history as the first female to do so. It was fascinating hearing her stories of how she overcame adversity as a female cricketer in what was a very male dominated sport. She also spoke with great passion about her career journey. She is an inspiring leader whose contributions resonate deeply with the values of Zonta International and the spirit of International Women's Day.

We also had a very successful Silent Auction, once again managed brilliantly by Chris Tapley. Overall, we raised \$2,523.64 plus \$541 for birthing kits, thus enabling our Club to continue its good work.

YouthGuard Advocacy - Sue Pertilé

Last year in partnership with eSafeKids Kaylene Kerr, we launched our first open forum at The Rise Maylands on Monday, 4 November 2024.

The two speakers, Kaylene Kerr who spoke about the scourge of pornography and social media re Primary School aged children; and Daniel Principe who spoke about the effect of pornography and social media sites on teenage development.

The function was well attended by 60 parents and professionals; however, we hope to get a wider audience in the Northern Suburbs sometime this year.

The public is open to more education re the prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

So, a very busy year indeed and many thanks to all involved, it certainly is a whole of club team effort and all contributions were very much appreciated.



Jean Wyder
 Chair, Service and Advocacy Committee



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Membership

*The **basis** of membership is **classification**.*

*The **joy** of membership is **fellowship**.*

*The **obligation** of membership is **service**.*

*The **life** of membership is **attendance**.*

*The **privilege** of membership is **yours**.*

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