

A word from your President



Hi everyone!

It is hard to believe that this will be our final Zontapreneur for 2025 and I am sure like many of you I find that the older I get the quicker the year flies by!

At our October United Nations themed dinner meeting we had the inspirational Zonta Club of Perth member, **Carole Theobald**, speak to us on the topic—*"Is the United Nations under threat"*. This talk came as a result of Carol attending the **69th Session of the Status of Women** in New York in March 2025. Carol is a passionate advocate for the health and safety of women the world over as a result of global climate changes.

We also marked another important date in our calendar—11 October, the **International Day of the Girl Child**

which states that *"every girl has the right to learn, lead and thrive"*—a sentiment close to the hearts of all Zontians.

Our **Lucy Bohan Bursary** evening in November was a wonderful affair, topped off by our **Area 3 Director, Kimberley Robbins**, installing two new Club members. We warmly welcome **Christine Cole** and **Julie Kendall** into our ranks and know their respective talents and enthusiasm will greatly enhance our club. Kimberley was also able to award several **Length of Service** pins to members who were unable to receive these at the D23 Conference in September.

As is customary, Dawn's monthly Toast was to the Noosa and Sunshine Zonta Clubs. The subjects for these toasts are selected at random but usually related to our meeting theme. They are always informative and well researched, so a BIG thank you to Dawn for providing these during the year.

Our recipient of the **Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary** was **Jeddalyn (Jedda) Yenke** (see article below) who, despite some personal challenges, received this award with humility and grace. We are grateful to **Ramsay Health Care** for again sponsoring this award.

We were also thrilled that our last year's awardee, **Jessy Scattini** attended our evening and brought us up-to-date with her studies which she was due to complete in less than two weeks. Thanks must go to **Sue Pertile** and her team for the work that goes into the selection process for this bursary.

Monday 10 November saw 10 PNS members sewing another 42 breast care cushions at **Kath Snashall's** home. Thank you Kath for always providing a lovely morning tea, including the most



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Lucy Bohan Awardee Chosen



well-deserving recipient is **Jeddalyn Yenke**, shown here with **Karen Cunliffe** (Director of Clinical Services, Glengarry Hospital) representing **Ramsay Health Care**, who have so generously been sponsoring this bursary since 2020.

On receiving the award Jedda said—

"I would like to sincerely thank the selection committee and everyone involved in supporting this bursary. Your belief in students like me motivates us to keep striving for excellence and to give back to our communities in the same spirit of kindness and dedication that Lucy Bohan embodied."

She further remarked—

I am deeply honoured and grateful to be selected. This award is not only a great encouragement but also a meaningful reminder of the generosity and vision that make opportunities like this possible.

Jedda said that choosing nursing has always been more than just a career decision for her—it's more of a calling. She chose nursing because she believes in the power of compassion, care, and human connection and wanted to be part of a profession that brings comfort in times of pain, hope in moments of fear, and strength when everything feels uncertain. We believe Jedda will become a wonderful nurse and we wish her all the best in her journey ahead. We will look forward to keeping in touch and following her career.

Our second President **Lucy Bohan** lives on through the awarding on 5 November of our Club's 2025 **Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary**. The

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yummy gluten-free ginger cookies, in her peaceful garden, but mostly for her tireless years of service coordinating this vital project—a **huge thanks to you Kath. You are a wonderful Zontian and a 'champion cushion coordinator'!**

I am sure we will, again, have a good turnout on **Tuesday 25 November** when we gather in the city to remember those who have suffered and who continue to do so at the hands of perpetrators. We will march in silent solidarity with many others in our fight against family and domestic violence.

The Club's final event this year will be our **Christmas Cocktail Party at The Greenwood on 3 December**. Huge thanks to the Board for their efforts in arranging this fun and friendship 'fling' to celebrate 2025 in style and enjoy a relaxing get-together.

At this juncture, I would also like to acknowledge and thank **Kaye** for her

professional handling and painstaking detail in liaising with The Greenwood to make sure all our dinner meetings run smoothly. This is no mean task, as you might realise, dealing with regular staff changes, so many dietary requirements, room layouts and seating plans, and keeping an eye on things to ensure our meeting nights run to schedule.

I must also commend and thank **Irene** and **Dawn** for their PR work throughout the year keeping everyone connected and informed. Public relations and marketing are so important for groups such as ours. Everything we do and say reflects on how the community sees us. Irene also does a great job preparing meeting and other slides, and posting our news on social media sites.

It's difficult to know where to stop when it comes to thanks as **everyone of our members is an integral part of the whole** in making our Club what it is. Heartfelt thanks to each and every one

of you for making our Club dynamic, relevant and caring, both to each other and to the women and girls we support. There is always a wonderfully happy atmosphere when we meet.

In closing I would like to sincerely thank the Board for their time, enthusiasm and commitment to our Club and also for supporting me as your President, especially when I needed to step up into the role at short notice.

I trust you all have a safe and blessed Christmas spent with those you love, and I look forward to 2026 and achieving much in the Zonta spirit.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

Sherry Anderson

Wendy



Membership Matters

We are delighted to announce the induction of two new members—**Julie Kendall** and **Christine Cole**.

Julie began her career in social work in 1977, qualifying in Birmingham, England. At first she worked with children with special educational needs later moving into hospital social work within an adult care team. Here she was promoted to a senior level after specialising in mental health.

After marrying, Julie moved to Australia, began work as a counsellor and later became committed to supporting women with alcohol and drug dependencies. She has managed teams, offices and programs and learnt a lot along the way.

Following an exciting period working as a critical incident responder, providing clinical de-brief all around Australia, she was offered services to the Australian Border Force, working in detention centres in Northam, Christmas Island



and Darwin—then the world stopped for COVID!

Closer to home, and now working from home, Julie's end-of-career work is consulting in telehealth for an Employee Assistance Program provider, covering Australia, New Zealand and sometimes overseas support for a range of work-related and personal issues. A proud achievement in 2027 will see 50 years in social work!

Naturally enough, Julie will join the **Service and Advocacy Committee** and no doubt prove to be a very valuable member, not only of that committee, but PNS in general. Kaye will act as her mentor.

Christine, on the other hand, has had a very different career. She started her working life in the Commonwealth Bank. Following that she went onto work as cabin crew for Gulf Air being based in Bahrain for two years. Over the past twelve years Christine has been Cruise Tourism Project Manager for Tourism WA and is Secretariat of the Cruise WA Committee chaired by Professor Ross Dowling AM.

Prior to joining Tourism WA in 2001, Christine worked for eight years with Bali Hai Cruises in Indonesia. With almost 25 years at Tourism WA, she has

worked across different areas of the Agency from tourism marketing to industry development and as Tourism Policy Advisor to two Ministers. She completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Tourism Management at Curtin University in 2003.

Christine will join our public relations **Greater Visibility Committee** and will be mentored by President Wendy.

With so much experience in PR and marketing, Christine will be welcomed with open arms to the much depleted PR committee.

We know both these ladies, who were inducted by **Area 3 Director Kimberley Robbins**, once settled, will make exceptional Zontians. We look forward to getting to know them more and to working with them to achieve our goals.

Kimberley also took the opportunity to present **Zonta Years of Service Awards** to those members who were not able to attend the Conference in



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Devonport in September. They are pictured here—L-R: Wendy, Kimberley, **Kaye (40 years)**, **Jean (35 years)**, **Palma (35 years)** and **Kath (35 years)**. **Dawn (40 years)** was presented with her award at the Conference. What an amazing amount of service just these members have contributed if you add this up—185 years! How the time flies when you're having fun!!



These recognitions are only made in increments of five years so some members will have already received theirs

and others will when the next five-year anniversaries occur coinciding with the next D23 Conference.

'Cushion Queen' steps back

Someone who has put in an extraordinary amount of service who deserves special recognition is **Kath** our '**Cushion Queen**'. Kath took over the coordination of our cushion-making workshops in 2011 and since that time has been responsible for the production of over 2600 units. Here she is in full swing—never happier than when she's in her workshop!



However, Kath has decided it's time to take a back seat in this role, a well-deserved break after 15 years wouldn't you say, but she will still be involved in some of the assembly days when time and circumstances permit. Ruth has kindly stepped up in her place and taken over the sewing of the cushion cases. This will be a 'seamless' (no pun intended!) switch for our members to continue this service project, much to the delight of **Elaine** who coordinates the distribution of cushions as **D23's Area 3 Coordinator**. There seems to be an endless request for these comfort items and she receives many lovely letters from recipients (and donations), such as—

"...thank you so much for the lovely satin cushion. I felt really valued as a person when this was given to me. I really appreciate the lovely thoughts that surround this project, and the kind gestures of those sewing each cushion. May you continue to bring comfort and joy to many more who have been diagnosed with breast cancer."

and—

"I want to sincerely thank you all for your most thoughtful and generous gift...I cannot believe how wonderful my beautiful blue cushion has been! Such a comfort...thank you so much to whom-ever gave their time, love and skills to make it. An added bonus is how well it matched our bed quilt cover!"

ZI 106 Year Milestone

On 8 November our organisation reached 106 and celebrated around the world with Zonta Spirit and the following Core Values—

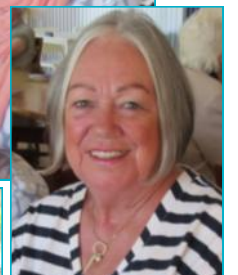
- *At Zonta, we are united by the Zonta Spirit—building belonging as we build a better world for women and girls.*
- *We are an organisation where every member feels valued and has fun with purpose.*
- *We hold the values of community, friendship, equality and inclusion, respect and integrity.*
- *We value global community, knowing that together, across cultures and borders, we achieve more than we ever could alone.*
- *We value friendship—bonds built on honesty, respect and care, strengthened through service and shared mission.*
- *We value equality and inclusion, ensuring every member is seen, heard and uplifted, with opportunities to contribute and lead.*
- *We value respect—treating all with dignity, compassion, and fairness and honouring diverse perspectives.*
- *We value integrity—guided by honesty, ethics, and our unwavering mission to advocate for women's rights.*
- *Together, we embody the Zonta Spirit—stronger as one, as we build a better world for women and girls.*



Fundraiser Success



Our *High-Tea* fundraiser on 12 October was a great success with 60 guests raising \$2206. Thank you to **Chris Tapley** and her committee who arranged this at **Lavender Bistro and Boutique** in the Swan Valley. From all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves as the pics below attest—



Build a Better World for Women and Girls

The UN, CSW and Carole



October is the month we focus on the partnership between Zonta and the United Nations (UN). We were privileged to have **Carole Theobald (Chair, Zonta Says NOW Working Group)**, speak at our dinner meeting on 1 October.

Having attended the 69th Session of the *Commission on the Status of Women* in New York earlier this year, Carole would know more about the workings of the UN than most Zontians! She covered such topics as whether the UN is under threat, the consultative status of women, gender equality, and climate action.

Zonta maintains consultative status with the UN while other NGOs do not. In this capacity, they can contribute to gender equity initiatives and use their voice to promote better outcomes for women and girls.

It is possible the next Conference of the Parties (COP31)—referring to the UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change—may take place in Australia. Some UN agencies are scheduled to relocate to Nairobi in 2026 due to decisions influenced by the US. However, it was noted that the UN continues to be relevant as it remains the main global body.

Is the United Nations under threat? Not if Zonta and Carole have anything to do with it! ZI President said—

“Together we will not back down in the face of adversity—we are stronger as a global community united in our cause.”

VIRTUAL ART GALLERY



Did you know that ZI has a **Virtual Art Gallery**? Perhaps Carole had a finger in this paint pot as it is designed to bring awareness in a pictorial way to gender and climate issues.

The theory behind this idea is that we use two brain regions when we decide to take action: the *neocortex*, which handles *logic and language*, and the *limbic*, which deals with *emotions and feelings*.

Traditionally, our resources have focused on logic and language, yet the logical neocortex controls only 25% of our decisions. The emotional limbic brain is far more powerful as it is responsible for 75% of our behaviours and decisions, and this is where the virtual art gallery comes in.

Why not think about submitting something, or encouraging someone in your family, a colleague or neighbour, who

has an artistic flair, to join in this initiative. Maybe we could invite some of our young women awardees to enter. These artworks (or photos / videos of them) will be shown for up to one year in the **Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery (VAG)**. Each artwork will have a description (and a story if applicable) to educate, advocate, and inspire action in our local communities, districts, and regions globally. Previous submissions can be viewed [here](#).

The VAG will go on line on **Monday 22 April 2026** (United Nations Mother Earth Day). Find out more about this and submit your artwork [here](#).

UNAA—WA Celebrates 80 Years

Linda enjoyed attending the **United Nations Association Australia WA Branch's 80th Anniversary** last month. Here's her feedback—
Congratulations to the Western Australia division of the United Nations Association of Australia for their highly enjoyable UN Night at the Duxton Hotel, Perth on 17th October 2025 celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the UN which started in San Francisco on 24th October 1945.



(shown in photo with me), announcement of local UN Awards, diverse entertainment performance of Thai Dancing and vibrant South American music from The Andes, and of course, a wide range of guests from all levels of government, diplomatic corps, business, not for profit sector and supporters. As Dr Sandy

its humanitarian aid programs which do much good and which also promote values of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion.'

It was my pleasure to represent the PNS Zonta Club at this UNA AWA."

An excellent evening—much enjoyable conversation, interesting range of speakers, including Dr Sandy Chong,

Chong said—*‘the role of the UN is to support a place for “dialogue not division”, and to support and applaud*



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Linda further added—

“Zonta International partners with organisations and coalitions who share vision of a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. These partners include UNFPA, UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, Coalition to End Violence Against Women and Girls Globally and Women's Empowerment Principles.

By partnering with like-minded organisations, Zonta extends its reach and

impact to empower more women and girls around the world to realise their



rights. At the local level, Zonta clubs partner with local non-government organisations (NGOs) who share this vision.

Zonta International also has strong links with the UN, as of the 6,469 NGOs with consultative status at the United Nations, only 132 have General Consultative Status, the highest status an NGO can have at the UN. Zonta was granted this status in 1969 and is invited to participate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York.”

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

OF GLOBAL IMPACT THROUGH THE ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN



EVERY MEMBER EVERY NOVEMBER

The *Zonta Foundation for Women* has certainly ticked a lot of boxes since its establishment in 1985. As a powerful force for change, it has channelled the generosity of Zontians and friends worldwide into projects and programs that uplift women and girls. This has been achieved through education, economic and leadership opportunities, violence prevention and so much more.

But the work of the Foundation is not finished. In many ways, it is just beginning! The next decade will bring new challenges and opportunities to innovate, connect and lead. Together, we

will continue to expand our reach, deepen our partnerships, and ensure that Zonta remains a global leader in empowering women and girls.

Our achievements over 40 years—

	The Endowment Fund surpassed US\$10 million.
	Two new education awards were created to celebrate women in STEM and in business leadership.
	Our international service projects have supported women and girls in more than 60 countries.
	Zonta has become a global voice advocating for the end of child marriage.

When you support the Zonta Foundation for Women, you support the belief in equity, progress and the importance of preserving women's futures.

Working together, it is hoped that by the end of 2025, we will be able to -

- * *Attain our **biennial fundraising goal** of \$US4.617 million;*
- * *Make the world **more equitable** for women and girls;*
- * *Reach the **40th anniversary goal** of US\$2 million, and*
- * *Create a world where no woman shall live in fear of violence.*

If you would like to and haven't already done so, there is still time to make a donation during this campaign [here](#) perhaps in honour of a special person in your life.



November is also the month when the **16 Days of Activism starts** and the **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women** campaign kicks off. Zontians around the world are encouraged to take actions to influence changes in laws as well as change gender-based attitudes and behaviours to end violence against women.

The campaign runs from **November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women)** and ends on **10 December (Human Rights Day).**

This year's theme is—

“UNITE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls”.

Some of our members will join many others in the city to participate in this event in Forrest Chase which is organised by the **Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing** via the Government's Department of Communities. Various organisations set up stalls (including the Zonta Refuge), so there is an opportunity to meet these groups as well as listen to a selection of guest speakers who will reflect on the profound impact

of DFV. The silent march around the city centre will follow this formal part of the morning.

As in previous years PNS members will walk together behind our **Zonta Says No** banner so make sure we can find each other! Timing for the event is -

10 am Stalls, 11 am Rally, 12 pm March

Don't forget your orange shirt, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, and comfy shoes.



Greetings from Vancouver Canada

Members will have received an invite to the 67th Zonta International Convention in Vancouver July 11-14, 2026 with Registration and lots of other useful information. Once Christmas and New Year are over, it will only be six months before this launches. Are you planning to attend? If you are, you need to plan well ahead. Check the details in your invite and decide whether you will attend in person or opt for a virtual package. Of course attending and experiencing the excitement and being part of such a forum is the best!

Around the Club

The eSafeKids public pornography workshop

held on 27 October was very worthwhile although only 30 people, of the 80 pre-registered, turned up! Despite this, **Kaylene Kerr**, shown here, was very pleased that the audience were so interested in her message that she was able to have a meaningful dialogue and answer the many questions raised. Our **YouthGuard** team will analyse the outcome to see whether a different format and/or time would assist in attracting more people to these free workshops as the topic is extremely important and we are planning to hold more.



Budget for 2026-2027

Treasurer Sue has asked committees to place this on their agendas and bring suggestions to the **4 February Planning Meeting**. The various programs and projects have been emailed.

Treasurer Position open 2027-2029

While on this subject, Sue will have completed her four-year stint next June and we require someone to step up for the next biennium. Any takers?

Club Member Directory/Contacts

This will be updated very shortly so please check your entry and let Dawn

know ASAP of any changes you would like.

Members on the Move

Unfortunately, **Shelley** and **Rosemary** have both decided to move on from Zonta. Shelley coordinated the Club's International Women's Day Breakfast last year and Rosemary kindly ran and facilitated past Mental Health First-Aid Training Workshops.

Shanaz has returned to New Zealand and has joined the Zonta Club of South Auckland. As a number of our members visit NZ there may be an opportunity to catch up with her.

More Cricket 'Tragics'

Wendy and Ross are very proud of their grandson **Zavier** (2nd from left), who plays for the Applecross Under 14s. Seems like he's an up-and-coming all



rounder taking 4 wickets and smashing 5 fours last Saturday! Well done Zavier.

Wills and Estates

If you plan to update or modify your Will any time soon, why not contact **Bespoke Wills and Estates**. Marion did just that recently and can highly recommend you give Emily Nixon a ring. Her details are—

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Sponsorships

Anne is back in the fold after she and husband spent several weeks touring the United States. Members are reminded that Anne will be coordinating our sponsorship program so put your thinking caps on and let her know if you have any light-bulb thoughts about whom we might contact in this regard. It would be very appropriate if Treasurer Sue could finish her term next June with a full kitty and a big smile for a job well done!!

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Zonta House Gifts

A suggested list of goodies has been emailed to everyone by Letitia and many members have already delivered.

If you missed last meeting Letitia will be happy to collect further gifts at our Christmas Party. Please bring them unwrapped or in a decorative carry bag for easy identification and sorting by the ZH staff.

The last delivery of all gifts by Letitia to ZH will be on 12 December.

Later on we will be informed of specific details for members to help with our usual gift wrapping which is always appreciated and a 'good-feel' mission.

Member Christmas Wind-up

An urgent reminder to **RSVP here** by this **Wednesday, 19 November**.



Possibly a little premature, but since this will be our last 'Zontapreneur' for 2025, we wanted to wish everyone a joyous and safe time over the Festive Season. Thank you to all our friends, sponsors, donors, awardees and others for your support over the year which has encouraged us to strive even more for a better world in 2026.

With Best Wishes to you and your families from everyone at ZCPNS.



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