



ZONTA
CLUB OF
PERTH NORTHERN
SUBURBS INC

BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

45th Annual Report
1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Office Bearers

President	Wendy Dowling AM
Vice President	Sue Pertilé
Board Secretary	Nola Hackman
Assistant Secretary	Anette Ainsworth
Treasurer	Sue Sofoulis
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Fundraising and Finance	Chris Tapley
Membership	Kaye Metaxas
Programme	Wendy Dowling AM
Service & Advocacy	Jean Wyder
Greater Visibility	Irene O'Leary
Archivist	Kaye Metaxas
Area 3 Representative	Wendy Dowling AM
Nominating Committee	Linda Tinning, Alison Martin, Jean Wyder

Awards and Scholarships



**Area 3 Zonta Women in Business Scholarship
2025 Awardee**

Pema Chentsho

**Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary
2025 Awardee**

Jeddalyn Yenko



**Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award
2025 Awardee**

Jasmine Gregory

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President's Report

As we come to the end of another biennium it has been my privilege to have taken up the mantle of President once more and I would like to thank the Board for their support of me and your club and for their enthusiasm and passion as we endeavour to help to **Build a Better World for Women and Girls**, both locally and internationally.

It has been a fruitful year with many great events and funds raised. We have had new members inducted and now have 32 members.

We started the new financial year on 2 April with a Members' **Interactive Workshop** with facilitator Jo Agnew where Jo encouraged new ideas to help improve sponsorship and fundraising.

The 7 May was our Annual General Meeting with the election of Office Bearers and the theme for the evening being "**Lighting the Way - in Memory and Mission**" where we honoured National Family Violence Day and our ongoing mission to Build a Better World for Women and Girls. On Saturday, 24 May champers flowed as Master of Champagne Steve Leslie and Liz Wason hosted a hugely successful **Tasting Masterclass** – this proved to be a great fundraiser for our club. On 28 May, Linda Tinning and Alison Martin represented our club at the 15th anniversary of the WA Women's Hall of Fame evening together with alumni, the 2025 inductees, sponsors and supporters.

Our 4 June meeting saw the club celebrate its 44th birthday with Sue Pertilé's presentation on her trip to Armenia where she had a memorable reunion with Anush – a young woman Sue had mentored through ISHAR.

July saw Jaclyn Smith from Bush Heritage share about one of the group's projects of returning the Fitz-Stirling biodiversity hotspot back to good health.

August 6 saw us host the Area 3 **Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award** with Linda Tinning introducing the Area 3 Awardee, Pema Chentsho to us – an inspirational young woman who grew up in Bhutan whose mother literally "moved mountains" to ensure her daughter received a good education. In more exciting news it was announced that renowned sailor and climate advocate Lisa Blair OAM was awarded Zonta International Honorary Membership and would be a guest speaker at District 23 Conference in Devonport in September.

Many of our club members attended District 23 Conference in Devonport from 5–7 September which saw an extensive program of interesting speakers, learning "cafes", club awards and time to socialise with other Zontians. Our own Dawn Newman was awarded the Governor's Award and was added to District 23 Heide Taylor Honour Roll.

September 26 and 27 saw many club members and volunteers involved in successful **Birthing Kit** prep and assembly days.

Carole Theobald, the inspirational Zonta Club of Perth member, was our speaker for our United Nations themed dinner meeting on 1 October, the topic being "*Is the United Nations under threat*". This talk came, as-a-result of Carole attending the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2025. Carole is a passionate advocate for the health and safety of women the world over, as-a-result of global climate changes.

Our Lucy Bohan Bursary evening on 5 November was a wonderful event topped off with our Area 3 Director, Kimberley Robbins, installing two new members and we warmly welcomed Christine Cole and Julie Kendall into our fold.

Jeddalyn Jenko was our recipient of the **Lucy Bohan Bursary** and despite personal challenges, Jeddalyn accepted this award with humility and grace. Jessy Scattini who was our last year's Lucy Bohan recipient, brought us up-to-date with her studies and dreams for the future.

November 10 saw another 42 breast cushions sewn at Kath Snashall's home and after 15 years she has decided to hang up the pins and needles and handover this task to Ruth Thomas – after being responsible for the production of over 2600 cushions, I think Kath certainly deserves a break and members who attended these sewing days also greatly appreciated Kath's yummy morning teas and the warm fellowship.

Many club members again took part in the **35th March Against Domestic and Family Violence** at Forrest Chase on 25 November – always a very sobering event and one we followed with a lunch at the Aviary in the city.

The Board organised a Christmas Party with a difference on 3 December and we enjoyed a cocktail-styled evening complete with laughter, connection and plenty of festive fun including joke sharing and a game of *Pass-the-Parcel* with a hilarious twist. We presented to The Greenwood a Certificate of Appreciation at this event as they support our club with warm hospitality and great food.

After a good break from all things Zonta, we held our Planning Meeting on 4 February where positive discussion took place and decisions for the year were made. We also welcomed another new member into our club – Marilyn Horgan - who had been a very active member at Zonta Club of Swan Hills for many years.

March was a very busy but exciting month for our club as we held two events. On 6 March was our annual **International Women's Day** celebration with guest speaker Joanne Kostopoulos which enabled those present, to gain more understanding about the insidious nature of Coercive Control. A well-attended event where the Fundraising Committee raised much needed funds and several guests showed interest in joining our club.

March 26 was our **Young Women in Leadership Award** dinner held at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club which is a lovely venue for either an early morning or a sunset event. The three young women finalists were all very worthy and they shared with passion about the **"Woman who inspires me the most"**. Jasmine Gregory, Nina Kratochvil and Mollie Ratcliffe inspired us with their enthusiasm and determination to help Build a Better World for Women and Girls, and we look forward to following their careers. Dr Demelza Ireland – our 1996 Awardee – again emceed the event with her infectious, positive energy encouraging these young women to believe in themselves.

At our dinner meeting on 1 April, Megan from OrangeSky shared how this Australia-wide group initiated by two young men, support those experiencing homelessness by creating not only a safe space for connection but also the use of free mobile laundry and shower facilities.

All in all, our club has had an excellent year with members sharing willingly their time and talents when they can and I am grateful to each-and-every one of you for helping make our club so warm and caring and, for an added bonus of fun and friendship. I look forward to continuing my Zonta service as we work together to **Build a Better World for Women and Girls**.



Wendy Dowling AM
President
2025-2026

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee's goal for this year was to ensure that the club have the funds to support our worthy projects. Despite Shanaz's move to New Zealand and health issues with some members and their loved ones, we have achieved a successful year having fun and adventure along the way.

We could not have achieved our goals if it was not for the devotion and dedication of our amazing committee members. Apart from being amazing women, they love to have fun, laugh and explore new ideas. Thank you ladies for being my "wingmen".

Connie, Leanne, Jan, Chris, Kath, Ruth, Dagmar, Palma, Sue.

The following are the 25-26 fundraising events and the profit amount:

1. High Tea	\$2,206.69
2. Champagne Tasting	\$4,031.46
3. Lunch at Anette's	\$700.00
4. Entertainment Books	\$98.00
5. Merchandise	\$509.30
6. Dinner Raffle	\$795.00
7. Recycling	\$458.70
8. IWD raffles	<u>\$880.11</u>
Total amount	\$9,679.26

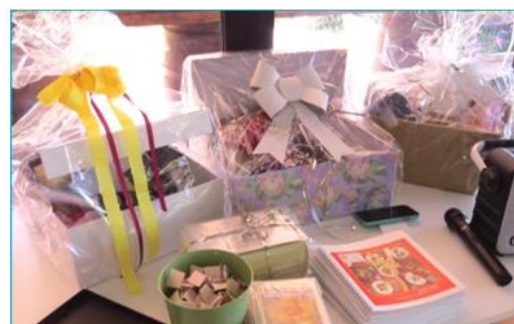
Although this is an outstanding amount, we fell short of the club's committed amount of \$18,000 for the allotted projects.

Despite the incredible efforts of the team, it is obvious that the workload is enormous. A dedicated group of members have formed a committee to research sponsorship opportunities. The 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



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15th April 2026

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The Trustee,
Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs
C/- PO Box 255
Karrinyup WA 6291

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER

I wish to advise that the audit of the **ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH NORTHERN SUBURBS** for the year ending 31ST March 2026 has recently been completed.

Auditors are encouraged by the Australian Taxation Office to issue management letters at the completion of each audit as a means of advising the trustee of any matters noted during the course of the audit.

My audit work involves examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report in order to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is fairly stated in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes thereto.

I advise that I have not encountered any matters during the course of the audit that I believe should be brought to your attention.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,
WMK Accounting



Mandy Carpenter ,FIPA

Unaudited Accounts

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

	YEAR TO DATE		
	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS
			YTD
Membership			
New Member Nomination Fees	\$150.00	\$326.89	-\$176.89
Annual Member Fees	\$6,700.00	\$5,784.16	\$915.84
Dinner Meetings	\$8,580.87	\$7,976.00	\$604.87
Miscellaneous Income	\$9,151.57	\$0.00	\$9,151.57
Area -District			
Area Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
District Board/Governor Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committee Expenses			
Speaker/Guests	\$0.00	\$1,232.85	-\$1,232.85
Membership (New Badges etc)	\$0.00	\$75.00	-\$75.00
Public Relations & Communications	\$0.00	\$449.95	-\$449.95
Secretarial & Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$20.27	-\$20.27
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Bank Fees and Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Post Office Box Renewal	\$0.00	\$165.00	-\$165.00
Subscriptions/Purchases	\$0.00	\$55.00	-\$55.00
YouthGuard		\$0.00	\$0.00
Account Transfers	\$0.00	\$8,048.11	-\$8,048.11
Delegate Expenses			
International Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
District Conference	\$0.00	\$210.00	-\$210.00
TOTAL	\$24,582.44	\$24,343.23	\$239.21

Opening Balance 1st April 2025

\$4,474.51

Add Income

\$24,582.44

Less Expenses

-\$24,343.23

Cash Book Balance

\$4,713.72

Balance as per Bank Statement

\$4,713.72

31/03/2026

SERVICE/FUNDRAISING STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
For The Period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

		YEAR TO DATE			BUDGET
		INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS YTD	
Fundraising Events/Activities					
	Entertainment Books	\$98.00	\$0.00	\$98.00	\$50.00
	Tea and Fashion	\$4,198.99	\$1,992.30	\$2,206.69	\$3,000.00
	Champagne Tasting	\$6,096.87	\$2,065.41	\$4,031.46	\$2,000.00
	IWD Breakfast (2025)	\$3,594.36	\$5,796.00	-\$2,201.64	\$2,000.00
	Lunch	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
	Miscellaneous Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	Quiz Night/Joke Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
	Founders Day Function	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Conference Sale Table		\$20.00	-\$20.00	
	ZYWLA Function	\$4,642.12	\$3,733.66	\$908.46	\$1,000.00
Club Merchandise					
	Utility Bags	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$150.00
	Personal Alarms	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$60.00
	Car Stickers	\$12.96	\$0.00	\$12.96	\$0.00
	Rose Gift Cards	\$100.11	\$0.00	\$100.11	\$100.00
	Rose Pins	\$10.00		\$10.00	\$200.00
	Recipe Books	\$146.23	\$0.00	\$146.23	\$200.00
Miscellaneous Income & Expenses					
	Dinner Meeting Raffle	\$795.00	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$1,000.00
	Recycling	\$458.70	\$0.00	\$458.70	\$300.00
	D23 Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	ZI Foundation for Women		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	YouthGuard		\$127.51	-\$127.51	\$0.00
	Other than donations	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Donations	\$1,845.09			
TOTAL		\$23,138.43	\$13,934.88	\$7,358.46	\$13,760.00
PAYMENT OF CLUB PROPOSED COMMITMENTS					Proposed Payments
District Projects					
	Birthing Kits	\$5,205.00	\$5,180.00	\$25.00	
	Breast Cushions	\$860.00	\$541.80	\$318.20	\$200.00
Area 3 Projects					
	Area 3 Breast Cushion Fund	\$515.00	\$165.20	\$349.80	\$200.00
	Woman Of Achievement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Area 3 Workshop	\$4,137.23	\$2,584.50	\$1,552.73	
Scholarships					
	Young Women in Leadership	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary	\$2,100.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	Jane M Klausman		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	YWIBLA	\$1,229.39	\$1,557.00	-\$327.61	
	Gillian Cuss For Nursing	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
Organisations Supported					
	Zonta House Refuge	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	-\$900.00	\$1,000.00
	Trauma Sensitive Yoga	\$100.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,400.00	\$2,500.00
	Mental Health First Aid	\$600.00			
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		\$14,846.62	\$24,328.50	-\$10,081.88	\$11,950.00
TOTAL		\$37,985.05	\$38,263.38	-\$2,723.42	\$1,810.00

Opening Bank Balance	\$ 25,976.36
Add Income	\$37,985.05
Less Expenses	\$38,263.38
Cash Book Balance	\$25,698.03
Balance as per Bank Statement	\$25,698.03

Carried Forward from Previous Year	
Gillian's Gift	5,000.00
Birthing Kits	2,500.00
IWD MAAC for previous year paid in this year	
	\$3,330

Membership

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

Committee meetings held 28 May 2025, 29 Oct 2025 and 28 Mar 2026.

At the end of the reporting year membership 32. During the year there were four resignations (three and a member relocation) and welcomed three new members Christine Cole, Julie Kendall and Marilynn Horgan.

Below is a summary of attendance/apologies/LOAs for monthly dinner meetings.

2025-2026	Total Members	Apologies	LOA	Attend Members	Guests	Total Attend
2025 May	33	-9	-2	22	1	23
Jun	33	-8	-2	23	5	28
Jul	32	-4	-2	26	8	34
Aug	31	-7	-2	22	15	37
Sep	----- No meeting -----					
Oct	31	-8		23	8	31
Nov	29	-2		27	9	36
2026 Feb	32	-1		31	1	32
Mar	----- No meeting -----					
Apr	32	-8		24	3	27

Enquiries received on our website were forwarded to Membership Chair who followed up with information about Zonta projects, programs, and where and when we meet. Routinely, first time guests to meetings are handed an envelope with information about PNS.

On receiving the Cluster One: **D23 Membership Committee Ideas for Club Consideration**, the Ideas were collated as a checklist and reconciled with our club's "actions" with outcomes as follows:

Issue 1: How to involve everyone in your club, including new members, younger members and those not easily able to attend meetings and those who are ageing.

16 Ideas: 9 undertaken

Issue 2: How to Attract New Members:

10 Ideas: 8 undertaken

Issue 3: How to bring new members into an older well-established club with entrenched ideas and practices.

13 Ideas: 9 undertaken

Issue 4: How to Get 30-40-year-olds involved.

7 Ideas: 6 undertaken

Humanitix booking site continues to work well for monthly dinner meetings and special events along with fundraise from raffle and merchandise sales.

Collaboration with **The Greenwood** resulted in more meal choices on the menu that were subsequently inserted in Humanitix. The payout amount is deposited to Club account and the payout statement forwarded to Club Treasurer.

Membership greatly appreciates the superb cooperation with Greater Visibility in designing the flier to promote monthly dinner meetings and special events on our Humanitix website.

Milestone Certificates presented for 2025 were:

*40 years Dawn Newman OAM, Kaye Metaxas

*35 years Jean Wyder, Kath Snashall, Palma Phipps

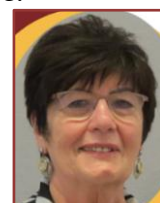
*10 years Wendy Dowling AM.

Twenty-one member names and details were submitted to Department of Communities for **WA State Government Volunteer Service Award** for 5 years or more completed to year end 2025. Certificates to be issued in May.

Zonta International circulated an updated **Add Your Voice Membership Campaign Toolkit and Guide** which is quite extensive and provides a wide-ranging toolkit to encourage greater participation and recognise clubs that achieve guideline goals. A cursory glance indicates PNS is in the category of 'Large Clubs' with 30 or more members.

Many thanks to our team members who also manage other activities, namely: **Elaine** in her role as Area 3 Breast Cushions Coordinator, regularly distributes cushions when and where required; **Letitia** who organises, collects and delivers carload of donated items to Zonta House; **Liz** who coordinates collection of household goods for distribution to disadvantaged mums and children; and **Wendy** who organises the programme of guest speakers.

In conclusion, a sincere thank you to Membership team for their continued support, friendship and invaluable knowledge and experience.



Kaye Metaxas
 Chair, Membership Committee

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 our monthly themes.

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

The club values the importance of interesting speakers, not only to add interest for club members, but also as a means of attracting 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 may 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 the 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, the Web Coordinator and the Greater Visibility Committee. Any photos taken of the speaker are forwarded by email to them.

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 the Greater Visibility Committee consisting of **Dawn Newman**, **Irene O'Leary**, **Nola Hackman** and **Christine Cole** for coordinating the publicity for the speakers.



Wendy Dowling AM
Programme Coordinator

Meeting/Theme	Speaker
2 Apr 2025 Members' Interactive Workshop	Facilitator – Jo Agnew
7 May 2025 AGM, General Meeting	No speaker
4 Jun 2025 Change Over Dinner and 44th Birthday celebration	Sue Pertilé on her trip to Armenia
2 Jul 2025 Environment	Jaclyn Smith – Bush Heritage Australia
6 Aug 2025 Area 3 Zonta Women in Business Leadership Awards	Pema Chentsho – Area 3 Awardee
3 Sep 2025 No Meeting – D23 Conference in Devonport 5-7 September	
1 Oct 2025 United Nations month	Carole Theobald – “Is the UN under threat”
5 Nov 2025 Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary	Awardee – Jeddalyn Jeenko
3 Dec 2025 Christmas function	No speaker
4 Feb 2026 Planning meeting	No speaker
6 Mar 2026 International Women's Day	Joanne Kostopoulos
26 Mar 2026 Young Women in Leadership Awards	Dr Demelza Ireland - Emcee
1 Apr 2026 Earth Day	Megan from OrangeSky

Greater Visibility

The Greater Visibility Committee (GVC) continues to strengthen Zonta's presence and influence within our local community and beyond. Through strategic communication, strengthened partnerships, and increased public engagement, we have further raised awareness of Zonta's mission and advocacy, ensuring our voice remains visible, relevant, and impactful.

GVC plays a pivotal role in the club's operations, working collaboratively with other committees to successfully promote events and initiatives. Key responsibilities include –

- Ensuring all branding and materials are current, consistent and professional in accordance with Zonta International's guidelines.
- Producing event flyers, media releases, the Member Directory, club newsletters and award certificates.
- Managing our club's website and social media sites.
- Maintaining club stationery in accordance with ZI guidelines and protocols.
- Producing monthly PowerPoint presentations, including the global Toast, supporting the effective delivery of meetings and events.
- Coordinating and keeping photographic records and liaising with guests, awardees and others in relation to these.
- Ensuring club banners are current and relevant and maintained appropriately.
- Maintaining an up-to-date email distribution list for the club's newsletters, meetings and other events.

Through this diverse portfolio, GVC provides essential communications and promotional support that underpins the club's profile, engagement, and overall success.

The Zontapreneur

Newsletter Editor, Dawn Newman OAM, produced our newsletters in Microsoft Publisher for around 25 years. With Microsoft retiring this application, we have transitioned to a new platform this year, Mailchimp. Dawn released our first edition of the refreshed **The Zontapreneur** in January 2026.

Throughout the year, our committee researched and curated content for The Zontapreneur, producing seven editions listed below, which are available on our [website](#):

1. April/May 2025: Volume 20, Issue 7;
2. June 2025: Volume 20, Issue 8;
3. July/August 2025: Volume 20, Issue 9;
4. September 2025: Volume 20, Issue 10;
5. October/November 2025: Volume 20, Issue 11;
6. January 2026; Volume 20, Issue 12; and
7. March/April 2026; Volume 20, Issue 13.

Mailchimp

We introduced Mailchimp in late 2025, with our first email sent on 24 November to inform members about the 2025 March Against Domestic & Family Violence.

Mailchimp offers several advantages, including allowing contacts to easily manage their subscriptions, along with enhanced features such as surveys and polls, personalised communications, and more professional email design.

Dawn has embraced this new system, demonstrating a willingness to step outside her comfort zone. She sent her first email in January and kicked off the new year by publishing the first issue of The Zontapreneur on the new platform.

Committee Meetings

Our committee held seven bi-monthly meetings for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 to advance our club and committee goals.

Media/News Releases

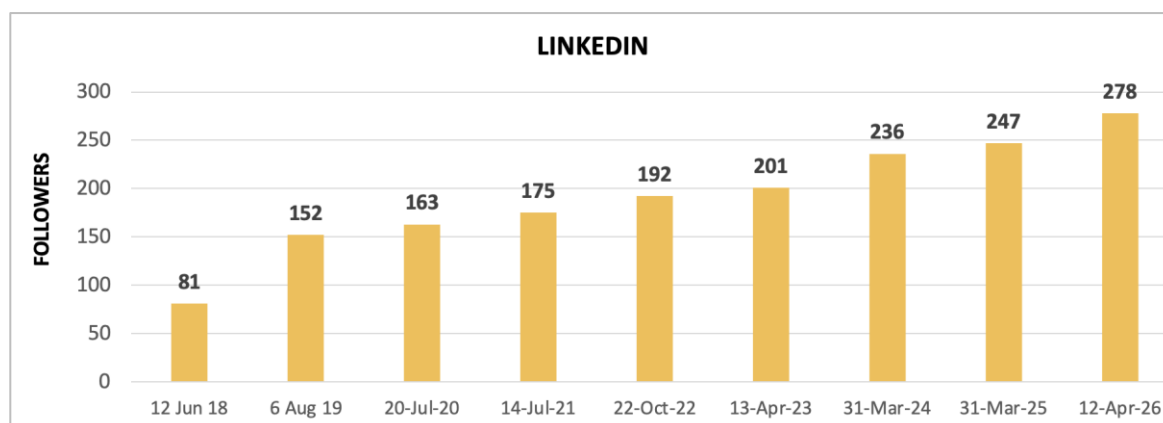
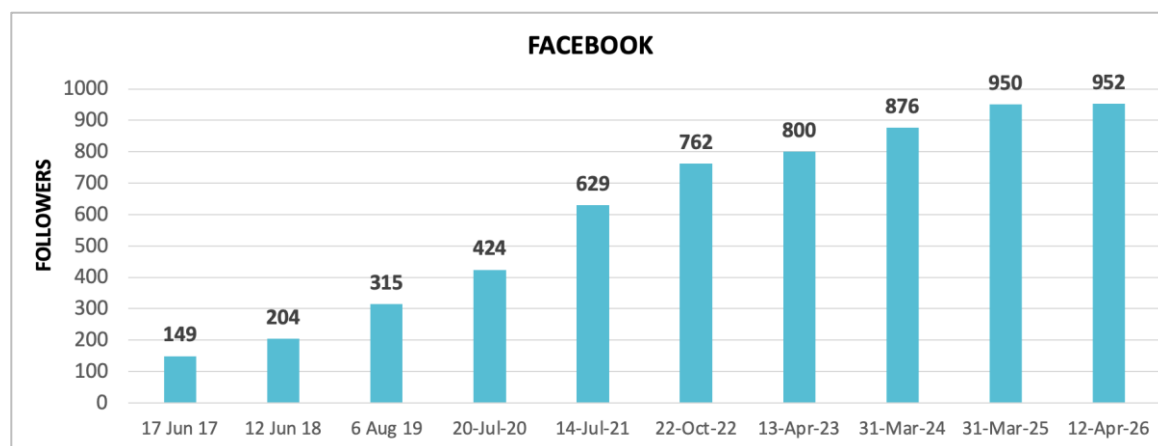
- 22 August 2025: Birthing Kits Save Lives

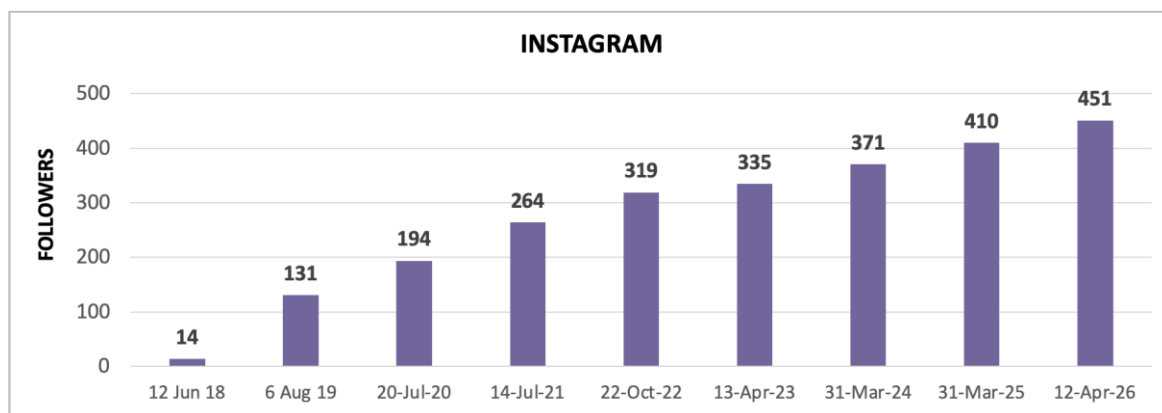
We find it increasingly difficult to obtain media support as we operate over a wide area. *The Post Community News* featured an advertisement calling for volunteers for our Birthing Kit Assembly Day held on 27 September 2025, proudly sponsored by EEO Specialists. This marks the third time EEO Specialists have financed this initiative. Thanks to this support, we successfully assembled 1,000 birthing kits. The article is available on our [website](#).

Social Media

In 2025/26, our social media presence has continued to grow, strengthening our connection with followers and supporters as we advocate for Zonta's key priorities—ending gender-based violence, promoting educational equality, advancing climate justice, and increasing women's participation in decision-making. Through this, we contribute to building a better world for women and girls, both within our local community and globally.

The data below highlights the effectiveness of our communications strategy in delivering engaging, relevant content that resonates strongly with our social media audience.





New Club Banner

Thank you to Dawn for her design input and guidance from a great nephew, we proudly unveiled our new banner at the Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award (ZYWLA) Presentation Dinner on 26 March. This will be displayed at every club meeting and club event.

We believe this contemporary and vibrant design, displaying the Zonta Spirit, represents the heart, soul, and shared passion of Zonta members to empower women and girls worldwide.

Thank You to My Team

Thank you to my team: Christine Cole, Nola Hackman, Dawn Newman OAM and Linda Tinning, for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your willingness to step in, work together, and fill any gaps as they arose ensured our work continued smoothly and effectively.

Your dedication, generosity, and commitment have been instrumental in our success, and I am deeply grateful for everything you have contributed. I truly value the spirit of camaraderie and collaboration that defines our team, and I look forward to continuing this shared journey together. Your support means a great deal to the club, and I feel very fortunate to work alongside such capable and committed teammates.

A special welcome to Christine, our newest committee member, who was inducted into our club in November 2025. We were delighted when she joined the committee, and she has brought valuable skills, experience, and fresh energy that strengthen both our committee and the wider club.



Greater Visibility Committee:
 Irene O'Leary, Chair
 Christine Cole
 Nola Hackman
 Dawn Newman OAM
 Linda Tinning



Service and Advocacy

We welcomed two new members to Committee and were reduced by one due to member relocation. We work as a team fulfilling the Zonta mission of building a better world for women and girls.

Awards

Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award - Jean Wyder

Our ZYWLA presentation dinner was held at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on 26 March 2026 with 60 in attendance, including five councillors. We were very fortunate to have three Silver Sponsors, **Bespoke Wills & Estates Lawyers** Emily Nixon was represented by Kim Stobey and Abbie Gould, **Aerodrome Management Services** represented by CEO Jane Peter and our generous club member Ruth Thomas, and Dagmar Barnes a respected member of our club. These valued contributions offset the cost of the venue, the dinners for the finalists and a parent, the emcee and other expenses. We thank our event sponsors for making the event possible.

The Judging Panel selected three ZYWLA finalists - Nina Kratochvil from Carine Senior High School, Mollie Ratcliffe from Western Australian College of Agriculture Cunderdin and Jasmine Gregory originally from Duncraig Senior High School now attending Murdoch University.

They all spoke passionately about the "woman who has inspired them the most". The audience enjoyed hearing about three 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. Jasmine was selected for the \$1,000 Award and she has now been put forward for the District/International Level judging. Mollie and Nina received a \$250 Gift Card. Our 2025 winner, Allura Predovnik (currently abroad) inspired us via video 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.

A most enjoyable evening and a wonderful whole of club collaborative effort.

Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award *Area 3 and District 23 Coordinator,* *Linda Tinning*

After months of preparation and coordination throughout 2025 for the Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award, Linda Tinning, Area 3 and District 23 Coordinator, was delighted to introduce the Area 3 Awardee – Pema Chentsho – at the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs' dinner meeting on 6 August 2025 where Pema was presented with her Area 3 Award of \$1,500. Pema was also the Guest Speaker who delivered a very interesting and inspiring presentation titled "Beyond Borders: A Daughter's Journey from Sacrifice to Global Impact". Pema concluded her presentation with these final words about her mother, "She moved mountains so I could rise; Now, I build ladders so others can rise.

The Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award honours women 18-35 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 Award is also an Area 3-level Award, valued at AU\$1,500 and the successful District 23 applicant who was Area 3 Pema Chentsho whose application was forwarded to Zonta International for consideration for an additional US\$10,000 International Award a complimentary one-year Supporting Membership in Zonta International, commencing 1 June 2026.

Zonta International announced in December 2025 the recipients of the 2025 **Zonta Women in Business Leadership Awards** which recognised 10 outstanding women selected from 35 exceptional applicants across 26 countries.

Whilst we congratulated the successful recipients, we also acknowledged that our District 23 recipient, Pema Chentsho, was not successful at an International level. We remain very proud of Pema and her achievements and her selection as our D23 nominee reflects the high calibre of women in our district.

Currently in 2026 Zonta International has put on hold the promotion of the Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award, however, in the 2026–2028 Biennium, the Award will resume for 2027 and applications will need to be submitted to ZI by 15 October 2027. No doubt there will be more discussion at the Zonta International Convention in Vancouver in June 2026.

I am thankful of the support of all the participants in the Award, being the ZCPNS, Area 3 clubs, supporting institutions, community supporters, applicants and members of the Area 3 and District 23 Judging panels as it has been a pleasure working with you all.

Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary – Sue Pertilé

This year's Lucy Bohan awardee of the \$2,000 Bursary provided by **Ramsay Health Care** is Jeddalyn (Jedda) Yenka. Jedda is working part-time while attending ECU full time. Sadly, since Jedda started her nursing degree her husband has been diagnosed with colorectal cancer and therefore unable to work, so Jedda is the sole financial provider!

Jedda has maintained a strong academic performance and actively participated in clinical placements and peer support initiatives. Jedda's goal is to graduate and work in oncology or palliative care.

We would like to sincerely thank our sponsors **Ramsay Health** and their CEO Steve Cohen-Jones whom unable to attend the presentation, was represented by Karen Cunliffe.

Another very successful year!

Gillian's Gift – Dr Lesley Andrew

Our club distributed \$5,000 to assist five nursing students in 2025 with \$1,000 each for their clinical placement. They were selected by ECU School of Nursing & Midwifery.

Evaluation of the five 2025 recipients has shown that the \$1,000 resulted in huge relief from their worries about completing their practicum. We are confident that Gillian's Gift, in honour of our past President Gillian Cuss, is making a huge difference to retaining single mothers in the nursing profession.

Area 3 Woman of Achievement - Jean Wyder

As this is a biennial event nothing to report this year, other than we have found a worthy recipient for nomination at the next Founders Lunch.

WA Women's Hall of Fame – Alison Martin

Linda Tinning and Alison Martin attended the 2026 WA Women's Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Government House on Thursday, 5 March. There were 16 inductees (two in each category of Arts, Business, Community, Culture, Education, Health, Sport and STEM and Trades) and four in the Roll of Honour. Our club's 2014 Women of Achievement, Rabbia Saddique was inducted under the category Community. We did not nominate anyone this year.

SERVICE and ADVOCACY

Breast Cushion Project – Kath Snashall

Four sewing days were held from April to December 2025, two of which were Kath's craft group and two were Zonta members who made 125 cushions bringing our club total to 2,631.

Kath would like to thank all members past and present who have helped her produce these cushions over the last fifteen years, as a job very well done.

The club appreciates so much all the work Kath has done coordinating this beneficial project, involving non club members, purchasing the materials required – even sometimes whilst abroad, cutting, sewing, organising sewing days and sharing her home and tasty shortbreads. A mammoth effort! Kath, has now handed over the role of Breast Cushions Coordinator to the capable hands of Ruth Thomas with the support of all members.

Birthing Kits Project – Connie Coltrona
Area 3 and Club Birthing Kit Coordinator

A Birthing Kit Assembly Day was held on the 27 September 2025 at the Uniting Church Hall in Floreat. The Subiaco Post advertised the event and as a result 40 volunteers attended resulting in 1000 kits being assembled and packed for distribution.

Grateful thanks to **Franca Sala Tenna** from **EEO Specialists** who once more most generously donated \$5,000 to purchase the items. Also, thanks to all the members who gave of their time and especially for the assistance from Jill Darby.

The total number assembled by Perth Northern Suburbs is 21,600 kits.

Zonta House Liaison – Letitia Depiazzi

There was a very good response to the two seasonal collections, plus the generous extra Christmas inclusion for children. A change in routine at **Zonta House** also meant that we were not required for the wrapping of these, but rather a few people only required to sort through all donations and separate them into groups ready for staff and clients to make choices best suited for individuals. This took several hours as four members and two office staff were working together in a conference room with boxes and crates overflowing with books, clothing, cosmetics, small appliances and gifts for home decor.

This was a very rewarding though sobering experience when many homes and families are looking forward to a united cheerful gathering with friends and colleagues and we are putting together some small considerations for very different circumstances.

Zonta House is certainly a great project for us - it carries the spirit of assisting an increasing number of women and young children displaced through the scourge of domestic violence in our community.

Thank you to all club members for their valued support.

Domestic and Family Violence

National Family Violence Remembrance Day on 7 May, coincided with Domestic Violence Prevention Month when the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing held a candlelight vigil. The club remembered those women and children whose lives have been lost through domestic and family violence with our own candlelight vigil.

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.

Greater Visibility team led by Irene O'Leary followed the 16 Days of Activism and uploaded to our social sites, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram, a range of awareness-raising posts.

Mental Health First Aid Training – Jill Darby

None held this year.

Trauma Sensitive Yoga Course – Leanne Sultan

Once again, the club provided funds to **Phoenix Support and Advocacy Service** to provide the Trauma Sensitive Yoga Program with the aim of supporting current and former clients suffering from complex trauma. These courses were held in September and October 2025. The post evaluation provided extremely positive feedback and testimonials.

"Phoenix sincerely thanks the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc. for their commitment to survivor centred, trauma-informed healing and enabling this specialised program with minimal financial barriers to be delivered to Phoenix clients suffering from complex trauma resulting from being subjected to sexual abuse in childhood."

(Report from Phoenix available with more details www.phoenix.asn.au)

Silent March

Thirteen club members participated in the International Day of Violence Against Women ceremony and Silent March on 25 November at Forrest Place, Perth. This year's theme was "UNITE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls". The speeches and the tributes to those that had been killed were very moving, and so disappointing the number of deaths is unfortunately not decreasing.

International Women's Day (IWD) Breakfast – Sue Pertilé

Sue Pertilé most ably organised our 5th International Women's Day Breakfast held at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club on International Women's Day. Joanne Kostopoulos, presented on Coercive Control, exploring what this may look like in everyday life and, more importantly, how we can recognise the signs and respond appropriately when family members or friends are affected.

YouthGuard Advocacy – Sue Pertilé

YOUTHGUARD was formed on 14 November 2023 to advocate for the protection and empowerment of children and youth that use online social media.

An Open Forum was held on Monday, 27 October 2025 at Chichester Community Sporting Facility Woodvale. The forum was presented by Kayelene Kerr from **esafekids** and she spoke about the effects of Pornography on Children. The forum was attended by parents, teachers and carers.

The Federal Government on 10 December 2025 passed legislation that requires social media platforms to implement reasonable measure to prevent children under 16 from holding accounts. Companies failing to comply will face fines of up to \$50 million.

Now that the legislation has passed, due to the efforts of many informed Australians concerned for the human rights and protection of our children and youth, our club has now decided to leave the future to our knowledgeable educators. They will continue to guide parents, teachers and young adults. A beginning not an end!

North Balga Primary School – Liz Wason

Each month a **Household Hamper** to support a family in need is supported by donations from club members and coordinated by Liz Wason. This will be extended in 2026 to a student scholarship. The school acknowledges agencies and partners like us, and members attended a Christmas morning tea presented as a **thank you**.

Homelessness – Ruth Thomas

Club members have regularly supported **Starting Over Support** People Who Care for families in crisis. Ruth Thomas has coordinated these activities with also donations to Perth Homeless Support Group (Moore St) where she serves hot meals to the homeless.

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



Jean Wyder

Chair, Service and Advocacy Committee

Archives & Inventory

Club historical documents are archived in Google-MyDrive and regularly issued documents are also saved to this Drive under easily identifiable folders. Uploading occurs as necessary.

The Inventory list of various items and equipment held by office bearers and/or committees remains outstanding and yet to be circulated for updates and subsequent forwarding to club Board.

Kaye Metaxas
Archivist



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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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