

Zonta Club of Perth Inc

# 35th Annual Report

2006 / 2007

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Advancing the status of women worldwide

Annual Report 2006/2007



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**2006—2007 Club Officers**

President	Lori Grech
Vice President 1	Joy Merigan / Mary Gurgone
Vice President 2	Deborah Hegarty
Secretary	Sharee van den Berg / Anne Marie McNaughton
Treasurer	Kaye Martin
Directors	Roslyn Budd Virginia Edman Anne Marie McNaughton
Parliamentarian*	'Tricia Summerfield
Archivist*	Margaret Medcalf

*\*Non Board positions*

**Committee Chairs**

Membership and Support	Sandy McGregor
Finance and Fundraising	Sciona Browne
Public Relations	Carole Theobald
Status of Women, Service	'Tricia Summerfield
Ngarinyin Project	Karen Groves

**District Office Bearers**

Area 3 Director	Karen Groves
Chair, D23 Nominating Committee	Judy Tennant
D23 Archivist	Margaret Medcalf



**Total Funds Statement  
As at 31/03/07**

Actual to 31/03/06	FUND BALANCES	Actual to 31/03/07
\$6,077.12	Administration	\$6,567.46
\$23,700.37	Fundraising	\$25,776.57
<u>\$29,777.49</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$32,344.03</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
\$4,825.22	Westpac Chequing Account	\$20,748.11
\$9,952.27	ANZ V2 Plus	\$10,434.35
\$15,000.00	ESANDA Debenture/Holiday Trust	\$15,000.00
	Trade Debtors	-\$113.00
	Other Liabilities	<u>-\$13,725.43</u>
<u>\$29,777.49</u>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<u>\$32,344.03</u>
\$0.00	Difference	



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
2006-2007  
Lori Grech**

This has been an exciting year of significant growth and continuous change for the Club particularly due to the outstanding leadership of our Board members and Committee Chairs.

Our new financial year started with much energy and excitement as a large contingent of Club members showed their enthusiasm and support of Zonta International by attending the International Convention held in Melbourne in June 2006. There, we participated in fellowship and were provided wonderful opportunities to learn more about Zonta at the global level.

Additionally we took the opportunity to showcase our Club and in particular our Ngarinyin Project which captured the hearts and minds of many Zontians, nationally and internationally. Leading on from this exposure our Club has recently had approval at District level to put forward the Yarri Wada Puppet Project which has evolved from our relationship with the Ngarinyin Community. Well done

Karen Groves and members of her Ngarinyin Committee in their efforts thus far.

Furthermore our Membership & Support Committee under the leadership of Sandy McGregor has had outstanding success in recruiting eleven new members and we have successfully reached our Club target of 40 members for this year. The information evenings which are used to profile our Club have proven to be an extremely successful way of informing prospective new members about Zonta International and the projects that our Perth Club is involved in. The new mentoring program which has been instigated has also been an important strategy in attracting and retaining new members.

Our Finance and Fundraising Committee under the strong leadership of Sciona Browne has worked hard at developing sound financial systems and practices to secure the effective financial management of the Club. In my view we as a Club are leading the way in relation to looking at innovative ways to raise funds particularly from grants monies, to support the purchase of important



Club assets and to fund our projects. The work undertaken thus far has positioned our Club very well for the next 12 months in relation to our project development.

Annually our Club receives great recognition for our public relations efforts and publications and the Club is extremely grateful to Chair of that committee Carole Theobald and her PR committee who have been outstanding yet again in developing and maintaining our website and producing our award winning Inzert.

Carole in particular needs to be commended for her super human efforts in managing the Club's PR while she is often at her "second home" in Indonesia. The PR committee has also successfully promoted our major fundraising events and obtained important media coverage which has significantly contributed to raising the profile of Club this year. Carole has also recently produced a DVD which captures the history of Zonta and professionally portrays the accomplishments of the Perth Club. We have now started showing the DVD at our information evenings to

prospective new members. Our Status of Women committee continues to administer the established awards and programs of our Club, and in so doing, are attracting high calibre award recipients. Thank you to Tricia Summerfield for her expertise and leadership in this role. While the Club has had outstanding success this year in the achievement of its goals and objectives, there has also been considerable movement in key leadership roles particularly at Board level. I am most grateful to Anne Marie McNaughton who at very short notice stepped up and accepted the challenge of becoming the Club's Secretary and to others who willingly took on a Board position in addition to their already busy work schedules.

At Board level we have started looking at the important issue of accurate data capture and management and retention of our Club's correspondence. It is with thanks to Margaret Medcalf our Archivist and Board member Roslyn Budd, who have both worked together to develop a correspondence framework for the Club. This will ultimately be used



### Job Profit and Loss Statement 1/04/2006 through 31/03/2007

<b>Funds</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Miscellaneous Income	\$210.00
Competitive Edge IWD Even	\$9,669.00
Fun And Bone Raising Even	\$2,330.00
Luck 'o the Irish Lunch	\$17,929.00
Wine Raffle	\$5,684.00
Ngarinyin Fundraising	\$655.60
Card Sales	\$1,607.80
Interest on Investments	\$847.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$38,932.90</u></b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Competitive Edge IWD Even	\$9,669.00
Fun & Bone Raising Event	\$1,620.00
Luck 'o the Irish Lunch	\$11,235.00
Wine Raffle	\$1,866.72
Zonta Holidays	\$1,325.00
Zonta House Refuge Associ	\$1,000.00
Birthing Kits	\$500.00
Other Projects	\$167.00
SOWS - Education Award TA	\$1,500.00
SOWS - Edu Award - Tertia	\$3,533.55
SOWS - Guides WA	\$500.00
SOWS - YWIPA	\$200.00
General Service	\$3,740.43
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$36,856.70</u></b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b><u>\$2,076.20</u></b>



**Job Profit and Loss Statement  
1/04/2006 through 31/03/2007**

**Administration**

Income	
Membership Fees	\$6,953.50
Dinner Raffle	\$876.55
Dinner Money	\$10,195.00
Christmas Dinner Payments	\$2,450.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$25.81
Interest on Investments	\$518.37
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$21,019.23</u></b>
Expense	
Accounting Fees	\$250.00
International Dues	\$3,862.00
District 23 Dues	\$238.00
Printing	\$102.00
Bank Charges	\$5.00
Postage & Stationery	\$153.50
Mship - Badges	\$623.60
Mship - Information Evenin	\$129.00
Mship - Coffee Morning	\$97.00
Mship - Other Gifts/Cards	\$149.85
PR - Copying/Printing	\$212.54
PR - Web Hosting/Domain	\$54.00
International / District 23	\$119.00
Meals - Dinner Meetings	\$10,255.50
Christmas Dinner	\$2,176.44
Sundry	\$759.36
Presidents Annuity	\$200.00
Breast Cancer Cushions	\$30.00
Ngarinyin Project Dev Sco	\$66.00
SOWS - Edu Award - Tertia	\$25.96
Founders Day Dinner Levy	\$280.00
General Service	\$20.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$19,808.75</u></b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b><u>\$1,210.48</u></b>



to guide Committee Chairs and Board members in determining what information should be captured for archiving based on its general historical or administrative relevance and also to provide a standardised format we can all follow when managing correspondence, emails, financial statements etc. This important Club policy is due to be finalised in the near future.

Two representatives of our Club have also continued providing their expertise and support to the Zonta House Women's Refuge through their involvement on the refuge's Management Committee. This has involved attendance at monthly meetings and contributing to fundraising, policy development, financial management and strategic planning.

During this year progress has also been made at the Refuge in the development of a possible new project offering safe accommodation to young teenage homeless women. A proposal for the trial of this project has been submitted to the Executive of the Department for Community Development and the Department's Minister and there is much positive interest and support for this initiative.

So looking back on the year to date, I think we as a Club can feel very satisfied in the progress we have made. Hopefully we can continue to attract high calibre women interested in working with us to advance the status of women.

Our financial affairs are in order and have positioned us to confidently take on more ambitious projects in the future and finally, with the exceptional leadership displayed by members and committees there is little reason to believe we will not achieve the goals and objectives we have set ourselves as a Club.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to hold the position of President, Zonta Club of Perth over the last 12 months and I thank all members for their hard work, support and creative talents and look forward to working with everyone in 2007 - 2008.



**SERVICE, STATUS OF WOMEN, (SOWS)**

*Tricia Summerfield*

The Status of Women/Service Committee has met monthly at Jean Oldham's home and we thank her for her generous hospitality.

**Holiday trust**

Four families with a total of ten children enjoyed Zonta holidays during 2006. Debbie Mason has negotiated arrangements with Friendship House in Albany so that bookings will be reserved and then a family selected to have a holiday in reverse of what has happened to date.

Alternative holiday destination options have been investigated by Freda and Helen for shorter holidays closer to Perth if availability of Friendship House proves difficult for some. A suitable alternative in Mandurah is possible.

**Education Award**

Thanks to the commitment of Roslyn Budd and her team (Helen and Freda), this award attracted eight applicants and numerous enquiries for the 2006/2007 year. The award amount was increased

and shared between Jantina Van Der Jagt and Dawn Cullen who made presentations and were given their awards at the March club meeting. A proposal to continue to assist two recipients in future by increasing the budget allocation has been recommended to the Board.

**Central TAFE Community Services Award**

Only one award was presented during 2006 and this went to Lauren Dean for her studies in Certificate IV in Community services, Mental Health (Non Clinical) at Central TAFE. Lauren has now taken a position in Adelaide.

Mary Gurgone kindly attended Central TAFE's open day in February and promoted the work of Zonta and the award to 25 students

**Guides WA Leadership Award**

Sharon O'Brien was the recipient of the 2006 Guides WA Leadership Award. Jacqueline Hope attended the celebration dinner and presented the award on behalf of the Club.

**Woman of Achievement Award**

Kathy Charlesworth was the Perth Club nominee for the Woman of Achievement Award. Kathy has been the key liaison between the



The most significant would have to be the introduction of the MYOB accounting package. In addition, we now have in place a "Request for Payment form and a team approach for collecting the monthly Dinner monies at the door.

As a result, the Treasurer's role has been somewhat of a partnership. To this end, I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Katina Law.

With the computerization of our records came an increased work load and along with a substantial increase in the membership this year it became apparent that there was a need to share some of the duties.

It was decided towards the end of the financial year to allocate the collection of new member fees and subsequent forwarding of International dues to the Treasurer's Assistant, Katina Law.

Katina has also taken on the role of the annual invoicing of the membership. This has been invaluable.

Special thanks must go to Wendy

MacGibbon for helping out at the door at a moment's notice on several occasions at the monthly club meetings and also to Agnes Vacca for her excellent documentation and collection of the ticket money for the Luck O' the Irish Lunch.

Overall, the support of the members of the Finance & Fundraising Committee has been fantastic.

It has been a very busy year in Finance and Fund Raising. We have had three major events in the Fun & Bone Raising, the Wine Raffle and the Luck O' the Irish Lunch.

Finally, I could not finish without saying what a fantastic, enthusiastic and supportive team leader we have had in Sciona Browne. It has been great to be a part of her committee.



The main fundraiser of the year, 'The Luck O' the Irish Lunch', held in March at Perth Racing's Ascot track, was a huge success. Not only was this event a success in terms of raising funds for Zonta, but the whole Club supported it and it engendered the commitment of teams working together that is a hallmark of Zonta.

Members from all Committees entered into the spirit of this event and gave huge amounts of their time and expertise. Our amazing Carole Theobald and her PR team did an outstanding job. Membership and Support also jumped in, not to mention individuals throughout the Club all of whom contributed to this event, attended and sold tickets to others and made the day a show-stopper! The St Patrick's race day event was indeed 'lucky'... we were able to bring in just over \$7,500 net.

The Club raised over \$12,000 in cash this year for Zonta, and when the successful small equipment grant is added in, close to \$15,000 in total. \$6,000 above budget.

While the Finance and Fundraising Committee is responsible for organising fundraising initiatives, we simply could not achieve these

results on our own. It is the support of the Club as a whole and individual members that counts at the end of the day.

Thank you all, from members of my team; and to my team, a heart-felt thanks from me for all your dedication, tireless work and willingness to stick your necks out!

Finally, a special thank you to Kaye Martin and Katina Law, for their efforts on the Treasury front.

**Finance and Fundraising Committee:**

- Sciona Browne (Chair)*
- Michelle Collins (Jennings)*
- Katina Law*
- Wendy MacGibbon*
- Kaye Martin*
- Anne-Marie McNaughton*
- Jan Pettorino (part of year)*
- Judy Tennant*
- Di Watts (part of year)*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

*Kaye Martin*

This year has seen a number of changes in the methods of recording our clubs financial matters.



Club and the Ngarinyin law-women.

**Young Woman in Public Affairs**

Stephanie Clugston from Presbyterian Ladies' College was chosen as the 2006 award winner. Stephanie spoke with passion and insight at the February Club meeting. She is now studying medicine at UWA.

**Birthing Kits**

Thanks to the ongoing commitment of Deborah Hegarty and a team of Zontians and students, a kit assembly workshop was held at QEII Medical Centre on 24 September for dispatch to Vietnam. ZCP has become a member of the Birthing Kit Foundation.

**Jane M Klausman Scholarship**

This is now an Area 3 committee and Debbie Mason is ZCP's representative.

Sincere thanks to all committee members who contributed their time to attend meetings and who have so readily accepted and performed with dedication the many tasks delegated to them.

**Service, Status of Women Committee:**

- Roslyn Budd*
- Deborah Hegarty*
- Jacqueline Hope (Chair until September)*
- Freda Jacob*
- Diana Kaiser*
- Helen Margaria*
- Debbie Mason*
- Jean Oldham*
- Jan Pettorino (part of year)*
- Tricia Summerfield (Chair from October)*
- Debra Walker*

**NGARINYIN COMMITTEE**

**Karen Groves**

Embracing some clear strategies to develop the relationship with the Ngarinyin women, this committee has moved forward on a few significant initiatives over this past year. The four goals have been:

**1. To host the Ngarinyin women on a visit to Perth to consolidate the friendship with the Club:**

A formal visit to Perth by the women elders did not eventuate but visits by their community nurse Angie Fisher and other members of the communities gave us the



chance to connect and extend the friendship and understanding between the Kimberley communities and our club.

Artist Lucy Ward was in Perth at an exhibition of her paintings at Indigenart Gallery and was reacquainted with some of the members who went on the trip in 2004.

During a health trip to Perth, Pansy Nulgit's daughter and son-in-law were given a splendid, healthy meal and valuable dietary advice by Sciona Browne, Fiona Crowe and Wendy MacGibbon. Kathy Charlesworth remains an important link with the women elders and she assures us that the strength of the relationship is felt and understood equally by them.

**2. To introduce an Emerging Artist Award for a Ngarinyin Artist:**

This project has been shelved for the time being as collective wisdom decided that it was not the right time for this concept. Our mentor, Dr. Mary Anne Jebb (historian and curator of the Mowanjum Arts Centre) was most helpful in guiding us to this decision. The Club was privileged to hear Mary Anne speak at a Club

Meeting on her life and work with the women elders of the Kimberley, told largely through her relationship with her own woman elder and "mother" figure.

**3. To remain poised to respond to the needs of the Ngarinyin women—always:**

Significant opportunities presented themselves in this regard. In June 2006, Club members contributed to a monster clothing collection in response to the call from the communities for clothing in the winter months. The logistics of collecting, packing and shipping the clothes involved a large number of Club members. Peter Zaluzny of Pacific Transport got behind the effort and transported the shipment to the Kimberley at almost no cost. He has remained a significant supporter of the Ngarinyin Project and again shipped another collection of clothing from St. Catherine's College in January 2007.

Yvonne Burgu at Gibb River has indicated a need for fishing gear for the children so that they can enjoy catching their own fish. A donation from a Californian Zontian, Pat Johnson, has been earmarked to be spent on fishing lines.



curve, even though the reins were ably handed over by 'Tricia Summerfield and her team from the year before.

It's all in the bones! The year kicked off with our first event, The Bone and Fundraising Event, held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. Fiona Crowe, gave a riveting account of the life and times of ancient Roman 'hunks' through a study of their bones... It's the bones, not the 'squishy bits' she told us, that hold the secrets to the health and lifestyle of our ancestors! This event was held at Oceanus restaurant and was facilitated by Di Watts.

Speaking of lifestyle, a member-initiated event with support from the Finance and Fundraising Committee and Sandy McGregor, from Membership and Support, was the next challenge. Zonta Club of Perth members and fellow Zontians from Northern Suburbs and Swan Hills, spent a weekend trekking on the Bibbulmun Track.... sore feet notwithstanding, sleeping under the stars was a very bonding experience! Other members, their husbands, partners and friends joined us on the Sunday, for brunch at the Mundaring Weir Pub.

One of our most successful fundraisers this year was the Wine Raffle. Members got right behind this initiative and I wish to acknowledge and thank you all for your generosity and support. We raised close to \$4000 on this event alone. The idea for the raffle came from Debbie Mason and, with a few tweaks learned from experience this year, we think it is well worth considering another in the future.

We had a mixed result with application for grants. The Living in Harmony grant for the Indigenous Mentoring Project did not get up, but we have been invited to reapply in 2007/2008. Apparently, it was a narrow decision not to fund us this year, but we are encouraged by the invitation to submit a second application.

The success goes to Anne-Marie McNaughton, assisted by Kaye Martin, for the grant application for a laptop computer for the Club. A Volunteer Small Equipment Grant of \$2800 will mean the Club can now buy a new laptop to be used by the Club Treasurer and we may also have enough to purchase a printer.



has featured many in-depth articles of club activities, as well as those happening at area, district and international levels. It also reports a range of issues affecting women. A copy of the December edition's Ngarinyin feature article was forwarded to Zonta International. Many thanks go to members and friends of the Club for their valuable contributions.

Margaret has been sifting diligently through the many archival resources that we have collected and, together with Karen Groves patiently edited the 'Welcome to Zonta' book. The revised edition is being printed and will be circulated to members soon. A copy also will be placed in new members' satchels.

Our team supported other committees throughout the year by producing framed certificates for awardees, stationery for the Club and President, place cards for meetings, maintaining the Membership List and producing the Annual Report.

To help us manage our activities we have a PR procedures manual that is continually updated and stored on the Club's email site so it may be accessed when required

by members. This year we managed to have 8 face-to-face meetings hosted at Margaret, Sandra and Carole's homes and one electronic meeting.

My personal thanks go to all members of the committee for their tremendous support, energy and willingness to 'have a go' during this amazing year.

**Public Relations Committee:**

- Virginia Edman*
- Penny Flett*
- Mary Gurgone*
- Margaret Medcalf*
- Sandra Pressman*
- Marilyn Rainier*
- Yvonne Roberts (honorary member)*
- Carole Theobald (Chair)*
- Agnes Vacca*
- Sharee Van Den Berg*
- Glen Wilson*

**FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING**

*Sciona Browne*

The Finance and Fundraising Committee has had a busy and productive year. Members, with the exception of stalwart Wendy MacGibbon, were all new to this committee. It was a steep learning



The ever-present plight of the Kimberley communities, facing diminishing health and violent domestic situations, has caused the women to ask for help in educating their young children in acceptable social behaviours, cultural values and health practices. With the determination of Angie Fisher and the passion and diligence of Fiona Crowe, the "Yarri Wada: Strong for Country" Puppet Project has been developed.

The concept is to involve the Ngarinyin people in designing and making the puppets, creating the dialogues, telling the stories and thereby, educating their young children – for a viable community life, blending traditional cultural values with modern practices to achieve a safer, healthier and more productive environment.

This project is poised for further development and will involve significant commitment by our Club. The concept has also won approval from the Board of District 23 to be put forward for consideration as a District Project at the District 23 Conference in Hobart in September 2007.

**4. To plan a visit to the Kimberley by Zonta Women in 2007:**

A trip in June/July 2007 is being planned as this report is being written. It is thought that this expedition will be organized to be self sufficient with the Zonta women doing the driving, camping and cooking rather than going with an organized tour company. The meeting with the Ngarinyin women will be focussed around Gibb River and the visit will be timed to coincide with the Mowanjum Arts Festival. We are fortunate to have the good services of Katina Law working on the trip plans – her local knowledge will be invaluable!

**Other matters:**

Apart from pursuing these goals, the Committee has expanded its consideration to include a special project involving indigenous women in Perth. This was developed through the passion and dedication of Fiona Crowe, Principal of St. Catherine's College at UWA and a member of the Australian Federation of University Women (UFUW), a partner in the "Yarri Wada Project" – a mentoring program for indigenous students living in college and studying at UWA.



Club members have been given the opportunity to mentor these students according to their individual needs – academic assistance, work experience or “mothering”.

Significant scoping went in to the establishment of this project, ascertaining existing mentoring facilities and other interested parties, so the end result is seen as an excellent model on which to base further development.

The other area of activity which has been largely championed by Sciona Browne is in the field of *advocacy*.

Sciona has raised the awareness of indigenous issues in general and the Zonta Club of Perth’s Ngarinyin Project and extraordinary friendship with the women elders through her many and varied approaches to prospective project partners, possible grant givers and influential contacts.

Huge exposure was given to the project at the Zonta International Convention in Melbourne in June 2006, including a personal meeting with ZI President Mary Ellen Bittner. Invitations to speak followed from the District 24 Board and the Zonta

Club of Noosa for International Women’s Day.

Other meetings were held with Indigenous Enterprise Partnerships (IEP) in Melbourne and Edge of Nowhere (EON) Foundation in Perth. Presentations were made at the Melbourne conference of the International Council of Small Business and at the “Engaging Indigenous Issues” Conference in Brisbane.

It is imperative in this report to acknowledge the support and enthusiasm of Carole Theobald who has been instrumental in preparing Power Point presentations, cataloguing Kathy Charlesworth’s photos of the Kimberley people and producing wonderful PR materials to support this project.

While some members of this committee are passionately involved in these projects, and are to be congratulated on their achievements, all members are supportive and sincere in their valuable contributions.



Our committee has developed a range of new resources this year including:

- A large, laminated club poster featuring Zonta activities
- Laminated posters to promote the Zonta Raffle at Bunnings’ stores
- Many A3 sized laminated photos of Zonta activities that form a library of resources for events
- PowerPoint presentation of the Ngarinyin project used at International Convention in Melbourne
- ‘Welcome to Zonta’ PowerPoint presentation of club activities that is used at new member evenings. A copy of this was forwarded on request to the Governor of District 24.
- Printed colour hard copies of both PowerPoint presentations that have been placed into desk top display files.
- CDs of the presentations so they may be presented on a computer. They are also sent to speakers so they may learn more about the Club, focus their talks appropriately and possibly consider joining.
- DVDs of the presentations so they may be played through a television. A copy of the Ngarinyin project DVD was

forwarded to Kathy Charlesworth and has been shared with our Ngarinyin friends in the Kimberley, who do not have access to computers, but do have DVD players and televisions. The DVD of the Welcome to Zonta presentation was set to music and used at the Luck of the Irish Lunch.

Recently, Mary capably managed our Club’s stand at the International Women’s Day event at the Hyatt Hotel that attracted over 650 participants. The stand featured our self standing banner and display board featuring the club’s new eye-catching large poster as well as a range of award posters and desk top display file of Zonta activities. Mary and Margaret also managed a display of our Club’s projects for the Area 3 workshop.

**Internal communication**

Keeping members informed about our Club’s activities is a major role of the PR committee.

Virginia and Carole shared the editorship of the Inzert this year - between Virginia’s three month honeymoon round-the-world trip and Carole’s six months’ of working in Indonesia. The Inzert



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

*Carole Theobald*

This year has been particularly challenging for the PR committee with many members working interstate and overseas for prolonged periods. However, the Club's website and email system have really come into their own as members have been able to contribute to committee activities from many parts of the world.

It has been our committee's pleasure to support the varied fellowship and fundraising events throughout the year as well as continuing to improve the Club's external and internal communication activities.

### ***Fellowship and fundraising events***

This year, these included the Fun and Bone Raising Evening, the Bibbulmun Track Walk, Christmas Raffle, Christmas Party, Fremantle Tram Ride and the Luck of the Irish Lunch.

Our team provided invitations, flyers and resources for all events as requested by other committees. This year, the Luck of the Irish Lunch was the main fundraising event and the team did its best to

promote Zonta through the event. Special mention should be made to Agnes for co-ordinating the sale of tickets and to Glen, Mary and Marilyn for successfully gaining coverage on community radio and in local newspapers. In addition, Glen and Marilyn's skills on the catwalk modeling Miranda Green's fantastic hats did not go unnoticed.

### ***External communication***

The webpage continues to go from strength to strength and all of our club's 'public documents' such as award applications, brochures and annual reports may be downloaded from the site. The web page also features newsletters, background articles of projects, PowerPoint presentations, latest news, coming events and links to other Zonta sites.

Our club email address (that is password protected) hosts our 'private documents' such as membership lists and minutes of meetings.

Our internet presence attracts interest from prospective awardees and new members, international Zontians and a range of community enquiries that are passed on to the appropriate committee on a daily basis.



## ***Ngarinyn Committee:***

*Sciona Browne  
Fiona Crowe  
Karen Groves (Chair)  
Mary Gurgone  
Katina Law  
Lennie McCall  
Andrea McGurk  
Sandra Pressman*

## **MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT**

*Sandy McGregor*

The Membership and Support Committee has enjoyed a successful year in working towards achieving our goals of attracting and retaining new members and providing support to all members.

### ***Attraction of new members***

During 2006/07 we hosted four "Wine and Cheese Information Evenings" which were attended by some seventeen prospective new members. The evenings were facilitated by various members of our committee but special thanks to Lyn McArthur and Carole Theobald for presenting the evenings and to Marlene O'Meara for her generous hospitality in providing the venue at the Emerald Hotel. Thanks also to

Marg Giles and Lori Grech who were always available to assist.  
***New Members***  
We welcomed nine fabulous new women into our club this year: Michelle Jennings, Fiona Crowe, Lois Joll, Debbie Mason, Glen Wilson, Marilyn Rainier, Diana Kaiser, Debra Walker and Agnes Vacca, As well we extended a welcome to Di Watts and Jan Pettorino who joined us from Perth Northern Suburbs Club.

### ***Retention of Members***

Two new initiatives were implemented this year to assist new members to readily assimilate into the club. Firstly the committee developed a more formal process for mentoring new members. This included developing and implementing a pamphlet "Guidelines for Zonta Buddies" which new members, together with their nominated mentor can work through.

Secondly we introduced the concept of a "coffee morning." The aim was to provide the opportunity for new members and their mentors to get to know each other. Our first coffee morning, held on a Saturday morning in October, was attended by ten women. We



received excellent feedback and aim to hold further coffee mornings.

**Fellowship**

Much discussion has taken place on how best to provide opportunities for fellowship. Various ideas have been put forward and members have had their opportunity to contribute ideas at dinner meetings. We aim to move forward with these ideas early this year.

**Members on Leave**

There have been five women on leave at various times during the year: Marilyn Piper, Virginia Edman (nee Shotter), Sharee Van Den Berg, Joy Merigan (nee Treasure) and Deb Hegarty.

**Resignations**

It is with much regret that the club received resignations during the year from Linley Buchanan, Anne Marie Farley and Jacqueline Hope. We sincerely thank you for your contribution to the club and wish you well in your future endeavours.

**Dinner Meetings**

The venue during 2006 for our dinner meetings was UWA Club. This venue was very successful. However due to a substantial proposed cost increase for 2007, it was decided to relocate to another

venue at St Catherine's College. We aim to continue at St Catherine's for 2007.

Other than guest speakers and award winners, we welcomed some twenty three guests to our dinner meetings during the year. I would like to acknowledge Lennie McCall and Marg Giles for their tireless contribution towards making our dinner meetings enjoyable and successful.

**Guest Speakers**

This year, our guest speakers included several prominent community women, previous award winners and some of our members.

Judge French spoke at the August meeting and explained how her position in the justice system brings her face to face with the worst side of human nature, driven by ill funded mental health problems, drug abuse and domestic violence. She acknowledged the potential benefits that could arise through our friendship with the Ngarinyin community.

Rachel Thompson was our guest speaker in October and spoke of her fantastic experience of working



in the United States Congress. Our club sponsored Rachel for her travel to the US, and for this she is very appreciative.

In March this year we were very fortunate to host Dr Mary Anne Jebb, Author, and Consultant Historian to Mowanjum who spoke with great passion of her work with the Kimberley people. Most of our award winners accepted our invitation to speak to us, all of these young women spoke very impressively and all are extremely grateful for the opportunity of accepting their awards.

As well as external guest speakers, several of our members accepted our invitation to present their profile. Sincere thanks to Sandra Pressman, Anne Marie McNaughton, Tricia Summerfield and Mary Gurgone for sharing your story. Thanks also to Judy Tennant and Sciona Browne for reporting on Melbourne Convention and to Karen Groves, Lennie McCall and Judy Tenant who spoke about their roles at District Level.

**Xmas Function**

Our Xmas function this year was hosted at the home of Karen and Bill Groves; sincere thanks to them

for their very generous hospitality in opening their home to us. It was very pleasant to be able to welcome a guest Solveig Thulin and her husband at this function. Solveig was a member of the Uddevalla Zonta Club in Sweden and contacted us during her holiday in Perth.

**General**

During the year our committee has supported members by sending flowers, cards or finding time for a coffee break whenever we are aware of a member falling ill or generally "needing a boost".

Thank you to all of this committee for their fantastic team work, enthusiasm and energy. As well, thank you to all club members for being so responsive and supportive of our committee.

**Membership and Support Committee:**

- Marg Giles
- Lori Grech
- Lois Joll
- Lyn McArthur
- Lennie McCall
- Sandy McGregor (Chair)
- Joy Merigan
- Marlene O'Meara
- Di Watts (part of year)