

BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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Snapshot of 2023-2024



Vicky Nazer, Janice Dudley, Faith O'Brien and Ute Schierhorn join the Silent March through Perth's CBD during the 16 Days of Activism







Left: Janice Dudley and Carole Theobald join the rally against domestic violence April 2024

Below: 'If the hat fits' exercise at the A3 Workshop in Busselton



Left: Vicky acknowledges Rosie Jeanes in a Member Moment.





Above: President Zonta Perth Northern Suburbs, Sue Pertile, raises awareness of the YouthGuard project to restrict children's access to online pornography.



Above: Club members meet the Yvonne Burgu Education Awardees* for 2023 at Marr Mooditj. Left to right Natalie Ugle*, Karen Groves, Rosalee Gjengsto*, Tallara Masters*, Gloria Sutherland, Lyn McArthur, Sharon Cartright* and MaryGurgone.

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

MISSION

Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls.

VISION

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

OBJECTS OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy.
- 2. To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of members.
- 3. To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- 4. To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.



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1. President's Report

Vicky Nazer



My report is in the form of a SWOT analysis.

Strengths/Opportunities

The Zonta Club of Perth (ZCP) is well established, with a long history spanning

over half a century, and has a fine tradition of service and advocacy.

We can draw on the experience and wisdom of some outstanding individual members who have Zonta prominence internationally (Carole Theobald with Zonta Says NOW, and District Centurion and ZI Convention Convenor Judy Gorton).

Others, such as Faith O'Brien and 'Tricia Summerfield, contribute at an Area and District level.

There is a cohort of high-contributing Young Professional members, all of whom are Team Leaders.

In 2023-2024, the Club was engaged in several satisfying collaborative activities, e.g., the 'My Home' project with Rotary and others; the Containers for Change (C4C) project in conjunction with St Catherine's College, which resulted in the planting of 700 trees (both these projects were driven by Ute Schierhorn); and the early stages of the WA Women's Forum joint advocacy initiative (where Faith and Vicky have been involved).

Members actively participated in the District 23 Conference held in Bunbury and the Area 3 Workshop held in Busselton.

Our Visibility Team Coordinator, Emily McLeish, played a key role in advocating for preserving the RUAH Safe Space for Women. Her online petition attracted over 20,000

signatures. Although the Space had to close its doors in December, Emily ensured that Zonta's support for it was unwavering. Emily has worked hard and imaginatively to improve the Club's social media profile over the past year.

St Catherine's Golden Z Club has expanded to have a presence at UWA, Curtin and Notre Dame universities.

Teams have demonstrated flexibility with the targeting of Awards. For example, the Indigenous Projects team now targets the Yvonne Burgu Awards to students at Marr Mooditj, a Vocational-level Indigenous training institution, rather than to those enrolled in degree programs.

The Perth Foundation for Women (PFW), now in its second yar, is becoming more widely known. It has potential as a vehicle for collaborative State-wide major projects and for attracting large-scale tax-deductible donations.

The THRIVE event, held during the 16 Days of Activism, was a successful collaboration between the Club, the PFW, and the United Nations Association of Australia Western Australia division (UNAAWA). As a result, \$7,000 was donated to the Zonta House Refuge Association (ZHRA). Murdoch University provided significant financial sponsorship.

Weaknesses/Threats

Membership numbers are declining, and the age profile of members is of concern. (The Club may be over a half-century old, but sadly, so are most of our members!)

Reduced numbers cause spillover effects, e.g., difficulties filling officer and Board positions and compiling effective teams.

The cohort of Young Professional Members, although high-quality, remains very small.



District 23 Conference in Bunbury.

Left: L-R Vicky Nazer, Rosie Jeanes, Emily McGleish and Jenny Wood

Right: Club's stand selling our inspiration cards and Club History book.



Reduced membership means collaboration with like-minded organisations becomes critical to achieving our goals. The challenge is that common goals and values must be articulated in advance for effective collaboration.

Despite our improved social media presence, there's still a lot of work to be done to raise the profile of both Zonta and our Club in the wider community.

The Perth Foundation for Women continues to strive to engage other Clubs to take advantage of what it can offer Area-wide.

I thank the Board for their guidance throughout the year and members for their ongoing support and commitment to the Club.

2. Service

Jenny Wood



The Club has focussed on three service projects this year.

My Home

This project, which began in 2022-2023, achieved its goal late in 2023-2024 when

the last of 18 residents moved into their new, environmentally-friendly, safe, easy-maintenance, comfortable, low rental, 'forever' homes near public transport in North Fremantle.

All of the residents are women over the age of 55 who were either homeless or at risk of homelessness before being offered the opportunity to move into the units that architect Michelle Blakeley designed.

The 'My Home' project was a collaborative Public-Private Partnership initiative involving various levels of government, the corporate

sector, churches and community service groups. The State Government provided land at a 'peppercorn' rate; fit-outs, furniture, dry goods and 'welcome packs' were provided by some community organisations such as Rotary and the Zonta Club of Perth; and St Pat's community housing organisation in Fremantle will provide overall rental maintenance.

Our Club's contribution to this innovative and rewarding Project was initiated and driven by Ute Schierhorn, with assistance from Vera Riley, Lyn McArthur, and Vicky Nazer.

Recycle, Plant Trees Project

This project commenced in 2022-2023, once again from an initiative by Ute, and, like 'My Home', was a collaborative activity. Under this project, the Club collaborated with St Catherine's College, the City of Perth and Carbon Positive Australia to raise awareness of Zonta, engage students in constructive efforts to address the effects of climate change, reduce the College's greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to the restoration of degraded land in Western Australia.

For every 40 containers recycled at the College, Carbon Positive planted one tree. By February 2024, a total of 700 trees had been planted. This collaborative project just 'grew and grew', with other educational institutions and organisations wishing to come on board as the positive outcomes became clear. In consultation with St Catherine's, the Club recently agreed to wind back its involvement as the project was now so well-established that it could continue to flourish without us. We will, however, continue to participate in Containers for Change activities but only at a Club level.

RUAH Safe Night Space

In 2023-2024, Club members, led by Service Team Coordinator Jenny Wood, continued to



As the My Home project finished, the focus moved to saving RUAH's Safe Night Space.





provide clothing and toiletries to RUAH Community Services to use in their Safe Night Space for women 'sleeping rough' in the CBD. Sadly, in late December 2023, the existing Space was closed due to a decision made by the Council of the City of Perth.

Club members (Vicky Nazer, Ute Schierhorn and Emily Mcleish) attended and addressed a Council meeting and/or participated in a peaceful demonstration to attempt to save the Safe Night Space.

Emily also set up an online petition, which attracted over 20,000 signatures of support. At the time of writing, it is hoped that an alternative site within the CBD will be approved and receive funding so that the 'at risk' clientele will have a secure space they can access during nighttime hours.

Service team 2023-2024: Jenny Wood (Coordinator), Ute Schierhorn, Vera Riley

3. Advocacy

Faith O'Brien



Advocacy has been a very active area this year, supporting women who have experienced domestic violence, advocating for WA Law Reform to replace outdated abortion laws.

and helping homeless women over the age of 55.

International activities

Our Club contributes one-third of its fundraising annually to the Zonta International Foundation to support international programs that:

Advocate for Gender Equality –
 particularly through Zonta's activities at
 the United Nations and Council of
 Europe.

- End Gender-Based Violence through projects in Peru, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste that prevent violence in schools and provide support services to women and girls who experience violence.
- End Child Marriage by protecting the rights of millions of vulnerable girls in 12 countries by enhancing their knowledge, skills and attitudes on matters such as their rights, relationships, and sexual and reproductive health.
- Expand Access to Education through scholarships, fellowships, awards, and international service projects, including educating girls in Madagascar, to build climate-resilient communities.

The *ZI: International Aspects* segment by Rosie Jeanes at our meetings keeps us updated with these global projects. (See zonta.org for more information on international projects.)

Local activities

- WA Women's Forum in 2024, the Area 3
 Advocacy team was invited to participate
 in the newly-formed WA Women's Forum
 (WAWF). President Vicky, through her
 association with Jo Wilkie from
 Soroptimist International, helped facilitate
 this. The WA Women's Forum will unite
 women's groups throughout WA (about
 40-50) and include representatives from
 Indigenous communities registered within
 the State. The Forum will provide a
 stronger advocacy voice for women and
 has a core committee whose purpose is
 for
 - Develop strategies to ensure that as many Western Australian women as possible can have a voice through the Forum.
 - Deliver a compelling Forum report with agreed recommendations and calls to action.









One third of Club's fundraising goes to Zonta International Service projects to support women and girls around the world.

- Oversee the implementation of the Forum's recommendations and calls to action.
- Monitor the take-up and impact of the recommendations and calls to action.
- Report back to the Forum members and
- Oversee an independent review of the Forum.

The WAWF program will launch in May/June, and all female members of the State Parliament will be invited to the event.

- Ending violence against women thank you to Sue Martins, who once again helped organise our Club's participation in the Silent March during the 16 Days of Activism. Members from our Club marched with those from the ZC Perth Northern Suburbs', and our orange t-shirts helped to increase Zonta's visibility in the march. The Club posted videos and photos on social media throughout the 16 days to highlight statistics and raise awareness of programs to end violence against women.
- Zonta Says NOW to gender-equal climate action - the impacts of climate change magnify any existing gender inequalities and increase anxiety in the community.
 2023 was the hottest year on record, and Australia has experienced extreme heat and flooding this year. Club members supported Zonta Says NOW by:
 - Attending the Zonta Says NOW
 District 23 and Intercontinental Think
 Tank meetings and sharing
 information with other Club members.
 - Assisting in the preparation of disaster preparedness resources
 - Supporting the Recycle, Plant Trees project
 - Investigating ways to deliver training aligned with District 23's Mental Health First Aid project and
 - Applying the D23 Zonta Says NOW Sustainability Principles to the Club's activities.

- Birthing Kit Assembly Day the Golden Z
 Club hosted a successful and enjoyable
 day on 10 October and assembled 405 kits.
 ZCP members assisted on the day, and the
 Birthing Kit Foundation distributed the kits
 to remote communities overseas.
- Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Care Centre – collaboration with Ishar has been quiet, with a Club member mentoring one woman when necessary.
- Other advocacy issues the Advocacy team has added coercive control, online pornography, abortion laws, homelessness of women over 55, and child sexual abuse to our traditional areas of domestic violence and workplace gender equality.

Advocacy Team 2023-2024: Faith O'Brien (Advocacy Coordinators), Ute Schierhorn, Vera Riley, Sue Martins (LOA), Carole Theobald

4. Indigenous Projects

Karen Groves



Our Indigenous projects continue to go from strength to strength.

The Yvonne Burgu Education Award

The focus for this year is very much centred on the Yvonne Burgu Education Award. This was the third year this Award was offered to female indigenous students at Marr Mooditj Training Corporation. The Award consolidates the relationship between Marr Mooditj and the Zonta Club of Perth, which was fostered in the first place by Mary Gurgone, utilising her excellent contacts in the tertiary education and indigenous training space.

The working relationship is now wellestablished and is founded on a clear understanding of the purpose of the Award, the



Zonta International's two key advocacy campaigns are

Zonta Says NO to violence against women and

Zonta Says NOW to gender-equal climate action



pragmatic approach to procedures in promoting and managing the conduct of the Award, and in sharing the enthusiasm and positive outlook derived from the presentation of the Award.

In 2023, the 4 x \$500 Awards were offered to students undertaking Certificate 4 in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Course. The application form was revised to focus on the course criteria for selection and the student's personal attitude towards their future.

While our committee was meant to interview the final shortlist of students, Marr Mooditj considered that only four students met the selection criteria, obviating the need for final interviews. However, our committee arranged to meet the successful students towards the end of the year and were delighted to find that we were advising them of their successful applications – which made for a joyous occasion. Our committee also attended the Graduation Ceremony, where we presented Natalie Ugle, Rosalee Gjengsto, Tallara Masters and Sharon Cartright with certificates and congratulations from the Club.

Advocacy with Michelle Blakely and Katina Law

Early in the year, committee members Lyn McArthur and Karen Groves took the initiative to introduce these two WA Hall of Fame recipients to each other at a meeting at Katina's BKI premises at Sister Kate's in Queens Park. This meeting was an opportunity for all of us to share thoughts on the possibility of this site being suitable for a "My Home" project, given that it is an area of homeless or itinerant indigenous women and that there is a significant unused land area on site. We have not heard of any developments since the meeting.

The Cultural Connections Initiative

This program is being run at Zonta House Refuge and is specifically designed for indigenous women. Early in the year, Committee member Mary Gurgone and Perth Foundation for Women Chair Ping Teo met with Kelda Opperman, CEO of ZHRA, to discuss the possibility of the PFW securing \$10,000 to support this project.

Through Mary, the PFW and the Zonta Club of Perth formed a partnership with the United Nations Association of Australia (WA) to work towards a major fundraising event to be held during the *16 Days of Activism*.

It would be fair to say that much has been learnt about working with partners and this experience has been well-documented by the PFW. Huge acknowledgement must go to President Vicky Nazer who worked tirelessly to make this event happen, given that all members of the Indigenous Projects Committee were travelling in the last months of the year and were not available in the final and critical stages of pulling this event together.

This event, the THRIVE GALA, was held on Friday 8 December 2023 at the Reconciliation WA building. An amount of \$7000 was raised and subsequently presented to ZHRA by Chair of the PFW Ping Teo, the President of the Zonta Club of Perth Vicky Nazer and Indigenous Projects Committee member and ZHRA Board member Mary Gurgone.

I wish to thank each member of the Indigenous Projects Committee for their ongoing commitment.

<u>Indigenous Projects Team 2023-2024:</u> Karen Groves (Coordinator), Mary Gurgone, Gloria Sutherland, and Lyn McArthur, Sue Martins (LOA).

Funds raised from the Thrive Gala were presented to the Zonta House Refuge Association. L-R: Vicki Nazer, Ping Teo, Kelda Opperman and Mary Gurgone.





5. Awards

Helene Jaccomard



This year's Awards team comprised Helene Jaccomard, Vicky Nazer and Donella Caspersz.

Other Club members supported our Team by

donating their expertise and contributing to advertising and fundraising.

In particular, we would like to thank Emily McLeish for her assistance with IT support in promoting the Awards; Carole Theobald for the production of flyers and setting up booking sites for fundraising events; and Ute Schierhorn for some imaginative raffles and sales ideas to raise funds.

Additionally, the Indigenous Projects and Awards team (Mary Gurgone, Karen Groves, and Lyn McArthur) focused their energies on Indigenous Awards, for which they have submitted a separate report.

2024 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

This award is for a young woman between 16 and 19 years old who demonstrates a leadership capacity and a commitment to volunteerism within her educational institution and/or community.

Our successful 2024 applicant, Patrycja Rybak, is a senior student at Iona Presentation College. Although she was born in Australia, Patrycja spent her childhood and early teens in Poland, returning to this country only in recent years. Currently carving a path for herself back here in Perth, she is working to improve her English whilst enrolled in Year 12 along with a vocational Nursing course. Patrycja's long-term aim is to work in the medical field in the future.

2024 Woman in Achievement (WoA) Award

In even-numbered years, each Zonta Club in WA recognises a woman whose vision, commitment to leadership, mentoring, service or advocacy has made a difference in the lives of others. The Woman of Achievement is a previously 'unsung hero' who has contributed to advancing the lives of others in the community. Applications for the 2024 WoA Award open soon and close at the end of July. The winner will receive her Award at the Area 3 Founders Day Luncheon in November.

Post-Secondary Education Award

This year, the Club approved renaming the 'University Education Award' to the 'Post-Secondary Education Award' to attract a wider pool of applicants. The Award will be open to women studying for an undergraduate degree at a university or enrolled at TAFE colleges. Applications for the 2024 Award have recently closed, and the successful candidate will be announced in May.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

This international award is coordinated at an area level by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs (ZPNS), with the \$1,500 award shared between the five Clubs in Area 3. The successful candidate's application is then forwarded to District 23 to be considered alongside winners from across all Areas for a Zonta International prize of \$US5,000.

Donella Caspersz (Club member) and Janice Dudley (a ZI Supporting member and a long-standing friend of our Club) have consistently assisted Linda Tinning of ZPNS on the selection panel for JMK awards for several years.

The 2023 Area 3 winner, Pearl Pyae from Edith Cowan University, went on to win the



Congratulations to our 2023 Awardees!

L-R: Sowmya Sri Nallon, Jocelyn Bradshaw, Lorraine Pryor and Candice Rigg.



larger Zonta International prize for the whole district – an outstanding achievement.

Reintroduction of an Annual Awards Night

In 2023, after a couple of years of hiatus, we reintroduced a formal 'Awards Night', which was held in conjunction with our July Dinner Meeting.

YWPA Awardee 2023, Sowmya Sri Nallan from Willetton Senior High School, spoke of her leadership activities from Year 7, her voluntary activities, her studies, and her hopes and plans for the future that reflected her motto of "Drive to excel". The 2022 YWPA Awardee, Alicia Tory, gave a brief update on what she is doing now.

Similarly, Yvonne Burgu Awardees Candice Rigg and Lorraine Prior shared their experience studying at Marr Mooditj and were praised for their enthusiasm and grit.

The 2023 Woman of Achievement, Jocelyn Bradshaw and her friend Tetyana Yarmish spoke of the Ukrainian women who have benefited from Jocelyn's community support group.

With the Awardees' parents, teachers, and relatives present, the Awards Night was an inspirational and heart-warming event. We look forward to this year's Annual Awards night in July.

<u>Awards Team 2023-2024</u>: Helene Jaccomard (Coordinator), Vicky Nazer and Donella Caspersz.

6. Visibility (PR and Communications)

Emily McLeish



The Public Relations and Communications Team plays a pivotal role in shaping the voice and image of our Zonta Club. Tasked with the critical responsibility of managing

our narrative, the Team ensures that our values, projects, and successes are effectively communicated to the broader community.

Through strategic planning and creative execution, the Team amplifies our mission to empower women through service and advocacy. By engaging with media, leveraging social media platforms, and maintaining a vibrant and informative website, the Team members not only broadcast our message but also invite dialogue and build relationships with stakeholders. Their tireless work throughout the year has increased our Club's visibility and strengthened our influence as a leader in championing the rights and welfare of women and girls.

Engagement through Insightful Blogging

We implemented a feature-rich blog on our newly revamped website to keep our members and the wider community engaged. This platform has enabled us to share insights, updates, and stories about our impactful work. Among the diverse topics, our most successful blog post—garnering 124 reads—detailed our involvement with the *My Home Project*, shedding light on our dedication to creating sustainable living solutions for women in need.

The high readership of this post underscores the community's interest in our Club's efforts and the power of storytelling in engaging our audience. This blog serves as a repository of



Top Blog

TRANSFORMING LIVES: EIGHT HOMELESS WOMEN FIND NEW HOMES THROUGH THE "MY HOME PROJECT"

Our new dynamic club website is rich in features



124 post views

our journey and achievements and as a beacon, inspiring action and participation among our readers.

Website Redevelopment and Community Engagement

In the past year, our Club made significant strides in increasing our digital footprint with the strategic redevelopment of our website. The transition to a more dynamic and userfriendly Wix platform has modernised our online presence and substantially improved our engagement with the community. The impact of these changes is evident in the metrics we've observed.

As showcased in the Traffic Over Time graph, we've experienced a promising increase in both new and returning visitors. Starting from June 2023, the figures gradually rise, peaking in October with over 250 new and approximately 130 new visitors. This uptrend indicates growing interest and awareness in our mission as more community members seek out our website to learn, engage, and collaborate.

Expanding Media Presence Through Advocacy

One of the most notable aspects of our visibility in the past year was the media attention garnered through our unwavering advocacy for critical community issues. A compelling illustration of this was our initiative to run a petition to save the *Safe Night Space*, an invaluable refuge for homeless women. The urgency and importance of this cause resonated deeply within our community and beyond, capturing the attention of local media outlets.

The petition to save the Safe Night Space and our Club's commitment to protecting it brought forth an array of media coverage, including articles in local newspapers, segments on

radio programs, and TV news. By taking a stand for the *Safe Night Space*, we not only highlighted the plight of vulnerable members of our society but also amplified the voice of our Club in public discourse.

<u>Greater Visibility Team 2023-2024:</u> Emily McLeish (Coordinator), Faith O'Brien, Rosie Jeanes, Carole Theobald, Helene Jaccomard.

7. Membership and Meetings

Rosie Jeanes



This Team, comprising Rosie Jeanes, Jill Anderson, Ann Somoff, 'Tricia Summerfield, Lena Hilton, and Emily McLeish, worked online throughout the year.

Rosie ensured that the monthly dinner meetings and other events for members occurred; Jill and Ann were in absentia, improving their health but sending good vibes; 'Tricia assisted with welcoming guests at meetings and attending "coffee catch-ups" for members and prospective members, and Lena assisted with managing dinner meeting payments in conjunction with her role as Treasurer. Emily prepared and distributed flyers for meetings and other membership events, advertised the meetings and other events on the Club website, and managed the Humanitix booking system.

MEETINGS

The Club has continued to meet at St. Catherine's College on the second Thursday of each month, where a buffet meal is served.

The new Club website (created by Emily) has assisted greatly with the distribution of the meeting flyer. The flyer is prepared on the Club website and sent automatically to the website's mailing list. There were some initial issues, as



The Club expands its media presence through advocacy.



Image above: Protest outside council house, Perth WA, to save the safe night space 24/11/2023. Image source: www.shelterwa.org.au not all members had joined the website's mailing list, but the process has now been streamlined and is efficient.

We have continued to use Humanitix to book tickets, with some members still preferring to deposit the dinner meeting fee directly into the Club bank account.

President Vicky Nazer has continued Immediate Past President Ping Teo's initiative of inviting different members to MC the meetings – calling the meeting to order, saying the "Welcome to Country", inviting the President to welcome guests, saying "The Zonta Thanks," and conducting the speaker program.

Rosie Jeanes has also continued her "International News" section at the start of each meeting to highlight items of topical interest happening on the world stage, and two members would introduce and thank the guest speaker. President Vicky would then chair the business meeting.

Meetings Program

The programs/guest speakers for the year have been quite varied. The committee is most grateful to President Vicky (assisted by Emily) for finding such outstanding speakers. They were as follows -

- June 2023 Newly installed President Vicky outlined her plans for the forthcoming Zonta year, and Ping presented the Perth Foundation for Women Annual Report
- July 2023 Annual Awards night, with speeches from Young Women in Public Affairs awardee Sowmya Sri Nallan, Women of Achievement Awardee Jocelyn Bradshaw, and Yvonne Burgu Awardees Candice Rigg and Lorraine Pryor
- August 2023 Tricia Murray, Acting General Manager of CARAD

- September 2023 Dr Sarah Hellewell, Senior Research Fellow in Neurotrauma, Perron Institute
- October 2023 Professor Kris Warren, Murdoch University Veterinarian School
- November 2023 Alison Fan, Journalist
- December 2023 a most congenial "End of Year" party which was graciously hosted by President Vicky
- January 2024 in recess
- February 2024 President Vicky outlined her plans for the forthcoming year
- March 2024 Debra Zanella, CEO of RUAH
- April 2024 Sue Pertile, President, Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs May 2024 – AGM

MEMBERSHIP

For the reporting period, the Club had 22 members.

We inducted a new member in April 2024, Dorothy Griffith, who has attended several events and will be a valuable asset to the Club.

We will also be saying farewell to Lena Hilton in April 2024. Lena joined the Club in 2021 and has been a valuable member. Lena served as Club Treasurer in the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 years, as well as the Treasurer for the Perth Foundation for Women in 2022/2023. She has been an enthusiastic member, assisting with fundraisers and organising the Area 3 Workshop hosted by the Club in 2023.

Three members are on leave of absence due to other commitments, ill health, or family responsibilities. The Team keeps in contact with them and encourages them to attend events and occasional meetings.







Left: L-R Judy Gorton inductsd new member Dorothy Griffith, congratulated by Club President Vicky Nazer

Centre: Guest Speaker Dr Kristen Warren.

Right: Guest Speaker, Dr Sarah Hallewell Notably, at the District Conference, three Club members were recognised for their length of service:

- 'Tricia Summerfield 45 years
- Judy Gorton 35 years
- Mary Gurgone 20 years

The Membership & Meetings Team has also hosted informal "coffee catch-ups" throughout the year. These coffee catch-ups serve both as a way for members to catch up outside of meetings and other Zonta-related activities and as an informal event for prospective members to attend to learn more about Zonta and the Club.

Membership and Meetings Team 2023-2024: Rosie Jeanes (Coordinator), Jill Anderson, Anne Somoff, 'Tricia Summerfield, Lena Hilton, Emily McLeish.

8. Golden Z and Z Clubs

Vera Riley



The Golden Z Club of St Catherine's College provided this report.

Golden Z Club

The Golden Z Club of St Catherine's College is a student-

led youth branch of Zonta International, affiliated with the Zonta Club of Perth.

The Golden Z Club's mission is to empower girls and women through service and advocacy, and we aim to empower women in all sectors for development to achieve an improved quality of life and to bridge the inequality gap. Our purpose is to ensure every individual's potential is reached, generation after generation.

2023 initially got off to a rocky start. However, a main fundraiser event in the form of a bake

stall at the *UWA Sustain Fest 2023* on the 10 October in the UWA Business School saw the GZ Club raise \$664.80!

Helpers, including Sam, Ella and Rowena, made the cupcakes, and Louisa, Rachel, Grace, Monique and Luna managed the stall. They sold a total of 280 cupcakes.

Later that day, the packing and assembling of the birthing kits was held at 5 pm, also in the UWA Business School. Several volunteers helped, including three girls from St Catherine's College and many ladies from the Perth Zonta Club. This event saw 400 kits assembled, packed and ready to send to the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) headquarters in South Australia. The BKFA send them to developing countries.

Overall, while the GZ committee was very small, only formally comprised of Louisa Caspersz-Loney and Rachel Yeo as vice-presidents, it still had a very successful season, thanks to the help of the Zonta ladies, in particular Vera Riley, Donella Caspersz and Vicky Nazer, and other volunteers.

Golden Z Club Treasurer's report 2023

A total of 280 cupcakes for the bake stall were made, and on average were sold for \$2. These cupcakes were donated by various people, and no money was taken out from the Golden Z Club bank account.

- Bake Stall profits \$564.80
- Donations \$100
- Total \$664.80

<u>Golden Z and Z Club Team 2023-2024:</u> Donella Caspersz, Vera Riley



Left: Long service awards presented to L-R Mary Gurgone, Judy Gorton and 'Tricia Summerfield.

Right: Golden Z club members join with Club members for Birthing Kit Assembly Day!



9. Nominating Committee

Mary Gurgone, Donella Caspersz, Judy Gorton







The Nominating Committee presented the Slate of Candidates for 2024-2025 Zonta year that consisted of:

Club President: Vicky NazerClub Vice President: Vera Riley

Secretary: Jenny WoodTreasurer: Rosie Jeanes

 Directors: 'Tricia Summerfield, Lyn McArthur, Emily McLeish

 Nominating Committee: Faith O'Brien (Chair), Helene Jaccomard and Dorothy Griffith.

Nominating Committee 2023-2024: Judy Gorton, Mary Gurgone, Donella Caspersz

10. Fundraising

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Since the date of our previous Annual Report, we have collaborated with *Theatre 180* on two occasions to arrange enjoyable social events that have also served to raise

useful funds for our Awards programs.

The first event was held at the end of May 2023, when we secured a block booking for a performance of *Lighthouse Girl* at the Ace Cinema, Midland. Attendees enjoyed the immersive live theatre production, which raised \$1,200.

Our second block booking with the Theatre Company was for a showing of the Company's latest production, 21 Hearts: The Story of Vivian Bullwinkel and the Nurses of the Vyner Brooke, at the recently refurbished Como Theatre (formerly the Cygnet Cinema) on 22 April 2024.

A group of fifty, consisting of Club members, friends and partners, along with three representatives of the Karrakatta Club, gathered at the venue to enjoy a special preshow talk by the Director, Stuart Halusz, prior to the production. The show, focusing on the courage, endurance and service of Australian military nurses in Singapore and Sumatra during the Second World War, was truly inspiring and to be able to honour Sister Bullwinkel and her fellow nurses in such a way was fully in accord with Zonta values. The Club raised a further \$800 for our Awards at this event.

As mentioned earlier, over the past two financial years, the Club's *Containers for Change* project driven by Ute Schierhorn in





Flyers for theatre events

conjunction with St Catherine's College raised sufficient funds for the planting of 700 trees by Carbon Positive, which was an admirable achievement.

Other fundraising activities were held from time to time throughout the year, as occasions arose. These included sales of Zonta Inspiration Cards produced by Carole Theobald, raffles held at various events, and a market stall at our November Dinner meeting organised by Ute Schierhorn. Thanks to Carole, Ute, Faith O'Brien, Rosie Jeanes, Karen Groves and Lyn McArthur for their donations and efforts with these activities.

Finally, the THRIVE event held during the 16 Days of Activism, also mentioned earlier, raised \$7,000 which was donated via the Perth Foundation for Women to the Zonta House Refuge Association for its *Celebrating and Connecting Culture program*. The 'profit' at this event was largely due to generous financial sponsorship by Murdoch University.

11. Treasurer's Report and Financial Report

Lena Hilton



Current year earnings

This shows a deficit of \$6,050.71. This is a result of the following. We made a small surplus of \$537 in our general account. The balance is a result of our

expenses in the service account exceeding the fundraising and we spent monies previously raised.

In our Balance Sheet we have the following expenses that we paid after 31 March 2024

- Speaker funds to Perth Foundation \$250
- Provision for gift \$90

We also have a provision for birthing kit monies raised by the Golden Z Club of \$685.42 and Containers for Change of \$83.60.

Dinner costs are rising, and the Club may need to investigate alternative options to reduce costs.

I wish to thank all members, particularly our President, Vicky, for their work during the year and wish the Club all the best for the forthcoming year.

The financial reports are shown on the following pages.

Treasurer 2023-2024: Lena Hilton



Fundraising efforts included recycling containers and selling 'inspiration cards' that include a donation to the Club.



ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH INC ABN 55 339 469 759 **FINANCIAL REPORT** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The committee member submits the financial report of Zonta Club Of Perth Inc for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

Committee Members

Victoria Nazer is the committee member in office at the date of this report.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result
The loss after providing for income tax amounted to \$6,051.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the member of the committee:

30.4.2024

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue		27,543	28,260
Other expenses	_	(33,594)	(31,441)
Profit (loss) before income tax	7	(6,051)	(3,181)
Income tax expense	_		<u> </u>
Profit (loss) for the year	=	(6,051)	(3,181)
Profit (loss) attributable to members of the entity	=	(6,051)	(3,181)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Interest received		2	2
Other revenue	2	18,000	26,896
Service Account	3	9,541	1,362
		27,543	28,260
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Bank charges		85	30
Badges		-	147
Dues - District 23		820	1.240
Dues - Zonta International		2,842	3,527
District 23 Workshop costs		3,000	
Perth Foundation - donations			400
Perth Foundation - speaker donations		250	350
Email costs			108
Event expenses - 50th Dinner		-	3,728
Event expenses - Fundraising		-	304
Christmas function		-	228
Subscriptions		199	636
Website expenses		979	671
Zonta cards		515	
Service costs	4	16,156	9,004
Administration expenses	5 _	8,748	11,068
	_	33,594	31,441
	_	(6,051)	(3,181)
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)		(6,051)	(3,181)
Retained Profits at the beginning of the financial year		18,133	21,314
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	_	12,083	18,133
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		12,083	18,133

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	8	13,190	20,749
Other current assets	9 _	2	2
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	_	13,192	20,751
TOTAL ASSETS	=	13,192	20,751
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	10	250	2,618
Borrowings	11 _	859	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,109	2,618
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	1,109	2,618
NET ASSETS	=	12,083	18,133
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Potained carnings		12,083	18,133
Retained earnings	_		

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Retained Earnings \$	Total
Balance at 1 April 2022	21,314	21,314
Comprehensive income		
Profit (loss) for the year	(3,181)	(3,181)
Fotal comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association	(3,181)	(3,181)
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3alance at 31 March 2023		18,133
Balance at 1 April 2023	18,134	18,134
Comprehensive income Profit (loss) for the year	(6,051)	(6,051)
Total comprehensive income for the		
rear attributable to members of the	(0.054)	(0.054)
association	(6,051)	(6,051)
Balance at 31 March 2024	12,083	12,083

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2024 \$	2023 \$
5	Administration expenses:		
	Auditors' remuneration	•	62
	Conference Delegate Fee		1,255
	Dinner meetings	8,573	9,598
	Postage	175	153
		8,748	11,068

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2024 2023 \$

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are a special purpose report prepared for use by the committee The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The statements are prepared on an accurals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The committee has determined that the financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 6 to the financial statements.

2 Other revenue:		
Club Membership fees	4,604	5,430
Joining fees - new members	-	771
Dinner fees	9,733	10,791
Gala dinner sales	-	5,055
Fundraising	-	3,682
C4C/Carbon emissions offset	-	1,167
C4C - transfer account	(597)	-
D23 Workshop	3,063	15
Christmas Dinner	460	
Transfer Golden Z Club	(3)	-
Zonta Cards	480	-
Transfer a/c - fundraising	260	14
	18,000	26,896
3 Service Account:		
Service Account - Cash donations	-	300
Service Account- Golden Z Club donation	-	622
Service Account - Fundraising	630	440
Service Account - C4C	2,800	
Service Account - Lighthouse Girl Saga	2,926	
Service Account - Bullwinkel	3,185	-
	9,541	1,362
4 Service costs:		
Service costs - Birthing Kits	2,000	2,500
Service costs - Donations	-	2,000
Service costs - Rewards & Recognition	2,755	2,821
Service costs - Welcome pack - New Homes Fremantle	1,414	683
Service costs - Safe Night Space	1,641	1,000
Service costs - C4C	2,800	120
Service costs - Zonta International Fundraising	1,400	170
Service costs - Lighthouse Girl Saga Fundraiser	1,456	-
Service costs - Bullwinkel costs	2,690	
	16,156	9,004

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2024 \$	2023 \$
7.	PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		
	Expenses:		
	Auditors' remuneration		62
8.	CASH ON HAND		
	Monies in transit	260	-
	Bendigo 6923 - General account	6,387	8,563
	Bendigo 5049 - Service account	6,498	12,141
	Bendigo 0025 - Debit card	45	45
		13,190	20,749
9.	OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
	CURRENT		
	The Guarantee - Perth Foundation For Women Ltd	2	2
10.	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
	CURRENT		
	Sundry creditors	250	
	Other creditors	200	2
	Prepaid subscriptions	, a	2,616
		250	2,618
11.	LIABILITIES		
	CURRENT		
	Gifts (to be expended)	90	-
	Golden Z Club	685	- 2
	Provision for C4C	84	
		859	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (Western Australia) Western Australia. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financials report covers the Club as an individual entity which is an incorporataed entity and domiciled in Australia.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

(a) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Revenue is recoginised upon cash basis and recorded when received in the bank account this includes donations and gifts from donors. Revenue from events or fund raising activities were recorded upon the events or fund raising activities were completed.

Investment revenue is recognised upon cash received in the bank statements

(b) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

The Perth Foundation For Women Ltd is a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee which is established to be, and to continue as, a charity. The liability of the member is limited to the amount of the guarantee listed in the financials of the company - this amount is \$2. Zonta Club Of Perth Inc. is the sole member

(c) Going Concern

Notwithstanding the deficiency of net assets in the association, the financial statements of the association have been prepared on a going concern basis. This basis has been applied as the committee members have received a guarantee of continuing financial support and it is the committee members' belief that such financial support will continue to be made available.

(d) Income Tax

Zonta Club of Perth Inc. is exempt from payment of income tax under Subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997
Zonta Club of Perth Inc. is not registered for GST

(e) Revenue

Donations and gifts are recognised upon receipt of cash in the bank statements from donors.

Revenue received from events or fund raising activities were recorded when events or fund raising activities were completed

(f) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financials year.

(g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the balance sheet.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Zonta Club Of Perth Inc, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements as set out on pages 3 to 10:

- present a true and fair view of the financial position of Zonta Club Of Perth Inc as at 31 March 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (Western Australia);
- at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Zonta Club Of Perth Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President

Victoria Nazer

30.4-2014



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE MEMBERS OF ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH

In accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), as the auditor for the audit of Zonta Club of Perth for the year ended 31 March 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. no contravention of the auditor independence requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), in relation to the audit; and
- b. no contravention of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely,

Irvan Stanley Registered Company Auditor Registration No. 471858 Victoria Park – Western Australia

Dated this in Perth, 30 April 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Zonta Club of Perth Inc:

Qualified opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Zonta Club of Perth Inc (the "Club"), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024, the Income Statement for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the Statement by Members of the Committee.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis of Qualified Opinion* paragraph, the financial report of Zonta Club of Perth Inc is prepared in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Club's financial position as at 31 March 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA).

Basis of qualified opinion

As is common for non-profit entities, receipts from donations cum other fund raising activities are significant sources of income for the Club. The Committee members have determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of donations cum other fund raising and expenses prior to entry in its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us about donations cum other fund raising and expenses was limited, our audit procedures for donations cum other fund raising and expenses had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We are therefore unable to express an opinion on whether donations cum other fund raising and expenses recorded by the Club are complete.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Club in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Club's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of the Committee for the financial report

The Committee of Zonta Club of Perth Inc is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee is responsible for assessing the Club's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the Club or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Irvan Stanley

Registered Company Auditor

Reg. No. 471858

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Dated this: 30 April 2024

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12. Club Members 2023 – 2024

Members who relocated, resigned, or did not renew their membership for 2023-2024 were: Kate Ellson, Val Gandossini, Chrissie Hodges, Natasha Kusmuk, Kara Pitman and Lan Tran.

First Name	Surname	District, Area, and Club positions held
Jill	Anderson	Meetings & Membership
Donella	Caspersz	Awards/Grants, Golden Z and Z Club Liaison, Nominating Committee
Judy	Gorton	ZI Convention Chair 2024, D23 Centurion, Nominating Committee
Karen	Groves	Director, Indigenous Projects Coordinator,
Mary	Gurgone	Indigenous Projects, Nominating Committee
Dorothy	Griffith	New Member
Lena	Hilton	Treasurer, Meetings& Membership
Helene	Jaccomard	Awards/Grants Coordinator, PR & Communications
Rosie	Jeanes	Vice President, Meetings & Membership Coordinator, PR and Communications
Lyn	McArthur	Director, Indigenous Projects
Lennie	McCall	Meetings & Membership
Emily	McLeish	Director, PR & Communications Coordinator, Meetings & Membership
Sue	Martins	Service and Advocacy, Indigenous Projects (LOA)
Vicky	Nazer	President, Awards/Grants
Faith	O'Brien	D23 A3 Advocacy Coordinator, Secretary, Advocacy Coordinator, PR and Communications
Vera	Riley	Director, Service and Advocacy, Golden Z and Z Club
Ute	Schierhorn	Service and Advocacy
Anne	Somoff	Meetings & Membership
'Tricia	Summerfield	D23 History and Archives Chair, Director, Archivist, Parliamentarian, Meetings & Membership
Gloria	Sutherland	Indigenous Projects
Ping	Тео	Perth Foundation for Women Chair
Carole	Theobald	ZI Chair Zonta Says NOW Working Group 2022-24, D23 Zonta Says NOW Coordinator, Service and Advocacy, PR & Communications
Jenny	Wood	Director, Service Coordinator

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