

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Report

2011/2012

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# Zonta Club of Perth Inc

*Member of Zonta International*

**40th Annual Report  
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### **2011—2012 Club Officers**

President	Mary Gurgone
Vice President 1	Lorraine McLean
Vice President 2	Tricia Summerfield
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Karina Moore
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Directors	Lyn McArthur Agnes Vacca
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Directors	Wendy Atherden Joy Zec (part year)
Archivist and correspondence*	Margaret Medcalf
Parliamentarian*	Tricia Summerfield

*\*Non Board positions*

### **Team Co-ordinators/Mentors**

Membership and Program	Val Gandossini/Lyn McArthur Jill Anderson/Lorraine McLean
Awards and Holidays	Tricia Summerfield/Jean Oldham (dec)
Service and Advocacy	Wendy Atherden/Karen Groves
Public Relations and Archives	Gillian Palmer/Carole Theobald

### **District Office Bearers**

D23 Amelia Earhart	Carole Theobald, Coordinator
D23 Archivist and Webmaster	Tricia Summerfield
D23 History and Archives	Lennie McCall, Chairman Margaret Medcalf, Member
D23 Jane M Klausman	Karen Groves, Coordinator
D23 Organisation, Membership and Classification Committee	Judy Tennant, Member



## President's Report

*Mary Gurgone*

Our 40<sup>th</sup> year is one to be remembered! We not only had a great celebration on 19 April 2012 hosted by the City of Perth, but the event demonstrated beyond doubt the high regard in which the Club is held. The Minister for Women's Interests, Hon Robyn McSweeney, honoured the Club and its achievements, as did the Deputy Mayor, Janet Davidson, Professor Colleen Hayward and Zonta International Nominating Committee member, Alison Martin. Even more we were honoured by the presence of no less than eight Charter members, three of whom are our current members (Margaret Giles, Lennie McCall and Margaret Medcalf).

Celebrations of our members' achievements were many! Lennie McCall and Margaret Medcalf were presented with the inaugural Heide Taylor Award at the District 23 Conference, Agnes Vacca was selected as one of the Perth Business News WA 40 under 40 Awardees for 2012, our recently retired Charter member Freda Jacob was inducted into the Hall of Fame on International Women's Day and Sciona Browne became Shire President of Halls Creek. There are so many of our members excelling in their work spheres with promotions and scholarships such as Judy Tennant, Val Gandossini and

Sharron Hickey to mention just a few.

It was also, like all milestone years, a great opportunity for reflection. To do this with depth and provide the Club with a basis to move forward, we successfully obtained Lotterywest funding for a significant review of our fundraising. With the support of consultant, Anne Butorac, we were able to analyse our successes, trends and possible areas for improvement or adaptations to the changing context.

Two reports have resulted from the Lotterywest grant - one was available at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the City of Perth, so guests could read about the many fundraising activities and the projects that were funded over the last 40 years. The report was aptly titled *Advancing the Status of Women: Funding the Way*.

In the report, the Zonta Art Shows featured strongly and were a reminder of the leadership of key members such as Jean Oldham. Her recent passing has highlighted for all of us, how blessed we are to have had such a generous, gifted member. She will be sorely missed but we also pay tribute to her enormous contribution to the Club since 1979.

No doubt, the imminent book of the 40 year history of our Club will provide a great opportunity to



recognize and honour Jean and also other amazing women in our Club.

We can't talk about fundraising without looking at our current year's effort. What a surprise! We have raised close to \$16,000 even though our key fundraiser for the year, the Zonta Quiz Night, did not take place till after the financial year had closed. Of course the Christmas event was both fun and a great fundraiser. The fundraising figure does not include the \$13,500 Lotterywest grant but does include over \$4,000 of donations. Clearly the networks of our members need to be fostered further as a great source of funds so we can dedicate our time to the projects that make a difference.

The year, in fact, has been one filled with good deeds: the birthing kits assembly, the purchase and dispatch of bedding for our Ngarinyin friends after the floods, the contribution to the Zonta House Refuge and the Club's support to Valeriia Minigoulea to attend a cadetship in New York to mention a few.

Our strong link with Zonta House Refuge continues as I follow in the footsteps of a previous Club President to become the Chair of the Refuge Board.

In fact our collaboration with other women's organisations is an important feature of our Club. This has been facilitated through our

membership of UN Women and the outstanding work of Carole Theobald in representing Zonta on the WA International Women's Day Collaboration Committee of eight women's service organisations. This has opened the door to joint applications for funding from the Office of Multicultural Interests to seek ways of gaining greater diversity of membership.

We are delighted that Carole Theobald will be taking the role of Area 3 Director just as the District Conference is being planned to be held in Perth in 2013.

No doubt, our awards and our planned establishment of the Golden Z Club at St Catherine's will also add richness and diversity to our Club's future.

We look forward with anticipation to the beginning of a new phase of our Club as we implement changes arising from our Lotterywest funded review to better meet the needs of women and the changing environment. Under the leadership of the incoming President, we can confidently look forward to continuing positive changes.

The next 40 years look bright with opportunities to continue to advance the status of women. Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Zonta Club of Perth!

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/12 (continued)**

<b>Balance Sheet as of March 2012</b>	<b>(continued)</b>
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Current Liabilities	\$0.00
GST Liabilities	\$0.00
GST Collected	\$0.00
GST Paid	\$0.00
Total GST Liabilities	\$0.00
Sales Tax Payable	\$0.00
Import Duty Payable	\$0.00
Voluntary Withholdings Payable	\$0.00
ABN Withholdings Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Notes Payable	\$0.00
Mortgage Payable	\$0.00
Other Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$39,998.88</b>
<i>Equity</i>	
Retained Earnings	\$42,968.10
Current Year Earnings	-\$2,969.22
Historical Balancing	\$0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$39,998.88</b>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/12

## Balance Sheet as of March 2012

Assets

## Current Assets

Cash On Hand	
Westpac	\$23,411.64
Undeposited funds	\$0.00
Total Cash On Hand	\$23,411.64
Savings Funds	
ANZ V2 Plus	\$6,907.24
Esanda Debenture/Holiday Trust	\$10,000.00
Total Savings Funds	\$16,907.24
Trade debtors	-\$320.00
Other receivables	\$0.00
Inventory	\$0.00
Withholding Credits	\$0.00
Voluntary withholding credits	\$0.00
ABN withholding credits	\$0.00
Total withholding credits	\$0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$39,998.88</b>
Other Assets	\$0.00
Prepayments	\$0.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Equipment – Fixed Assets	\$0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$39,998.88</b>

**Awards and Holidays**

*'Tricia Summerfield*

For most of the Zonta year Jean Oldham kindly continued to host team meetings at her home and we record her passing on 26 April with great sadness.

*Awards*

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award was once again very ably managed by Denise Hamilton. The recipient of the award for 2012, Ms Emma Boogaerd a Year Twelve student at Perth Modern School, has been notified of her success. Emma will be invited to address the club later in the year and receive her award.

The Education Award is again being managed by Agnes Vacca and a later deadline was set this year to trial whether we would receive a greater number of applications. The applications for the 2012 award are now being processed. The winner of the award in 2011 was Aysha Davis who is studying for a Bachelor in Social Science, majoring in Women's Studies. As Aysha is an inmate at Boronia Pre-Release Centre she was unable to attend a club meeting so her cheque was presented at the Centre.

Margaret Giles coordinated the club's Woman of Achievement nomination of Roslyn West a nursing specialist in community based

perinatal mental health services. Ros addressed the Club in March. The Area 3 winner was Diane Annear with whom the club has a long association through Zonta House.

The project involving Millennium Kids has not progressed following Joy Zec's resignation and the Board agreed to discontinue this.

The team looks forward to reviewing our awards program in a club planning session later in 2012.

*Holidays*

The holiday program was managed by Wendy MacGibbon with her usual dedication. Since July 2011 we have sent seven families on holidays to Albany- 12 adults and 18 children at a total cost of \$3470. Friendship House in Albany is being renovated and the Rotary Club of Albany East is also building another house with wheelchair access which will extend access to more people with disabilities.

*Fund-raising*

Members have assisted with all fund-raising events held and the event proposed by Wendy MacGibbon, a performance of the Australian Girls' Choir 9 July 2011 at Hale School was a great success and raised \$4,127.



Awards and Holidays Team

Tricia Summerfield (Coordinator)  
 Jean Oldham (Mentor)  
 Margaret Giles  
 Denise Hamilton  
 Sharron Hickey  
 Wendy MacGibbon  
 Agnes Vacca  
 Joy Zec (part year)

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**Membership and Program**

Val Gandossini and Jill Anderson

**Membership**

The membership of the Club has shown a slight decline during the year. We began with 36 members and gained one new member - Vera Riley. Four members have retired or transferred to another Zonta Club - Carolyn McMickan transferred to the Perth Northern Suburbs club, Joy Zec moved to Busselton; Freda Jacob and Penny Flett retired after many years of outstanding service. Sadly, Jean Oldham who is best remembered for establishing the Zonta Clubs in Dunsborough and Peel and hosting successful Zonta Art Shows, passed away on 26 April.

A number of prospective members approach the club via our website; three of these have attended meetings during the year and been supported and encouraged by the team. The year draws to a close with Shanaz Lambat invited for membership.

During the year Diana Rigg, Katina Law, Donella Caspersz and Lesley Meaney took leave of absence. Diana Rigg gave birth to a baby boy in August. Donella returned from LOA in September.

Special congratulations go to the following members for their outstanding achievements.

- Current charter members Lennie McCall, Margaret Medcalf and Marg Giles who attained 40 years of continuous service to Zonta
- Agnes Vacca on being a winner of the Perth Business News WA 40 under 40 Award for 2012
- Charter Member Freda Jacob who was proudly inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame by the Governor on 8th March
- Sciona Browne who was elected as the Shire President of the Shire of Halls Creek
- Carole Theobald's fantastic role as Zonta representative on the IWD Collaboration Committee overseeing the Hall of Fame and UN Women IWD breakfast.

The Membership and Program Team went through a few changes through the year, starting out as two separate teams and then combining again. Val Gandossini was elected Chair of Membership and Jill Anderson Chair of Program. As of February, Jill also took over coordinating and managing the monthly dinner meetings. Val responded to and communicated with prospective members and Lyn



**TOTAL FUNDS STATEMENT AS AT 31/3/12**

Audited Actual to 31/03/11	FUND BALANCES	YTD Actual to 31/03/2012	Total Actual to 31/03/2012
\$6,710.17	Administration	-\$1,634.68	\$5,075.49
\$9,131.93	Puppet Project	\$0.00	\$9,131.93
\$4,070.31	Ngarinyin	-\$2,861.65	\$1,208.66
\$9,287.35	Fundraising	\$4,354.48	\$13,641.83
\$13,768.34	Zonta Holidays	-\$2,827.37	\$10,940.97
<b>\$42,968.10</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$2,969.22</b>	<b>\$39,998.88</b>

**REPRESENTED BY:**

\$24,826.60	Westpac Chequing Account	\$23,411.64
\$6,542.87	ANZ V2 Plus	<u>\$6,907.24</u>
\$15,000.00	ESANDA Debenture/Hol Trust	\$10,000.00
\$1,551.00	Trade Debtors	-\$320.00
-\$4,952.37	Other Liabilities	\$0.00
<b>\$42,968.10</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$39,998.88</b>



**FUNDRAISING - INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1/4/11—31/3/12**  
Continued

**Ngarinyin**

*Income*

Donations	\$300.00
Ngarinyin Fundraising	\$25.00
Card Sales	\$40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$365.00</b>

*Expense*

Ngarinyin Project Dev Sco	\$3,226.65
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$3,226.65</b>

**Net Profit (Loss)** **-\$2,861.65**

**Zonta Holidays**

*Income*

Interest on Investments	\$542.93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$542.93</b>

*Expense*

Zonta Holidays	\$3,370.30
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,370.30</b>

**Net Profit (Loss)** **-\$2,827.37**



continued in her role as representative of the M&P Team on the Board.

**Program**

We had a varied and motivating program of speakers and guests at our monthly meetings.

*June* - Business meeting with members sitting in teams to discuss the results of the Club membership survey.

*July* - General Manager of Black Swan Theatre, Shane Colquhoun, proudly spoke of the move into the State Theatre Centre of WA, a major milestone for Black Swan.

*August* - Guest speaker Kylie Hansen gave a fascinating insight into the Carpets for Communities project, based in the Poipet Commune in Cambodia on the Thailand border. Judy Tennant also gave a brief overview of the District 23 Conference to be held in Melbourne in October.

*September* - Zonta Refuge Manager, Annette Chivers, was guest speaker. Annette spoke with passion of the wonderful work that is being done at the women's refuge.

*October* - Business meeting. We had a surprise visit from Angela Fisher and Leah Umbagai of the Ngarinyin communities in the Kimberley region. Angela and Leah gave an absorbing account of the work being done by women in their community. We also made time for 'getting to know your

fellow Zontian' where a set of 5 questions were placed on each table to stimulate discussion.

*November* - Susan Saleeba and Val Gandossini gave a joint presentation on The Nakuru Family Project in Kenya which Val volunteered with in June. Anne Butorac also gave a brief outline of the Lotterywest-funded fundraising evaluation.

*December* - Following the success of the fundraising soiree at Samson's Cellars in Fremantle it was decided to hold our Christmas dinner and fundraising wine raffle there. The event was a collaboration with the Service & Advocacy team (see their report) with the winning table decoration created by Lesley Meaney.

*February* - A fellowship BBQ at St Catherine's kicked off the year. We were treated to the company of two prospective members and also to three young women from St Catherine's who are looking to establish a Golden Z Club at the college: Katie Parsons, Dean of Residents, Rebecca Adamson and Nikki Dumbrell. Denise Hamilton and Judy Tennant delivered presentations from the District 23 Conference: Denise on promotion and marketing and Judy on maintaining and sustaining volunteer membership.

*March* - Roslyn West (our Club's Woman of Achievement nominee) was invited to be guest speaker by Marg Giles. Roslyn is a nurse who has set up a program involving a



range of services in the treatment of expectant mothers and their families from pre-conception into the postnatal period.

*April* - Lesley Meaney gave a riveting and insightful visual talk on "My Journey as a Visual Artist" starting with her formal art training in England to her pioneering work in the Pilbara.

*May* - Guest speaker at the May meeting will be Leanne Sultan, Zonta Area 3 Director.

Administering attendance at club meetings has proved difficult and so it was resolved to adopt an 'opt in' system for Club Meeting attendances. As of March, members are requested to confirm their attendance or absence directly through the Zonta Perth website. It is hoped this will ease administration challenges and associated costs.

The year draws to a close with plans well underway for the Zonta Quiz Night on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Membership and Program team are taking a lead role in the organizing, with Roslyn Budd doing a commendable job in coordinating the night. We look forward to a very successful evening.

#### Membership and Program Team

*Val Gandossini (Membership Coordinator)*  
*Jill Anderson (Program Coordinator)*  
*Lyn McArthur (Mentor)*  
*Lorraine McLean (Mentor)*  
*Roslyn Budd*

*Donella Caspersz*  
*Debbie Mason*  
*Lesley Meaney*  
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### **Public Relations and Archives**

Gillian Palmer

Our committee welcomed Helen Margaria but lost Deb Mason to another committee this year. The main activities the team has been involved with this year have included:

#### *Civic Reception to celebrate the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

The Lord Mayor and the City of Perth generously agreed to host a civic reception for the club on 19 April to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club's Charter. The City of Perth put on a marvellous event with wines and a lovely selection of canapés that were enjoyed by over 80 attendees.

Lennie McCall had taken the lead on this event and worked closely with the City of Perth and the PR team to formulate the guest list and program for the evening. Formal speeches were provided by the host Deputy Lord Mayor, Janet Davidson JP, the Minister for Women's Interests, Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC, Prof Colleen Hayward, who presented a Welcome to Country ceremony, Zonta International Nominating Committee member Alison Martin and our Club President, Mary Gurgone.



### **FUNDRAISING - INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1/4/11—31/3/12**

#### **Fundraising**

##### Income

Dinner Raffle	\$1,362.90
Christmas Dinner Payments	\$3,128.50
Donations	\$4,241.75
Grants	\$1,000.00
Entertainment Books	\$208.00
Australian Girls' Choir Fundraiser	\$5,323.00
Cultural Awareness Day	\$114.20
Interest on Investments	\$437.07
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,815.42</b>

##### Expense

Christmas Dinner	\$692.85
Australian Girls' Choir Event	\$1,196.35
Zonta House Refuge Association	\$1,000.00
Birthing Kits	\$2,057.74
Awards: Education Award TAFE	\$1,750.00
Awards: Education Award University	\$2,000.00
Jane M Klausman Women in Business – Area 3	\$400.00
General Service	\$2,364.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$11,460.94</b>

#### **Net Profit (Loss)**

**\$4,354.48**




**ADMINISTRATION - INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1/4/11—31/3/12**
**Administration**
Income

Membership Fees	\$5,790.00
Dinner Money	\$9,187.00
Donations	-\$265.00
Grants	\$2,000.00
Interest on Investments	\$24.70
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,736.70</b>

Expense

Accounting Fees	\$495.00
International Dues	\$113.00
District 23 Dues	\$4,319.00
PO Box Rental	\$93.00
Membership – Badges	\$64.68
Membership – Gifts for Speakers	\$534.05
Membership – Other Gifts/Cards	\$120.65
Membership – UN Women Australia	\$150.00
PR – Display banner	\$132.00
International /District 23	\$20.00
Meals – Dinner Meetings	\$9,780.00
President's Annuity	\$200.00
Lotterywest Grant – 40 Years fundraising research	\$2,000.00
Founders Day Dinner Levy	\$350.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$18,371.38</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>-\$1,634.68</b>



Mary introduced the club's photographic history that the PR team had collated from the archives and this continued throughout the evening on a rolling Powerpoint presentation. Music was provided by a flautist and guitarist from Perth Modern School. A total of 12 charter members, including the three current charter members, attended the event as well as representatives from a wide range of community service organisations.

The Lotterywest-funded report entitled *Advancing the Status of Women: Funding the Way*, that evaluated the Club's fundraising efforts over the last 40 years, was also launched at the reception with copies for attendees.

The fundraising report was compiled by consultant Anne Butorac with assistance from many members of the club.

The PR Team will help to organize a seminar later in the year to share the findings of this research with other service organisations.

Behind the scenes, considerable progress has been made on a book describing the club's history and it is hoped to launch this later in the year.

*Golden Z Club*

Our Club has now received full support from St Catherine's College authorities for a Golden Z Club to be established at the College.

The PR team has been working closely with Katie Parsons, Dean of

Residents and St Catherine's Leadership Program students Nikki Dumbrell and Rebecca Adamson to progress the formation of the club.

*Pictorial History Display at D23 Conference, Melbourne*

The theme for this photographic display was *Zonta having Fun*. The PR team searched the archives for a suitable selection of photographs and, from these, the club voted for a photo of members dancing at the start of member Donella Caspersz's entertaining presentation last year.

The PR team provided support to Lennie McCall and Margaret Medcalf, who in their roles as Chairman and member of the D23 History and Archives Committee respectively, collated the display from photographs sent by clubs from around the district.

At the D23 Conference Carole Theobald was voted to be the Area 3 Director for the next biennium that commences after the International Convention in Torino, Italy, in July.

*UN Women IWD Breakfast*

Zonta achieved significant acknowledgement this year with this high profile breakfast event for 1,050 people that raised over \$50,000 for UN Women Australia.

For the first time, the Breakfast Team was chaired by a non-UN Women representative, Carole Theobald. Carole was the Zonta Representative on the WA International Women's Day



Collaboration that organized the WA Women's Hall of Fame and the UN Women's Breakfast. She was ably assisted by fellow Zontians Wendy Atherden and Kate Ellson on the breakfast team.

The PR team produced over 1,000 bookmarks to go in the showbags of the 1050 attendees at the breakfast and also liaised with Dawn Newman (Perth NS) and Elaine Newman (Swan Hills) to 'man' a Zonta stand at the event.

The PR team continues to provide public relations support to the club through the maintenance of the club's website, monitoring the club's emails, producing promotional materials and collating the annual report.

Finally, many thanks, yet again to Margaret for hosting committee meetings in her home. Her super hospitality and homemade refreshments are greatly appreciated by everyone.

Many thanks – and here's to continued success next year.

Public Relations & Archives Team

Gillian Palmer (Co-ordinator)

Carole Theobald (Mentor)

Lois Joll

Helen Margaria

Lennie McCall

Margaret Medcalf

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**Service and Advocacy**

Wendy Atherden

It was another busy Zonta year for the Service and Advocacy Committee.

*Cultural Awareness Day*

As the 2011 Annual Report was being printed, the Team members were looking forward to the inaugural Cultural Awareness Day on May 7<sup>th</sup>. This was held at the William St. Family Therapy Centre, thanks to the generosity of Mary and Aldo Gurgone. The venue was filled to capacity and we were all privileged to hear the inspiring and moving stories of 5 women who have overcome incredible odds and forged amazingly successful new lives in Australia.

The keynote speaker, Carina Hoang, a Vietnamese boat person, lived through appalling conditions with her two younger siblings, when dumped on a deserted island. She had her book *Boat People* for sale and donated part of the proceeds to the Zonta Club of Perth.

Team members provided afternoon tea and the event donation was a gold coin. All attendees filled in an assessment sheet and the Team members were gratified to realise the event had been thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. They were inspired to repeat this event and will do so in October 2012.



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April 27, 2012

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH INC**

Scope

I have audited the special purpose financial report for the Zonta Club of Perth Inc for the year ending 31 March 2012 as set out in the Treasurers Report. The Management Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Club's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Board.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statement and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting whereby revenue is recorded when it is received, expenses are recorded when they are paid and no assets or liabilities other than cash and bank balances are recorded.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

Given the nature of cash receipts it is not possible in my examination to include audit procedures that extend beyond the amounts of income recorded in the accounting records of the association.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects of adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation been discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as described above the payments and receipts of the Zonta Club of Perth Inc for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

Katina Law CPA



A huge vote of thanks comes from me to each and every member for putting their faith in this amateur.

Your patience and support overwhelms me. Words cannot express how much I value the opportunity you have given me to grow in this way.

Quite simply but sincerely I say – thank you.

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*Blankets for Ngarinyin Community*

The Team received an urgent request for blankets from communities along the Gibb River Road as their bedding had been destroyed by flood water.

Consultation with Sciona Browne and Angela Fisher resulted in an order, through Hisco, for ten cartons of blankets i.e. 60 blankets, at a cost of \$2,941.82. Wendy contacted Peter Zee, from Regal Transport and he kindly agreed to transport them, free of charge, to Derby. We received very grateful feedback. This expense leaves \$776 in the Ngarinyin account.

*Birthing Kits*

In October, 1000 Birthing Kits were assembled and sent to Ethiopia. Once again, we had the invaluable assistance of students in St. Catherine's and Trinity residential colleges. The Registrar of Trinity, Annie Wood, is a wonderful help. The combination of Zontians and these students, ensured a smooth Assembly Day.

*Valeriia Minigoulova –Assistance to attend a Conference*

Valeriia approached the Service and Advocacy team for some financial assistance to attend a prestigious conference in New York. It was an International Criminal Court Assembly meeting at the UN

Headquarters. A dominant area of discussion was violence against women.

The Club voted to assist this clever young woman with a \$1,000 donation. Private members were so impressed by her achievements and potential that a number also wrote out personal cheques so we were pleased to assist Valeriia with a total of \$2,000.

*Christmas Function*

Once again, the Service and Advocacy team and the Program and Membership team, combined to produce a very successful Christmas function in the Lionel Samson Cellars in Fremantle (many thanks to Jill Anderson).

As this event was a fund raiser, members made a variety of delicious salads, chicken and ham were purchased and Margaret Medcalf made all the fabulous meringue nests for the dessert base.

There were 72 attendees, wonderful raffle prizes, a competition for the best table centre-piece, congratulations Lesley Meaney and all members received a Christmas gift. The event raised over \$4,500. Gerry Atherden was, once again, our volunteer dishwasher.



*Clothes Drive for Ngarinyin Community*

Very generous donations of clothes for all ages and sexes, were sorted and packed into boxes by Wendy MacGibbon, Sciona Browne, Vera Riley and Wendy Atherden on a 40°C day – an exhausting project.

We are still waiting to have the boxes transported as Sciona has advised the exceptional floods have closed the Gibb River Rd. We hope to have them transported soon.

*Nakura Family Project – Kenya*

Val Gandossini attended a team meeting in January and gave us a comprehensive explanation of the work being done in the slums of Karembura. Work is centred on improving the status of women, the cornerstone of Zonta clubs.

Members were enthusiastic to support the provision of sewing machines, each with a small plaque showing “Donated by the Zonta Club of Perth West. Australia”. The Board has agreed to support this project with a donation of \$1,000, once the required funds are available. Val will liaise between the Club and the Project.

*Singapore Trip - Zonta Clubs*

Judy Tennant has had personal contact with the Zonta Club of Singapore. Our team has been

exploring the idea of visiting Singapore and the members are excited about a possible visit from members of the Zonta Club of Perth. They have suggested incorporating November 14<sup>th</sup>, as this is the date of their end of year meeting. This will be explored at further meetings.

This has been a very busy and enjoyable Zonta year. The enthusiasm and professional attitude of the team members have made it very successful and, importantly, a lot of fun.

Service and Advocacy Team  
 Wendy Atherden (Co-ordinator)  
 Karen Groves (Mentor)  
 Sciona Browne  
 Fiona Crowe  
 Kate Ellson  
 Katina Law  
 Carolyn McMickan (part year)  
 Marlene O’Meara  
 Judy Tennant

**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee consisted of:  
 Karen Groves  
 Val Gandossini  
 Deb Mason  
 Carolyn McMickan (part year)



**Treasurer’s Report**

*Karina Moore*

Last year a dispersed leadership model of fund raising was trialled for the first time with great success. The model has again proved to be very successful with a pleasing fund raising total of \$15,815.42. These funds were raised by a variety of events, interest from investments and an increase in individual donations. Thank you to our generous donors:

- Lotterywest
- Rotary Club of Attadale
- Lake Karingyup Country Club
- Andrew Chapman
- Carina Hoang
- Alex Pallis
- Kay Zani
- Samson Cellars

The club has certainly put in a lot of effort to convene the fundraising events and promote the club in such a way that is attracting financial support from the broader community. Congratulations!

In preparation for the 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations, the club was supported by a Lotterywest grant of \$13,623 to conduct an evaluation of fundraising activities over the past 40 years. This amount covered both the evaluation of fundraising activity and production of two types of printed report. The external report provides a general overview for distribution to the

community. The internal report, provided only to Zonta Club of Perth members, contains more detailed information about club activities to support analysis and planning for the future. The process of providing information to this review has certainly stimulated the members to view the financial activity of the club in a more strategic manner. This has led to a couple of changes; the most notable being the way the club calculates the dues contribution to Zonta International.

In the past, one third of all fundraising income was allocated to this fund. This year the club decided that, whilst recognising the importance of supporting Zonta International’s projects, it is equally as important to honour the intent of local beneficiaries by allocating donated funds to local projects.

As a result of an electronic survey, members resolved that in the future the amount provided to Zonta International will be one third of the fundraising total profit excluding expenses, grants and donations for specific purposes.

With the view to generate more innovation in this area the club plans to hold a strategic planning day early in the biennium. I’m looking forward to what is bound to be a very lively and productive conversation.