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Vice President	Vera Riley
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Directors	Tricia Summerfield, Emily McLeish, Lyn McArthur

Archivist / Parliamentarian*	'Tricia Summerfield
Golden Z liaison*	Donella Caspersz, Vera Riley

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Team Coordinators

Service and Advocacy	Jenny Wood
Awards	Vicky Nazer
Membership/Meetings	Rosie Jeanes
Visibility (PR & Communications)	Emily McLeish
Nominating Committee	Faith O'Brien, Judy Gorton, Helene Jaccomard

International Office Bearers

ZI Convention Convenor and ZI Nominating Committee:	Judy Gorton
	Chair, Zonta Says Now Working Group: Carole Theobald

District Office Bearers / Committee members

D23 History and Archives Committee	'Tricia Summerfield, Chair
D23 and Area 3, Nominating Committee member:	Faith O'Brien

1. President's Report

Vicky Nazer

Zonta membership brings with it opportunities at multiple levels: local or Club; Area and District; and International. Those who contribute, engage and learn at each of these levels find that they gain maximum benefit from their membership. They make friends from all over the world and are enriched by the experience of working with like-minded women who strive to achieve similar goals.

This year, my report focuses first on the international level; then on Area and District happenings and finally on our local Club activities.

In 2024-2025, we as a Club were proud that some of our outstanding and talented members were able to showcase their talents on the international stage.

For only the second time in history, in June 2024 the Zonta International Biennial Convention was held in Australia, this time in the warm and vibrant city of Brisbane. Longstanding Zonta Club of Perth member, Judy Gorton, served as Convention Convenor. As Convention Committee Chair, Judy had spent the previous two years planning the event. Her fellow ZCP member, Carole Theobald, in her role as Chair of the *Zonta Says NOW Working Group*, also played a prominent part at the Convention, interviewing speakers and leading presentations on climate and gender issues. Another senior Club member, Karen Groves, graciously facilitated the very moving flag ceremony which is a traditional highlight at these international events. Several other Club members were amongst the 1800 members and guests who attended this very successful Convention, and many also served as volunteers to help with logistics during the proceedings.

Both Judy and Carole continue to contribute at the International level for the 2024-2026 Biennium: Judy through serving on the ZI Nominating Committee and Carole as Chair of *Zonta Says Now.*

In this reporting year, two of our members fulfil roles at Area and District level. Faith O'Brien is Advocacy Coordinator for Area 3 and serves on the Nominating Committee for District 23. 'Tricia Summerfield has continued as District 23 History and Archives Chair.

Also at Area level, several of our Club members attended the Area 3 Workshop, hosted by the Zonta Club of Northern Suburbs on 12 April 2025 at the Pagoda Resort in Como. Both Carole Theobald and Faith O'Brien made presentations at the Workshop. Our inaugural member under the new 'Youth' membership category, Louisa Caspersz-Loney, (President of the St Catherine's Golden Z Club), was presented with a 'Birthing Kits Champion' Certificate at the event.

A highlight of the year at Club level was the '*Sip'n'Support'* fundraiser, held at Samson Cellar, Fremantle, in September. Lyn McArthur has reported on this successful event in the Indigenous Projects and Awards section elsewhere in this document and I add my

Figure 1: Sip and Support featuring a performance by the talented Year 12 singer Ruby Czichy in the intimate theatrette Figure 2: (Left-Right): Vicky Nazer (President) presenting a yellow rose to Lorraine Pryor for her talk on the Voice of Hope programme at the Sip and Support event.

thanks to those who worked so hard and so imaginatively to bring it all together.

At the end of this reporting year, the Club had a membership of twenty-two. The actual number of active members is fewer than that, due to periodic absences caused by family or travel commitments or health issues. This meant that several members carried out dual, or even triple roles throughout the year to ensure that essential tasks were done. Their efforts in doing so are deeply appreciated. The Club was pleased to welcome two lively new members in 2024-2025; Max Robinson and Lauren Neville.

Members were saddened to learn of the death of a former Club President, Dr Penny Flett AO, who passed away recently. She was honoured and remembered at our March 2025 Dinner Meeting.

I thank the Board for its guidance throughout the year and all members for their ongoing support and commitment to the Club. I especially wish to thank Vice President, Vera Riley, for efficiently and cheerfully taking on the President's role whilst I was overseas in the latter months of 2024. I also acknowledge Secretary Jenny Wood, Treasurer Rosie Jeanes and Visibility Head Emily McLeish for their patience and good humour in steering me through my two years of Presidency.

Figure 1 (left to right): Ping Teo and a fellow attendee at the 2024 Zonta International Convention, Brisbane Australia. Figure 2: Zonta members celebrating the end of year Christmas Party! Figure 3: (left to right) Zonta Says Now-Working Group Chair Carole Theobald at the United Nations in New York. Figure 3: (left to right): Carole joins a fellow Zontian at the Silent March 2024.

2. Service

Jenny Wood

2024-2025 was a relatively quiet year in terms of Service Projects. The residences built under the *My Home* project in North Fremantle, where we had consistently contributed Welcome Packs for tenants in recent years, were fully occupied by the time of our last Annual Report. The founder of *My Home*, the architect Michelle Blakeley, sensibly allowed a few months for the tenants to settle in before reporting back to us at our August 2024 Dinner Meeting. By that time, her team had had the opportunity to review the project's outcomes. The review concluded that the initiative had generally gone very well, and she was able to advise us of its achievements and lessons learned. Michelle also highlighted some future *My Home* projects that are awaiting various regulatory approvals. Club members flagged that we would be keen to be involved in a similar way with one or more of those projects once they go ahead.

As mentioned in the Indigenous Projects team report, the Club donated gift cards of $50 each, amounting to $1,000, to the *Voice of Hope* charity at Christmas time. A new friend of the Club, the artist Joy Flower, raised that amount through a sale of her artworks. She then generously donated it to the Club at our End of Year event and indicated that she wished it to be used to assist disadvantaged women and girls.

A call to Club members to contribute a range of specified items to be donated to RUAH at the end of the year was successful. As a result, we were able to pass on to RUAH many useful items to assist their clients at what can be a challenging time of year for them.

3. Advocacy

Faith O'Brien

Advocacy has been a quiet area this year supporting several of the Club Service Projects which included helping women who have experience domestic violence, housing of homeless women over the age of 55.

Clarification of the Zonta International Definition of Advocacy –

1. To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level 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.

The ZCP contributes one-third of our fundraising annually to the success of the ZI projects. This year the introduction of "Zonta International: International Aspects" at each meeting has assisted in keeping members updated with progress of these projects.

ZI Projects:

- Climate Empower - Emerging evidence shows the direct and indirect impacts of climate change on women and girls and their sexual and reproductive health and rights. Climate challenges are fuelled by persistent and deeply rooted discriminatory sociocultural norms that justify or tolerate violence against women and girls and limit their autonomy in many areas of life (i.e., education, healthcare, economic empowerment), especially women and girls in rural areas.

During 2025, climate change will cause at least 12.5 million girls in 30 low- and lower-middle income countries (22 of them African countries) each year to abruptly stop attending school.

- Ending Child Marriage – engaging adolescent girls as key agents of change in 12 countries with high prevalence of child marriage. Enhance knowledge, skills and attitudes on matters such as their rights, relationships, sexual and reproductive health.
- Laaha - For the next two years, ZI has committed US$750,000 to UNICEF USA to support Laaha and provide quality and accurate information to girls and women about menstrual health and hygiene, healthy relationships, how to stay safe and know one's rights, financial literacy, female anatomy and services for women and girls facing violence. In time, this digital space will replicate the sense of a safe social network that physical safe spaces provide.

District 23 Advocacy Projects:

- The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Articles 1-16. Zonta International is currently the only women's international non-governmental organization (NGO) which focuses solely on Articles 1-16.
- The Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) (Latest update) – especially the 12 Critical Areas of Concern.
- The UN Sustainable Goals.

Club Projects:

- Safe Night Space – many thanks to Emily McLeish and Jenny Wood for their continued support with gathering items (clothing, non-perishables) when requested.
- My Home – the 18 units in North Fremantle now house homeless women over the age of 55 and the women are quite settled. Construction has been started for the 12 homes being constructed in Albany and land has been secured for the construction for the 24 homes in Carlisle.
- WA Women's Congress – Jo Wilkie, Project Manager has submitted several applications to secure funding for the Project and is awaiting outcomes (April to June 2025). Briefing is being held with the former and the new Minister for Women's Interest.

- 16 Days of Activism – 6th December members (ZC Perth along with ZC Perth NS) joined the Silent March through CBD Perth. An Information table was placed in Forrest Place for pre-march. Members attending wore orange shirts and hats to maximise their visuality during the march.

Advocacy 2024-2025:
This year the list of issues needing support from the club has increased considerably. Thank you to Sue Martins who once again helped organise the participation for the members in the Silent March during the 16 days of Activism. Although there were only a few club members, they combined with ZC Perth Northern Suburbs members which help make us visible in this march.
Subjects such as "Coercive Control", "On-line Pornography", "Abortion Laws", "Homelessness with over 55-year-old women", "Child Sex Abuse" are a few topics added to "Domestic Violence" and "Workplace Gender Equality", that need concerted input.
An area that has shown great need of our input is Climate Change which greatly contributes to creating a downward spiral for women and girls. In 2024 Australia has just gone through its second hottest year on record. So far in 2025 Australia has recorded extreme heat in some areas whilst other areas are suffering from continual flooding. These issues are causing many areas of need in Australia – let alone what these conditions would cause overseas in less fortunate countries. Any action – regardless how small – by everyone can help prevent this.

Advocacy Team 2024-2025
Faith O'Brien (Coordinator), Ute Schierhorn (LOA), Jenny Wood, Vera Riley, Sue Martins (LOA)

4. Awards

Vicky Nazer

The Awards team this year consisted of Helene Jaccomard, Vicky Nazer and Donella Caspersz.

We were supported by other members across the Club, who donated their expertise and contributed to advertising and fundraising. We would like to thank Emily McLeish for her assistance with IT support in promoting the Awards on our website, for producing flyers and setting up booking sites for fundraising events.

Additionally, the Indigenous Projects and Awards team, (Mary Gurgone, Karen Groves and Lyn McArthur), focused their energies on the area of Indigenous Awards, about which they have submitted a separate report. Their efforts and achievements in that regard were much appreciated.

2025 Young Women in Leadership Award

This Award, formerly known as the *Young Women in Public Affairs Award*, was offered for the first time in 2025 to applicants between the ages of 16 and 19 years. The Award aims to encourage young women to participate in leadership positions by recognizing their commitment to the volunteer sector. Applicants

produce evidence of their volunteer leadership achievement and demonstrate dedication to building a better world for women and girls.

At Club level, the Award attracts a prize of $500. The Awardee is then considered alongside winners from other Zonta Clubs across several Australian States for one of 37 International Awards, valued at $US5,000 each.

Our Club's 2025 awardee, Anaia Kakulas, is a Year 12 student at Methodist Ladies College, where she is a Sustainability Prefect. Anaia's voluntary community activities and achievements are varied and wide-ranging. They include her recognition as Youth Community Citizen of the Year by the City of Nedlands, her founding of the *Be the Reason Foundation*, which organises workshops for school students and donates all profits to a range of charities, and her role as a Duke of Edinburgh Youth Award Leader.

2024 Post-Secondary Education Award

This Award, valued at $2,000, is given to a mature-age female student (25 years or over). Candidates must successfully have completed at least one full year of a post-secondary qualification either at University or at TAFE, and must demonstrate they are facing financial challenges in completing their course. Our 2024 Award was determined in May, after the date of last year's Annual Report. Hence, it is included in the 2024-2025 Report.

Competition for the 2024 Award was strong, with a field of nine qualified applicants. The successful applicant, Ashlee Somerville, is completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Community Development at Murdoch University. She expects to complete her pass degree in 2025.

2024 Woman of Achievement (WoA) Award

Every two years, each Zonta Club in WA recognizes 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.

Our Club's *Woman of Achievement* for 2024 was Sepo Young. Sepo is both the Chief Executive Officer and a Director of *Street Friends WA Homeless Foundation*. She also serves as Director, Integrated Care, with the *Voice of Hope Aboriginal Corporation*.

Sepo has demonstrated compassionate support to vulnerable women and girls in three different countries: Zambia, the UK and Australia. *Street Friends WA* receives no government support, and we believe the efforts of Sepo and her team are to be applauded. The Women of Achievement identified by each of the four Zonta Clubs in WA were honoured at the Annual Founders Day Lunch, which was hosted by the Zonta Club of Peel in Mandurah on 10 November 2024. Our Club member, Carole Theobald, contributed to the proceedings by conducted interviews with each of the Awardees at the event.

Fig 1 (left to Right): Vicky Nazer (President) with 2024 Young Woman in Public Affairs Awardee Patrycja Rybak, Fig 2: (Left to Right):ZCP members Mary Gurgone, Gloria Sutherland,Tallara Masters, Rozalee Gjengsto, Lyn McArthur, Natalie Ugle and Karen Groves with Yvonne Burgu Awardees at the Club's 2024 Awards Night. Fig 3 (left to Right): ZCP member Helene Jaccomard with Post-Secondary Education awardee Ashlee Sommerville.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship (to be renamed in 2025 the Zonta International Women in Business Leadership Award)

This international award is open to women aged 18 to 35 years at the time of application. It is coordinated at an area level by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs (ZPNS) with the $1,500 award shared between the four Clubs in Area 3. In 2024, the successful candidate's application was then forwarded to District 23 to be considered alongside winners from across all Areas for a Zonta International prize of $US5,000 (*Note: The Zonta International Prize for 2025 for the renamed Award will increase to $US10,000*).

Donella Caspersz of our Club and Janice Dudley (who is a ZI Supporting member, and a long-standing friend of our Club), have assisted Linda Tinning of ZPNS on the selection panel for JMK awards consistently for several years. In 2024, neither Donella nor Janice was available, so Club member Mary Gurgone kindly stepped up to participate in the selection process for both the Area and the District.

Annual Awards Night

Our Annual Awards Night for 2024 was held in conjunction with our July Monthly Dinner Meeting.

Our 2024 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee, Patrycia Rybak of Iona College, spoke to us about her hopes, dreams and achievements and what the award will mean to her. Similarly, all four current Yvonne Burgu awardees stepped forward and shared their experiences with us, as did the 2024 Post-Secondary Education Awardee, Ashlee Somerville. With family and friends of awardees also present, the Awards Night was an inspirational and heart-warming event.

***Awards Team 2023-2024**: Helene Jaccomard (Coordinator), Vicky Nazer and Donella Caspers.*

5. Membership and Meetings

Rosie Jeans

This committee, comprising Rosie Jeanes, Vicky Nazer, Jill Anderson, Ann Somoff, 'Tricia Summerfield, and Emily McLeish, worked online throughout the year. Rosie ensured that the monthly dinner meetings and other events for members occurred and managed dinner meeting payments in conjunction with her role as Treasurer, 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, Vicky organised the guest speakers, and Emily prepared and distributed flyers for meetings and other membership events, as well as advertising the meetings and other membership events on the Club website and managing the Humanitix booking system.

Figure 1: (left to right) ZCP member Emily McLeish presenting yellow Rose to Sheree Schonian for her advocacy during yellow rose day and international women's day. Figure 2 *(left to right) Vicky Nazer (President) and Ammara Sheppard Moeen – Former Manager and Operations Lead for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at Murdoch University, now working with the Department of Justice. Figure 3: (left to right) ZCP member Emily McLeish, Vicky Nazer (President) Dr. Anna Pryor – Projects Coordinator, Science & Gender Equity / Athena SWAN at MU. Rebecca Pinker – Projects Coordinator for Gender Equity at MU*

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.

Flyers for meetings are prepared in the Club website and sent automatically to the websites mailing list. Members and guests can book tickets either through Humanitix or by depositing the dinner meeting fee directly into the Club bank account.

President Vicky will invite 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. Two members would also be invited to introduce and thank the guest speaker respectively. This has allowed more members to participate in and contribute to meetings.

Rosie has also continued her "International News" section at the start of each meeting (with President Vicky and Emily stepping in to present on a couple of occasions when Rosie was unable to attend), to highlight the activities of Zonta International and ensure that members and guests are aware of Zonta International's programs, news, and statements.

President Vicky would then chair the business meeting.

Meeting Programs:

The programs/guest speakers for the year have been quite varied. The committee is most grateful to President Vicky for finding such wonderful speakers. They were as follows -

- May 2024 – our Club Annual General Meeting, confirmation of the Annual Report and election of officers.
- June 2024 – Federal Member for Curtin, Kate Chaney, MHR. Ping also led the Perth Foundation for Women Annual General Meeting and presentation of the Perth Foundation for Women Annual Report.
- July 2024 – Annual Awards night
- August 2024 – Michelle Blakely, 'My Home' founder.
- September 2024 – no formal meeting was held, members instead supported the Club's Sip n Support fundraising event at Samson Cellar, Fremantle
- October 2024 – Christabel Chamarette, Grandmothers for Refugees.
- November 2024 – Carole Theobald, Disaster Preparedness
- December 2024 – a wonderful Christmas party organised by President Vicky and Vice President Vera at Waterfront Cottesloe
- January 2025 – in recess
- February 2025 – a planning meeting for the Club, where President Vicky outlined her plans for the forthcoming year
- March 2025 – Senior Australian of the Year, Brother Ollie Pickett AM, Wheelchairs for Kids
- April 2025 – no formal meeting in light of the Area 3 Workshop to be held on 12 April 2025 in Como.

Figure 1: ZCP Coffee Catch Up. We welcomed two wonderful guests to learn more about Zonta and our mission to empower women and girls. Figure 2 (Left to Right): Vicky Nazer (President), Brother Ollie Pickett AM Senior Australian of the Year- Wheelchairs for Kids.

Membership:

For the reporting period, the club had 22 members. We welcomed new members in Lauren Neville and Maxine Robinson. Both are bright members who we are sure will add value and vibrancy to the Club.

We said farewell to two members this year. Firstly, former Charter Member, Lennie McCall, who gave an amazing 53 years of service to Zonta International and to the Club. We wish her well in her retirement. Secondly, Sue Martins, who, although she didn't renew her membership for 2024-2025 year due to family reasons, remains supportive and in contact with the Club particularly during the annual 16 Days of Activism and it is possible she may renew her membership when her personal circumstances allow.

One member is on leave of absence due to other commitments. Contact is maintained with them, and they are encouraged to attend our events and an occasional meeting.

8 club members should be recongnised for their length of service:

- Karen Groves - 30 years
- Carole Theobald - 25 years
- Faith O'Brien - 20 years
- Jill Anderson and Donella Caspersz – 15 years
- Emily McLeish, Ping Teo, and Helene Jaccomard – 5 years

The Membership & Meetings committee have also hosted a few of 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 also an informal event for prospective members to attend to learn more and Zonta and the Club.
The Membership & Meetings committee would also like to acknowledge the work of Vice President Vera Riley, for her work this year in updating the Membership Booklet, her work in doing so has been much appreciated.

6. Visibility (PR& Communications)

Emily McLeish

The Communications team pursued its aims to raise the Club's profile, support the other teams' activities, and reach out to like-minded organisations, using social media (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and Tweeter) and our Webpage. We continue to see strong engagement across our communication channels. Website traffic has steadily increased over the past year, with a noticeable rise in email inquiries from members of the public seeking information on how to donate clothing and how to get involved with our initiatives. We have also maintained our blog, using it as a platform to share updates on our projects, raise awareness of key issues, and highlight the impact of our work in the community.

Visibility (PR & Communications Team):
Emily Mcleish (coordinator), Dorothy Griffiths

7. Golden Z Club

Vera Riley

The year started off with an enthusiastic Golden Z Club (GZC) ably led by President Louisa Caspersz-Loney. Fundraising in the form of a Fun Run and Bakesale was done, and monies were raised beyond the $500 needed to contribute toward the cost of 400 Birthing Kit. As has been done in the past, the Zonta Club of Perth (ZCP) funded the remaining $1500 for the supplies of 400 kits. Left over GZC monies have been banked with ZCP and will go toward the 2025 Birthing Kits and other projects.

The Birthing Kit Assembly Day was hosted by the GZC and took place on 21st May 2024 at 5pm in the University of WA Business school. The assembly of 400 kits was a joint effort from the GZC and the ZCP Zonta Club of Perth and resulted in 400 kits being assembled. The kits assist in promoting clean birthing practices to women birthing at home in remote regions of the developing world, they are distributed by the Birthing Kit Foundation. A team of 5 students from UWA and Notre Dame and 5 members of the Zonta club of Perth assembled the kits.

Louisa was lucky enough to go on international exchange for semester two of the academic year to the USA and her Vice President, Evie Thomsen graduated mid-year. The remaining committee members met and decided they would form a 'Presidential group' to to carry on the GZC.

Louisa Caspersz-Loney is the inaugural Birthing Kit champion for the ZCP and will be recognised at the Area 3 Workshop in April 2025. Louisa has been the driving force behind two Birthing Kit Assembly days and fundraising activities toward the cost of the Kits.

8. Nominating Committee

Judy Gorton

Members of the Nominating Committee received a very pleasing reaction to their requests to fill vacancies on the incoming Board for the 2024-2025 year.

All positions have been filled and will be voted on at the May meeting. Further requests will be called for from the floor.

President: Vicky Nazer
Vice President: Vera Riley
Treasurer: Rosie Jeans
Secretary: Jenny Wood
Director: Emily McLeish
Director: Tricia Summerfield
Director: Lyn McArthur

Nominating Committee:
Faith O'Brien
Judy Gorton
Helene Jaccomard

St Catherine's Golden Z Club members and their friends assemble the birthing kits

9. Indigenous Projects

Lyn McArthur

The Indigenous Projects team have had another successful year, with the Yvonne Burgu Education Award being the major focus. This was the fourth year this Award was offered to female indigenous students at Marr Mooditj Training Corporation. The Award has built a sound relationship between Marr Mooditj and the Zonta Club of Perth, which was fostered initially by Mary Gurgone, utilising her contacts in the tertiary education and indigenous training arena. This working relationship with Marr Mooditj is now well established. We have consolidated a clear understanding of the purpose of the Award and procedures in promoting and managing this Award in line with the Zonta International's key advocacy campaigns, which are Zonta Says NO to violence against women and Zonta Says NOW to gender-equal climate action.

Through this Award we can share the enthusiasm and positive outlook derived from the presentation of the Award at the Marr Mooditj annual graduation ceremony at Clontarf.

In 2024, the Award was offered to students undertaking Certificate 4 in the "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care" Course. The application form was again revised to focus on the selection criteria and the personal academic achievements and attitude of the student towards their community engagement and future employment.
Zonta Club of Perth budgeted to sponsor four Awards valued at $500 each ($2000). Whilst the committee was to interview the final shortlist of students, Marr Mooditj considered that only four students met the selection criteria, eliminating the need for final interviews. Instead, our committee arranged to meet the successful students. They were overwhelmed to hear that there applications for the Awards were successful. This was an extremely rewarding experience to see first hand the delight and the students' pride in their achievements.

Committee coordinator Lyn McArthur attended the Graduation Ceremony, where she presented the four winners with certificates and a plinth and offered the Club's congratulations. Unfortunately we have not progressed the Advocacy with Michelle Blakely and Katina Law this year. We thought there may have been an opportunity for all of us to explore the possibility of the Sister Kate's site being suitable for a future "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.

An extremely successful cocktail fundraiser "Sip and Support" was held in held in the iconic Samson Cellars in Fremantle in September where $5,732 was raised in support of the ZCP Education Awards. A special thanks to Jill Anderson who offered the premises for the evening, and to former Club member Laura Bernay for organising the excellent musical performance.

One of the guest speakers at the event was Voice of Hope Corporation founder,, Lorraine Pryor a Whadjuk Noongar Woman who is a passionate advocate and an important voice for local Aboriginal women, particularly those marginalized by society. Lorraine is a survivor of domestic violence substance abuse that saw her incarcerated from 2001 to 2010. It was this experience that changed her life forever. She has been employed by BHP for the past 10 years, During this time she has completed The Women's Leadership Yorga Djenna Bidi Program, Certificate 4 Diploma in Mental Health at Marr Mooditj and in 2022 received the Zonta Club of Perth Yvonne Burgu Education Award.

We were privileged to hear of her successful Voice of Hope Foundation achievements. The Voice of Hope is assisting incarcerated Aboriginal women transition from prison back into the community by providing cultural programs to assist connection to culture, identity and family. It addesses issues to reduce recidivism, domestic violence and addictions through counselling services, parenting support programs and family reunification, connecting them to educational, vocational and networking programs and providing access to utilities and housing to address homelessness.

Committee members are scheduled to meet with Lorraine to scope a future Indigenous project with the Voice of Hope Foundation in 2025 / 2026 such as bags of vital supplies for Aboriginal women leaving prison such as clothing, toiletries vouchers and helpful information to help them get back on track.
I wish to thank the members of the Indigenous Projects Committee for their ongoing commitment and dedication to improving the lives of indigenous women and children through educational support.

Indigenous Projects Team 2024-2025:
Lyn McArthur (Coordinator), Karen Groves
Mary Gurgone, Gloria Sutherland.

10. Perth Foundation for Women Report

Ping Teo

It is pleasing to see Perth Foundation for Women (PFW) has continued to raise its' profile in the community as a charity for women and girls in need. During the year, it has received a marked increase in monetary donations and new goods donations. There were also numerous offers to donate used clothing, shoes and furniture which were diverted to organisations such as RUAH, Starick and Voice of Hope to help homeless women, survivors of gender based domestic violence and women that try to rebuild their lives after serving their time in prison. In addition, we have received several offers of support from companies, government departments such as the Department of Treasury and Water Corporation, and community groups offering to raise funds on our behalf.

Various items donated to the Perth Foundation for women which were distributed to respective women's charities

Some of the notable events are as follows:

Nov 2024 – Presentation to Rio Tinto Women in MP & E Event in support of Zonta's Education Awards.

Donation from an artist was used to provide food vouchers to Voice of Hope women before Christmas.

Brand new T-shirts donated by an Adelaide retail company were distributed to RUAH and Voice of Hope.

Twelve boxes of brand new clothing valued at $35,000 were donated by a high-end retailer. We are in the process of selling them to raise funds for our projects.

The Red Hat Society of WA "Scarlet Belles" Chapter decided to replace Kris Kringle with a donation to PFW.

A catch up during the Zonta International's Brisbane Convention with a fellow Zonta Club member resulted in a substantial donation from Peppamana Foundation.

6 boxes of Period Care Products were donated by 'For My Sister'. They will be distributed to various charities for women in need.

PFW was invited by Women & Leadership Australia to be an Advocacy Partner for the Australian Women's Leadership Symposium to be held in Perth in June 2025. This event will provide good social media exposure for PFW.

In summary, the various activities during the year raised much needed funds for our various charitable projects. For the year ended 31 March 2025, we have made an allocation of $5,000 for our various projects namely:

Voice of Hope $1,000
2025 Education Award $2,000
Yvonne Burgu Awards $2,000 – for women completing Health-related programs at Marr Mooditj Training in 2025
A special thank you to the Board of Perth Foundation for Women namely Vicky Nazer, Mary Gurgone and Judy Gorton who have spent valuable time and contributed their invaluable knowledge and expertise to support PFW.

Our heartfelt thank you to our generous donors and members of the Zonta Club of Perth who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the various projects.

Fig 1: Presentation to Rio Tinto Women in MP & E Event in support of Zonta's Education Awards. Figure 2. Presentation of a donation made to PFW The Red Hat Society of WA "Scarlet Belles" Chapter. Figure 3. Ping Teo (President PFW) at the Zonta International's Brisbane Convention 2024 with fellow Zonta Club members.

11. Financial Report

Rosie Jeanes

Current year earnings

This year the Club made a small profit of $3,346.62. We made a profit of $111.26 in the Service Account, attributable to the efforts of Lyn and Jill in organising the successful Sip & Support fundraiser. We made a of profit of $2,593.92 in the General Account, attributable to increasing Zonta Dues in line with increases in the exchange rate as well as Vicky's efforts in liaising with St Catherine's to reduce the cost of dinner meetings to members.

Our Balance Sheet shows the following expenses that we paid after 31 March 2025 – speaker funds to Perth Foundation of $250, provision for gift of $90, provision for birthing kit monies raised by the Golden Z Club of $685.42, and Containers for Change of $83.60.

With this years' profit, the Club may wish to consider moving funds from the General Account to the Service Account and / or contributing more funds to projects in the coming year.

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

The financial reports are shown on the following pages.

Treasurer 2024-2024: Rosie Jeanes

ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH INC

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH INC

ABN 55 339 469 759

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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 profit after providing for income tax amounted to $3,346.62.

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

VJNazer

Victoria Nazer

31/05/2025

date

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 $	2024 $
Revenue		35,839.70	27,542.78
Other Expenses		(32,493.08)	(33,593.49)
Profit (loss) before income tax	7	3,346.62	(6,050.71)
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit (loss) for the year		3,346.62	(6,050.71)
Profit (loss) attributable to members of the entity		3,346.62	(6,050.71)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 $	2024 $
INCOME			
Interest received		1.45	1.79
Other revenue	2	25,923.49	17,999.99
Service Account	3	9,914.76	9,541
		35,839.70	27,542.78
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Bank charges		-	85.25
Badges		43	-
Dues – District 23		740	820
Dues – Zonta International		2,599.23	2,841.73
District 23 Workship Costs		-	3,000
Perth Foundation – donations		1,000	-
Perth Foundation – speaker donations		250	250
Subscriptions		55	199
Website expenses		720.73	979.23
Zonta cards		-	514.99
Service costs	4	9,734.63	16,156.29
Administration expenses	5	17,350.49	8,747
		32,493.08	33,593.49
		3,346.62	(6,050.71)
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)		3,346.62	(6,050.71)
Retained Profits at the beginning of the financial year		12,082.50	18,133.21
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		15,429.12	12,082.50
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		**15,429.12**	**12,082.50**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH INC
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 $	2024 $
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand	6	16,536.14	13,189.52
Other current assets	7	2	2
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		16,538.14	13,191.52
TOTAL ASSETS		16,538.14	13,191.52
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	250	250
Borrowing	9	859.02	859.02
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,109.02	1,109.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,109.02	1,109.02
NET ASSETS		**15,429.12**	**12,082.50**
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings		15,429.12	12,082.50
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		**15,429.12**	**12,082.50**

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Retained Earnings $	Total $
Balance at 1 April 2023	18,133.21	18,133.21
Comprehensive income		
Profit (loss) for the year	(6,050.71)	(6,050.71)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association	(6,050.71)	(6,050.71)
Balance at 31 March 2024	12,082.50	12,082.50
Balance at 1 April 2024		
Comprehensive income	12,082.50	12,082.50
Profit (loss) for the year	3,346.62	3,346.62
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to members of the association	3,346.62	3,346.62
Balance at 31 March 2025	15,429.12	15,429.12

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025 $	2024 $
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 accrual 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 10 to the financial statements.

2	**Other revenue:**		
	Club Membership fees	5,548	4,604
	Joining fees – new members	265	-
	Dinner fees	9,820	9,733.31
	C4C – transfer account	100	(597.20)
	D23 Workshop	-	3,062.50
	Christmas Dinner	655	460
	Transfer Golden Z Club	700	(2.62)
	Incorrect receipts	1,677.73	-
	Transfer a/c – PFW	1,000	-
	Zonta Cards	-	480
	Transfer a/c - fundraising	6,157.76	260
		25,923.49	17,999.99
3	**Service Account:**		
	Service Account – Fundraising	436	630
	Service Account – C4C	67	2,800
	Service Account – Lighthouse Girl Saga	-	2,926
	Service Account – Bullwinkel	545	3,185
	Service Account – Sip & Support	6,346.76	-
	Service Account – Bridget Jones	1,930	-
	Service Account – Golden Z Club	420	-
	Service Account – Birthing Kits Donations	170	-
		9,914.76	9,541
4	**Service costs:**		
	Service costs – Birthing kits	2,000	2,000
	Service costs – Rewards and Recognition	5,240.83	2,755
	Service costs – Welcome pack – New Homes Fremantle	-	1,414.51
	Service costs – Safe Night Space	-	1,640.98
	Service costs – C4C		2,800
	Service costs – Zonta International Fundraising	1,102.29	1,399.80
	Service costs – Lighthouse Girl Saga Fundraiser	-	1,456
	Service costs – Bullwinkel costs	-	2,690
	Service costs – Golden Z Club Fundraiser	68.51	-

	Service costs – Sip & Support Fundraiser	300	-
	Service costs – Bridget Jones Fundraiser	1,023	-
		9,734.63	16,156.29
5	**Administration expenses:**		
	Dinner meetings	7,420	8,573
	Christmas function	1,305	-
	Gifts	170	
	Postage	-	174
	Transfers to Service Account	6,777.76	-
	Incorrect payments / adjustments	1,677.73	
		17,350.49	8,747
6	**CASH ON HAND**		
	Monies in transit	260	260
	Bendigo 6923 – General Account	9,412.52	6,386.61
	Bendigo 5049 – Service Account	6,818.58	6,497.87
	Bendigo 0025 – Debit card	45.04	45.04
		16,536.14	13,189.52
7	**OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**		
	CURRENT		
	The Guarantee – Perth Foundation For Women Ltd	2	2
8	**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES**		
	CURRENT		
	Sundry creditors	250	250
		250	250
9	**LIABILITIES**		
	CURRENT		
	Gifts (to be expended)	90	90
	Golden Z Club	685.42	685.42
	Provision for C4C	83.60	83.60
		859.02	859.02

10 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). 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 incorporated 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 recognised upon cash basis and recorded when received in the bank account, this includes donations and gifts from donors. Revenue from events or fundraising activities were recorded upon the events or fundraising 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* (Cth).

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 fundraising activities were recorded when events or fundraising 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 financial year.

(g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include 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.

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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:

1. present a true and fair view of the financial position of Zonta Club of Perth Inc. as at 31 March 2025 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 (WA); and
2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Zonta Club of Perth 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 VJNazer

Victoria Nazer

31/05/2025

date

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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 Perthfor the year ended 31 March 2025, 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 ofany 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 Victoria Park, 31 May 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Zonta Club of Perth Inc:

Opinion

I 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 2025, 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 my opinion, the financial report of Zonta Club of Perth Inc, has been 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 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
b) complying with Accounting Policy to the extent described in Note 1, and the Association Incorporation Act 2015 (WA).

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my 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 my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I confirm that the independence declaration required by the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (Western Australia), which has been given to the members of the Club, would be in the same terms if given to the members as at the time of this auditor's report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting

I 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. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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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

My 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 my 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 my 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 my audit

Vera Riley

Other matter

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, my audit procedures for donations cum other fund raising and expenses had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. I am therefore unable to express an opinion on whether donations cum other fund raising and expenses recorded by the Club are complete.

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

Dated this: 31 May 2025

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12. Club members 2024-2025

NAME	CLUB AND PFW LEVEL RESPONSIBILITIES	AREA and/or DISTRICT LEVEL RESPONSIBILITIES	INTERNATIONAL LEVEL RESPONSIBILITIES
Jill **ANDERSON**	Meetings and Membership Team		
Donella **CASPERSZ**	Member, Golden Z and Birthing Kits Team; assists with other Awards where required.	JMK Award selector at Area and District level.	
Judy **GORTON**	Director, PFW; Member ZCP Nominating C'tee		Convenor 2024 ZI International Convention; Vice Chair ZI Nominating C'tee; member of a ZI Workstream working group.
Dorothy **GRIFFITHS**	Visibility (PR and Communications) Team		
Karen **GROVES**	Indigenous Projects Team; Club PFW representative		
Mary **GURGONE**	Director, PFW, Indigenous Projects Team; Member, Zonta Refuge Association External Affairs C'tee.		
Rosie **JEANES**	Treasurer, ZCP; Head, Meetings and Membership.		
Helene **JACCOMARD**	Head, Awards Team and Member, Nominating Committee.		
Lyn **McARTHUR**	Director, ZCP; Head, Indigenous Projects Team		
Emily **MCLEISH**	Director on ZCP Board; Head, Visibility (PR and Communications) team; assists with membership and meetings		
Vicky **NAZER**	President, ZCP; Director, PFW; Member, ZCP Awards Team; Arranges Club Speakers.		
Lauren **NEVILLE**	New member, not yet allocated to a team.		
Faith **O'BRIEN**	Head, Advocacy, ZCP; Head, ZCP Nominating Committee.	Area 3 Advocacy Coordinator; Member, D23 Nominating Committee	
Sue **Martin**	Membership in abeyance currently but continues to assist with annual Silent March.		
Vera **RILEY**	Vice President, ZCP; Head, Golden Z and Birthing Kits. Updates Club's membership booklet.		
Max **ROBINSON**	New member. Not yet allocated to a team.		
Ute **SCHIERHORN**	LOA currently. Long-term initiator and driver of Projects.		

Anne **SOMOFF**	Not linked to a team but generously contributes prizes for our fundraising events.		
‘Tricia **SUMMERFIELD**	Director, ZCP; Member, Meetings and Membership team; Club Parliamentarian and Archivist	District 23 History and Archives Coordinator	
Gloria **SUTHERLAND**	Member, Indigenous Projects		
Ping **TEO**	Chair and Treasurer, PFW. Developed and established PFW.		
Carole **THEOBALD**	Assists with the creative preparation of audio-visuals, graphics and publicity material at Club level. Member, ZCP Visibility team.	Conducts *Zonta Says Now* Think Tank sessions via ZOOM for Australian Zonta Members monthly, and for members across the world every other month.	Chair, ZI *Zonta Says NOW* Working Group 2024-2026. Flew to New York on 2 March 2025 as member of ZI delegation to UN’s Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).
Jenny **WOOD**	Secretary, ZCP; Head, Service Team.		

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CLUB OF PERTH INC

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