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ANNUAL REPORT 2016 - 2017



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President's Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am privileged to present the 51st Annual Report of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra for the year 2016-2017.

During the year we inducted and welcomed two very enthusiastic members Sharon Nelson-Kelly and Barbra May. Lucy Downer went on Leave of Absence and we look forward to her returning to our meetings. Jo Teagle unfortunately resigned after ten years as a member of Zonta and we wished her well in her future endeavours.



We certainly started the year off running! Highlights of the year were many and varied:

The July meeting was a French Theme to align with the holding of the International Conference in Nice France. A few of our members attended this Conference and reported on how wonderful was, in particular, the fellowship they experienced with members worldwide. As members of a club which is part of a bigger organisation our commitment extends beyond our club, to attendance at Area meetings, District Conferences and International Conventions

The next International Convention in 2018 is in Yokohama Japan, closer to our shores. It would be great to see many more of our members able to attend.

Our Painted Platter Exhibition and Auction in October was an amazing event, the effort and dedication to make this night a success took months of hard work by the Fundraising committee and all members. Such an enjoyable night, it will remain amongst one of our finest achievements.

Our fundraising this year has met our service project commitments, both locally and to Zonta International Foundation. It was beneficial to join with Fitzroy Rotary in their fundraising for The Salvation Army Crossroads Family Violence Centre.

Hands on service activities included a couple of Bunning BBQ's, several Breast Cushion Sewing Bee afternoons, the Christmas Pamper Packing night with around 100 pamper packs for The Salvation Army Family Violence Centre, and the Birthing Kits assembly night where we assembled 1400 birthing kits. These activities were all fun and benefited not only many other organisations, but brought together members in fellowship, which I believe is a stronghold of any club.

It was wonderful to finally have a Zonta MOY newsletter Yarra Yarns up and running thanks to Barbra May and those members who contributed articles. Keep up the good work!



We supported 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence with Jenny Pike posting daily Facebook messages – '16 days 16 ways' with photos and statistics. Members also embraced this in other ways, with the walk across Bridge Road in 'almost' Abbey Road style wearing orange and carrying messages, delivering bookmarks to libraries, and attaching the Zonta says No to Violence logo to their email signatures.

During the year we have once again supported the next generation of young women:

Our Young Women in Public Affairs nominee for 2016 Karen Zhang and Jane M Klausman award winner Emily Hall – both of these delightful young ladies were very worthy recipients and spoke beautifully at our August meeting.

The club celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Frances Quinn Arts Encouragement Concert at St Peter's Anglican Church in Brighton was an outstanding success with 2016 winner Jirene Beh on Flute, 2014 winner Ann Nguyen - Piano and 2012 winner Magdalena Krtevska - Clarinet. A fabulous afternoon tea followed catered for by our talented members.

The committee chairmen have been a great support to me and have been fantastic in their roles. I hope they all realise how much I have appreciated their hard work and dedication during the year to make ZCMOY such a great club. Thank you to Bev Devidas PR & Program, Kate Ottrey Fundraising & Events, Lucy Downer/Jo Teagle and Julie Pincombe Membership & Fellowship and Jasmine Koch Service & Advocacy. Their reports will detail their activities in the following pages.

I would also like to thank the Board members for their contribution and support, making my position as President so much easier and enjoyable. Thank you to Vice President Bev Devidas, Minute and Correspondence Secretaries Julie Pincombe, Christine Fitzherbert and Frances Gentle, Treasurer Bev Phillips and Directors Pat Gray, Fiona Mouritz, Jenny Pike, Kay Stewart.

Thank you also to Helen Bolger-Harris for facilitating our Strategic Planning survey. From this we were able to develop a strategic plan in line with the biennial goals.

The real core and success of our Zonta Club Melbourne on Yarra is YOU – your commitment, support and fellowship makes this club special! Let's make the next twelve months even better!!

Yours in Zonta

Yvonne Lockwood

President

PR, Program & Marketing Committee Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the PR and Program 2016-17 committee report.

The PR & Program committee comprising Bev Devidas (Chair), Melinda Young, Jenny Pike, Beryl McMillan, Barbra May, and Gail Neil all contributed to the activities and responsibilities of the committee.

Yarra Yarns, our club newsletter was launched and is edited by Barbra. After experimenting with timing of Yarra Yarns editions, it has been decided to produce a larger edition quarterly.

Melinda Young has continued to produce club Flyers and set up Trybooking for all events including the Zonta Melbourne on Yarra's 50th Birthday Celebration, Painted Platters Fund raiser, Fran Quin Concert, Information on Pamper Packs, Birthing Kit Assembly night and more. Melinda has continued in the role of webmaster and recently updated our website.



Jenny Pike has kept our Facebook page up to date and is our photographer at large at events and dinner meetings. One highlight of our Facebook page was the 16 Days of activism to mark the "Zonta Says No" sixteen days, sixteen ways campaign. Our Pamper Pack night feature attracted 391 views. Jenny and Melinda set up media for our guest speakers and presenters.

Beryl McMillan has accepted up the role of arranging a member to read to Zonta Thanks and Zonta Vision at dinner meetings; members to be featured in Behind the Badge; and maintaining the Club calendar.

Gail Neil organised for her workplace to hold a Pamper Pack day. This has given us the inspiration to seek another work place to hold a Pamper Pack day or donate items for ZC MoY project. This will be a goal for PR and Program Committee 2017-18.

Behind the Badge segment has continued to be a light hearted segment of our monthly meetings and we thank all participants in 2016-17.

We have enjoyed an interesting mixture of Guest Speakers

including Laura Stacy, Media and Campaign Officer, Refugee Council of Australia; Katherine Grigoriou – Ph. D student in Aerospace; Natasha Savic – Digital and Community Learning; and our inspiring scholarship winners, Karen Zhang YWPA; and Emily Hall JMK.

Thank you to all members of the PR & Program Committee. I would like to say a special thank you to Barbra May, who as a new Zonta member and new to PR and Program Committee accepted the role of editor of Yarra Yarns.

Bev Devidas, Chair, PR & Program ZC MoY.

Committee members: Melinda Young, Jenny Pike, Beryl McMillan, Barbra May and Gail Neil.

Fundraising Committee Report

This has been another busy and productive year for the fundraising committee. The fundraising committee was chaired by Kate Ottrey and welcomed new member Sharon Nelson-Kelly to the existing members Steph West, Christine Kirkham, Christine Fitzherbert and Sue Johnston.

We started the year by setting goals for new fundraising events:

To hold less events which raise more money;

To raise money from the community rather than from the members; and

To use fundraising events to raise the profile of the club in our local community.



With this focus in mind, the club organised and hosted a major fundraising event – the Painted Platters Auction – in October 2016. This initiative asked prominent Australians to paint a plate to be auctioned at our gala event and we received plates from well-known individuals such as Jane Turner, Kerry Greenwood, Natasha Stott-Despoja, Johanna Griggs, the Hon Fiona Richardson, Gillian Triggs, Alan Atwood, two police Commissioners as well as many professional and amateur artists. The night itself was a great event, with many beautiful

plates on display and award-worthy catering by club members. Special recognition must go to our volunteer auctioneer Juanita Kelly from Woodards who was entertaining as well as being an excellent saleswoman! All members of the club contributed to make this event the great success it was.

Holding one major fundraiser involving all club members has proven itself to be a successful and viable fundraising idea. The committee are now working on improving the bottom line of the next major fundraising event by having lower overheads and appealing to a wider audience, in line with the fundraising committee's goals.



Two Bunnings BBQs were held in late 2016 and early 2017. Thank you to the enthusiastic members and their "plus ones" who volunteered to cook and sell sausages. The BBQs continue to provide a consistent supply of fund for the club and meet our fundraising goal of raising money from the community.

The club continues to raise funds throughout the year via the sale of Entertainment Books, raffles at events and donations from members and friends.

Thank you to all the members who donated their time, money and raffle prizes to the fundraising efforts over the last year.



Membership Committee Report

Lucy Downer and Jo Teagle Joint Chairs – May 2016 to October 2016.

Julie Pincombe Chair – November 2016 – current.

Committee Members

Helen Bolger-Harris, Lucy Downer, Frances Gentle, Fiona Mouritz, Bev Phillips.

New Inducted Members

Gillian Blain June 2016

Sharon Nelson-Kelly June 2016

Barbra May July 2016

Resignations

Gillian Blain September 2016

Jo Teagle October 2016



A number of people were contacted during the early part of 2016 resulting in three new members, but unfortunately one of these members has since resigned.

We have had seven enquiries since November and four out of the seven are still active enquiries.

It has been agreed that new members will now pay for their Dinner on the night of induction. Their joining fees will now

also include the cost of the Membership Badge (\$15).

Helen Bolger-Harris has now taken over as the Dinner Convener for the General Meetings at Amora Hotel. The monthly Raffle has been abandoned, however the currently held donated prizes will now go to the Guest Speaker as a gift.

Membership is currently updating a USB Welcome Pack for new members.

I would like to thank my committee members, Frances, Fiona, Bev, Helen and Lucy, for all their support since taking on this role.

Julie Pincombe - Membership Chair

Service & Advocacy Committee Report

The committee continued to involve members in local, District 23 and Zonta International awards and projects. I would like to thank the Service and Advocacy committee and all members of Zonta Club MOY for their support during the past twelve months.

LOCAL

Frances Quinn Encouragement Award

Our annual award is funded through a trust set up by members of Fran Quinn's family and the then Zonta Club of Melbourne Yarra – of which Fran was a member. Together with the University of Melbourne, Conservatorium of Music this award is to recognise the most talented and promising first year female student. In 2016 we celebrated the 30th year of the Award with performances by our 2016 winner, (flute) and previous winners, Ann Nguyen (piano) and Magdalenna Krstveska (clarinet).

The concert was followed by the Award Presentation and a beautiful afternoon tea catered for by the club members and a raffle. Thank you to all the members who helped organise this

wonderful event and thank you to the Vicar of St Peters Anglican Church, Brighton Beach for welcoming us back once again.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA)

The YWPA winner for 2016 was Karen Zhang, a Year 12 student and School Captain at Camberwell Girls' Grammar School. Karen saw her leadership role as an opportunity to bring out the best in others, by empowering girls to recognise that they can all be strong and capable leaders. Karen attended Ylead's Australian Student Leadership Conference and the Australian Youth Humanities Forum. Karen volunteers at her local residential home and routinely visits detention centres to teach refugees English and provide company through games and craft.

Karen is intending to pursue a career in human rights law, diplomacy or advocacy.

Jane M Klausman Scholarship (JMK)

The JMK recipient for 2016 was Emily Hall. Emily was in the third year level of study towards a Bachelor of Languages and International Business at the University of New England in Armidale, NSW. Emily continued working in Melbourne while undertaking her degree part time by distance education. She believes that remaining in the workforce is vital to maintaining an understanding of business and how organisations grapple with the constantly changing environment.

With French as a major in her degree, she is required to undertake a year's language study in France. She would use the JMK scholarship money to assist with this endeavour.

We were delighted to hear both Karen and Emily speak at our August meeting.

Service Projects

In 2016-7 our local service projects were:

We partnered with Fitzroy Rotary in an afternoon tea fashion parade fundraiser for Salvation Army Crossroads Family Violence Service. Club members assisted with the catering and attended the event. Over \$4000 was raised and donated to Crossroads on behalf of both organisations.

At our December meeting, we packed approx. 100 Pamper Packs for Salvation Army Crossroads Family Violence Service. A few of the Crossroads employees joined in the fun and came prepared with big boxes and a van to take the finished packs. We also received significant donations of pamper pack items and assistance from Fitzroy Rotary members on the night.

DISTRICT 23

We again continued to support the District 23 projects:

Zonta Breast Cushion project

Several breast cushion working bees were held during the year and we thank Frances Gentle for graciously opening her home for us all to invade and either cut, sew or stuff the many cushions. Many friends also helped out during the year making cushions and bags and we are deeply grateful for their support.

Zonta Birthing Kits

On 9th March, we held a Birthing Kit Assembly night to coincide with International Women's Day. Around 50 gathered to assemble 1400 kits.

It was a hot night with lots of activity. We had a quite a few members of the MFB attend. In addition, the MFB held their own birthing kit assembly afternoon a couple of weeks later and raised \$48 for Zonta through gold coin donations on the day. Thank you to Yvonne for representing the club at this event. It is such a worthwhile hands-on activity.



INTERNATIONAL

We support the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) by donating approximately one third of the club's fundraising profits toward the Zonta International Service Projects and ZISVAW projects.

Our club meetings during the year support the UN International days by organising events and guest speakers relevant to the theme. Members are encouraged especially to support the International Women's Day in March and the Zonta Says No campaign and the 16 Days of Activism from 25th November to 10 December. We were inspired by the Abbey Road album cover and walked across Bridge Road at the pedestrian crossing, wearing orange and holding Zonta Says No signs, to make a statement and raise awareness – there were many bemused peak hour commuters. Also for every day of the 16 days of activism, Jenny posted relevant messages on the club's facebook.

The Service and Advocacy committee for this year comprised:

Jasmine Koch (Chair)

Elaine Barry

Helen Bolger-Harris

Pat Gray

Caroline Kettle

Kay Stewart

Treasurer's Report 2016 - 2017

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017-

INCOME	Notes	2016	2017
		\$	\$
ADMINISTRATION			
Zonta subscriptions		2,460.00	6,925.00
Dinners		11,127.66	8,726.44
Birthday Lunch			5,072.48
Miscellaneous		50.00	2,109.00
Total		<u>13,637.66</u>	<u>22,832.92</u>
FUNDRAISING		<u>13,379.51</u>	<u>18,363.84</u>
Total		<u>13,379.51</u>	<u>18,363.84</u>
FRAN QUINN AWARD			
Total		<u>1,692.00</u>	<u>1,900.38</u>
Zonta past presidents- clearing account			1,246.52
TOTAL		<u><u>28,709.17</u></u>	<u><u>44,343.66</u></u>
EXPENDITURE			
ADMINISTRATION			
Zonta subscriptions		4,048.00	3,536.00
Dinners		10,168.00	7,638.00
Birthday Lunch			5,076.83
Miscellaneous	1	1,795.00	3,044.61
Total		<u>16,011.00</u>	<u>19,295.44</u>
FUNDRAISING			
Costs		8,613.83	10,898.91
JMK & YWPA		1,500.00	1,500.00
Donation to ZIF		4,919.00	
Total		<u>15,032.83</u>	<u>12,398.91</u>
FRAN QUINN AWARD			
Total		<u>2,735.28</u>	<u>2,960.49</u>
Zonta past presidents- clearing account			<u>2,998.92</u>

TOTAL	<u>33,779.11</u>	<u>37,653.76</u>
NETT / LOSS	<u>- 5,069.94</u>	<u>6,689.90</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017

INCOME	Notes	2016	2017
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash - Bank Account		7,402.72	14,046.12
Term Deposit		25,085.60	25,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>32,488.32</u>	<u>39,046.12</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>32,488.32</u>	<u>39,046.12</u>