

39th Annual Report

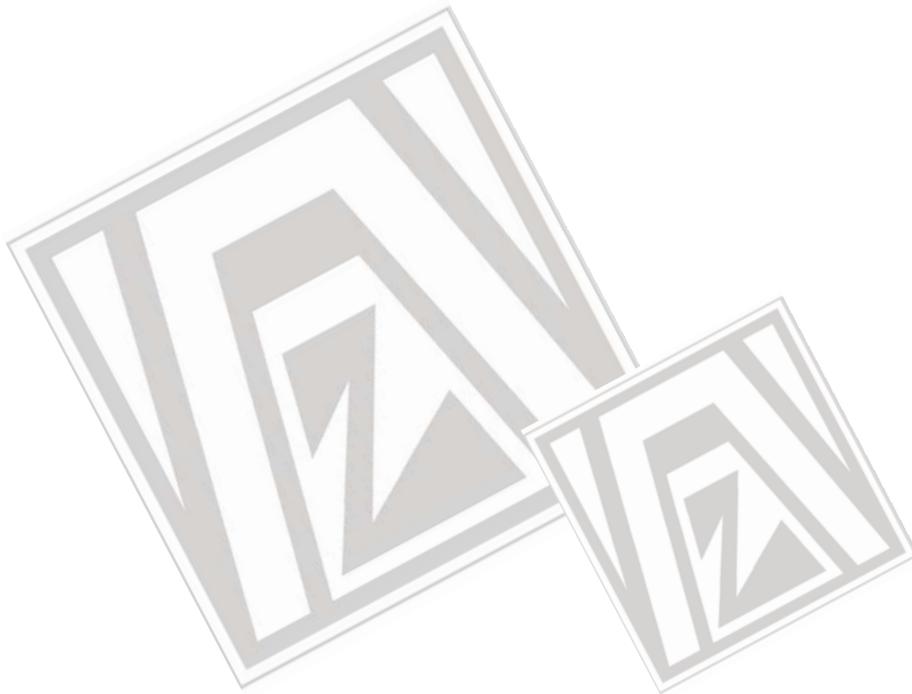
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Annual Report 2010/2011



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2010—2011 Club Officers

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

**Non Board positions*

Team Co-ordinators/Mentors

Membership and Program	Bec Christou/Marg Giles
Awards and Holidays	Lorraine McLean/Tricia Summerfield
Service and Advocacy	Wendy Atherden/Karen Groves
Public Relations and Archives	Gillian Palmer/Carole Theobald
Events and Fellowship	Joint co-ordinators

District Office Bearers

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/11

Balance Sheet as of March 2011

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash On Hand	
Westpac	\$24,826.60
Total Cash On Hand	\$24,826.60
Savings Funds	
ANZ V2 Plus	\$6,542.87
Esanda Debenture/Holiday Trust	\$15,000.00
Total Savings Funds	\$21,542.87
Other receivables	\$1,551.00
Total Current Assets	\$47,920.47
Total Assets	\$47,920.47

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	\$4,952.37
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,952.37
Total Liabilities	\$4,952.37

Net Assets \$42,968.10

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$32,589.51
Current Year Earnings	\$10,378.59
Total Equity	\$42,968.10



TOTAL FUNDS STATEMENT AS AT 31/3/11

Audited Actual to 31/03/10	FUND BALANCES	YTD Actual to 31/03/2011	Total Actual to 31/03/2011
\$3,159.59	Administration	\$3,550.58	\$6,710.17
\$4,903.93	Puppet Project	\$4,228.00	\$9,131.93
\$3,770.31	Ngarinyin	\$300.00	\$4,070.31
\$4,295.91	Fundraising	\$4,991.44	\$9,287.35
\$2,231.75	Founders Day Dinner/Area 3 Workshop	-\$2,231.75	\$0.00
\$14,228.02	Zonta Holidays	-\$459.68	\$13,768.34
\$32,589.51	TOTAL	\$10,378.59	\$42,968.10
REPRESENTED BY:			
\$16,038.69	Westpac Chequing Account		\$24,826.60
\$6,440.82	ANZ V2 Plus ESANDA Debenture/Holiday Trust		\$6,542.87
\$15,000.00	Trade Debtors		\$15,000.00
-\$160.00	Other Liabilities		\$1,551.00
-\$4,730.00			-\$4,952.37
\$32,589.51	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$42,968.10

**President's Report**

Mary Gurgone

Zonta Club of Perth has shown great resilience in a year where many key members (including myself) have had periods of Leave of Absence for travel or other reasons. Thanks to the contributions of exceptional members such as 'Tricia Summerfield who ably led the Club in my absence, Karen Groves who coordinated the Service and Advocacy Team in Wendy Atherden's absence and all the members of the Events and Fellowship Team who each contributed to the coordination throughout 2010 with Glenice Wilson's travel into regional areas. The fact that the Club has thrived despite the significant turbulence, is a testament to the maturity of the Club, not just because we will soon turn 40, but more importantly, we continue to adapt to changing circumstances.

The other remarkable development in our Club has been in our income stream through donations from such organisations as the Karrinyup Country Club and the Attadale Rotary Club. These have become available through our member networks (eg Lesley Meaney) and our projects ably described in our website by Carole Theobald. In fact, Carole's talent for writing has led to international acclaim of our Lotterywest fund \$230,000 for the

project targeting Indigenous youth in the Kimberley.

March 2011 was a historic occasion for women globally with the centenary celebration of International Women's Day. Zonta Club of Perth joined forces with UNIFEM (now called UN Women) and the key women's groups for unforgettable centenary celebrations supported by the generous funding of \$550,000 by Lotterywest. Who can forget the induction into the Hall of Fame of 100 amazing women including women of the calibre of our own member, Dr Penny Flett, and women that have been supported by our club awards to achieve recognition such as Kath Mazzella and Leah Umbugai? Nor can we forget the breakfast event on 11 March or the insert in the 'West Australian' with our strategically placed Zonta advertisement. Not only our Club, but the Area 3 members have been singing the praises of Carole Theobald in her contribution to IWD celebrations and raising the Zonta profile during the various events.

The new team structure has worked well. Each team has successfully contributed to fundraising events as well as leading a key fundraising activity. Examples of collaboration across teams such as the Soiree and the Quiz night has opened the door to increasing cross fertilisation of ideas and contributions that have had outstanding success. We have



been blessed with generous commitments of great venues (eg Jill Anderson for the Soiree and Fiona Crowe for the Quiz), not to mention the tireless contributions of Wendy Atherden, Debbie Mason, Carole Theobald, Tricia Summerfield and all our members. These two events alone raised the lion's share of the fund-raising with additional funds provided from the sausage sizzle. We can be justly proud that our fundraising target has been exceeded.

Having praised the structure, we cannot rest on our laurels as one of the teams that has been disbanded, the Events and Fellowship Team, has a crucial role to play in the area many members would like the Club to enhance, fellowship. So I have developed a survey instrument that focuses our attention on team structure, meeting processes, fellowship and ways to attract and retain new members, especially young professional women. Attracting and retaining members has received strong support as a focus area for one team which may also address continuing to raise the profile of Zonta among our potential membership. In that regard, the PR and Archives Team have opened new avenues of membership in developing the "Golden Z" Club concept for young women in their years at University. This is a great way to start early with the young professional women of tomorrow.

We have felt deeply the loss of Kathy Charlesworth as our friend and collaborator who was our conduit to the Ngarinyin community. But the Service and Advocacy Team have not rested as they have focused their energy on raising awareness in the migrant and refugee population with a seminar focusing our attention on the refugee experience.

With our 40th anniversary celebrations approaching in early 2012, some creative preparations are well underway with key members of our club compiling the history of the Club and the Awards and Holidays Team seeking \$5000 from the Women's Grants to support the history project and fund a high-profile celebration. Further, with significant input from the Board, especially Karina Moore, I have applied to Lotterywest to help us review all our fundraising activities in the last 40 years to pick up trends and develop a fundraising plan for the next 5 years which can be used by us, other Zonta Clubs and other not-for-profit organisations.

I can only marvel at the quality of our membership. All around me, I have the most competent members to provide guidance, support and friendship. At State level, we are ably represented on the Women's Advisory Council by Agnes Vacca. At area level, I have been ably supported by Judy Tennant, immediate past Area Director, and

FUNDRAISING - INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1/4/10—31/3/11
Continued

Ngarinyin

Income

Ngarinyin Grants	\$300.00
Total Income	\$300.00
Net Profit (Loss)	\$300.00

Puppet Project Yarri Wada

Income

Puppet Project Yarri Wada	\$4,300.00
Total Income	\$4,300.00

Expense

Puppet Project	\$72.00
Total Expense	\$72.00
Net Profit (Loss)	\$4,228.00


FUNDRAISING - INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1/4/10—31/3/11
Fundraising
Income

Miscellaneous Income	\$300.00
Entertainment Books	\$390.00
International Fundraising Dinner	\$4,295.68
Sausage Sizzle	\$3,712.00
Quiz Night	\$6,915.00
Interest on Investments	\$102.05
Total Income	\$15,714.73

Expense

Birthing Kits	\$2,000.00
Puppet Project Yarri Wada	\$2,000.00
SOWS - Education Award - Tertiary	\$2,000.00
SOWS - Guides WA	\$500.00
SOWS - YWIPA (\$500.00) (\$0 due to Karrinyup Country Club donation)	\$0.00
Jane Klausman Women in Business	\$380.00
General Services (ZI dues)	\$3,843.29
Total Expense	\$10,723.29
Net Profit (Loss)	\$4,991.44



'Tricia Summerfield who attended meetings in my absence. At Board level, the Club is blessed with a high calibre of work in the financial, secretarial and leadership team with inputs from members such as Margaret Medcalf. Then the work of the Membership and Program Team, especially the guidance I have received from Margret Giles, is a great source of strength.

While I am saddened to be losing our efficient Secretary, Rebecca Christou, I know that part of the reason for her departure is the time demands for her personal and career success. I can only thank Rebecca and wish her well.

I feel a deep sense of pride at being associated with all of you, the members of the Zonta Club of Perth. I look forward to continuing to work together into the next exciting year, our 40th one!

Awards and Holidays

Lorraine McLean

Meetings

As the Awards and Holidays Team had difficulty meeting together owing to a variety of other commitments, meetings were most often conducted by e-mail. Efforts were made to meet before the monthly Club Meetings but this proved to be ineffective. One

meeting was held during the April Club Meeting with the members present sitting together. Although some difficulties were apparent it is planned that this method will continue on a bi-monthly basis for six months and then reviewed.

Despite these difficulties the team was able to communicate regularly and meet its commitments to the Awards and the Holidays programs as follows:

Awards

- The Young Women in Public Affairs Award was once again managed by Denise Hamilton with the assistance of Jean Oldham and Lorraine McLean. The recipient of the award for 2011, Ms Frances Gamble a Year Twelve student at Churchlands Senior High School, has been notified of her success.
- The Education Award was again managed by Agnes Vacca. The applications for this award are being processed.
- The TAFE Community Award was managed by 'Tricia Summerfield. The winner of this award was Ms Frida Lemi.
- As the Woman of Achievement Award is to be made in 2011 an appropriate candidate is being sought.
- The Zonta Guiding Award has been suspended.



- A project involving Millennium Kids has been proposed by Joy Zec and accepted in-principle by the Board of the Zonta Club of Perth and Club Members. As this project is still in the training and planning stage, further consideration of its appropriateness might need to be given to ensure that the final program meets the goals of Zonta.

Holidays

- The holiday program was managed by Wendy MacGibbon with the assistance of Wendy Atherden. One holiday in Albany was arranged for a family of five. Although another application was received no accommodation was available until June 2011.

Fund-raising

- Members have assisted with all fund-raising events held.
- Event proposed by Wendy Mac Gibbon: Australian Girls' Choir to perform on 9th July 2011. Assistance will be needed from members of other teams.

Awards and Holidays Team

Larraine McLean (Co-ordinator)
 Tricia Summerfield (Mentor)
 Donella Caspersz (LOA part year)
 Denise Hamilton
 Sharron Hickey (part year)

Wendy MacGibbon
 Jean Oldham
 Agnes Vacca
 Joy Zec

Events and Fellowship

At the beginning of the Zonta year, nearly all of the Events and Fellowship Team members were interstate or overseas for prolonged periods, necessitating the other teams to share the E&F role between them. The E&F team members helped out with events when they were in town.

After some discussion in the club, it was agreed that the system of each team taking the lead for a fundraising event each year, seemed to be working well. Therefore, the E&F team was formally disbanded and members re-distributed among the other teams.

Events and Fellowship Team

Sharron Hickey
 Freda Jacob
 Lois Joll
 Lyn McArthur
 Marlene O'Meara
 Diana Rigg (LOA part year)
 Glen Wilson

ADMINISTRATION - INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1/4/10—31/3/11
 Continued

Founders Day Dinner/Area3 Workshop

Expense

International / District 23	\$184.86
Sundry (new banner)	\$413.60
Area 3 Workshop	\$1,633.29
Total Expense	\$2,231.75
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$2,231.75

NB: This project now complete and closed as of 31/03/2011

Zonta Holidays

Income

Interest on Investments	\$772.32
Total Income	\$772.32

Expense

Zonta Holidays	\$1,232.00
Total Expense	\$1,232.00
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$459.68


ADMINISTRATION - INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 1/4/10—31/3/11
Administration
Income

Membership Fees	\$7,050.00
Dinner Raffle	\$5.00
Dinner Money	\$9,930.00
Christmas Dinner Payments	\$2,035.00
Miscellaneous Income (donations)	\$932.00
Interest on Investments	\$62.98
Total Income	\$20,014.98

Expense

Accounting Fees	\$495.00
International Dues	\$3,888.00
Legal Fees	\$19.50
Postage & Stationery	\$120.00
PO Box Rental	\$86.00
Membership - Gifts for Speakers	\$297.00
Membership - Other Gifts/Cards	\$317.90
Membership - UNIFEM Australia	\$150.00
PR - Display Banner	\$413.60
PR - Web Hosting/Domain	\$60.00
International / District 23	\$146.00
Meals - Dinner Meetings	\$7,550.00
Christmas Dinner	\$1,845.00
Sundry (new banner)	\$413.60
Presidents Annuity	\$200.00
Other Projects (eg IWD WA newspaper advert & IWD Breakfast sponsorship for students)	\$1,290.00
Total Expense	\$16,464.40
Net Profit (Loss)	\$3,550.58


Membership and Program
Bec Christou
Membership

The club currently has 38 members including 3 that are on LOA. Carolyn McMickan joined us from the Ballarat Zonta club in July 2010 and our newest member, Kate Ellson, was inducted in August. A number of prospective members approached the club via our website and have been 'nurtured' and provided with information by Helen Margaria.

Throughout this year there were a number of members on Leave of Absence including Penny Flett, Mary Gurgone (Club President) Donella Caspersz, Glen Wilson, Dianna Rigg and Wendy Atherden.

We have since seen the return of Mary Gurgone from her trip overseas and Penny Flett. Glen Wilson has recently moved to Narrogin and we wish her well in her new community.

Special congratulations go to Sharron Hickey for being a finalist in the WA Nurse of the Year Awards and Penny Flett, West Australian of the Year 2010, being inducted into the inaugural Women's Hall of Fame.

Program

On average 24 members attended our monthly meetings. A handover was conducted smoothly between

our team members Marg Giles and Val Gandossini for the coordination and management of the monthly meetings.

The Program throughout the year was jam-packed with the following:

- *June* - Guest Speaker Professor Terri-Anne White the Director of UWA Publishing spoke of a number books currently being published. We also had the presentation of the Young Woman in Public Affairs Award to Georgia Westbrook, and the University Education Award to Stacey Armstrong.
- *July* - Business meeting
- *August* - Sian Hayes was presented with the Guide Leadership Award. Club member, Agnes Vacca, who is a member of the WA Women's Advisory Committee, spoke on the Women's Symposium and Anastasia Maslij from the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs shared her experiences of the Zonta International Convention held in San Antonio, Texas.
- *September* - Helen Margaria provided an information presentation on the progress of the Fiona Stanley Hospital.
- *October* - Club member Sciona Browne provided a summary of the inspirational work she is doing in Kimberley as manager of the Halls Creek Better Life



Project. This was followed by guest speaker, Catrina Luz-Aniere, the CEO of Millennium Kids presenting on the amazing work of this organization.

- *November* - Joy Zec presented the Club with a proposal to work on a Millennium Kids Project and Lennie McCall reflected on her fascinating 40 years as a Zonta Member.
- *December* - The Christmas Party was held at St Catherine's with themed activities organized by Lesley Meaney.
- *February* - A fellowship BBQ at St Catherine's kicked the new year off after the Christmas break.
- *March* - thanks to Lesley Meaney, our special evening to celebrate the month of International Women's Day featured Dr Gary Ward who presented on The Hunger Project. A whopping 32 Members and 14 guests attended this super evening.
- *April* - This was our first combined Business/Team meeting trial where team members were seated together and allocated time to consider matters relevant to their particular team. A survey on membership was also conducted and discussed.

Fundraising Efforts

With the sharing of the load for the fundraising efforts within the club the

Program and Membership joined forces with the Service and Advocacy team and through an amazing Wine tasting "Cellar Soiree" at the Samson Wine cellars in Fremantle. (See Service and Advocacy report).

I have regrettably just submitted my resignation from the club due to work commitments in my new company. I would like to thank all the members of my team for their friendship and efforts through out this year as well as the other members of the club for welcoming me into the club. I have certainly learnt a lot and I am looking forward to returning in the near future.

Membership and Program Team

- Bec Christou (Co-ordinator)*
- Marg Giles (Mentor)*
- Jill Anderson*
- Roslyn Budd (part year)*
- Val Gandossini*
- Freda Jacob (part year)*
- Helen Margaria*
- Lyn McArthur (part year)*
- Lesley Meaney*

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 such as 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 31st March 2011 and its bank balances as at that date.

WJ Barker – FCPA Auditor
25th April 2011





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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

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

Scope

I have audited the special purpose financial report of the Zonta Club of Perth inc for the year 31 March 2011 as set out in the Statement of Income and Expenditure. 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 Association'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. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the Members for the purpose for fulfilling the Management's Committee financial reporting requirements under the Rules of the Association. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, 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.

Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements (UIG Consensus Views) are not applicable to the cash basis of accounting adopted.

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

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Public Relations and Archives

Gillian Palmer

It has been another busy year for our very social PR and Archives Team with a range of promotional, historical and fundraising activities being undertaken to promote and support the work of Zonta.

Promotion

With 2011 marking the centenary of International Women's Day, our club organised for all the clubs in Area 3 to contribute to a Zonta advert in a special wrap-around section of the West Australian on 8 March. We also had a stand and banners prominently displayed near the podium at the UN Women IWD breakfast that was attended by nearly 1,000 people at the Perth Convention Centre.

The team is also progressing the possibility of establishing a Golden Z Club for university students based at St. Catherine's College, UWA. A proposal has been approved by the board and members and discussions will commence soon with UWA.

Our club web site continues to attract potential members, advertise events and provide a local link to the wider Zonta world. The Yahoo emails are checked daily and distributed to appropriate members. We also continue to promote our club awards via the Good Guides

site. The team also produces the bi-monthly Inzert newsletter, keeps the club leaflet and members list up to date and collates the annual report. In addition, the team produces certificates, tickets, posters, place cards, badges and new member packs as required. It also recently arranged for the production of new 'Zonta Event' road signs.

An article submitted to, and recently published on the ZI web site, featured our club's activities in the Kimberley that led to the establishment of the Ilerla Project that received funding of \$230,000 from Lotterywest.

An anthology of all activities we had undertaken with the Ngarinyin women was produced for Kathy Charlesworth – a remarkable advocate for Aboriginal women, who introduced our club to the law-women of the Kimberley. This book was presented to Kathy shortly before her death and she spent many happy hours using it to share her stories with her family. We also put together a PowerPoint of photographs that supported Sciona Browne's eulogy to Kathy at her funeral.

History

As April 2012 will mark the 40th anniversary of the chartering of our club, the team has commenced 'trawling the archives' for stories, photographs and illustrations and will



soon conduct a number of interviews with members to produce a souvenir history book of our club.

The team provides support to Lennie and Margaret who are on the D23 History and Archives Team. Currently, we are working together to help co-ordinate a photographic display of all clubs in D23 for the D23 Conference on the theme 'Zonta having fun'.

Fundraising

In February, the team persuaded a few Zontians and friends to don their 'pinnies' and operate a very successful sausage sizzle outside Bunnings at Melville, raising nearly \$1,200.

In March, the team followed this up with a Quiz Night at St Catherine's that raised over \$6,000. Special thanks to Deb Mason for bringing the event together, organizing sponsors and rallying us all to find donations for the silent auction.

Social

Our meetings are usually held at Margaret's home where she spoils us with super hospitality and home made treats. Our December team meeting concluded with a 'pot luck' supper to start the Christmas celebrations. Thank you Margaret, for being the 'hostess with the most ess'!

Penny Flett rejoined us after a year's LOA and Lois Joll has recently joined the team.

Our dynamic team has worked hard this year and the results speak for themselves. Many thanks – and here's to continued success next year.

Public Relations & Archives Team

Gillian Palmer (Co-ordinator)

Carole Theobald (Mentor)

Penny Flett (LOA)

Lois Joll (part year)

Deb Mason

Lennie McCall

Margaret Medcalf

Service and Advocacy

Wendy Atherden

The Service and Advocacy Team started with a planning meeting attended by Mary Gurgone, Karen Groves and Wendy Atherden. Karen kindly managed the team during June, July and August while Wendy was overseas. The team met 9 times during the Zonta year, mostly at Wendy Atherden's home.

Birthing Kits

Early bookings with the Birthing Kit Foundation received \$1 for \$1 financial assistance, providing students were involved. Therefore 2,000 kits were ordered for May, with 1,000 being assembled at Trinity



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Dear Karina

I have completed my audit of the Association books for the year ended 31st March 2011 .

I have verified the Trial Balance and there was nothing adverse to report on.

My account for services rendered is enclosed

Yours truly,

WJ BARKER FCPA
AUDITOR

25th April 2011



Treasurer's Report

Karina Moore

This year the responsibility for fund raising was moved to a dispersed leadership model. This model engaged all club committees in fundraising activities as opposed to having a dedicated committee to perform this function.

The club set itself the challenge of raising \$14,000. This amount was required to cover expenses for service and advocacy projects such as the various awards, Yarri Wada, Zonta holidays and birthing kit events. In addition the club wanted to, in general - DO MORE!

Well the dispersed leadership model coupled by this desire to DO MORE! has proven to be very successful with the club raising \$15,715 most of which has been spent (\$10,723) doing more.

Earnings for the club were over \$10,000 for the year 2010/11. This along with the fund raising outcome is to be commended as an extraordinary feat given the current world economy, which is still nervously trying to recover from a Global Financial Crisis.

Well Done! Zonta Club of Perth.

On a personal note this very novice treasurer would like to thank the Zonta Club of Perth for the opportunity and the support provided

to me over the past year. In particular, Katina Law. I have found learning this role and the 'MYOB' system extremely challenging and at times, beyond stressful. Katina has often been the calm and competent voice of advice at the end of the phone or one-to-one in her office at the end of a long day at work. Thank you most sincerely Katina.



College and 1,000 at St Catherine's College. Wendy Atherden was the Coordinator. These kits went to Myanmar, Vietnam and the Congo. The Post local newspaper printed an article and photos of the event.

Planning has commenced for another Assembly Day, possibly in October 2011. Carolyn McMickan is the Coordinator.

Breast Cushions

The Area 3 Coordinator still has sufficient funds to purchase materials so no further support was required from our club.

D23 Yarri Wada Project

This ceased to be a District Project after the 2008-2010 Biennium. However, the programs established under the auspices of the Yarri Wada Project, have now evolved into the Ilerla Project and are now self-sustaining, having attracted a \$230,000 grant from Lotteries West and support through partnerships with other organizations. Leah Umbagai is the Project Coordinator. Fiona Crowe and Sciona Browne remain members of the reference group which oversees the ongoing programs. There are still funds (\$8,500) from the D23 Yarri Wada Project being held by the Club, which have been allocated to the ongoing programs.

Ngarinyin Project

While there has been no planned activity with the women in the Kimberley this year, many contacts have been maintained through the friendship. The Club was greatly saddened by the passing of our mentor, Kathy Charlesworth, during the year and also of Yvonne Burgu's mother, Maudie. Sciona Browne delivered a moving eulogy and several members of the club attended Kathy's funeral. Her loss will be deeply felt by her friends in the Kimberley. In addition, Sciona Browne attended Maudie's funeral at Gibb River in the Kimberley.

There is approximately \$3,770 in the Ngarinyin account, acquired mainly from the sale of cards and donations from a US Zontian. No projects have been forthcoming on which to expend these funds.

PAALS Project

This is a community service project run by St. Catherine's College and the Rotary Club of Mt. Lawley and involves the College students in an exchange with students from Halls Creek High School. Our team advised the College that, providing we had sufficient notice, we would like to continue to support the Project with in kind assistance.

Zonta Refuge

The usual \$1,000 has been donated



to the Refuge, but there was also some discussion about more involvement by members with the Refuge through outreach programs. While this did not eventuate, club members Mary Gurgone and Denise Hamilton are giving valued contributions on the Board of Management of the Zonta House Refuge.

Club Membership of UNIFEM

Due to the request from the S and A Team, the Club decided to become a group member of UN Women Australia. The \$150 membership is paid from Administration funds.

UNIFEM/UN Women International Women's Day 2011

The S and A Team decided that the club should be involved with the preparations for the 100th Year of IWD. No-one from the team could commit to the meetings but Carole Theobald filled that role to perfection and was a huge contributor to the event this year. This week of celebrations was wonderfully successful, with many members attending the cocktail party and the breakfast. Club member Penny Flett, was chosen as one of the 100 women in the inaugural Hall of Fame, together with Leah Umbagai, the Ilerla Project Coordinator.

Fund Raising Event

This year a 'Soiree' was held at the Lionel Samson Cellar, Cliff St,

Fremantle. We are indebted to Jill Anderson, a member of this historic family, for offering this venue and ensuring we had all the necessary supplies. It was organised by the Service and Advocacy Team and Membership and Program Team. Inevitably it involved a lot of work, both in the preceding weeks and on the weekend. All the catering for 74 people was done by the members of these teams. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and hard work and especially gratifying to witness the input from our newer members like Jill Anderson, Val Gandossini, Carolyn McMickan and Kate Ellson.

On the Saturday, Jill Anderson, Marg Giles, Karen Groves and Wendy Atherden arranged tables, decorated with an Italian theme and transformed the atmospheric cellar into a striking restaurant. On the Sunday evening 74 people enjoyed a wonderful Italian buffet.

The meal was preceded by a welcoming address from Richard Erskine, the Managing Director of the Samson group of companies. A talk on wine was given by the Plantagenet winemaker, John Durham. This was accompanied by wine tasting and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Jill Anderson then gave the guests an outline of the history of the Lionel Samson family and their fascinating and long standing business ventures in Western Australia.

The efficient "behind the scenes"



organisation was aided by Gerry and Jeremy Atherden, who busied themselves at the sinks all evening. The Soiree raised in excess of \$4,200 – an incredible achievement!

New Project - Cultural Awareness Day: Past, Present, Future

While this event has yet to happen at the time of this report going to press, extensive talks with various people involved in assisting women refugees has gone into the planning of this event. It is felt this type of event is at the heart of the Service and Advocacy Program. It will take the form of an afternoon gathering for about 60 people during which afternoon tea will be served. A softly, softly approach is being taken because of the sensitivity of the stories of refugee women and our inexperience in hosting such an event.

Wendy Atherden contacted Carina Hoang, a Vietnamese boat person, and she agreed to be the keynote speaker. During the IWD celebrations, Carina was successfully nominated by Wendy and included in the 100 women in the inaugural Hall of Fame.

Other suitable speakers were accessed from the Metropolitan Migrant Centre, ASSeT, legal support and the Health Department. The purpose of the event is for members and their guests to hear the women's stories and to acquire a

greater understanding of their situations, engendering empathy and offering friendship.

Attendees will be asked for their feedback as the team is keen to make this the first such event and to develop the concept in future years.

Some members of the Service and Advocacy Team are unable to attend the meetings or the events, so much work has been done by a few, who I wish to thank wholeheartedly.

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

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consisted of:
Val Gandossini
Deb Mason
Carolyn McMickan
Carole Theobald
