

ANNUAL REPORT



BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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OUR MISSION

Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

OUR VISION

We envision a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Zontians

I am delighted to share with you the 2022-2023 Zonta Club of Brisbane Annual Report for 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. While this is an important financial record, it is also a reflection of the past year in our Club – our members, our achievements together, our purpose and our drive to make an impact.

I remind you of the Advancement of Women Award winner Kathy McLeish, selected from five strong candidates; the Emerald Ring Raffle that raised almost \$16 000; and the generosity of Club members who donated to the new Queensland Community Fund Zonta Club of Brisbane sub-fund, as well as to the Advancement of Women Award.

Our Club continues to grow. We welcomed nine new members this year and celebrated seven members with 25-plus years service to Zonta International.

Delivering on Zonta International's mission is the bedrock of everything we do to build a better world for women and girls. It's a journey our Club has been on since it was chartered in 1971 and Zonta International since 1919.

It is a journey we will be travelling together for a while yet and will do with our customary agility, energy and fellowship. As President, I am grateful for your support: Zonta doesn't get to do what Zonta does unless members do it. Let's keep travelling that Zonta journey together.

Sandra McLean President Zonta Club of Brisbane

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My vision, to improve women's access to legal, financial and psychiatric services during separation and divorce, has been validated through receiving this award. To have women believe in your dreams can change a life. This award has given me the confidence to believe in my goals and the momentum to move from dreams to action.

Clare Isaac winner Jane M Klausman Women in Business Award



Thank you so much for the award. I was so was very, very grateful to receive this award which has been given to me at this important time in my post-graduate education.

Eleanor O'Neill winner Dr Helen Row Zonta Award



Your sponsorship of the Zonta Educational Award was highly valued by the school community and we were able to acknowledge a very deserving student, Pooja Babu. I am sure this sponsorship will make a big difference in Pooja's life.

Timothy Barraud Principal Yeronga State High School



Being the Young Women in Public Affairs awardee has meant much more to me than just the award and money. It's given me the opportunity to connect with incredible women in the community and hear their wisdom. Through the award, I've become part of a generous community who have provided incredible, ongoing support, to bring my Clothing Library project to life. Sophie Nakamura

winner Young Women in Public Affairs
Award





THE FIVE FINALISTS FOR OUR 2022 ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AWARD WERE ROCHELLE COURTENAY, SADIA AZIZI, KATHY MCLEISH, KAY MCGRATH, KELLI MARTIN AND CAROLYN ROBINSON.

Kathy McLeish, (left), ABC journalist and Women in Media Australia board member, was named our 2022 winner for her leadership in growing the impact of women in the media.

The \$5000 Award will be used to support a Women in Media project in the Pacific, including Fiji.

On winning the award Kathy said: "If there's gender equality in our industry, then there will also be a flow on effect. Through networking, mentoring, upskilling and supporting each other, media women are making real change. I'm absolutely passionate about what becomes possible when women work together. There is such strength in numbers, and a belief in fairness for all."

The Zonta Club of Brisbane thanks members whose generous donations support this award: Susan Davies, Susan Hocking, the late Dr Joan Godfrey OBE and Anne Landsberg, who made a donation in 2023 in honour of her late husband Ross Landsberg.

Thank you also to the Women's College University of Queensland for their provision of pro bono rooms for judging of the award.

GOVERNANCE

Elected board of the Zonta Club of Brisbane 2022-23

Position	Name	Attendance (10 meetings)
President	Sandra McLean	9
Vice President	Susan Hocking	5
2nd Vice President	Lesley Chenoweth AO	9
Treasurer	Lisa Worner	8
Secretary	Kate Rose	10
Director	Grace Townsend*	8
Director	Jan Logan	7
Director	Roberta Lusa	8
Director	Margaret McMurdo AC	5
Director	Sallyanne Atkinson AO	3
Director	Cecily Tucker **	2

*Joined the board July 2022

**Resigned from the board, September 2022

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE HAS FIVE COMMITTEES WHICH WORK TO DELIVER ON THE OBJECTIVES OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AND THE CLUB'S 2022-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN.

They are the driving force behind all of our activities to build a better world for women and girls. The work of our committee members is greatly appreciated and never taken for granted.

Advocacy

Chair: Grace Townsend

Members: Adrienne Irvine, Janet Prowse, Kate Rose, Susan Davies, Sandra McLean, Susan

McGinley, Miyuki Lotz, Lucy Markovich, Dzenita Balic.

Membership

Chair: Roberta Lusa

Members: Meryl McKenzie (Co-Chair), Patrice Grealy-Ridley, Kirsty Lindsay, Caitlin Johns, Alyce

Carpin, Jude Singleton, Fernanda Zelaya de Doolan.

Service

Chair: Lesley Chenoweth AO

Members: Anne Landsberg, Cecily Tucker, Genevieve Gray, Amber Buckland, Ann Bonner, Kathryn Kelly, Kirsty Lindsay, Judith Anderson, Robyn Taylor, Jude Singleton, Penny Blackwell.

Fundraising

Chair: Cathy Muir

Members: Susan Hocking, Susan Scott, Barbara Kent, Fiona Meagher, Lesley Chenoweth, Sandra

McLean, Jan Logan, Erin Longbottom, Olivia Dyer and Meryl McKenzie.

Fellowship

Chair: Nadeyn Barbieri

Members: Judith Anderson OAM, Merryl Ducat, Leneen Forde AC, Julie Mannion, Sue Richmond,

Rhonda Davidson-Irwin, Miyuki Lotz, Cecily Tucker.

Communications

Chair: Louise Ryan

Members: Sandra McLean, Lucy Markovich, Kirsten McKerrell, Caitlin Johns, Adrienne Irvine.

Committee Reports on the following pages are compiled and written by the Chairs in collaboration with their respective committees.



Chair: Julie Mannion

The Zonta Club of Brisbane promotes the spirit of Zonta through fellowship activities that focus on service, alumni and fundraising.

Alumni Lunches

Alumni lunches make it possible for those unable to attend dinner meetings to stay in touch with current members and stay connected to Club aims and activities. These casual lunches are hosted by Fellowship Committee members at the Beachmere Cafe at 107 Latrobe Terrace Paddington. Four lunches were held in 2022: 30 May, 25 July, 26 September and 28 November; and two in 2023: 27 February and 24 April 2023.

Fellowship at Dinner Meetings

Members are encouraged to come early to dinner meetings to enjoy pre-dinner fellowship drinks. Clubs members were encouraged to mix up their seating at the June dinner meeting so members could get to know each other better. A new activity *Guess My Secret* to find something unsuspected about members has been coordinated by Judith Anderson, who is now the Club's unofficial Confidential Collector of Secrets.

Fellowship Events

Eleven members and alumni enjoyed a tour of *Queensland to a T*, an exhibition of tea towels from 1950 to 2016. This offered a different twist on Queensland's culture and identity and was held at the State Library of Queensland on 14 September 2022 (*right*). The exhibition included a vintage Zonta tea towel featuring the much loved Zonta yellow rose.

On 8 October 2022, Club members and friends enjoyed a tour of The Brisbane Portrait Prize Finalists Exhibition, Brisbane Powerhouse, hosted by Anna Reynolds, Director of the Brisbane Portrait Prize.





Theatre Events - Babette Stephens Memorial Award

The Babette Stephens Memorial Award is made possible through a partnership with QUT Creative Industries. It provides \$1000 to a second-year female Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting) student at QUT. Club member Miyuki Lotz presented 2022 winner Rebecca Zanetti with the Award at the QUT Acting Awards Showcase on 3 November 2022.

Twelve Club members attended *Angels in America Part 1* on 26 May 2022, a performance by final year students with 2021 award winner Harper McIlroy in the lead.

Nine Club members and guests attended *Shakespeare in a Suitcase* (*above left*) on 19 October, which featured nominees for the 2022 award.

Wine Tastings

For over a decade, the Zonta Club of Brisbane has held wine tastings sponsored through Phil Manser (*right*) of Wine Direct. These fellowship activities raise funds, with \$50 donated for each case of wine sold.

Two wine tastings were held, one at Susan Davies' home and a second at Ian Goakes' Savida store in Racecourse Road, Ascot.

These combined events were well attended by approximately 45 people and provided a great opportunity to meet and mix with other members as well as raise funds for the Club's education awards.





Chair: Grace Townsend

Three key issues were identified by the Advocacy Committee as objectives in the Zonta Club of Brisbane Strategic Plan 2022-24: climate change and the impact on women, collaboration with external organisations and other Clubs, and Safe Cities and places for women and girls.

Climate action for women and girls

The Zonta Says Now to gender equal climate action provides a framework for implementation of Zonta International's Statement on Climate Change. Following the Area 1 and Area 3 meeting in 2022, the Advocacy Committee engaged the Club on the issue of climate change and its impact on women and girls.

Members were asked to wear their most sustainable outfit to the October dinner meeting - clothing they had owned for a long time, bought second hand or borrowed. The Advocacy Committee gave a presentation on sustainability in fashion, drawing attention to the issues around climate change and how women and girls are impacted.

They explained how small personal acts, such as clothing choices, can have a big impact. The fast fashion industry has a disproportionate impact on the environment and on women and girls.

Members donated clothing suitable for students to wear to attend job interviews and corporate events. This was a team effort. The presentation was compiled by Lucy Markovich with the assistance of Advocacy Committee members including Miyuki Lotz (pictured right, with Lucy).

Using fashion to draw attention to this issue and drive engagement in a fun and interactive way highlighted the value of using alternative approaches to advocacy.

A version of the climate impacts of fashion presentation was also delivered at the 2023 Area 1 meeting.

The Club went on to collaborate with Griffith University's Clothing Library, a project of our 2022 Young Women in Public Affairs winner, Sophie Nakamura.





Effective advocacy through collaboration

Advocacy was a driving theme of the 2023 Area 1 meeting. Club member Susan Davies led a panel aptly named Devil's Advocate, which was a discussion exploring various issues including how Clubs within the area can collaborate effectively to maximise impact and better build brand recognition. This was inspired by Zonta International President Ute Scholtz who, during her visit to the Zonta Club of Brisbane's December 2022 dinner meeting, said her aim was to ensure that Zonta was NOT the world's best kept secret.

Safe Cities

The Committee has been working on initiatives targeted towards safe cities. As part of this, the Committee facilitated the *Safe Cities* panel at the Area 1 meeting, looking at why creating safe places for women and girls to live freely is vital to empowerment and potential. Key advocates included Carmel Haugh (Chrysalis Projects); Anna Campbell (Queensland Walks); and Wendy Nash (getaroundcabofree) were on the panel.

The Advocacy Committee is researching national and international initiatives that could be adapted within our local communities.

Issues include promoting short-term safety for women sleeping in cars due to a lack of appropriate housing, and confidential reporting of public safety concerns such as inadequate lighting in public spaces.

This research will be used to inform a program activities for the Club around Safe Cities in 2023-2024.

And a big thank you to Janet Prowse for her ever popular *In case you missed it* report at dinner meetings. Janet 's presentations are entertaining and insightful and keep members across issues relevant to women and girls in Australia and internationally.



Carmel Haugh, Anna Campbell, Wendy Nash



Chair: Cathy Muir

The valiant efforts of the Fundraising Committee have resulted in another financially successful year for the Club. With the assistance of Club members, friends and family, and some very generous donors, we raised funds and had a bit of fun along the way.

The Committee focused on avoiding fundraising fatigue while encouraging events with a strong fellowship aspect. We kept things simple but still managed to raise \$26 633 through Barefoot Bowls (\$3020), the Emerald Ring raffle (\$15 799), other raffles (\$780), wine sales (\$1714) and sausage sizzles (\$4710).

Thank you to Committee members for their continued support, enthusiasm and good humour and to all of the Club members who have supported efforts (including providing raffle donations) to raise money for our projects this year. And a big thank you to Margie Fraser who, despite being on a leave of absence from the Club, provided invaluable support, most particularly to the Chair.





Barefoot Bowls

A delightful afternoon of fun and fellowship was held at the New Farm Bowls Club on Sunday 1 May, 2022, with some members exhibiting impressive skills. It was a great example of fundraising mixed with fellowship, as members brought friends and family along with them to enjoy the day.

FUNDRAISING

Emerald Ring Raffle - the gift that kept on giving

The Club received a fabulous donation of a beautiful emerald ring, by Jessica Cooper from Ohliguer. Using a further donation of \$2500, from an anonymous donor, the emerald was made into a simple gold knotted ring, valued at over \$7000.

The ring was raffled through an online platform and promoted through social media. It was was drawn on 6 July 2022 and the ring was won by Margaret McMurdo AC. Margaret generously donated the ring back to the Club, so it could be offered for sale to establish seed funding for an exciting new fund to supplement Club fundraising tactics.

The ring was purchased by an anonymous buyer, allowing the Club to set up a Queensland Community Fund sub-fund, the Zonta Club of Brisbane Fund.

Sizzling

A sizzling shout out to Gwendolen Jull AO, Lisa Worner and Jude Singleton for taking over the organisation of this important Club activity from Susan Davies. Thanks also to the many dedicated volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm to keep the sausages sizzling at Bunnings. Sizzling days are profit making as well as an important exposure and advocacy platform for Zonta and its objectives. They are also a fine fellowship opportunity.

Raffles

There were generous donations of raffle prizes from members for raffles at the March dinner meeting and the Area 1 Meeting at Caboolture on 18 March 2023. The proposal is to hold a raffle about four times a year at dinner meetings in the next financial year.

Wine Tastings

Thanks again to Julie Mannion for her tireless efforts in organising the fabulous wine tastings with Phil Manser of Wine Direct. Phil has been a generous supporter of Zonta, donating \$50 to the Club for every carton purchased by a Club member. In 2023-24, the Fundraising Committee will drive these events rather than the Fellowship Committee.





ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE FUND

In February 2023, Zonta Club of B**r**isbane (ZCB) approved the establishment of a tax deductible sub-fund, the Queensland Community Foundation (QCF) Zonta Club of Brisbane fund.

The fund was established with proceeds from the sale of an emerald ring, which had been donated to the Club by Margaret McMurdo AC, after she won it through the Club's fundraising raffle. An anonymous buyer bought the ring and the proceeds from the sale were used as seed funding to establish the fund.

Distributions from the QCF Zonta Club of Brisbane fund are to be used by charities chosen by the Club to improve the lives of women and girls, enhance gender equity and develop future women leaders. The Club intends that the fund will grow over time.

The Queensland Community Foundation is a leading charitable trust fund providing an enduring income stream to charities operating throughout Queensland.

By promoting philanthropy, investing donations, and making distributions and grants, QCF will support charities to deliver sustainable services.

Uniquely, a gift to QCF is enduring. Donations and bequests are pooled and invested, with the income earned distributed to charities.

The Club deeply appreciates the leadership of Margaret McMurdo AC in establishing this Fund as a complementary funding stream to other fundraising activities.



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Chair: Lesley Chenoweth AO

The Service Committee helped the Zonta Club of Brisbane realise its 2022-24 Strategic Plan through the delivery of education awards and support for key projects, including the Domestic Violence Safety Cards.

The Advancement of Women Award cemented its position as the Club's signature award with a strong group of nominations and an excellent winner in Kathy McLeish. It also provided the Club with the opportunity to fund several new projects. We appreciate the efforts of the Fundraising Committee which ran successful activities to fund our education awards and other activities, including sizzling and the Emerald Ring Raffle. A sincere thanks to Club members who helped with service activities in so many ways. Service is the heartbeat of Zonta and we thank you all.

The Service Plan 2022-23 reflects our commitment to the education of women and girls, and to supporting women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence or disadvantage. The plan has three key focus areas: the Advancement of Women Award (*see page 4*); education awards and community projects.

Education Awards

We know that every additional year of primary school increases a girl's future wages by 10 to 20%. This is why access to education for women and girls is a key tenet for Zonta International, and why the Zonta Club of Brisbane supports awards for students in high school through to university. Fourteen women and girls received support totalling \$13 000 in 2022-23. In March 2023 the Club voted to increase the value of these awards, in recognition of the rising cost of living and increased expenses for school and university.

- High School Awards \$750 each student
- Jane M. Klausman Award \$1000
- Young Women in Public Affairs Award \$1000

2022-2023 Education Award Winners

Award	Winner
\$1000 Babette Stephens Memorial Award	Rebecca Zanetti
\$3000 Dr Helen Row Zonta Prize	Eleanor O'Neill
\$2000 Leneen Forde Zonta Scholarship	Maddison Tronc
\$2000 Zonta Education Award - Kingston Learning College Scholarship Plus special awards - \$500 x 2	Chloe Boston Sascha Holloway Zerah Gonzaga
\$500 High School Awards Aviation High Bundamba State Secondary College Glenala State High School Mabel Park State High School Marsden State High School Yeronga State High School	Christine Couper Shaylee Kancheff Almaas Hussein Vanessa Shikuku Fatimeh Feli Pooja Babu
\$500 JMK Women in Business Award	Clare Isaac
\$500 Young Women in Public Affairs Award	Charlotte Gillies

Awards Update

In line with steps taken by Zonta International, Zonta Club of Brisbane will award a \$1000 Women in STEM Award for the first time in 2023-2024. The award is open to women of any age, pursuing a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) degree program at an accredited university/college/institute, who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field and are living or studying in a Zonta district/region.

The \$3000 Dr Helen Row Award will have a different focus in 2023-24 and be renamed the Dr Helen Row Zonta Rural Health Scholarship in Medicine. This scholarship will encourage and support female Doctor of Medicine students in financial need, who are undertaking studies in rural areas and wish to pursue a career in rural medicine. The Club wants to support equality of representation in both GPs and rural practitioners and to encourage women on this pathway.

The scholarship commemorates the contribution of Dr Helen Maude Row to rural medicine. Dr Row was a member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane who inspired the formation of multiple Zonta clubs across Queensland and was a true pioneer as the first female General Practioner to go 'out bush'.

University Awards

The \$1000 Babette Stephens Memorial Award 2022-23 winner is Rebecca Zanetti. This award for the best emerging talent commemorates Babette Stephens' legacy to the performing arts and furthers the objectives she was committed to during her lifetime.

Babette was the Club's Charter President in 1971 and a doyenne of theatre in Brisbane until her death in 2000 at the age of 90. The Award acknowledges and rewards a talented, second-year acting student at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

The fund was made possible through two \$5000 donations by Club members and has grown with other donations. The investment fund is managed by QUT.

Selection is done by the creative industries university staff in consultation with representatives from the Club. Rebecca was presented with her award by Club member Miyuki Lotz (*right*).



Dr Helen Row Zonta Prize - Eleanor O'Neill

The \$3000 Dr Helen Row Zonta Prize is awarded to a University of Queensland (UQ) medical student with the highest combined marks in paediatrics and mental health clinical rotations. This award honours former Club member, Dr Helen Row, who died in 1987. Endowment funding came from donations by colleagues and friends and is managed by UQ. UQ graduate Eleanor O'Neill (*pictured*) won the 2022 Award. After graduating, Eleanor took an internship at the Townsville University Hospital, the major teaching hospital for James Cook University's schools of medicine, nursing and allied health, and TAFE Queensland North.

In her short time there, Eleanor also completed a 10-week posting to Palm Island.



Leneen Forde Zonta Scholarship - Maddison Tronc

The Zonta Club of Brisbane has offered an annual bursary of \$2000 at Griffith University, Logan Campus, since 2013, administered by the university. This became the Leneen Forde Zonta Scholarship in 2020. It is awarded to a female student who has completed at least three semesters of a degree program, has demonstrated academic merit and has significant financial hardship. In 2022 the Leneen Forde Zonta Scholarship was awarded to Maddison Tronc.

Education Awards

The Zonta Education Awards provide support to financially disadvantaged young women in high school to support them to complete their secondary education. The Club has been providing these awards since 2000. The \$500 award is split over two years and given to schools to administer to a Year 10 student for their Year 11 and 12 studies.

Zonta Education Award (Kingston Learning College) - Chloe Boston

Kingston College is a multi-pathway campus and attracts older students who have returned to complete their secondary school education. The Zonta Education Award aims to assist a female student move into tertiary education. The \$2000 award is paid in two instalments within a 12-month period. The first \$1000 is paid with evidence of enrolment into a tertiary education program and the second on successful completion of Semester 1 and enrolment in Semester 2. Staff at Kingston Learning College shortlist students for the award, with interviews conducted by Club members.

This year interviews were conducted by Lesley Chenoweth and Lisa Worner. The 2022 winner Chloe Boston plans to study nursing at Griffith University. Special awards of \$500 each were given to Sascha Holloway, 16, and Zarah Gonzaga, 17, funded with a \$1000 payment that was allocated to a previous winner who did not proceed with her studies.

Zonta International Awards Jane M Klausman Award - Clare Isaac

The Jane M Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Award is an award of Zonta International.

Applications are sought from suitable university students and the Club funds a local prize of \$500. Clare Isaac was the Club's 2022 winner and she was also nominated at District and International level and was successful at the international level, winning \$US5000. Clare attended the Club's September dinner meeting with her mother Anne. She was awarded her certificate by Roberta Lusa, 2022 Award coordinator (*Roberta and Clare pictured right*).



Young Women in Public Affairs Award - Sophie Nakamura

Sophie Nakamura, who is studying law and international relations at Griffith University, was the 2022 winner. An outstanding candidate, Sophie has started her own project around sustainability called the Clothing Library, which enables students access to clothing.

This award recognises young women, 16-19 years, who demonstrate leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life. The award was established in 1990 by then Zonta International President Leneen Forde AC. The Club has awarded \$500 as the prize in the past however this will increase to \$1000 from 2023.

Leonie Briggs is coordinator of this award, and presented the award to Sophie with Lesley Chenoweth (*pictured right*).



Cassandra Weddell Memorial Fund

This fund was established in 2017 in memory of Club member Cassandra Weddell, funded through donations from her partner and supplemented through other donations and fundraising.

The fund established the Cassandra Weddell Memorial Children's Library. Funds are now significantly reduced and the decision was made in consultation with the family and the Club to devolve the remaining funds into the Service budget for education and community programs.

Community Fund programs

In 2022-2023 the Club funded community projects in areas of need highlighted through this year's Advancement of Women Award and 16 Days of Activism. These were one-off grants to support projects that directly support women and children. This fund is supported by Club fundraising activities.

Domestic Violence (DV) Safety cards

The Club has funded these cards since 2001 to provide relevant, safe, emergency numbers and useful information to women and children living with domestic violence. The Club continues to work with the Northside Alliance Against Domestic Violence (Nundah Community Support Group Inc) in collaboration with Queensland Police Service to fund the printing of cards and posters. Safety cards are a wallet-sized ready-reference list of contacts for accommodation, legal and other assistance services. The Club provides funds every two years however in 2022 there was a request for additional funds to be provided for more printing due to increased demand.

Refugee and Immigration Legal Service

The Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS) provides legal assistance to Afghan women and their children to obtain visas to live in Australia from Afghanistan. Applying for visas is extremely difficult due to communication barriers and lack of internet access.

RAILS is also working with others to support asylum applications for Afghan women judges in hiding. The Club awarded \$5000 to support RAILS' crucial work in assisting these women escape extreme violent situations.

Beyond DV

Zonta Club of Brisbane provided \$5000 to Beyond DV to create a podcast called *Stories Beyond DV* for release in 2023. It will feature 12 domestic and family violence survivors who have received media training, talking about their experience of recovery. Each tell their story from a slightly different perspective. At the end of each episode, an expert will speak from a research and or practice perspective. The hope is that women who may be experiencing abuse within a relationship will be inspired by one or more of these stories and find the courage to seek a better life, free from violence.

Fierce Females

As part of 16 Days of Activism, the Club supported Fierce Females with \$299 to deliver a women's self-defence workshop at an *Arts Against Gender-Based Violence* forum at the Judith Wright Centre.



Chair: Roberta Lusa

The Membership Committee had a busy year, starting as a two-woman team and ending the year as a strong and dynamic eight-woman team. The year began with a focus on developing the Committee's contribution to the Club's 2022-2024 Strategic Plan. The rest of the year was spent addressing and implementing ambitious objectives, including updating membership content on the Club's website, developing an interactive on-line application form, investigating Golden Z and Z Clubs and honorary membership, setting up a mentorship system for new members, and other activities to boost diversity in our membership.

There is a strong membership status, reaching 61 at our peak with a current membership of 60 members, one transferring to another Zonta Club. Of these 60, five are on leave of absence. The Club inducted nine new members in 2022-23: Dzenita Balic, Meryl McKenzie, Penny Blackwell, Alyce Carpin, Caitlin Johns, Jade Cronan-Thompson, Philippa Sjoquist, Dee Rennie and Fernanda Zelaya de Doolan.

The Club uses social media to advertise Club activities and these platforms can attract new members. A wave of interest over the year has come from women in the age range of 25-55 wanting to contribute to our projects. Our diverse membership reflects a range of interests and professions including engineering and mining, government, academia, women's issues, education, the arts, journalism, law, the sciences and health.

Our main path to welcoming new members continues to be via existing members, through word of mouth and guest invitations. We are fortunate to have so many Club members bringing prospective members to monthly meetings, but social media is also gaining traction to attract members so it will be interesting to see if technology becomes the driver for recruitment.

The Membership Committee is working with the Communications Committee on a survey to look at Club demographics and our members' social media usage.

It is hoped that this will provide valuable insights into how the Club can enhance our reach through social media.

Zonta Club of Brisbane website review

The Club website is the most important first impression for potential members. The Committee reviewed web content to ensure the member information page to be fresh, user-friendly and informative.

The Committee created an online membership form to improve data management and ensure we respond to membership queries in a timely manner. The form went live in March and in a month there were 10 applications. The anticipated conversion is four new members.

Golden Z and Z Clubs

The Club's Strategic Plan has an action to grow Zonta membership and visibility through the establishment of Golden Z (university) and Z (school) Clubs. To support this, the Committee has investigated how to create one of these clubs to be aligned with Zonta Club of Brisbane. Committee representatives met with District 22 Club creator and the Golden Z and Z Club Coordinator. It is hoped to attract young professional members through collaborations with university Orientation Week and high school 'old collegian' associations and presentations. The aim is to have at least one Zonta Club of Brisbane-sponsored Golden Z or Z Club accompany the Club to the Zonta International Convention in Brisbane in June 2024.

Mentors

The idea of having a mentor for a new member has been successfully reinvigorated to create a welcoming and warm introduction to the Club by pairing new members with a veteran member, prior to induction. There is a list of mentors and a Mentor Guide to ensure processes are streamlined and new members are supported to understand every facet of the Club through a trusted fellow member. The Committee is appreciative of Club members who have taken up roles as mentors to the Club's new members.





Rhonda Davidson-Irwin, Meryl McKenzie and Anne Landsberg.

Nine new members in 2022-23

Clockwise below: Penny Blackwell, centre, with mentors Susan Davies and Judith Anderson; Dzenita Balic; Meryl McKenzie; Sandra McLean, Fernanda Zelaya De Doolan, Susan Davies, Philippa Sjoquist, Dee Rennie and Nadeyn Barbieri; and Jade Cronan-Thompson, Caitlin Johns and Alyce Carpin with Zonta International President Ute Scholtz.











2022-2023 Zonta Club of Brisbane members

Member

Judith Anderson OAM

Sallyanne Atkinson AO

Nadeyn Barbieri

Penny Blackwell

Dzenita Balic

Ann Bonner

Leonie Briggs

Amber Buckland

Alyce Carpin

Lesley Chenoweth AO

Jade Cronan-Thompson

Rhonda Davidson-Irwin

Susan Davies

Merryl Ducat

Olivia Dyer

Leneen Forde AC

Margie Fraser (LOA)

Genevieve Gray

Patrice Grealy-Ridley

Caroline Heim (LOA)

Susan Hocking

Samantha Hollingworth (LOA)

Adrienne Irvine

Caitlin Johns

Gwendolen Jull AO

Kathryn Kelly

Jane Keating

Barbara Kent

Hannah Kneubuhler (LOA)

Anne Landsberg

Member

Kirsty Lindsay

Jan Logan

Erin Longbottom

Miyuki Lotz

Roberta Lusa

Meryl McKenzie

Julie Mannion

Lucy Markovich

Susan McGinley

Kelly McIntyre

Kirsten McKerrell

Sandra McLean (President)

Margaret McMurdo AC

Fiona Meagher

Catherine Muir

Janet Prowse

Dee Rennie

Susan Richmond

Gail Rienstra

Kate Rose

Louise Ryan

Susan Scott

Judith Singleton

Philippa Sjoquist

Robyn Taylor

Grace Townsend

Cecily Tucker (LOA)

Borcsa Vass

Lisa Worner

Fernanda Zelaya de Doolan

25 years and more service to Zonta International

In 2022 the Club recognised seven Zonta Club of Brisbane members who each have given more than 25 years of service to the Club. They were acknowledged at the December dinner meeting and presented with a certificate by Zonta International President Ute Scholtz. Club members and year they joined: Leneen Forde (1971); Merryl Ducat (1973); Margaret McMurdo (1978); Judith Anderson (1983); Patrice Grealy-Ridley (1985); Gail Rienstra (1994); Susan Scott (1994).



Patrice Grealy-Ridley



Merryl Ducat and Ute Scholtz



Margaret McMurdo and Ute Scholtz



Susan Scott and Ute Scholtz



Leneen Forde and Ute Scholtz



Judith Anderson and Ute Scholtz



Gail Rienstra and Ute Scholtz



Chair: Louise Ryan

The continued focus for the Communications Committee has been strategically placing the Club in the public sphere in the lead up to the 2024 Zonta International Convention in Brisbane. This includes:

- refining our approach to social media to better reflect our target audience on each platform
- undertaking a comprehensive review of the Club's website
- considering investment in professional services and equipment to maximise our public image, and
- reviewing how to best improve communicating with existing and prospective Club members at various stages of their membership journey.

Over the coming year these priorities will continue to be refined, with an updated Club website, a growing and professional social media presence, and an engagement plan that is defined by a meaningful member journey.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Award social media campaign







ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

65th Zonta International Convention

Club member Judith Anderson AO attended the Convention at the Congress Centre in Hamburg on June 24 to 28 June 2022 as a voting delegate. Other District 22 members in attendance included Sandy Venn-Brown, Ansmarie Van Erp and Bridget Mather (*pictured right*).

The new Zonta International Board for the 2022-2024 Biennium was elected, with Ute Scholtz as the new Zonta International President.

Judith gave a report at the August Club dinner meeting where we heard how COVID-19 created challenges in Hamburg, with participation at lower levels than previous years. Even so, 1359 delegates attended in person and 714 virtually.

Highlights included the Senate reception in Hamburg City Hall, the closing gala dinner, the President's dinner which included the Board and Chairs of International committees, and the Opening Ceremony, which showed the flags from the 66 countries of the attending delegates.

Judith presented a comprehensive summary which outlined the Bylaws and Resolutions voted on; the key topics discussed including women's reproductive health; and the changes to be made to the Women in Technology Award (now the Women in STEM Award). Judith outlined key elements of the new Biennium including the international service projects, the new vision statement *Build a Better World for Women and Girls*, and the five Zonta International pillars to support this:

- 1. Stand Out for Gender Equality
- 2. Represent Global Citizenship
- 3. Develop Future Leaders
- 4. Celebrate Ourselves
- 5. Position Zonta for the Future

The 66th Zonta International Convention will be held in Brisbane on 27-30 June 2024.





Errick Elavia, Zonta Club of Bombay 1 in Hamburg with Judith Anderson.

DISTRICT 22

OArea 1 Meeting - hosted by Zonta Club of Brisbane

About 60 members from the 11 Clubs in Area 1 attended the 2023 Area 1 meeting at the Caboolture Hub on 17 March, hosted by the Zonta Club of Brisbane. We took as our themes the Zonta Says Now statement on climate change and Safe Cities.

UN Women has long advocated on safety for women, noting that the experience and fear of harassment and violence may influence women's choices on where or when they work, live and play.

"Creating safe cities is about strengthening a woman's empowerment, giving her choices and reducing her risk of all forms of violence," says Laura Capobianco, of UN Women's Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Flagship Initiative.

This theme was discussed by the *Safe Cities* panel, moderated by Carmel Haugh from Brisbane Zero and Chrysalis Projects. Other panellists were Dr Laurel Johnson (Laurel Johnson Planning); Anna Campbell, Executive Officer (Queensland Walks); Wendy Nash (getaroundcabofree); and Lisa Watego Ah Kee, an Indigenous business sector advocate and Associate Professor of Practice at QUT.

Lynne Foley OAM hosted a lively session on The Zonta Spirit. Petra Ladwig, Lieutenant Governor ZI District 22 led a membership panel with Sara Diana Faraj, Chair Young Talents Working Group ZI; Lynne Foley; Lawrence Ezedinma, Zonta Club of Caboolture; and Meryl McKenzie, Zonta Club Brisbane.

A session titled *Advocacy – how NOT to be the world's best kept secret* facilitated by Susan Davies featured an advocacy case study by Lucy Markovich and a panel with Sandra McLean, Zonta Club of Brisbane, Lynne Foley and Anne Godfrey, Zonta Club of Caloundra.



DINNER SPEAKERS

Speaker	Month
Tracy Stockwell, President Swimming Australia	June 2022
Carolyn Robinson CEO and Founder Beyond DV	July 2022
Judith Anderson ZI Convention delegate	August 2022
Barton Green, CEO Committee for Brisbane	September 2022
Sharing with Friends Foundation	October 2022
Sheetal Deo Principal Shakti Legal Solutions	November 2022
Zonta International President Ute Scholtz	December 2022
Advancement of Women Award winner Kathy McLeish	February 2023
Dr Linda Colley, Special Commissioner, Equity & Diversity	March 2023
Dianne Eden Voice coach/tutor	April 2023



Sheetal Deo and Dzenita Balic



Sandra McLean and Barton Green



Borsca Vass and Carolyn Robinson

DINNER MEETINGS

















DINNER MEETINGS









DINNER MEETINGS









APPENDIX 1 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc

ABN: 47 885 713 610

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc

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Committee's Report

31 March 2023

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 31 March 2023,

1. General information

Committee members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Sandra McLean

Lisa Worner

Treasurer

Kate Rose

Secretary

Cecilly Tucker

Lesley Chenoweth

Sallyanne Atkinson

Susan Hocking

Margaret McMurdo

Jan Logan

Roberta Lusa

Grace Townsend

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year was to empower women and improve the state of the community and world at large.

Significant changes

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

2. Operating results and review of operations for the year

Operating result

The profit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ 15,957(2022: \$ (6,119)).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

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Profit for the year

Other comprehensive income, net of income tax Total comprehensive income for the year

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2023 2022 Note \$ Revenue and other Income 100,253 57,334 Finance income 5 5,579 8,530 AWA Award 5,750 Sundry Income 4 4,983 16 Days of activism (11,549)(11,076) 50th anniversary dinner Awards expense (750)(500)AWA winner (5,000) (5,000)Birthing Kit (2,000)Dinner expenses (32,180)(20,649)Donation expense (17,280) (7,757)Dues & levies (9,262) (7,800)Finance expenses 5 (6,926) Fundraising function expense (2,900)(1,548) Other awards (10,000) Other expenses (10,718)(6,130)Area 1 Meeting Expense (3,566)Profit before income tax 15,957 (6,119) Income tax expense 15,957 Profit from continuing operations (6,119)

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 31 March 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	88,386	63,252
Other financial assets	8	933	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		89,319	63,252
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_		
Other financial assets	8	86,106	95,675
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	86,106	95,675
TOTAL ASSETS		175,425	158,927
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	1,040	500
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	1,040	500
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	1,040	500
NET ASSETS	_	174,385	158,427
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	_	174,385	158,427
TOTAL EQUITY	_	174,385	158,427

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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		Retained Earnings	Total
	Note	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2022		158,428	158,428
Profit for the year		15,957	15,957
Balance at 31 March 2023		174,385	174,385
2022		Retained Earnings	Total
	Note	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2021		164,546	164,546
Loss for the year		(6,119)	(6,119)
Balance at 31 March 2022		158,427	158,427

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers		108,924	63,240
Payments to suppliers and employees		(90,839)	(81,086)
Interest received		327	253
Finance costs	<u>.</u>	(549)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	_	17,863	(17,593)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of investment		23,774	-
Dividends received		4,319	2,572
Payment for investments	_	(20,822)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	_	7,271	2,572
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	_		
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	_		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		25,134	(15,021)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	_	63,252	78,273
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	88,386	63,252

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The financial statements cover Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc as an individual entity. Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc is a not-forprofit Association incorporated in Queensland under the Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981 (as amended by the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (QLD) 2007) ('the Act').

The principal activities of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2023 was to empower women and improve the state of the community and world at large.

The functional and presentation currency of Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

The Association is not currently registered for goods and services tax (GST).

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

All amounts are recognised inclusive of GST.

(d) Volunteer services

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(e) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss FVTPL
- fair value through other comprehensive income equity instrument (FVOCI equity)
- fair value through other comprehensive income debt investments (FVOCI debt)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Fair value through other comprehensive income

Equity instruments

The Association has a number of strategic investments in listed securities and managed portfolios over which are they do not have significant influence nor control. The Association has made an irrevocable election to classify these equity investments as fair value through profit or loss as they are held for trading purposes.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost
- debt investments measured at FVOCI

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Association considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Association's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Association uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Association uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Association in full, without recourse to the Association to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Association in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise of trade payables.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - fair value of financial instruments

The Association has certain financial assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value. Where fair value has not able to be determined based on quoted price, a valuation model has been used. The inputs to these models are observable, where possible, however these techniques involve significant estimates and therefore fair value of the instruments could be affected by changes in these assumptions and inputs.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

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4 Revenue and Other Income

	Revenue from continuing operations		
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Revenue recognised on receipt (not enforceable or no sufficiently specific performance obligations - AASB 1058)		
	- Donation	20,000	219
	- member subscriptions	13,018	11,198
	- fundraising and dinner	67,235	42,809
	- other trading revenue		3,108
	Total Revenue	100,253	57,334
5	Finance Income and Expenses		
	Finance income		
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Interest income		
	- bank	327	253
	- franking credit	933	
	Dividend income		
	- Other dividends	4,319	2,572
	Net gain on financial assets at FVTPL		5,705
	Total finance income	5,579	8,530
	Finance expenses		
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Net loss on financial assets at FVTPL	6,926	
	Total finance expenses	6,926	
6	Cash and Cash Equivalents	VANAGO	10000
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Cash at bank and in hand	33,498	29,626
	Short-term deposits	30,903	30,903
	Other cash and cash equivalents	23,985	2,723
		88,386	63,252

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7 Trade and Other Receivables

CURRENT

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

8 Other Financial Assets

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other financial assets	933	
	933	
NON-CURRENT		
Other financial assets	86,106	95,675
	86,106	95,675
Total	87,039	95,675
	55	

9 Trade and Other Payables

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
CURRENT			
Trade payables		1,040	500
	_	1,040	500

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

10 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022:None).

11 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

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12 Statutory Information

The association does not have a physical office for principal place of business. Contacting the association can be done by visiting the website, zontabrisbane.org.au or by email to info@zontabrisbane.org.au.

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Statement by Members of the Committee

In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial report as set out on pages 2 to 12, being a general purpose simplified disclosure financial statement, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 31 March 2023 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date;
- 2. the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the
- 3. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

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Directors: Bevin Schafferius CA Vanita Chand CA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE INC

Audit Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc. ("the Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended and the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 March 2023, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 (Qld).

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Other Information

The management committee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.





Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The managment committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and for such internal controls as the managment committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial report, the management committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so. The management committee is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether
 due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks,
 and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our
 opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is
 higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery,
 intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of managment committees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt of the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.



 Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Bevin Schafferius CA

Director

Fortitude Valley, 20 April 2023