



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022**



Club number 1410, chartered in 1993, member Club of District 23, Area 2

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The second half of the Biennium is always a wonderful opportunity for the Board to consolidate its aims and objectives and to enjoy the process. This has been the case for our Board members who have supported me fully during a year still fraught with covid challenges but also highly successful in growing our public profile. We have welcomed new members through our community connections and fundraising activities and we continue to attract further interest as this year progresses. With this new interest come fresh ideas, projects and a widening skill base. The social interaction and delightful fare still enjoyed at Divine Dining has become an important element in our dinner meetings and we take great pleasure in sharing our good fortune with other service clubs and community members during High Teas and Christmas drinks.

The Club Executive for 2021/22 is:

President	Pam Young
Vice President	Helen Sands
Secretary	Janet Done
Treasurer	Robyn Ruchel
Board members	Chris Frick, Outgoing President, Area 2 Director Naomi Reschke Beppy Gollan (commencement 2022)

Other club members for all or part of 2021/22 are:

Robyn Arnold  
Christina Artini  
Pru Blackwell  
Carole Carmichael  
Juliet Cope  
Patricia Dent  
Robyn Evans  
Joanne Harrison  
Georgie McRae  
Val Mew  
Sandy Nicholson  
Wendy Randell  
Sandra Sullivan  
Kim Wright

Our successful fundraising activities in the past 12 months have enabled us to fund new projects and to retain those we deem important as reported below. Once again we held a successful High Tea at Divine Dining in November for 50 attendees who enjoyed fine fare and beverages in a delightful setting. We were fortunate to receive a generous offer by a local Body Shop consultant who partnered the event and donated a percentage of her sales to our fundraiser. This attracted keen interest on the day. A Movie Night recently held successfully raised funds for our Remembering Courageous Women Mosaic Mural which has become a well publicised and respected community project. We have continued to hold a sausage sizzle at Gawler Bunnings as a well organised event well supported by the club members. The donation tins and boxes have been displayed at public events with minimal success, but remain useful in some circumstances.

By December 2021 Gawler Zonta Club had completed the string of events called Springback to Gawler funded by a major grant offered as a Stimulus program post COVID19. These were held throughout spring and included a wide demographic offering activities at no or low cost. Recognition for the project was presented on Australia Day as winner of the Community Event of the Year for which we were immensely proud. This followed the Premier's Services Club Award for Social Inclusion awarded to the Reading Bug project and the Oceana winner of the Elevator Pitch speech internationally highlighting our activities.

Our community connections through these wins and attendance at Rotary dinners as guest speakers, a chairperson role on the International Women's Day event committee, continued volunteering at the Haven located at the Community House, 16 Days of Activism awareness, assistance with a Homelessness and Housing Forum, media coverage of our Courageous Women Mosaic Mural project has ensured a high profile of our ongoing commitment to the community at a local level. This has been highlighted through valuable media coverage and a rejuvenation of our web page and Facebook page. We are proud that a proportion of our fundraising contributes support to the Zonta International projects helping us to feel connected to women and girls worldwide in poorer countries.

Following some liaison we are pleased to have the plaque at our Rose Garden at the Gawler Station renewed and generously donated by Steve Garnier memorials. The replacement is expected to have a long life.

The Area 2 Advocacy Group through the representation of the Presidents has been actively lobbying local MPs as a lead up to the State and Federal Elections. Issues were discussed at the Area 2 Workshop in September to clarify our intentions. Clubs have been seeking the Parties' position on and support of Domestic Violence victims. The recent workshop held in May with the theme of "Achievement through Collaboration" explored ways in which our clubs can partner with local governments to affect change. Our member Pru Blackwell presented her work with the Homelessness and Housing Forum and Network.

As my term draws to a close I can feel immensely proud of our Zonta Club of Gawler and the way its members work together in a friendly and productive manner. For a relatively small club we have achieved impressive gains as recognized by other clubs and the community. We tackle our projects with positive energy and good humour making our time together enjoyable. Thankyou to the Board members for your continued support and gentle reminders where necessary which has made my time as President fruitful and fun. I wish Helen Sands all the best for her term in office.

Pam Young  
11 May 2022



*Kim Wright, Pam Young and our proud Zontians receiving awards at Australia Day celebrations*

## **REPORTS ON OUR PROJECTS**

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**Birthing Kits – District 23 Project**

Led by Sandy Nicholson and Robyn Evans

The Club assembled 800 birthing kits for the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) in this last financial year. We had no club allocated funds for this so were relying on support from interested Rotary Clubs. Through the contacts of Zonta member Wendy Randell, we discovered that the two Barossa Rotary Clubs were very keen. I have a close connection to the Rotary Club of Gawler Light who have been supporters of this project for many years. The Rotary Club of Barossa Valley purchased 400 kits at a cost to them of \$2000 and held two assembly days over a weekend – 23 and 24 October 2021 where Club members and other interested locals came along and assembled the kits. I went along with Robyn Evans to supervise and pack the boxes. The Rotary Club of Barossa District spent \$1000 for 200 kits and held an assembly evening on 16 August 2021. Zonta members in attendance that night were Robyn Evans, Wendy Randell and myself. The Rotary Club of Gawler Light also spent \$1000 for 200 kits and the assembly day for that was held on 9 April 2022.



*Assembly day with the Rotary Club of Gawler Light Club Members*



*Robyn, Sandy with Brian Barnett of Rotary Club of Barossa District*

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**Boxes of Love**

Led by Robyn Ruchel

This is a continuing project in which Zonta Club of Gawler provides bags of toiletry items for women in the Northern Domestic Violence Service. This includes shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & brushes, hand and body lotions, shower gels, soaps, deodorants, pocket tissues and sanitary products.

This year we have continued to provide bags to NDVS, including really nicely packaged 8 boxes that were donated by a friend of Kim Wright

We do not have a budget for purchasing items but rely wholly on donations from members and currently we have low stocks of pocket tissues and small packets of sanitary products.

Thankyou.

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**Breast Cushions**

Led by Robyn Ruchel

Zonta Club of Gawler currently provides breast cushions and drainage bags to Northern Breast Clinic at Calvary Central Districts, Broken Hill, Alice Springs Hospital and Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre at Royal Darwin Hospital.

Cushions and drainage bags have been made with colourful cotton fabrics for several years and the feedback has been very positive.

This year again elective surgery has been disrupted due to Covid.

Postal costs have increased which eats severely into the Breast Cushion project budget. Although in June last year, due to our travel north I was able to personally deliver cushions and bags to both Alice Springs and Darwin hospitals.

In the last year 78 Breast Cushions and 43 Drainage Bags have been delivered including to at least 3 men. We have also supplied BC shells (without stuffing) to other clubs as well as patterns and labels to assist other clubs in their project or to initiate their project.

Thanks to the Gawler Quilt Group for providing cushion shells and drainage bags, and members Wendy Randell and Robyn Arnold as well as my friend Joy Krieg for their assistance in sewing bags and cushions.



Brightly coloured breast cushions and drainage bag ready for delivery

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### **Gawler Domestic Violence Network**

Led by Pru Blackwell with Chris Frick, Kim Wright, Pam Young, Sandra Sullivan and Beppy Gollan

The Network collaboration of Zonta Club of Gawler Members, Department of Human Services employees through the Children's Centres program, The Women's Safety Service – North and a White Ribbon Australia community partner has been strengthened this year by extending its visibility through increased partnership with others.

### **Valuable Collaboration**

### **Springback Gawler**



Collaboration was at the heart was of the highly successful Springback Gawler program which was funded for \$10,000 by the Town of Gawler. It's concept was initiated by the Community Development program of the Department of Human services staff who work on the GDVN program. The funds enabled five events, the flagship of which was a full day community event. This event highlighted the potential which can be achieved when community groups work together . The event enabled community participation in large numbers which had not been envisaged. The Network wishes to thank Gawler 's service clubs and The Town of Gawler for assisting and believing in Springback's concept. (see full report within this AGM report document )

### **Social and Emergency Housing**

The notion of improving partnerships was also an approach taken to begin strategic conversations around the increasing concerns for women seeking social and emergency housing after fleeing domestic violence. The Network initially sought the support of the Town of Gawler through the Mayor's office and the Council's community development staff.

It was agreed to hold a housing and homelessness Forum in Gawler which would involve independent facilitation and a broad range of speakers who are actively engaged in the housing sector. This included government, and non government agencies, housing advocates, peak bodies and domestic and family violence agencies. The Forum was held in August 2021 and was facilitated by the CEO Regional Development Australia – Barossa , Anne Moroney. The Forum gave rise to several housing projects around which there was significant willingness by agencies to combine efforts to work towards results. The Town of Gawler has subsequently taken out membership with Shelter SA for a year and their CEO Dr Alice Clark has been leading joint discussions to develop the project ideas into action.

### **Memorialisation**

The Place of Courage - Ripples program across SA is a series of interconnected commemorative public artworks providing a place for survivors, families and communities affected by domestic and family violence to grieve, find solace, heal, connect and educate.

These sites are designed to acknowledge the impact of domestic and family violence on people, families, our community, and our country, creating a public face, to a private problem. In Gawler, the GDVN has worked closely with the Town of Gawler who have allocated a space and garden in the Julian Tce., pocket park at the rear of the freestanding stone wall to install a mosaic mural. This will be Gawler's Ripples project which began in April 2021.

A committee has been formed to manage the project, consisting of Pru Blackwell, Beppy Gollan, Helen Sands, Pam Young, Jan Done and Zonta treasurer, Robyn Ruchel and artist Sandra Sullivan.

Mosaic artist, Sandra Sullivan, her right-hand woman, Maggi Gregory and First Nation Artists, Kira and Codi from Ngadli Art, (border design), are the artists undertaking the design and construction of the project. The project budget is \$25,000 and income so far has been derived from:

A Crowd funding site 'Chuffed' has been developed for community donations,  
Town of Gawler community grant of \$2000

Individual donations totalling \$1500

A recent Movie night fundraiser was held at the Gawler Cinema along with a raffle which netted a profit of \$1100.

Two grants have been applied for - Grants SA for the amount of \$25,000 and White Ribbon Community Response Fund for the amount of \$20,000, both of which were unsuccessful.

Community volunteers through a range of workshops will produce the mural including the Mosaic group from the Gawler Community House where a regular workshop will be held every Monday afternoon.



### **Strategic Conversations**

#### **Meeting with Department of Human Services (DHS)**

A significant meeting with DHS – Alex Reid Executive Officer of Community and Family Services and the CEO of the Office for Women gave the GDVN an opportunity to express the needs of women suffering domestic violence in Gawler. This provided a very open conversation about excessive service demand, and at which requests for more community development resources were discussed. Office for Women have funded an information and referral service at The Haven within Gawler Community House at which some of the GDVN members volunteer. Issues and effectiveness of that service were discussed and the tools needed to encourage women to attend. A recent announcement of a Volunteer Coordinator position for The Haven until June 2023 has signaled the significance of listening to community leaders.

#### **White Ribbon Australia (WRA)**

GDVN members have been registering attendance to the community action group webinars and have now been registered as a White Ribbon community action group. Community Action group officers met with GDVN members at which its directions and activities were discussed.

#### **16 days of Activism**

Each year, this period lends itself to the objectives of GDVN to be fully realised. It is a time where the awareness of the impact of domestic and family violence is highlighted globally between the United Nations Day of Elimination of Violence against Women and the Human Rights Day.

From November 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 to December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 GDVN and the Zonta Club of Gawler implemented the following program:

- Town banner program and main street business posters program - this

program continues to gather momentum and the hosts of both the banners and the posters were overwhelmingly willing to be involved, with positive endorsement of its merit.

- Walker Place / Poetic Justice Café - November 27th– this location was used to hand out information leaflets containing domestic violence incidence statistics and referral details. This program provides many meaningful conversations with passers by and this occasion seemed to attract people with stories about bystander responsibility.
- Gumtree plaza and Julian Terrace pocket park gathering - December 4<sup>th</sup> – Zontians and supporters met in Gum tree Plaza to hear from the Mayor of Gawler who highlighted the recently released report on women's abuse in the Federal Parliament. She used the material from this report to re-enforce the ongoing work required by groups such as GDVN and the Zonta Club of Gawler in highlighting the ongoing need to work towards eliminating violence. The gathering proceeded to march to the Julian Tce pocket park to focus on a mosaic memorial which is planned to be installed on this site by the end of 2022. The Pleasin' Choir finished the morning with three rousing songs that brought together the sentiments of the morning's program.
- The Vigil at Fifth Street Gawler Park – December 9<sup>th</sup> – This was the third annual vigil in this location and was again coordinated and led by Sandra Sullivan. Sandra acknowledged the ongoing scourge of domestic violence and the hurt felt by so many families. The local churches rang their church bells in unison towards the end of the vigil. Sharon Lewis - Coordinator of the Gawler Community House was the guest speaker.

These programs were accompanied by daily social media postings from GDVN that included poignant articles, statistics and awareness raising definitions etc.

GDVN are again very grateful for the support that The Bunyip, weekly newspaper gives to drawing attention to the topic of DV with relevant stories interviews and editorials.



*Images from the 16 Days of Activism events...at Pocket Park, Gawler and the Vigil*





Led by Wendy Randell with Val Mew, Chris Frick, Jan Done, Pam Young

Spreading the Reading Bug Project is an early literacy initiative which commenced in 2017.

### **1. Book Stock**

Over the last 12 months, book stock of pre loved and new books continues through the generous donations from the Gawler and region community. The main collection points for pre-loved books continue to be Drake's supermarket, Gawler and more recent additions are the Gawler Sport and Community Centre and Greenock Primary School Library.

The reading bug team has met approx 4 times over the last 12 months to sort through the book stocks donated. Assessment of the book stock suggests a high percentage of donated books are good quality, and appropriate for the target groups. However, we continue to receive a number of books that are inappropriate because of book content, age of the book or poor condition. Therefore, it continues to be an important part of the project to vet book stock before redistributing to the Gawler community.

### **2. Community engagement through Book Events; 2021-2022**

Every book event requires the Reading Bug team to complete the following tasks:

- ✧ Take boxes of books to the location of the event,
- ✧ Set up the book displays for children to easily access and choose books,
- ✧ Engage with children and carers
- ✧ Respond to questions about other projects run by Zonta
- ✧ Network with other store holders when appropriate
- ✧ Clean up the site
- ✧ Repack books not selected and return them to the storage ready for the next event

Book Events held during the last Zonta year include:

- May: Event held at [Gawler & District College B-12 Children's Centre](#) playgroup, celebrating Families week
- June: celebrating Reconciliation week
- September: the Spring Back to Gawler Chill Out Fun Day
- October: Inclusive Education Centre at Nuriootpa High School
- December: playgroup in the park event
- March 2022 Fringe in the Park

At each of these occasions our Reading Bug Mascot attended to inspire, energise and promote books, reading and fun. Thanks to our two Reading Bugs: Val and Pam. These two stars are important in carrying the message to small humans and their families. It can not be underestimated the power of fun, humour and inclusivity in promoting this project at every opportunity.

### **3. Project Award Recognition**

October 31 2021 The Zonta Club of Gawler was recognised for the valuable work carried out through this project as the recipient of the Premiers Community Services Award, Social Inclusion category for 2021. This award came with a cheque of \$600.00 to carry on the work of the club. This cash injection has been used, in part to fund the printing of 1000 project bookmarks promoting early literacy and 1000 'I'm a Reading Bug' stickers to be distributed to small humans at events.

### **4 Acknowledgements**

All Reading Bug Project members work hard through the year to keep our book stocks high and keep the books moving back into the community. This is a project that requires team members to contribute their time and energy and their continued support and sense of humour makes for fun every time we come together.

Also we would like to again thank Patricia for her ongoing support of the project by providing suitable storage in her shed.

Finally, many thanks must go to our friends of Zonta who help when needed, which is often.

Wendy Randell

Project Coordinator



*Val Mew, Wendy Randell, Chris Frick, Janet Done receiving the Premier's Community Services Award*



*Wendy, Pam and Val at Nuriootpa High*

## **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for Girls** Led by Naomi Reschke and Joanne Harrison

Women now make up about half of the overall workforce but represent only 25% of the science and engineering jobs in the public and private sectors. Given the number of high-quality, well-paying jobs (women in STEM jobs earn 33 per cent more than comparable women in non-STEM jobs) it is important that we enable young women to take up career options through STEM. By attracting and retaining more women in the STEM workforce we will maximize innovation, creativity, and competitiveness.

To address this issue, the Zonta Club of Gawler has supported three Girls from the Three secondary Schools in Gawler with a \$500 scholarship to support their careers in STEM-related fields. The Scholarships were presented to the three students at the Gawler International Women's Day celebration.

Club member, Joanne Harrison has linked with Ausoptic International a Sydney-based company (with one employee in Adelaide) that supply specialised fibre optic components and equipment to industry and academia to provide scholarships to the three girls.



*Joanne Harrison with the STEM students recipients at the IWD breakfast*

## **Spring Back To Gawler Project**

Led by Kim Wright

In December 2020, the Zonta Club of Gawler applied and was successful in winning a very generous \$10,000 grant to bring their **"SPRING" BACK TO GAWLER PROJECT** to life.

The Project Team thought that the name “**\$PRING**” signified a reconnecting and renewing for the community to come together, and with the approval of Council were able to plan most of their events during September and October, they then were inspired to develop an acronym for the word “**\$P.R.I.N.G.**” which also provided the foundation for all the development of the concept being S.P.R.I.N.G.- Stimulating-Promoting-Reconnecting-Inspiring-Networking-Generating Gawler.

**The “\$PRING” BACK to GAWLER Project** was a concept designed to provide stimulus and confidence for the Gawler Community by providing a series of five coordinated events which were initially targeted at vulnerable groups, however it was quickly realised that the project’s events that we had planned would also provide positive experiences for the whole of the Gawler Community.

In February 2021, the Project Team formed a Steering Committee and with the support of local service clubs and volunteers planning began for the five events. During the following months, and many hours of meeting together and preparation, the Steering Committee were able to begin to establish and promote the upcoming events.

The Project was launched by Mayor Karen Redman at first event held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at the **\$PRING BACK TO GAWLER “W.O.W.” WOMEN OF WORTH LUNCHEON** and Wellbeing Expo which was coordinated by the Gawler International Women’s Day Committee, and was held at Nixon’s Function Centre. The 100 plus women who attended the event enjoyed a two course lunch and were then treated to a fabulous presentation by Dr. Naomi Rutten who spoke about “Ways to Cope when Time are Tough”.

The **\$PRING BACK TO GAWLER – CHILL OUT FAMILY FUN DAY & MARKET** was the major event planned for the Project and was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of September. We were fortunate to have perfect weather for the families and their children and the event was a huge success with over 500 families attending on the day. The Fun Day was held at the Gawler Community Sport and Recreation Centre’s main stadium and on Princes Park. There were over 20 Market Stalls at the event, with live music, food stalls and free activities for the children including Air Brush Tattoos, Jumping Castle and also live native animals on display.

Following on from the Fun Day, on the Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of September and then on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September two events were held for the Youth and young children of Gawler.

On Monday at the Gawler Civic Centre, with the support of Gawler Council’s Youth Officer and the Gawler & District Youth Worker Network the **\$PRING BACK TO GAWLER – WHAT’S THE DRAMA – LET’S GET OFF THE COUCH!** Cyber Safety Workshop included a fabulous presentation by Ethan White who spoke about his OFF THE COUCH activities but also inspired those that attended with ways to help young people cope with Bullying and Cyber Safety, and whilst the event was only attended by a small group, it was well supported by local businesses and organisations.

On Thursday the **\$PRING BACK TO GAWLER – PAINT A MASK ART WORKSHOP** was at the Community Sport and Recreation Centres Youth Shack. The 16 young children and their families who attended were given blank paper Mache masks to paint and decorate. They were also able to enjoy a free morning tea with fresh fruit and cupcakes whilst getting two or three free air brush tattoos!

The fifth event for the Project was the **\$PRING BACK TO GAWLER – MENS AND MATE\$ BREKKIE** and Mini Wellbeing Expo was held on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October and with the added support from The Salvation Army Riverside Centre, was coordinated by the Gawler Light Rotary Club who are planning for 100+ men to enjoy a relaxed BBQ style





*A diverse group of women enjoying their creativity at the Women's Studio*

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## **CLUB MANAGEMENT**

### **Planning**

The annual planning day was held in February 2022 when we reviewed our work over the past year which proved to be a valuable acknowledgement of the importance of our community activities. It was also a time for reflection for improvement and new ideas particularly for fundraising in an increasingly difficult climate. The budget was discussed and we determined that we could retain our current projects with limited ability to adopt a couple more pending funding. We visited our club norms to assess our performance and concluded that we were reasonably on track. Members were assigned responsibilities without difficulty assuring a positive year ahead.

### **Social Media**

#### **Webpage**

Led by Sandy Nicholson

Content upgrade has been slow but continues to develop, providing information to members, as well as potential members. Work is required to bring it up to date and that work is planned for July/August 2022 onwards. The site advertises upcoming events and gives members access to ZI and Club information. The members only area is slowly becoming the storage for electronic documents, including meeting minutes and financial reports.

#### **Facebook**

Led by Georgie McRae

Our Facebook page which we use primarily to advertise upcoming events, highlight important women's issues and as a tool to attract potential members has been refreshed this year. This increased activity has attracted more followers interested in our club events.

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### **Membership**

Led by Janet Done



Our membership this year has been quite steady this year. We started with 20 members and sadly we farewelled Lina and Karen Low during the year due to personal reasons. However, we welcomed back Robyn Arnold and Robyn Evans and at our Christmas function Carole Carmichael and Juliet Cope were inducted.

We currently have two potential new members, Kate Zubrinich and Gillian Logan and we hope to induct them soon as well as another potential new member in Diane McGee.



*President Pam Young inducting Joanne Harrison and Georgie McRae*



*Chris Frick, Carole Carmichael, inductee, and Pam Young*

## **ZONTA INTERNATIONAL**

Zonta International is passionate about providing life-changing opportunities for women and girls through international service. By partnering with agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations, Zonta has improved women's health, provided better economic opportunities and prevented gender-based violence in 66 countries. Since our first service project, Zonta has contributed more than US\$32.7 million to our international service projects. One third of our fundraising each year provides support for the International projects as determined at the International Convention. The next Convention will be the 65<sup>th</sup> and to be held in Hamburg, Germany from June 25 – 28 2022.

### **Zonta International Foundation**

The current International projects to which we contribute and in partnership with the United Nations Women, UNFPA and UNICEF include:

- Let Us Learn Madagascar: An Integrated Program for Adolescent Girls.
- Ending Child Marriage: A program to accelerate global action.
- Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru
- Strengthening Response to Gender-Based Violence Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste

Check the Zonta International website for progress on these projects.



## OUR COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

### **Zonta Club of Gawler regularly works with community groups such as:**

- The Women's Studio (a women's group for vulnerable women) – facilitated by Zontians
- The Town of Gawler/Mayor Redman – community grants
- The Gawler Art Society
- Rotary Club of Gawler – Springback Gawler project, International Women's Day scholarships for young women
- Rotary Club of Gawler and Districts – Springback Gawler Project
- 2 Barossa Rotary Clubs – Birthing Kits
- Apex – Australia Day Breakfast, Springback Gawler project
- The Lions Club of Gawler – workshop space provided at the Gawler Railway Station
- CWA – International Women's Day Breakfast
- The Gawler Community House
- Women's Information Service – The Gawler Haven – volunteers from Zonta
- The Gawler Business Community – 16 Days of Activism, Banner project...Gawler Says No
- The Vigil during the 16 Days of Activism
- The Gawler Community Services Forum – representative from Zonta, Women's Studio grant
- The Bunyip (local newspaper) several print media stories during planning stage.
- Social Media, Facebook (Remembering Courageous Women), specifically for the project.
- Gawler Facebook page and Website.

We value these relationships which greatly assist us to achieve our goals in support of women and girls in our community. The excellent attendance at our Christmas celebration last year indicated a healthy and important connection with the groups mentioned.



*Community members enjoying Christmas celebrations*

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### **International Women's Day 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Led by Pam Young with Naomi Reschke and Kim Wright

Our club members have always enjoyed working with the Girl Guides, View Club and other community members to present the popular IWD breakfast at Nixon's Function Centre. The support of the staff at Nixon's is greatly appreciated and the food well received. Organising the table settings is an ongoing challenge but an important aspect of the fellowship promoted by the event. The Girl Guides excelled themselves this year with beautifully handcrafted pots decorated with rope and buttons. They enjoyed the workshop so much that they requested the committee members to return for a session for Mothers' Day.

A successful raffle was well supported by local businesses with funds contributing to the scholarships offered to young women at the three secondary colleges. These scholarships are flexible and assist the recipients to pay for costs towards their schooling. A new feature included the Science, Technology and Mathematics Awards to young women specializing in those fields at Year 12 level. The funds for these awards were raised by a club member through her employment.

Our guest speaker this year was Andrea White who shared a personal story of loss and her journey to recovery and ultimate success in life. Our aim each year is to inspire women to greatness!

A huge thankyou to Ebony Preece who accepted the role of MC for the morning and ably moves us along to meet our timeline for people to commence their working day.

Once again the Pleasin' Choir led by Annie Auld, encouraged those present to join in a rousing rendition of "I am Woman" by Helen Reddy finishing the event on a high.

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### **Community Support**

In addition to the community relationships encouraged in our club we have a number of other local businesses and groups to acknowledge and thank as follows:

Drakes  
Gawler and District College B-12 Children's Centre,  
Gawler Community House

Northern Domestic Violence Service  
Poetic Justice  
Salvation Army  
Gawler Girl Guides  
Office of the Member for Light, Tony Piccolo MP  
The Bunyip – editor Nick  
SAPOL Gawler  
Bunnings  
Murray Street Businesses  
Taylor and Forgeie  
Body Shop Consultant

For our monthly meetings, Planning Day and Christmas dinner, we have enjoyed the support of Christine Andrews of Divine Dining, who serves us the most 'divine' food and allows us to take over her function room every month. We have navigated the affects of covid over the past year with good humour and perseverance.

We would like to thank the Mayor of the Town of Gawler, Karen Redman for her ongoing and committed support of our Club. The Hon John Dawkins is also a long time supporter of the club attending our activities where possible. Tony Piccolo, MP, has provided display space for our events in his office window as well as printing support.

We are always grateful to those who come along to our events, buy our raffle tickets, offer venue space and generally believe in our goals. Of course family and friends' support is a huge part of our success as a Club and we thank you all most sincerely.



*Our delightful meeting venue at Divine Dining*

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022**

The last 12 months have been quite different from the previous 12 months due mainly to the easing of Covid restrictions for venues and events.

**Fundraising**

There have been some successful fundraising events with 2 High Teas and a Bunnings BBQ. This has allowed us to be financially better placed going into 2022-2023, as fundraising money is used in the following year with one third sent to ZI to support international projects.

**Grants/Awards**

The grant that we received from Gawler Council for Springback Gawler allowed us to run several events, including a fun day where stall holders paid a fee for their business to be showcased on the day, although community groups had this fee waived.

We have received 2 grants during the year \$500 for Women's Art project and \$2000 for the Mosaic Mural project.

Our Reading Bug project also received an award of \$600.

**Donations**

For the Mosaic Mural project, donation site Chuffed was set up and so far over \$2000 has been donated and is gradually being used to purchase tools and materials for the project. We have continued to receive donations by other means including some sizable private donations for this project throughout the year.

Donation boxes have been placed at Robyn Arnold's Dean St Chiro and Patricia Dent's Sanctuary as well as at all events our club is involved in which continues to bring in small but much needed funds.

On viewing our bank balance at 31 March it needs to be noted that we hold funds for other entities which do not belong to the club and don't have access to, this includes IWD and Area 2 funds.

I thank everyone for their efforts to fundraise, donate or apply for grants to keep all of our projects going.

Robyn Ruchel  
Treasurer



*Loyal supporters at our High Tea fundraiser*

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**ZONTA OBJECTS:**



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

To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members.

To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

Zonta International, its districts and its clubs are nonsectarian and nonpartisan.

### **ZONTA VISION**

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized 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.

### **In Closing**

My term as President of the Zonta Club of Gawler has been a wonderful journey of learning and fellowship. The support of the Board and the Club members in general has been much appreciated and in some cases essential in navigating tasks. We have maintained a high quality of service and advocacy in keeping with the Objects and Vision of Zonta International whilst enjoying the social connections.



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