ZONTA
CLUB OF
BUNBURY INC

Considering becoming involved in Zonta?

There are many ways to become involved with Zonta, with the most obvious being to become a **Zonta member**.

To help you make a decision, we'd like to tell you more about our club and Zonta International.

Zonta is an organisation with purpose

We are **not a "knife and fork" club**. While we certainly enjoy good company, friendship and the occasional celebration, Zonta has a clear vision and we actively work towards achieving it.

Our club consists of a Board with a President, Secretary, Treasurer, President Elect and five Directors representing the following five working committees:

- Membership & Program
- Advocacy
- Service & United Nations
- Fundraising
- Public Relations & Communications

Every member belongs to a committee and is expected to contribute to the work of the club. While your main focus will be your own committee, we also encourage members to support other committees and club activities whenever they can.

Take a look at what our committees do to get a feel for the many ways you could contribute.
Website link: https://www.bunburyzonta.org.au/team-3

Zonta is non-sectarian and non-partisan

Zonta is a **non-sectarian and non-partisan organisation**. We advocate for issues that align with our mission and, where appropriate, work to encourage changes to laws and policies.

Zonta members do not advocate on behalf of or endorse a partisan candidate, a political party, or any religion or religious denomination.

Our advocacy is focused on the issues and on achieving positive change, rather than taking political sides.

How do you become a member?

The best way to find out whether Zonta is right for you is to come along and experience it for yourself. Our meetings are dinner meetings, held on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** (apart from January), and presently, we meet at the Highway Hotel in Bunbury.
You can:

- Come along to a meeting as the guest of a current club member.
- Complete our **Prospective Member Form** on our website homepage.
- Email us, and we will contact you and send you information about the next meeting.

Every meeting is different. We might have an interesting guest speaker, focus on Zonta District or International business, hear about the work of one of our committees, or celebrate a member's special milestone. And sometimes we simply enjoy being together and having a little fun!

Most prospective members find that attending **three meetings as a guest** gives them a good opportunity to get to know us, understand what we do and decide whether Zonta is an organisation they would like to join.

Some people make a decision they want to join after one or two meetings and that's okay too.

After three meetings however, we ask that you make a decision about membership. If you decide that Zonta isn't for you, that's perfectly fine. There are other ways you can support and become involved in our work.

Please be aware that guests don't continue attending regular club meetings indefinitely without becoming members, as membership dues contribute to the running of the club and the work we undertake.

If you decide to join

Once you decide that you would like to become a member, there is a **Zonta induction process** to complete, as outlined in our Club Constitution (which is currently under review).

The Membership Committee will send you an invitation to join, which will include details of your induction and the committee you will join. Our Treasurer will send you an invoice for your membership dues which must be paid before your induction.

Your committee placement will be discussed with you. We want to know where your interests and skills lie, while also considering which committees would benefit from having additional members.

No-one is pressured into a particular committee. We want you to find an area where you can contribute, learn and enjoy being involved.

Current membership dues

For new members over 35 years of age, the current annual membership dues are **$265**, distributed as follows:

- **Zonta International:** $140
- **Zonta District:** $40
- **Bunbury Club:** $60
- **New member fee:** $25 — payable only when you first join

Members under 35 pay **half-price membership dues**, with the exception of the $25 new member fee.

Our membership year runs from **1 June to 31 May**.

- **Full-year dues period:** 1 June – 31 May
- **Half-year dues period:** 1 December – 31 May

Please note that membership fees are subject to change.

After you join

Involvement and communication are the keys to getting the most from your Zonta membership.

Get involved with your committee, come along to club events and activities, and look for opportunities to contribute your skills, experience and ideas.

Good communication is important too. For example, if you are unable to attend a meeting, please let us know by sending timely apologies. These simple club processes help everything run smoothly and show consideration for your fellow members.

And if something about the club is bothering you, **speak up**. Talk to your committee chair, the President, or another member you feel comfortable approaching. Open and respectful communication helps us make the club better for everyone.

Take the opportunity to get involved

As you become more comfortable in Zonta, consider taking on a leadership position or attending an **Area Meeting, District Conference or International Convention** when the opportunity arises.

These events provide a much bigger picture of Zonta and the work being undertaken by members locally, nationally and internationally. You may be surprised by just how much is happening and how far-reaching Zonta's impact can be.

And finally…

Being a Zonta member is about **making a difference, being part of something meaningful, developing friendships and having fun along the way**.

You will have opportunities to contribute at many different levels, learn new things, develop your leadership skills and work alongside people who share a commitment to improving the lives of women and girls.

We hope that, in time, you will not only enjoy being a member of Zonta, but also feel **proud of what you and your fellow members accomplish together**.

And who knows? You may make some lifelong friends along the way.

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