

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

A campaign to end violence against women and girls

2014 Activities



Empowering women through service and advocacy

Christchurch South Club

Zonta Club of Christchurch South hosted a White Ribbon breakfast on the 28 November 2013 with Teresa Pomeroy, Manager, Social Action Team (SAT), Ministry of Social Development as the guest speaker. SAT developed the 'It's Not Ok' and 'Are You Ok!' campaigns to advocate for a change in attitude towards family violence.

In addition the club joined the Christchurch White Ribbon March on the 25 November. The club was joined by Bill O'Brien and Lesley Elliott from the Sophie Elliott Foundation.

Pictures below show left (L-R): Hon. Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch, Marilou Crequer, Anne McMurtrie

and Wendy Almond. Right (L-R): Wendy, Superintendent Gary Knowles, Canterbury Police District Commander, Marilou Crequer and Anne McMurtire.

Rotorua Club

Zonta Club of Rotorua marked the start of the 16 Days of Action with the club members meeting Mayor Steve Chadwick, Deputy Mayor, Dave Donaldson and Commander of Police Bruce Horne. The group completed sixteen days of cycling 16kms to coincide with the traditional November 25th White Ribbon Day. The ride to raise awareness of Zonta Says No to Violence against Women is being complemented by five life size dolls located around the city for the 16 days. Painted in the distinctive campaign orange, the dolls, which were built by Rotorua Menz Shed, and detail domestic violence statistics in New Zealand. They were located in the Rotorua District Council foyer, the Rotorua Police Station foyer, Rotorua Girls High School, Dr Cate Mills' surgery and the Rotorua Public Library.

Hibiscus Coast Club

Zonta Hibiscus Coast set up a display at the Whangaparaoa Public Library. The display coincides with White Ribbon Day and sends the clear message that 'Zonta Says NO to Violence.' The display is in a prominent position where the public enter the library. It was effective and received very positive feedback to date.

Wellington Club

The Zonta Club of Wellington recognised November 25, the global day recognising the impact of violence against women at its club meeting. With its guests, from the Upper Hutt Teen Parent School they stood opposed to violence against women, pictured right.

In addition the Wellington Club walked a mile in recognition of the harmful effect of violence against women and as part of the White Ribbon event – Walk a Mile in her Shoes.

The men and others donned their heels! On the front steps with the banner is NZ Children's Commissioner Russel Wills (with matching shoes!) and policemen and

other supporters.

Oamaru Club

Oamaru Club hosted multiple activities during the 16 days of activism. On Tuesday an “orange themed” breakfast was hosted with friends and workmates asked to wear orange to work.

On Wednesday White Ribbon riders, consisting of members of the local motorcycle clubs, visited three local high schools and the high school in Palmerston, Otago.

Thursday was a debate in the Oamaru Opera House with the moot “sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me”. It was a light-hearted look at family violence from the angle of verbal bullying, and aimed at bringing the ‘hidden’ abuse to the attention of the people the area.

Finally in conjunction with the Safer Waitaki Group, the Family and Violence Working Group, and the Sophie Elliott Foundation, a display containing a ladder with a pair of shoes representing every death in New Zealand from family violence over the past year. Very sobering!

Marlborough Club

The Marlborough Club put on a thought-provoking display at the Marlborough District Library. People were invited to make a clear decision to revoke any violence of any kind against women. It was suggested that women take an initiative to be strong and refuse to accept any discrimination based on gender.

The display aimed to raise awareness about domestic violence and all violence against women in our Community and was a tangible way to bring to light the terrible and ongoing problem.

Vice President Clare Pinder is pictured alongside the Zonta Marlborough’s display at the Library.

Hawke’s Bay Club

During the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence the Zonta Club of Hawke’s Bay displayed a selection of Orange Dolls and posters in a variety of locations.

Information about domestic violence in NZ in the past year was included. The aim is to raise awareness about

Domestic Violence against women and families in the Community.

'The Orange Dolls Display is a tangible way to bring to light this terrible and ongoing problem,' says Heather Morrish, Club President, 'Our Zonta Says No campaign in the Hawke's Bay went very well this year with orange Zonta Says No dolls and posters to be used to display in shops, libraries and high interest locations. The 10 days of activism are at an end but the work continues.'

A special thanks goes to the Menz Shed Napier who made the orange dolls to display.