

2015 Zonta Says No Activities

Zonta Club of Auckland

The Zonta Club of Auckland took to the streets for the Zonta Says NO to Violence against Women campaign. Members wore custom bright orange “Zonta Says NO” t-shirts and carried a banner in a march up Queen Street in Aotea Square Wednesday morning November 25th. Local men joined their cause by participating as advocates alongside club members.

Zonta Club of Wellington

The Wellington club has been active around the issue of violence against women all year. Recent activities have included:

- Toolbox for use in workplaces developed on the back of the report to raise awareness about the impact of Violence in the workplace by Suzanne Snively
- Presentation of the workplace advocacy toolkit to the club in October
- Plans to proactively utilise the toolkit with selected workplaces in 2016
- Panel for young women on keeping safe in the city at the September meeting

The club made a decision to be involved in working with others to move this work forward with the Toolkit and had an orange focused meeting in November.

Zonta Club of Hamilton-Waikato

Zonta Hamilton-Waikato celebrating the completion of the refurbishment of the Hamilton Police Family Violence Room in time for ZSN day.

Zonta Christchurch

Christchurch Airport terminal and tower turning ORANGE for 'Zonta Says No to Violence against Women'. The orange lighting will continue over the weekend for the 'Orange March' event.

Thanks to Marilou Crequer, District 16 PR Chair, for organising this & providing the photos.

Zonta Club of Christchurch South

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Zonta Clubs of Dunedin-Otago and Metropolitan Dunedin

The Zonta Clubs of Dunedin-Otago and Metropolitan Dunedin had a joint effort in Anzac Square on Saturday 28th November, spreading the "Zonta Says No" message, distributing white ribbons, orange balloons and collecting for the Sophie Elliott Foundation. They were joined by Lesley Elliott on behalf of the Sophie Elliott Foundation and two local MPs, David Clark & Michael Woodhouse,



also representatives from the Dunedin Collaboration against Family Violence, Anglican Family Care.

Zonta Club of Rotorua – 'IMAGINE' A World Where No Woman Lives in Fear of Violence

Photo: Zonta Club of Rotorua bike riders at the start of '16km for 16 days challenge' - Karen Hunt, Chris Stevens, Barbara Stewart, Janette Irvine, Robyn Cowley, Jenny White, Pam McGrath. Photo by Desirae Kirby.



Zonta Club of Hawke's Bay

How will you stop violence against women and girls in your local community? Join #ZontaSaysNO and #16Days and help us get the #LovesMeNot Programme into NZ schools. As part of the #16Days campaign we took to the streets, raising awareness of the level of violence in our communities and inspiring people with ideas of what they can do to help reduce it.

Our Status of Women Committee Member Hayley Young met with Meka Whitiri and Stuart Nash two local Labour MPs in Hawkes Bay. We talked about the horrendous statistics in New Zealand, the 16 Days of Activism Campaign and the Sophie Elliott Foundation's Programme 'Loves Me Not'.



Zonta Clubs of Whangarei, Hatea Whangarei and Mangawhai

The Zonta Clubs of Whangarei, Hatea Whangarei and Mangawhai joined forces to create a swathe of bright orange in Whangarei on a very gloomy, drizzling day. The advantage of the weather was that the colour stood out even more, and as more than 30 people walked from Town Basin carrying placards they received many toots and waves from passing motorists. Mangawhai's orange dolls gave a focal point at the restaurant where members

had the opportunity for discussion and giving out information. A great impact and great opportunity for the three clubs to be together informally. The new bridge over the basin has been lit up orange for three days for the event.

A few more photos taken today of the Orange walk around the loop. Great morning with the Whangarei, Hatea and **Mangawhai Zonta** Clubs joining together.



Orange Dolls spreading the message in Rotorua

Members of the Zonta Club of Rotorua joined hundreds of others from community groups walking to celebrate White Ribbon Whanau Day at the village green. A doll was presented to Mayor Hon. Steve Chadwick (photo at left) and to Police Area Commander Inspector Bruce Horne (photo at right). Other dolls will be displayed at the library, mall and community centre.

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Zonta Club of Manawatu

Club members joined with the Women's Art Initiative, one of their local projects, for a rally on White Ribbon Day, to record their opposition to violence towards women.

Zonta Club of Auckland West

The quandary: 4,600 responses by police to domestic violence call-outs in West Auckland in the last 10 months!

Horrrifying figures! How can we take an active part and make a difference with our “Zonta Says No to Violence” campaign? A challenge for a small club.

So, instead of trying to undertake a project on our own, we joined with other community groups to work on a joint White Ribbon project. Thus, we started working with WAVES, *Waitakere Anti-Violence Essential Services*, in August. Two Zonta Club members attended regular White Ribbon meetings in Henderson, where Zonta soon became known to a number of other community agencies, all working in some way to protect women and families, with particular emphasis on stopping violence.

The group made the decision to have a multi-action approach to the White Ribbon campaign in order to spread the message as far and wide as possible. A flyer with ‘10 ways to get involved with White Ribbon week’ was produced; BBQs in a number of different locations in West Auckland were held, each one organised by a different agency. The third approach was an exhibition called “Behind Closed Doors”, which was mounted at Ranui Library, and a very successful ‘Open Mic’ night was organised by a group of young people.

Zonta members were involved in much of the planning and decision making and we were made to feel that our contribution was valuable. Several of us, wearing our orange tee shirts, participated in the BBQs. The purpose was to engage with as many people as possible in conversations about stopping violence, while handing out free sausages and white ribbons.

A group of Zonta members worked collaboratively on an exhibit in the “Behind Closed Doors” exhibition, which was opened formally on Thursday 26th November. The opening was attended by Penny Hulse, Deputy Mayor of Auckland and a number of other prominent figures in West Auckland. Feedback on our entry was really positive.

On reflection, this project had a number of advantages for

Zonta: It gave several members the opportunity to work together on a community project that was about advocacy for women. Members of the other organisations who were part of the working party all recognized the Zonta members as contributors and readily accepted our ideas and willingness to participate. It helped put Zonta on the West Auckland map and, while we gained personal satisfaction, we also felt we were able to 'make a difference'. Participation cost us our time and a very small amount of money; the benefits are hard to quantify, but definitely worth the effort and should be continued next year.

Other agencies involved included: WAVES; CYF; Police; Community Waitakere; Family Works; Man Alive; Greater Glen Eden Community; Shakti; Everyday Theatre
Zonta Club of Auckland West "Behind Closed Doors" entry.

Zonta Club of Mana

Zonta Club of Mana held an awareness campaign in the Porirua CBD on Wednesday 25 Nov which is White Ribbon Day. We invited survivors and supporters to write their name and a comment on a White Ribbon which we then stuck to an orange framed board. The sausage sizzle was very popular and helped to attract the shy ones. Kath Davenport cooking sausages - they helped break the ice.



Zonta Club's of North Shore and Hibiscus Coast

The members of these two clubs joined together on a bus trip around the northern Auckland Bays, spreading the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women message.

Zonta Club of East Auckland and Macleans Z Club

Members gave out 2000 orange ribbons in Howick on Saturday 28th November. Orange dolls wearing sashes were on display and the band rotunda was decorated. The Zonta and Z Club members were supported by the Counties Manukau Police, local MP Jamie Lee Ross and family, and Adele White from the Community Board of the Auckland City Council. Retailers displayed information cards on counters and in windows. It was a great day for Zonta and Z Club fellowship.

Zonta Club of Ashburton

About 30 Zonta members, one Hon Zontian, the local girl guides, and some "extras" marched through Ashburton, from the new home of Work and Income, past the old Winz building (the site of the shooting of two local women) on through the local farmers' market, ending at the Ashburton District Court. On the way balloons, and bookmarks with the Zonta logo and safety information were handed out to interested supporters. At the end of the walk, participants revived with orange barely sugars.

Zonta Club of Marlborough

The Zonta Club of Marlborough has a "Zonta Says No" display in the Marlborough District Library & orange doll displaying the message in the window. Article in the Marlborough Express news on the 23 November covering Taking the Pledge Against Violence with the club putting

orange dolls in eight retail outlets in Blenheim.
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Zonta Club of Oamaru

The Oamaru Zonta Club in conjunction with Safer Waitaki held a White Ribbon Breakfast at the Brydone Hotel on Friday 20th November with 65 people in attendance.

The guest speaker was Jude Simpson who herself is a survivor of family violence. Jude's abuse began when she was a child and continued long into her adult life. Jude recounted her many harrowing experiences and the audience were very moved by her account.

Jude's story, however, also has a message of hope. Her

potential was recognised and with the right intervention and education Jude has been able to turn her life around. Jude is now employed by the NZ Police and is a strong advocate for the message- " Family Violence is Not Okay". The profits from the breakfast will be going to the Women's Refuge.

Jude Simpson (centre in white top) with Members of Oamaru Zonta Club at the White Ribbon Breakfast. Article by Adrienne Wylie.

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Zonta Club of Waimakariri

Zonta Club of Waimakariri wrote to Prime Minister, Rt Hon John Key concerning proposed changes to New Zealand's family violence laws. This was forwarded to the Minister of Justice, Hon Amy Adams for response.



Office of Hon Amy Adams

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Ms Gabby Irvine
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Dear Ms Irvine

Family violence initiatives

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 November 2016 expressing your support for the proposed changes to New Zealand's family violence laws.

I appreciate your recognition of the need for urgency. The recently announced legislative changes will improve how we respond to family violence to keep victims safe and stop perpetrators using violence. The review is part of the wider Ministerial Group work programme on family violence and sexual violence which I co-chair with Hon Anne Tolley, Minister of Social Development.

Preventing and reducing family violence is a key objective for the Government and it is my top priority as Minister of Justice. As co-chair of the Ministerial Group on Family Violence and Sexual Violence I am working to stop family violence from occurring in the first place, reducing the harm caused by family violence and breaking the cycle of re-victimisation and re-offending. The Ministerial Group on Family Violence and Sexual Violence is providing leadership and oversight over a whole-of-government work programme.

You can find out more about the work of the Ministerial Group and the recently announced reform of family violence legislation on the Ministry of Justice website: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/key-initiatives/reducing-family-and-sexual-violence/>.

Like you, I recognise the pervasiveness of violence against women, and the terrible outcomes that can result from an inadequate response to the issue. I am confident that the proposed legislative changes and the wider work of the Ministerial Group on Family Violence and Sexual Violence will make a positive difference to the lives of many New Zealand women. I welcome your support, and that of your organisation, as we continue to work together to bring about better outcomes for women.

I note also that a number of Zonta clubs from across New Zealand have also written to me to express similar views to those in your letter. I want to acknowledge those letters and assure you and the Zonta club members that I have heard their voices.

Thank you all for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams
Minister of Justice