

Birthing Kit Report

Hi everyone, it has been an exciting and busy Zonta few months in the BKFA.

The BKFA have instigated the Program of Recognition to recognise those Zontians who have been integral to the extraordinary international success of a program started in our club. This is a wonderful initiative as this recognition is long overdue. It will also more formally and visually in the wider world imbed support for the Birthing Kit project within Zonta.

We now have 3 BKFA District Ambassadors all nominated by the individual District boards and it is a great honour to announce Tyril Houghton as our D 23 BKFA Ambassador for 2022 – 24.

Soon every club will nominate their BKFA Champions. These are Zontians who have organised Assembly Days and there can be several Champions per club. Over 22 years we have many Champions. Every Ambassador and Champion will be recognised with their own badges.

The BKFA is honoured to have PIP and past BKFA Ambassador Val Sarah graciously accept the role of BKFA Patron. Val has been a passionate supporter of our birthing kit work since inception.

In her words “The concept may be simple, but the work which has seen its progression from a club project to an international success story is now a complex program which relies principally upon the outstanding commitment of the Board and Staff.

For us all, the fact that lives are being saved, and that communities in developing countries are still complete with mothers giving a safe clean birth to their newborn babies, is what drives us.

It will be a distinct privilege and pleasure to act in this new capacity, while still being available to support the new District Ambassadors if and when needed.”

We have also launched our Zonta/BKFA postcards which gives us something tangible to give to supporters especially when approaching them for donations towards our next Assembly Day. Many thanks to President Julie Hallifax for recognising the need for a postcard. It will now go out nationally to all Assembly Day coordinators, Ambassadors and Champions and be available to all Zontians.

 Birthing Kit Foundation Australia

Our Vision

A world in which all women and girls have access to a clean and safe birth

What is the BKFA?
BKFA pack and supply Clean Birth Kits to pregnant women living in rural communities around the world. A kit, designed to support hygienic health practices during childbirth, contains a sheet of plastic, soap, gloves, gauze, cord and a sterile scalpel blade.

What is Zonta?
Zonta stands for women's rights. We advocate for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence.

How you can help?
Zonta supports the work of BKFA through the packing of clean birth kits.

One kit costs \$5
\$50 = 10 kits
\$500 = 100 kits
\$5000 = 1000 kits

Help us to support BKFA. Donate via the QR code or organise your kit packing day. All donations are tax deductible.



It has been a truly wonderful month and I am a very proud Zontian and BKFA Director

Julie Monis-Ivett OAM