



Zonta International District 23 Inc

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Conference Newsletter No.1



11th District 23 Conference

7-9 October 2011

Melbourne

Hello everyone!

The 11th District 23 Biennial Conference is being held in Melbourne from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2011 and we are looking forward to welcoming our fellow Zontians.

The theme of our conference is “Zonta – Raising the Stakes” with the focus on:

- developing women’s leadership potential;
- mentoring members to take on leadership roles;
- sustainable membership;
- instilling confidence in/motivating members to actively promote Zonta

Thereby increasing awareness in the community of Zonta and its role in improving the status of women.

We have secured engaging and entertaining speakers for the plenary sessions including 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellow, Lauren Burns. We are still working on the workshops and will issue more information shortly. Rest assured we are planning an inspiring, entertaining and informative conference with loads of Zonta business, fun and fellowship.

The conference will follow a similar pattern to previous conferences:

- The District Board will meet on Thursday 6th October and there will be a function for Club Presidents that evening.
- The conference itself runs for two and a half days – opening day is Friday 7th October; the second full day is Saturday 8th October and the conference will close on Sunday 9th October around noon.
- The District Governor will hold a short meeting on the Sunday afternoon for the incoming board to meet the outgoing board.
- A Zonta market place will be operating on Friday and Saturday for clubs to sell their creative wares and members to go shopping.
- AND of course, a raffle with prizes which will showcase the Mornington Peninsula.

The conference logo squiggle was designed by Frances Hutchinson, daughter of Georgie Hutchinson (Devonport Club).

It was selected because it is stylish, fresh and the upward and outward flow symbolises growth through nurturing and the empowerment of women.



City Circle Tram at Flinders Street Station

As the timing of the conference is at the beginning of the Spring Racing Carnival, we are inspired to incorporate the fun atmosphere of the racing carnival, without the horses or the gambling, into our conference by having an Oaks Day theme (ladies day at the races) for the Saturday evening conference dinner. So pack your race day attire including a hat and plan to soak up the atmosphere.

In lieu of a formal partners & friends program, there will be a welcome morning coffee on the 1st day with a Melbourne Tourism coordinator to discuss the options available.

The main venue for the conference is The Sebel & Citigate Albert Park Melbourne (the hotel) located at 65 Queens Road Melbourne.

Our conference will be held in the Citigate section of the complex. Most of the conference activities will be held on the first floor. Conference registration and meal breaks will be on the ground level. Wheelchair access and elevators are available.

The hotel is situated 5 km from the Melbourne CBD, and is directly opposite the stunning Albert Park Lake, which will provide the perfect opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise. It is also close to St Kilda restaurants, shopping and beaches.

We have negotiated attractive accommodation rates for participants (and partners and friends), from \$180 per night for triple share (rooms with two single beds and a sofa bed, not just a roll-away) or rooms at \$140 per night twin share. The special conference rate will apply for those who wish to arrive earlier or stay in Melbourne afterwards – they do not apply only for the duration of the conference.

You are encouraged to book your accommodation as early as you can to take advantage of the great rates and the convenience of staying at the conference venue. The accommodation booking form is attached and will also be available from the District 23 website.

For more information about the hotel, go to the website www.mirvachotels.com.au

You may choose to take advantage of the special conference rate for more time to enjoy Melbourne or you may like to travel around Victoria and enjoy some pre and/or post conference Zontian home hospitality. More information about home hospitality will be forwarded to clubs.

The website www.visitvictoria.com.au will give you more information about Melbourne and other places of interest in Victoria.

We are sure you will enjoy your visit to Melbourne and all that it has to offer.

Jasmine Koch
Chairman, Conference Committee



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