

# District 23

# NEWS FLASH!

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**Alison Martin**  
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**Change of details:**  
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## From the District Governor.....



L-R: Bianca Heaney (YWPA Coordinator) and D23 Governor Alison Martin congratulate D23 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardees, Aleksandra Sladojevic (2008) and Ditzza Teng (2009).

A huge thank you to District 23 Zontians who participated in the 3-day 10<sup>th</sup> District Conference, held for the very first time in Ballarat.

Special thanks to many of you who gave your time, talent and energy ensuring we had interesting and informative speakers, the business sessions ran smoothly and that it was an enjoyable event. Your support, encouragement and feedback were wonderful and ensured the success of the Conference!

Although numbers were the lowest since the 2001 Glenelg conference (remember the collapse of Ansett airline!) the biggest factor was probably the Football Grand Final weekend when members have annual commitments with family and friends.

However there were 31 first

timers and other members who were the shining STARZ who ensured **Successful Teamwork Advocating Rights for Women** through Zonta.

We are grateful to Conference Chairman Hilary Pope for her foresight in suggesting the 2009 conference meet in the historical city of Ballarat, where we were well catered for in the lovely setting at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, with fantastic food and facilities. We even had a professional AV person at our fingertips day and night!

ZI President Beryl Sten's message was delivered by our ZI Treasurer / Secretary Gloria Stootman Wristen who lives in Auburn in NY State, USA. At Conference Gloria remarked: "The women in the room all care about the same issues. It is interesting to learn what

other women are doing in other countries, using different techniques to tackle similar issues".

### Conference photos

Photos now available on the District 23 website will bring back lovely memories of our happy members, award winners, speakers and the *Night of Starz* gala dinner and entertainment.

### Greening of Ballarat

The City of Ballarat is planting one Eucalypt or Acacia tree in the Yarrowee River tree rejuvenation area for each Conference registrant as part of the Greening Ballarat Program, thus helping to reduce our carbon footprint. Gloria, Hilary and I took part in planting the first trees on Monday morning after Conference.

### Press articles

All Conference attendees will have received an emailed letter from Conference Chairman Hilary, which included scanned copies of press articles and photos published each day in The Courier. This coverage was due to the professional PR skills of Ballarat member, Past International President Val Sarah AM.

PIP Val also acted as our MC, keeping us on time in her wonderful, brilliant manner.

**Evaluation form**

If you haven't already done so, please complete and return the Evaluation Form emailed to you by Hilary, as this will assist the 2011 conference committee to plan an exciting and informative conference and take on-board your suggestions.



**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday logo**

ZI Treasurer/ Secretary Gloria advised that the

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo can be used up until 7<sup>th</sup> November 2010, i.e. we can celebrate anytime during our 90<sup>th</sup> year! So let's use this fantastic 90<sup>th</sup> birthday logo whenever and wherever we can for our events. District Secretary Jo Wittorff has produced a sheet of 33 labels which can be used for envelopes, so contact Jo at [zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au](mailto:zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au) if you would like to use these on your envelopes.

**International**

**Overseas disasters**

District Governors recently received an email from a Club President regarding a flood in her country and giving bank account details for any donations. This could be a legitimate request from a club that has seen great devastation in their country, but it could also just as easily be a scam and the Club President should have followed the chain of command, i.e. the email should be sent by her DG. International President Beryl Sten is

looking into this further and the following is part of her reply:

*"..... please refer to the fact that ZI is not a relief fund. There are disasters all over the world. If anybody wants to support individually to any of the recognised relief funds that is OK, but ZI/ZIF is not such an organization."*

Should any member receive a similar email please consider very carefully before sending a reply or monies overseas. If members wish to help countries in similar need they should look towards internationally recognized relief organisations who are responding already.

**LAA Chairman's concern**

Denise Conroy wrote: "I have noticed reference to Project 5-O on some Zonta websites; this should now be removed as **Zonta is no longer a member (nor are Soroptimists or IFUW). Project 5-O does not exist anymore – the remaining two organisations may or may not continue in some capacity.**"

**ZI Policy on "Affiliation" with other organisations**

Denise Conroy has requested that all members are aware of changes to the Advocacy Policy and Affiliation Policy (of clubs/districts with other organisations). You will find copies of these updated policies on the ZI website under the LAA page. The major change is that clubs and

districts **cannot join other organisations**. There can be co-operation with like-minded groups, but not any formal membership. Sections 1, 3, 6 and 7 of the revised policy apply to clubs and districts. It is important that all clubs /districts follow these guidelines.

Does your club have a good example of advocacy through service? If so, would you consider sending details to me with copy to Denise [d.conroy@qut.edu.au](mailto:d.conroy@qut.edu.au) so that they may be put on the ZI website to serve as inspiration for other clubs/ districts to take up if appropriate to their circumstances.

**International Convention in San Antonio, Texas USA**

I do hope that you are getting excited about the International Convention! Please check the ZI website frequently as the Convention Committee will be updating it constantly. There is already a lot on the website such as information on travel Visas, airport travel cost, pin trading and Convention STARZ logo! The Call to Convention will come out in the next Zontian and will also be put on the website with **online** registration.

Good friends are like StarZ, you don't always see them but you know they are there!



Alison Martin  
District 23 Governor

**ZI President prepares for the 'Zonta muster'**

At Conference, Zontians were enticed by an entertaining video to attend the 2010 Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

However, they could not quite believe their eyes....Yes, it really is our ZI President, Beryl Sten riding a bull!

See the video on the ZI Convention website at <http://www.zonta2010.org/>



ZI President, Beryl Sten gets ready for the 'big Zonta muster' in San Antonio in 2010. Yee haa!

**Stop Press!**

Angela Sawyer, D23 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Awardee, has just been announced as one of twelve Zonta International scholarship recipients.

Angela will therefore receive her Area 3 award (\$1,500), District 23 award (\$1,000) and now a Zonta International Award (US\$5,000) at the Area 3 Founders Day Dinner in November.

Let's encourage more women to apply for this valuable scholarship!

# Flag Ceremonies

Conference feature

The D23 Conference is traditionally opened and closed with a formal procession of flags to demonstrate the global as well as the local nature of Zonta.



The Zonta International flag heads the parade, followed by the Stars and Stripes, the Australian National flag, the Australian Aboriginal flag, then the flags of each State and Territory in the order they joined Zonta!

*Beryl McMillan 'narrating' as the flags were paraded to the stage.*

Beryl McMillan orchestrated the event beautifully, providing a narration as each flag entered and left the room.



*The flags set the stage for the duration of the conference*

The flags stay on the stage for the duration of the conference, on either side of the projection screen.

The closing flag ceremony was conducted by Naomi Arnold and the flags were formally retired from the room by members of the District 23 Board.



*The flags were paraded out at the Conference closing ceremony*

# Ceremony of Remembrance

Conference feature

Presenters Elizabeth Darling and Diane Barbeler are to be congratulated on producing a beautiful and moving Ceremony of Remembrance.

Roses were placed in a vase in memory of those Zontians who had died since the last District 23 Conference. The roses remained in pride of place in front of the podium for the duration of the conference.



Readings highlighted the spirit and determination needed by the women in the Ballarat Goldfields, to overcome the struggles they faced and how these same qualities are shown in women today through their service and commitment to Zonta.

The words and the music provided a time for quiet reflection on the contribution of Zontians of yesterday, today and tomorrow and was a poignant reminder of making every day count..





**Libby  
Lloyd, AM**

*Chair of the  
National Council  
to Reduce  
Violence Against  
Women*

Ms Lloyd highlighted some sobering statistics: 1 in 3 Australian women will be a victim of physical violence in their lifetime, 1 in 5 of sexual violence and 1 in 4 Australian children had witnessed violence against their mother or stepmother.

She spoke of the Government's commitment to establish a new Violence Against Women Advisory Group and *Time for Action: The National Council's Plan for Australia to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2009–2021*. (Visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) for papers.)

She urged all Zontians to take part in White Ribbon Day on 25 November, an event that is gaining momentum in Australia. The aim is for 1,000 White Ribbon Ambassadors to be appointed this year.

The Prime Minister has called on all men to swear never to commit, excuse or stay silent about violence against women.

Ask the men in your life to do their bit for the cause and swear their oath on [www.myoath.com.au](http://www.myoath.com.au)



**Fiona  
Krautil**

*National  
Executive Officer  
of Girl Guides  
Australia.*

Ms Krautil spoke about leadership. She shared a definition of leadership she heard from a Girl Guide: *A good leader is someone who works with others to make things happen.*

A recent survey of US Girl Scouts had revealed they regarded the top three values of a leader as being a positive attitude, the ability to listen and confidence. However, while 69% of US girls were leaders in school, only 36% were interested in becoming leaders when they were older.

She explored different styles of leadership including very successful 'level 5' leaders who were able to "blend extreme personal humility with intense professional will."

2010 will be the Year of the Girl Guide as the organisation celebrates its 100th anniversary. There are currently 10 million Guides around the world and over 1 million Australian women are or have been Guides. (Over half the Zontians at conference had been Girl Guides in their youth!) Look out for the new Guide uniform that will be launched in February 2010.



**Miss Ruth  
Bollard**

*Specialist  
Surgeon,  
Ballarat.*

Miss Bollard talked about her early life in Liverpool, the obstacles she faced during her surgical training in Yorkshire, the lack of women specialists in the UK (and Australia) and how difficult it was to compete in such a male dominated arena.

She was able to migrate to Australia provided she worked outside a metropolitan area, in an area of need, and is currently based in Ballarat.

The second part of her talk focussed on breast health and the importance of investigating any changes in your breasts especially if you have a family history of breast cancer.

Ruth provided an overview of diagnostic and surgical procedures for breast cancer and the problems of accessing them in country areas.

The photos shown of the various type of reconstruction available to women were illuminating and demonstrated Ruth's passion and pride in her chosen speciality.

## District 23 Website finds new Webmaster

Melinda Young, D23 Webmaster has done a great job for the last few years and is giving up the task while she travels the world! Many thanks for all your efforts Melinda—they have been greatly appreciated. We wish you well on your adventures.

Our new webmaster will be 'Tricia Summerfield, our D23 Archivist from the Zonta Club of Perth. 'Tricia is always up for a challenge—she may not have any previous website experience, but she met the essential criterion—she has a 'willingness to learn'. Many thanks 'Tricia!

**October is  
Australia's  
Breast Cancer  
awareness  
month.**

**Do you check  
yourself  
regularly?**





## Gloria Stootman Wristen

*Zonta International Representative*

Gloria comes from ZC of Auburn in 'upstate New York' and was accustomed to the cold weather experienced in Ballarat!

She and her husband Mason are both tax accountants in the USA and were on a whirlwind tour of Australia and New Zealand, taking in four district conferences in as many weeks—quite a challenge!

Gloria presented a very inspiring and thought provoking PowerPoint message from ZI President, Beryl Sten that urged members to *Take Action Today for a Future Beyond Tomorrow*. She outlined the need for local membership but global action.

Every club was urged to gain two

new members or more before 31 March 2010.

She reminded members to visit the ZI site for information on ZI Service projects and urged everyone to see the DVD "Missing Mothers" produced by UNICEF which had been co-branded with Zonta. The message supports our projects in Rwanda, Liberia and San Salvador.

She reiterated that money in the Foundation would only be used for its intended purpose and reiterated that Clubs may choose which fund they would like their contribution to go towards.

Clubs that donated more than \$20,000 between 1 June and 31 March would be recognised on stage at San Antonio—so get fund raising!

Finally, Gloria invited members to be in San Antonio Texas on the 25 June 2010 for the next Zonta International Convention.



Gloria at the Gala Night.

## Why we are Zontians...

Gloria reminded us that so many women still need help. She outlined the following statistics:

- 500,000 women die in childbirth each year
- 72% of the 33 million refugees are women and children
- 1.2 billion women subsist on less than \$1 a day
- 80% of transnational human trafficking is in women
- 1 in 3 women will be abused by an intimate partner in the course of a lifetime
- 1 in 5 will be a victim of rape
- 40-50% of women in the EU reported some form of sexual harassment in the workplace.

## Let's go shopping!

The Zonta Shop is a great place to shop for gifts and help a good cause at the same time.

The range of products this year was amazing: aprons, cards, balloons,

books, jewellery, nail files, glassware, Zonta badges, scarves, jackets, utility bags, heat bags, fans and much, much more!



### Want a present with a difference?

How about giving a donation in the name of your friend to the Zonta International Foundation? For example, Gloria donated \$90 to celebrate ZI's 90th birthday in the name of Amelia Earhart Fellow, Caroline Rickards, as she was so impressed with her video presentation (see page 6). During the Conference Beryl McMillan organised buckets for loose change and raised a further \$609.40! Every little helps our big Zonta cause!

## Meet the Awardees!

Conference feature

The D23 Conference is a time to meet and listen to some wonderful young women in our community. This year was no exception and Zontians delighted in the presentations by Chloe Jarratt, Ditza Teng and Aleksandra Sladojevic.

### Chloe Jarratt

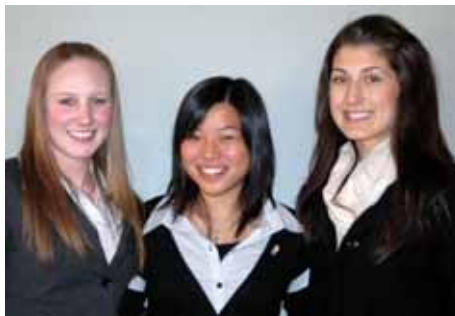
*Jane M Klausman Women in Business international Scholarship recipient*

Chloe received a D23 and a ZI scholarship. She hopes that women in business get the support they need to succeed. She has been working part time with a firm of accountants in Bendigo and will become fulltime with them at the conclusion of her degree.

### Aleksandra Sladojevic

*D23 YWPA 2008*

Aleksandra talked about the knowledge and skills developed in her early schooling and questioned why primary education was not available to all, especially girls? She talked about the wonderful programmes that Zonta is providing to women throughout the world. She saw minimum education standards as being the first step in improving the lives of women and was concerned that indigenous people should have access to a first rate primary education.



L-R: Chloe Jarratt, Ditza Teng and Aleksandra Sladojevic

### Ditza Teng

*District 23 YWPA 2009*

Ditza believed that without her failures she wouldn't have achieved what she has. Ditza wants to be a paediatrician and make her footprint on the world. At first she was not accepted into medicine, so commenced a Bachelor of Science degree. A few days previously she heard that she was successful in her application to commence a degree in medicine next year. She hopes to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS and help prevent infant mortality.

### Caroline Rickards

*Amelia Earhart Fellow 2003/04.*

Caroline provided a 'catch up' video presentation. She received her AE Fellowship for her work investigating in-flight incapacitation in Royal Australian Air Force fighter pilots and potential training methods for

reducing this risk.

She moved to the US in 2005 and was sent to NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida to conduct a study on behalf of the Army as part of the 6 week intensive NASA Spaceflight and Life Sciences Training Program for undergraduate students.

In 2008 Caroline completed her postdoctoral fellowship, but continues to work at the Institute of Surgical Research as a Research Assistant Professor through the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Hopefully, we'll catch up with her in person at Convention in 2010!



Caroline always dreamed of going into space...not quite there yet, but she is getting closer!

If your club would like a copy Caroline's video presentation, please contact Ann Horrocks.

## On a lighter note!

Conference feature

Zontians like to have a good laugh and during Conference two 'skits' helped us all to exercise those laughter muscles.

The Zonta Clubs of Albury-Wodonga, Wangaratta and Ballarat gave their version of the first Zonta meeting—fur coats and all! It was so cold in Ballarat that many Zontians were eyeing off those coats as they would be useful for the outdoor *Blood on the Southern Cross* dinner and show event later that evening!



The next day, the importance of maintaining archives was stressed in 'the Archivist' (pronounced 'Archy-Vist') a play that somehow brought together Barack Obama and an auction of Naomi Arnold's missing pink button from the 2006 International Convention in Melbourne!

Very memorable and entertaining!

# Zonta Projects

Conference feature

## Birthing Kit Foundation

*Julie Monis-Ivett*

Julie Monis-Ivett's report of the Birthing Kit Foundation made us all feel very proud to be Zontians.

It is hard to imagine that the project has now been running for ten years. In this time 560,000 kits have been distributed and 5,000 birth attendants trained.

Julie showed a fascinating film of African Masai villagers talking about the benefits that the birthing kits had brought to their community. We are so lucky to live in Australia!



*Julie Monis-Ivett with a snapshot of the video of Masai villagers*

Eventually it is hoped that Zonta International will take on the project and the Birthing Kit Foundation is working hard towards this goal.

The Birthing Kit Foundation is negotiating with AusAid for further funding and hopes to finalise this by mid November.

Meanwhile the Birthing Kit Foundation hopes to have tax deductibility within the coming months and Julie encouraged members (for \$25) and clubs (for \$60) to join the Birthing Kit Foundation. So, if you've not done it already, JOIN TODAY.

Julie also pointed out how the project had helped boost membership, with the Adelaide Hills Club having 18 members at the start of the project and this has risen to a healthy 32 today.

## Yarri Wada Project

*Carole Theobald*

As we got a little ahead with the program, D23 Governor asked Carole Theobald to provide an impromptu update on the Yarri Wada project.

Carole explained that Yarri Wada is unique as the project comes from the senior indigenous law-women

themselves. It has matured from its original focus of puppets to becoming a life education program for young women in the Kimberley.

Yarri Wada has enabled local women to be trained to develop and deliver a special course for 10-16 year olds. It has also been a catalyst to synergise the activities of many local agencies including family planning, Beyond Blue, Health Departments and local indigenous artist groups.

The outcomes have been amazing and these are in the latest Yarri Wada News that was sent to all clubs recently.

Carole urged clubs to donate again this year so another course can be developed for older girls as well as for young men. The project has captured the imagination of the community and is producing positive health outcomes.

With your help this project will fly and be self sustaining from 2011!



Download the latest Yarri Wada News, letter and donation form from [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au).

# Bushfire update

Conference feature

Judith Rothe (A4 Director) and Faye Juetz (A1 Director) advised that \$3,600 worth of goods have been distributed to the women/families of the Redesdale and Eaglehawk areas that were affected by the February 7 Black Friday Bushfires in rural Victoria.

The "Pots of Colour" project that Area 4 clubs are involved in with Bunnings was developed in response to women affected by the bushfires in Redesdale who requested some 'colour' in their lives. Plants had been potted and are now looking beautiful and have finally been distributed to the women and families on Saturday 10

October 2009. They will provide the colour requested and pots are readily transportable.

Two Zonta Clubs in Queensland donated funds to be divided between Area 4 and Area 1. (As the costs of the pots etc. were more than half of the donation, Area 1 Clubs kindly voted to pay the balance from their half). Bunnings donated two vouchers and profit from the Area 4 Workshop raffle completed the funding.

In addition, bulbs, seeds, gloves and planter boxes were received from Tasmania along with cookbooks, vouchers, pamper

packs, quilts and much more.....Great work ladies!



*Zontians constructing the 'pots of colour' included from left to right: Josie Turner (Kyneton), Raelene Schmidt (President Bendigo), Judy Rothe (A4 Director), Natalie Bonser (Bunnings administration), Bernadette Wood (Secretary Bendigo), Annette Mouat (Bendigo) and Robyn Eve (Kyneton).*



Ronda Walker (left), and the very efficient By-laws and Resolutions Committee overviewed the voting process.

Delegates were seated in a special area and were asked to raise coloured voting cards as voting was called. Tellers counted the number of cards to ensure that the majority was achieved for a motion to be adopted.

As can be seen below, all motions presented were adopted.

The motions proposed by the Ballarat Club were withdrawn, PIP Val Sarah, AM having discussed them with Gloria Stootman Wristen (our International Representative) prior to the commencement of the conference.

SUBJECT	ADOPTED
<b>Notice of Motion</b>	<b>(Yes or No)</b>
District 23 to adopt the ZI Bylaws passed at Convention 2008 – requirement of D23 Constitution	Yes
	Yes
<b>Rules of Procedure</b>	Yes
Introductory wording :	Yes
Finances 1.1 – Lt Gov or Treasurer to approve District Governor’s expenses.	Yes
Finances 1.5 – Call to conference <u>business</u> paper & Call to conference <u>invitation</u> papers (specific words inserted).	Yes
Finances 1.6.1 – Charges and taxes reimbursed if Frequent Flyer points are used.	Yes
Finances 1.6.2 – Guidelines for reimbursement of D23 board expenses; Treasurer to distribute guidelines.	Yes
Finances 1.7 – Convention: guidelines; treasurer to distribute.	Yes
District Officers 2.4 – Area Directors: guidelines for reimbursement; treasurer to distribute.	Yes
District Officers 2.1 – DG: distribution of newsletter; addition of District 22.	Yes
District Officers 2.5 – D23 Secretary: distribution of newsletter.	Yes
District Conference 4.2 – Conference bank account between conferences increased to \$6,000.	Yes
District Conference 4.7 – Amend guidelines for district service projects.	Yes
<b>Proposed Amendments to the 2008 Bylaws of Zonta International</b>	
1. Article VI, Officers and Directors, SECTION 1, Officers (a) Qualifications.	Yes
2. Article VI, Officers and Directors SECTION 2, Directors (a) Qualifications.	Yes
3. Article X, Convention, Section 4, Convention Voting Members, (b) Proxies.	Yes
	Yes
<b>Proposed Amendments to the 2008 Bylaws of the Zonta International Foundation</b>	
1. Article V, Board of Directors, SECTION 2, Number, Tenure, and Qualifications.	Withdrawn
2. Article V, Board of Directors, SECTION 3, Election.	Withdrawn





# The Elections!

Conference feature

The Nominating Committee had done a great job in presenting such a strong slate of candidates for future office and a few Zontians nominated from the floor.

Candidates had two minutes to 'sell themselves' to the audience—with minders on a bell to call time!

It soon became clear that we have some very talented Zontians in our midst and congratulations to all the candidates for literally 'standing up to be counted!'

Voting was undertaken by delegates in another room via a secret ballot process. When the vote was split, a second vote was called between the top two candidates.

District Parliamentarian Ellen Cox provided the rules and procedures for voting and Julie Wiltshire (Chairman of the Nominating Committee) presented the slate.

D23 photographer, Sally Gordon, captured each candidate in action and when Sally nominated from the floor for the Nominating Committee, Penelope Northcott (Bunbury) quickly grabbed the camera!



*Photos on right: The impressive candidates present their two minute speeches*



**The 2010-12 District Team**

*Alison Martin congratulates 2010-12 D23 team L-R: Jane Smith, Cintra Amos, Carolyn Colquhoun, Robyn Scholes, Leanne Sultan, Margaret Hinks, Anna Siebert, Judith Rothe, Georgie Hutchinson and Sally Gordon*

# 2010-12 District Officers Elect

Conference feature

<b>District Governor</b> Jane Smith	<b>Area 1 Director</b> Robyn Scholes	<b>Area 3 Director</b> Leanne Sultan	<b>Nominating Committee</b> Judith Rothe (Chairman) Sally Gordon Georgie Hutchinson
<b>Lt Governor</b> Cintra Amos	<b>Area 2 Director</b> Erica Majba	<b>Area 4 Director</b> Margaret Hinks	
<b>Treasurer</b> Carolyn Colquhoun	<b>Vice Area 2 Director</b> Anna Siebert	<b>Area 5 Director</b> Carol Fuller	

Best wishes go to Beryl McMillan as she sets off Chicago to attend her first ZI /ZIF Board meeting and also to Alison Martin and Naomi Arnold who have nominated for International positions.

# Public Relations

Conference feature

Past International President, Val Sarah, AM of the host Club was a brilliant Conference MC and in between everything else somehow managed to get a Zonta article in the local paper every day!



Val provided all clubs with a DVD on how to prepare for an exhibition. This was well received.

The History and Archives Committee under the guidance of Lennie McCall had put together a Pictorial History that was displayed at the back of the conference hall and also projected between sessions on the main screen.



In addition, the folders containing entries for the PR competition were also displayed.

*Congratulations to Award winners from the ZC of Adelaide Flinders, Ballarat, Bendigo Bunbury and Perth. Keep up the good work!*



The display and folders gave Zontians a great opportunity to see the activities of other clubs and get inspiration from the leaflets, posters, signs, media coverage and web page designs.

Visit the District 23 Website,  
[www.zontadistrict23.org](http://www.zontadistrict23.org)  
for more conference information.

D23 PR Chairman explained that entries were judged by four professional PR firms who were impressed with the high standard. Melinda Young showed a PowerPoint of the winning entries as she presented the awards which is available on the D23 website!



# The Social Side

Conference feature

When Zontians get together they know how to have fun! This is evident in the photos on this page!

Social events included:

- The 'Night with the Starz' Gala Dinner where we were entertained by the 'Seb Big Band' and singers from the Ballarat Arts Foundation, comprising some superb young instrumentalists and singers from the Ballarat area—and also experienced a reverse raffle!
- Afternoon tea for the District team to meet ZI Rep Gloria Stootman Wristen at the Pre-Conference Board meeting
- The Presidents' Reception
- The magnificent dinner and Blood on the Southern Cross Event and much more...



## Going Green



L-R: Conference Chairman Hilary Pope, DG Alison Martin, ZI Treasurer/Secretary Gloria Stootman and Cr Cheryl Bromfield planting a tree.

At registration all attendees received a certificate to indicate that a tree was to be planted on their behalf by the City of Ballarat to reduce the carbon footprint of

the conference.

This photo appeared on 21 October in "My Ballarat" the monthly community newsletter distributed by the City Council.

The symbolic tree planting took place on the Monday morning following Conference (and it was very cool and damp around Lake Wendouree at that time).

Councillor Cheryl Bromfield had welcomed us at the Conference opening ceremony, so it was fitting that she should also be in the last event too!

Thank you to the City of Ballarat for making us all so welcome.

## Change of Details

Please note the following changes in the District Directory 2009-2010

- **Adelaide** has a new club email address  
zontadelaide@gmail.com
- **Adelaide President**, Louise Temlett's correct telephone number is 08 8272 0973
- **D23 Conference Chairman, Hilary Pope's new email is** hilary-pope@bigpond.com
- **Geelong Secretary, Noelle Ewing** has a new email address  
lnewing@optusnet.com.au
- **Wangaratta Club and Secretary**, Diane Ash's correct email address is phildi1326@bigpond.com

## Raffle Result

The Conference Raffle raised a magnificent total of \$1,120 which will go to the Birthing Kit Project...and yes, Jo Wittorff did manage to get the self standing hammock back to Perth in one piece! However, it broke the first time it was used!

### Project Respect

Members have been asking how to subscribe to the Project Respect's newsletter. Just visit their website [www.projectrespect.org.au](http://www.projectrespect.org.au) or email [info@projectrespect.org.au](mailto:info@projectrespect.org.au) for more information.

## 30 Years in Zonta



*Congratulations to Past International President, Val Sarah, AM (left) as she receives a certificate to acknowledge 30 years of Zonta service from D23 Governor, Alison Martin.*

## Oops!



Please note that the photo above features Joanne Metzger our D23 United Nations Chairman (right), with Sue Conde, the Australian President of UNIFEM (left). On page 6 of the August News Flash, Ms Conde was incorrectly identified as Ms Alberti, who is the Executive Director of UNIFEM Globally. My mistake, many apologies for any confusion.

## Diary

Date	Event
24 October	United Nations Day
26 October	Pink Ribbon Day
8 November	Zonta International's 90th Birthday
25 November to 10 December	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women—White Ribbon Day followed by 16 Days of Activism Against Gender violence
1 December	World AIDS Day
10 December	UN Universal Human Rights Day
11 December	Articles due to News Flash Editor, Carole Theobald
25-30 June	ZI Convention, San Antonio, Texas.

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