



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**DISTRICT 23**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



JULY 2017

**14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONFERENCE, GEELONG**

**1-3 SEPTEMBER 2017** *Leading the way ...*

# Conference Registration NOW OPEN!

Early bird rate

20% first timers discount\*

<https://www.trybooking.com/QPYQ>

\*Off early bird rate

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation can be booked directly through the hotel or [online](#)

No special conference discount applies, however, it is suggested that before booking, Zontians join the free loyalty program offered by the Rydges group and receive Priority Guest Rewards. It only takes a couple of minutes to join, but provides savings and rewards at Rydges, Art Series, Atura and QT hotels and resorts. Members save a minimum 10% off the lowest rate every time and there are also special offers and rewards for members.

## HOW TO GET TO GEELONG

Geelong has excellent transport access, whatever your chosen method.

- Trains run regularly to and from Southern Cross Station in Melbourne. Geelong station is a 10-15 minute walk from the venue.
- Melbourne Airport is approximately 90 minutes from Geelong with regular bus services. The bus depot is a 5 minute walk from the venue.
- Zontians from Adelaide and Hobart can take advantage of direct flights to Avalon Airport, only 15 minutes from Geelong.

## JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING AT OUR CONFERENCE DINNER

When: Saturday 2 September 2017  
Time: From 7 pm till 11.30 pm  
Venue: Kardinia / Barwon Room,  
Rydges Conference  
Centre—enter from Myers St  
Cost: \$80 per person  
Includes glass of bubbles  
on arrival followed by a  
delicious three course  
meal.  
Cash bar available

Partners and guests welcome!

Enjoy the performance by  
Drop of a Hat Productions  
bringing Geelong history  
to life and then  
dance the night away  
with music by the  
wonderful  
Soul Sisters Sassy



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM SNEAK PEEK



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER HON DR LUC MULIMBALIMBA MASURURU MP

Dr Luc is well known to many Zontians through his long term involvement with the Birthing Kit project. He is a Member of Parliament, Representing Uvira District National Assembly of DR Congo, Medical Director of Luvungi Naturopathic Hospital, Luvungi, Uvira, DR Congo and Director of Mission in Health Care and Development, DR Congo & Kenya.

Dr Luc is a long term champion of women's health in the DR Congo and has been involved in establishing many programs and initiatives for health and educational improvement.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER AMANDA EWBank

Amanda joined the Bendigo Rural Bank Executive team in the role of Head of People and Culture in August 2015. Focusing on building the people capability for the business and provision of strategic advice, Amanda provides a wealth of experience from her role as Senior Manager Change Strategy and Communication for the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Group. Previously she worked in varied roles within the Group, including Head of Information Delivery (Finance and Treasury/Change), and Senior Manager, Finance and Treasury Transformation.

## YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDEES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Conference attendees will be delighted to hear from two YWPA recipients:

**Nandini Karthikeyan—who received club, district and Zonta International awards in 2016.**

**Ishka de Silva - who received club and district awards in 2017**

## WORKSHOPS

The Conference program will include workshops on:

- Membership—Building your Club
- Z & Golden Z Clubs
- PR & Communication
- Centennial Anniversary

Attendees will be able to make their workshop choice at Conference, with the view that clubs with multiple members attending will be able to have representation across the program.

## FELLOWSHIP

An extremely important part of the Conference experience is fellowship. There will be a number of events to enable attendees to socialise, network and exchange ideas.

- Friday night casual dining options (further information in the next newsletter)
- Blue Illusion and Liz Davenport fundraisers
- Informal Bollard Walks

There will also be two invitation-only events:

- Civic Reception—hosted by the City of Greater Geelong attended by District Board and Committee members.
- Presidents' Reception—hosted by D23 Governor Judy Gorton

## REMINDERS

- **Ceremony of Remembrance** forms due by 19th July
- **District 23 Service and Advocacy Project Awards** submissions due by 28th July

## WELCOME TO GEELONG

Hello says Geelong, get on your way  
Down to our beautiful City by the Bay  
Gateway to the Great Ocean Road and Bellarine  
Peninsular  
It's easy to get there by plane, train, and car.

Let us set the scene  
For your visit to Conference in twenty  
seventeen.  
World acclaimed vistas you won't want to miss  
The water, the beaches, the gardens – what bliss.

Attractions galore that will bring you great pleasure  
With a myriad of things to do at your leisure  
So much to see, we're not idly boasting  
You should plan to stay longer – there'll be home  
hosting.

Rydges is hosting the conference and more  
We know you'll receive the best service for sure  
Centrally located with nothing too far away  
You'll have everything at your fingertips during your  
stay.

The Geelong Conference will be one you'll never  
forget  
One that you'll say with satisfaction 'twas the best one  
yet'  
So start planning now to have many members attend  
We look forward to welcoming you as  
Zontians and friends.

Penned by Phillipa Challis  
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