



NewsFlash

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FROM THE GOVERNOR

Judy Gorton

Welcome to 2018 and to the last few months of the 2016-2018 Biennium.

Whilst December and January are traditionally quiet times for our Clubs, the work of Zonta International continues and in February the International Board held their meeting in Chicago. In readiness for this, my Governor's report was presented to our District 23 International Representative, Ute Scholz, via Skype. This was a great opportunity to expand on the many events and activities of the District without the usual word count restriction.

February is also the month for new Governor training in Chicago and our Lt Governor Jane Adornetto is excited to report to you on her experience.

At the District 23 Conference held last September in Geelong, delegates approved the District Strategic Plan. The plan is based on the Zonta International Biennial goals and is a guide for Clubs and its members. It is timely that Club Presidents and their committees review their plans for the remainder of the biennium to ensure that we are all working towards achieving the same goals.

Did your Club celebrate Amelia Earhart in January? What did you do to celebrate International Women's Day at the beginning of March? Be sure to share your stories by sending a photo of the event to D23 PR Chairman, Jane Smith or to "Share your Story" on the Zonta International website, Zonta.org and tag it social media posts with #ZontiansinAction. Lets show the Zonta world the great work we do in District 23.

It was exciting to read in the recent Z I Newsletter of the work undertaken by the Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales. The club was recognised by the government of South Australia for their work on the Healing Garden Project providing a healing space at one of the domestic violence shelters in Adelaide. The club won the Premier's Civic Improvement Award and was the overall winner of the Distinction Award for 2017 for an outstanding project what a great achievement.

We were all very excited to learn that two of our long serving Zontians were recognised and awarded the Medal of Order of Australia (OAM) on Australia Day. Congratulations to Julie Monis Ivett -Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills and Margaret Bird Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent.

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KEY DATES

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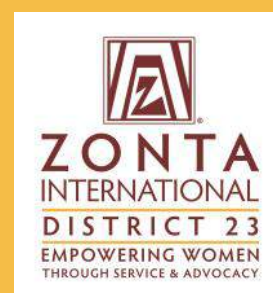
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Also recognised at an Australia Day Ceremony in the City of Mandurah in WA, the Zonta Club of Peel winning the Active Citizenship Award 2018 for outstanding contribution to the City.

Significant changes have been introduced at International level for the Awards and education programs and the District Chairpersons have been notified of these. The number of Amelia Earhart Fellowships awarded each year have been reduced to 30 Fellowships. The number of Women in Business Scholarships awarded at International level will be reduced from 12 to 6 Scholarships. The monetary value of each scholarship awarded will increase from US\$7,000 to US\$8,000.

The good news at District level is that the 32 scholarships awarded at this level for the Women in Business Scholarship will increase in value from US\$1000 to US\$2000 each. This presents a wonderful opportunity for clubs to identify suitable

candidates for this Award.

The title of the former *Young Women in Public Affairs Award* will change and be known as the *Young Leaders in Service Award*. Zonta International will also increase the award given to the 32 District and Regional awards from US\$1000 each to US\$1500.

Congratulations to all Clubs who submitted an entry for the Zonta Service Awards 2016-2018, the winners of which will be announced at International Convention in Yokohama in July.

Be sure to read the report prepared by District 23 Service Chairman Cintra Amos to find out who our District 23 winner is.

I look forward to speaking with many of you personally when I travel to the Area workshops commencing in March.

Judy Gorton

District 23 Governor-Elect Jane Adornetto with Governors-Elect from D16, 22, 24 at ZI Headquarters



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS —

Lt Governor & Governor Elect Jane Adornetto



As always, please don't hesitate to contact me about any membership matters.

It's lovely to be back in summery Australia, after a very chilly, snowy time in Chicago for Governors' Orientation. That being said, we received a beautiful warm welcome from Zonta International President-Elect Susanne and the training team, as well as the fantastic Zonta International head office staff.

Our heads are full of exciting information for the next biennium, including our combined District conference in Brisbane in September 2019. I felt very privileged to represent District 23 in Chicago. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Now, back my current position of Membership Chair!

Thank you to all clubs for their efforts in recruiting new members, as well as addressing issues of retaining current members. We have a number of clubs who have achieved the membership goal of a 5% increase for the biennium.

Those clubs are — Area 1 — Melbourne's South East; Area 2 — Adelaide Hills, Adelaide Torrens, Gawler; Area 3 - Peel; Area 4 Ballarat, Central Goldfields, Melton; Area 5 — Hobart, Hobart Derwent, Launceston.

While other clubs may not reach the % goal, their memberships levels are stable, which is positive. On the down side there number of clubs that have experienced significant drops in numbers and these need to be looked at on an individual basis. Area Directors are working with these clubs to assist them in moving forward positively.

A reminder of the excellent Global Membership Drive tools available on the Zonta International website. There is so much valuable information on recruitment and retention. It would be fantastic if all clubs via Presidents or Membership Chairs could visit (or hopefully re-visit) this information and run a session during a coming meeting to discuss with members.

I recently had an email discussion with Liz Bice from ZC Para District Area. With Liz's permission I'm sharing some of the comments she made to me.

"I have received far more being a Zontian than I could ever give back to the community or the organisation. I have learnt so much and many skills, met many interesting and stimulating people, made some wonderful friends, been supported and grown so much as a person, I feel very privileged."

Thank you Liz, for your 40 years service to Zonta, and also your reminder of some of the joys of Zonta membership.



Outside the Hotel in Oakbridge, Chicago.

NEW MEMBER CERTIFICATES



If you would like a District 23 certificate for new members, available for download

<https://www.zontadistrict23.org.au/resources/admin-documents/>



AREA 1—METROPOLITAN & EASTERN VICTORIA —Jasmine Koch

All clubs are up and running for the 2018 year with planning activities undertaken in January, social gatherings and potential members attending club activities.

I attended the ZC of Mornington Peninsula's Amelia Earhart morning tea in a member's garden on a beautiful sunny day. In keeping with an aviation theme, we were served morning tea in little boxes like you are on a plane. I must say it's the best airline food I have ever tasted! All Area 1 clubs were represented and it was a great social occasion.

As most Area 1 presidents were in attendance, we used the opportunity to hold a brief meeting to address ways to raise Zonta's profile and lead to increased membership.

Here are some of the ways clubs are raising Zonta's profile:

ZC of Melbourne on Yarra (MOY) is chartering a Golden Z Club at Monash Uni Caulfield campus. Members will be attending Orientation Week in February to help promote the new club.

ZC of Melbourne's South East (MSE) has scored a community radio interview opportunity.

ZC of Melbourne's East (ME) members have volunteered at the local Lions Op Shop for 2 x one week stints, where they receive part of the takings for those weeks. An additional week is lined up in April.

ZC MP held a sellout and very successful White Ribbon Day breakfast in November 2017 with great support from the Council, police, other community groups.

Area 1 members attending the **Walk against Violence** on 24th November 2017 held the ZC MOY's 'Zonta Says No' banner which was so prominent it caught the eye of Rosie Batty who thanked Zonta for all we do supporting the cause and posed for photos with members.

Hobsons Bay Council is partnering with **ZC Melbourne's West (MW)** for an International

Women's Day (IWD) walk around Cherry Lake Altona on 8 March 2018. It is great opportunity to boost the profile of the club with council organising and promoting the event and including the club logo on all material.

ZC MW will have a table at the Wyndham Grants and Volunteer Expo being held on IWD.

ZC MOY is holding a Pre-loved bag sale fundraiser on Sunday 18th March at Fitzroy Town Hall. It has been a major undertaking with thankfully a great response from members' networks and the general community. Over 1300 bags have been donated to date. It has definitely created awareness of Zonta and what we do.

Plus all members have got involved in some way.

ZC MOY community partnerships with Lendlease re sponsorship of club JMK Award and Metropolitan Fire Brigade joint Birthing Kits assembly afternoon in April.

All clubs actively support the **Zonta Breast Cushion** project. Each club supplying specific hospitals and the central pool.

Walk in My Shoes Project – both suitcases of display items are in Victoria and making the rounds. Feedback about the display has been very positive.





AREA 2—SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY —Pru Blackwell

Club activity is well underway for 2018. Several Clubs have undertaken successful Amelia Earhart fundraisers in January and it would appear that Area 2 will be sending in excess of \$2000 to ZI for the AE fellowship fund.

Congratulations for all the planning and doing, no mean feat for members to co-ordinate a January function!

Three Clubs have also submitted candidates for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. That's a 300% increase for Area 2 submissions compared to 2017.

Para Districts Area Club celebrated its 40th anniversary at Uleybury Wines on a lovely January Saturday afternoon.

There were a lot of guests, all of whom have had current or past contact with the Club. Ruby red was the theme which was reflected throughout the afternoon along with lots of good memories and great organizational pride in what has been achieved since the Club's inception.

Charter member Liz Bice who is the current president gave a fabulous overview of the Club's history.

Many of the Areas' Clubs are holding or being involved in International Women's Day events. It always provides Zonta a public opportunity to profile its work in communities and to partner other organisations. I always marvel at the range of guest speakers who are invited to attend breakfasts, lunches, workshops etc. What fabulous service and advocacy.

By now, most Clubs are planning the year ahead asking questions around who will be their new Club leaders, how much money do they need to raise and what will be their priority service and advocacy programs.

Increasingly our Clubs are factoring **membership planning** into this. It is vital that we do this to remain relevant to all ages and passions for women's rights.

Noarlunga Southern Vales Club are currently managing a breast cushion audit for the Area. This is not only about which Clubs make them and for

**When the whole
world is silent,
even one voice
becomes powerful**

Malala Yousafzai



AREA 3—WESTERN AUSTRALIA —Jo Wittorff

March Celebrations

With Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day just around the corner, Area 3 clubs are gearing up to celebrate at breakfast events.

Bunbury has been holding its International Women's Day breakfast for over 20 years and it has become a well-established event that celebrates, showcases, recruits and fundraises and is well supported by the local community. Dunsborough and Peel clubs previously attended Bunbury's event, but now hold their own very successful events with both clubs using the occasion to present club awards.

Perth Club has been closely involved with the official UN Women's IWD breakfast, a huge event now held at the Perth Convention Centre. Perth Northern Suburbs and Swan Hills Zontians have previously attended this celebration. The event is hosted by the WA IWD Collaboration of nine women's service clubs, including Zonta, and the annual WA Women's Hall of Fame inductees (<http://wawomenshalloffame.com.au>) are announced at the breakfast. The Hall of Fame was established in 2011, in recognition of the anniversary of the 100th International Women's Day, when 100 women were inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame. Several Area 3 Zontians are inductees. The WA Hall of Fame has recently become incorporated and is now an entity in its own right.

Perth Northern Suburbs branched out and held its own IWD breakfast in 2017, and found it such a worthwhile event that they are repeating the experience this year.

All events are sure to raise the profile of Zonta, attract membership inquiries and as well, allow members to celebrate and feel proud of their involvement in our wonderful organisation.

Moving with the Sign!

An idea from Perth Club's President, Donella Caspersz and Debbie Mason, fellow club member and founder/manager of Starting Over Support (SOS), has resulted in Area 3 clubs pooling resources to purchase 'space' on the SOS truck to put Zonta's name 'out there'. It's a win-win situation with our

Area 3 clubs supporting SOS and in return, receiving great PR for Zonta!

(See <http://www.startingover.org.au> for more information about SOS.)

Area 3 Workshop

ZC Dunsborough members are this year's workshop hosts and are looking forward to welcoming Area 3 Zontians to their beautiful part of WA on the 24th March. The theme is *'People, Purpose & Passion: Keeping Zonta viable'* and registrations are due by the **10th March**. Hope to see lots of you there Area 3-ers!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Peel, who received the City of Mandurah's *'Active Citizenship Award 2018 for outstanding contribution to the community.'* The worthwhile projects that are undertaken by this busy club do not go unnoticed and have resulted in a steady growth in membership.

Area 3 Zontians also congratulate Julie Monis-Ivett and Margaret Bird on receiving an OAM on Australia Day and feel proud that these dedicated Zontians are members of our organisation.



Photo: Peel President Lorraine Webb, after receiving the club's award on Australia Day.





AREA 4—WESTERN & NORTHERN VICTORIA—Lyn Symons

International Women's Day 2018 is taking the theme of 'Leave no woman behind.' examining the vital role that women play in humanitarian and disaster planning and response. Our Area 1 & 4 meeting on Sat 3rd March is

'Leave no member behind' and will focus on including all members in the activities of Zonta.

Celebrations continue in our Area with the next one being Wangaratta's 30th.

In what is normally a quiet time over the summer I have had two noteworthy road trips.

The influence of Zontian Di Leggo (now a Queensland resident, ex Bendigo member) continues in Victoria with Jane Adornetto and me travelling to Warrnambool to meet with her friend Anne Nichols. Anne is keen to join Zonta and start a club in

Warrnambool.

On the following weekend I travelled to Mildura and assisted with assembling 3400 birthing kits. The fundraising of over \$10,300 was achieved by a 22 year old midwife graduate (Olivia May) as part of her course. Thank you to members who made contact with their Mildura friends as about 50 attended on the day. So wonderful to be in an organisation that assists others in taking on challenges.

Should even one of these events result in a new Victorian club it will result in the Areas 1 & 4 needing to review which clubs remain in each respective Area.

Clubs are now preparing for changeover of office members and I look forward to relinquishing the Area Director's position to Ballarat's Catherine Taylor at Yokohama, Japan in June.





AREA 5—TASMANIA—Christine Hepburn

The year has started extremely well across all four clubs in Area 5, leaving me feeling proud and enthusiastic for what will be achieved by our wonderful members over the final months

of this biennium.

Selecting a few highlights to share isn't a simple task as there's so much activity and achievement to choose from, so I shall share just one from each club. For a small State, we have Zonta Clubs with huge hearts.

To start the list, Margaret Bird from the Hobart Derwent Club was recognised with an Order of Australia Medal in the 2018 Australia Day honours. This award follows Margaret's inclusion on the 2017 Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women for her Community Service work. We are thrilled to see Margaret acknowledged publicly for her tireless and extensive contributions.



Moving on, amongst their many achievements the Devonport Club members continue to work creatively and enthusiastically toward the Charter of a New Club, officially noted as being 'in formation as the Zonta Club of Cradle Coast'.

This really is an exciting point for them to reach and I look forward to seeing all their planning and work come to fruition in the form of welcoming a new club and members into our Area. They are certainly in good hands with the dynamic Devonport Club members.

The Zonta Club of Hobart is holding a Civic Reception hosted at the Hobart Town Hall by the Hobart Lord Mayor.

This event is to officially launch their website and share membership opportunities with like minded professional women in Hobart.

It's with great pleasure that I will be joining them for the evening while having the opportunity to speak with potential new members who share their vision for making a difference. As they are also hosts of our 2018 Area 5 Workshop, their small member numbers do not deter them from managing large achievements.

For our final club round up item, the Launceston Club is in full planning mode for their 40th Birthday celebration. The Launceston Lord Mayor is hosting a Civic Reception to honour this milestone occasion, with the Tasmanian Governor our key guest speaker. Her Excellency and her husband will also attend the following formal dinner for members and their partners.

The Area 5 Workshop is scheduled for Saturday 26th May and as I mentioned, will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Hobart. The title and theme is excitedly being formatted, so, as they say - watch this space... It will be an excellent event.

As we look to the final leg of our biennium journey together, I can't believe how quickly we have reached this point. Who has their finger on the fast forward button?

My gratitude remains heartfelt to each of our Area 5 Presidents and members, Governor Judy, Governor Elect Jane, and my amazing Board Member colleagues. Your collaborative natures and collective generosity of spirit shine brightly!

And to end, I would simply like to wish everyone an immensely successful and fulfilling year.

Warm regards
Christine Hepburn



ANNUAL REPORT WRITING

- Jo Wittorf, Area 3 Director

As we near the end of our Zonta year, club officers and chairmen will be preparing to write their annual reports. [Kivi Leroux Miller](#) (non-profit marketing writer trainer, coach and consultant) advises that a **non-profit** annual report should have the following “**Five Essential Elements:**”

1. Accomplishments, Not Activities
2. Real People Telling the Story
3. The Financials
4. Ample Thanks
5. A Call to Action

Access this link if you wish to read more about these elements:

<http://www.nonprofitmarketingguide.com/blog/2011/02/07/five-questions-about-nonprofit-annual-reports/>



UNITED NATIONS REPORT—Kay Stewart, D23 UN Chairman

Many clubs will be in the midst of campaigns around the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. These '16 Days' are bounded by United Nations Day (24 Nov) and UN Human Rights Day (10 Dec). ZI encourages clubs

to be involved in this important advocacy activity, in line with Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development, which includes a specific target to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Please let me know what your club has been doing so that we can all share the great ideas. (kay.stewart@monash.edu)

Another aspect of advocacy in the advancement of women is HeForShe – the UN Women Solidarity Movement for Gender Equity, which has the goal of engaging men and boys as agents of change. The HeForShe Campaign asks men and women to take active steps in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment. *The HeForShe Commitment:* 'I am one of billions who believe that everyone is born free and equal. I will take action against gender bias, discrimination and violence to bring the benefits of equality to us all.' Take the

pledge today! <https://unwomen.org.au/campaign/heforshe/take-the-heforshe-pledge/>

My thanks go to the many clubs in Areas 1 and 4 who have hosted me during November and December to learn more about ZI's connections with the UN. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you again, and feel that the information has been appreciated.

Kay Stewart
UN Chairman



HeForShe
UN Women Solidarity Movement
for Gender Equality



ADVOCACY UPDATE — Naomi Reschke, Advocacy Chairman



Congratulations to the clubs who were **active** throughout the **16 Days of Activism**.

Congratulations to the clubs who posted their actions on their club **Facebook page**, the **District 23 Website** and **Zonta International's Website**.

Take the initiative. PLAN your Club Advocacy actions for 2018. Make a difference for the women in your Area. Zonta is no longer a silent voice in the community.

Advocacy Action.

Agenda "Advocacy" as an item for your club meeting each month for reporting on actions.

Facebook your activities and share with Clubs in D23.

Access the D23 and International website for club activities, events and ideas.

Take responsibility for changes in your community to support the women most at risk.

Empower yourself and others by your direct ac-

tion to address issues for women in your community. Think about: **E-Safety** for Women. **Bystander** workshops,

Keep up to date and **Access** the information from Australian Women Against Violence Alliance.



Access information from your **State 'Office for Women'** and Minister for Women
Plan and act for the 2019 Service and Advocacy District 23 Awards in 2019.



District 23 Service—chair Cintra Amos

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Thank you to all clubs who submitted projects for the Zonta International **CLUB** Service Recognition Awards.

Districts are able to put forward a nomination for each of the two categories – 1) Empower Women & Girls, and 2) Violence against Women & Girls, but all D23 submissions received were for category 1.

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Dunsborough who was the winner in this category!

Many thanks to Jill Taylor past D23 Service Chair and Pauline Glover past D23 Advocacy Chair for undertaking the difficult task of assisting with the judging. They were impressed with all projects, but felt the Dunsborough Alliance with Busselton Senior High

School, that engaged and supported young, vulnerable girls had a direct impact on their lives, with the added advantage that the program also extended to the whole school community, attracting local media exposure.

Thank you also to D23 Breast Cushion Coordinator Margaret Bird OAM who has prepared a submission for the **DISTRICT** Awards. This project has been running for 17 years and, in the last 12 months alone, D23 has produced over 3,000 cushions.

Governor Judy has now forwarded both these nominations to Zonta International and results will be announced at the Yokohama Convention - we will be keeping our fingers crossed.

- Regards, Cintra



Young Women in Public Affairs Award

- Sue Lear, YWPA Chair

The deadline of **1 April** is fast approaching for the submission of entries for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

I hope that many clubs are in the process of completing submissions from suitable young women who meet the following criteria - **young women aged 16-19 years on 1st April 2018 who demonstrate evidence of a commitment to volunteerism, show evidence of leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women through service and advocacy.**

All club nominations are due to the YWPA District Chairman by **1st April** for District judging.

I urge YWPA committee chairs to refer to the ZI website (www.zonta.org > My Zonta > Tools > Award, scholarship and fellowship tools > Young Women in Public Affairs Award) for all relevant information, guidelines and forms: in particular refer to the instructions for saving forms.

Some important points to consider

- Remember to attach the Application Cover Sheet for Clubs from the website
- Ensure that the candidate signs the Privacy Policy and Publicity Authorization section on the last page of the application (new this year)
- Incomplete applications or those that do not meet the requirements will not be approved
- Hand written applications will not be accepted
- Word count for each answer must be adhered to and provided at the end of each answer. Any additional words will not be considered
- Relatives of Zonta members are not eligible to apply

Please ensure that you submit the application by electronic copy, preferably as a single PDF document to the YWPA Chairman Sue Lear by

1 April

Email:

slear7@bigpond.com

ADVANCE NOTICE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGES TO THE 2019 AWARD

From 2019 the Young Women in Public Affairs Award will be called the **“Young Leaders in Service Award”** to better reflect the qualities and achievements of the young women we recognize.

At the same time the value of each district award will increase from US\$1000 to **US\$1500**

Please feel free to contact me at any time by email at slear7@bigpond.com or on 0407 836 426 with any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Best wishes to all clubs and candidates – I am sure many clubs have discovered worthy young women in their communities who deserve recognition. Perhaps it will be your club’s candidate who is the District 23 awardee!

“EXTREMISTS HAVE SHOWN WHAT FRIGHTENS THEM MOST: A GIRL WITH A BOOK.”

Malala Yousafzai





District Nominating Committee

- Ann Horrocks, Chairman D23 Nominating Committee

As we are approaching the end of the biennium, the role of the 2016.2018 Nominating Committee is coming to a close, having completed the dual tasks of providing the slate for the district conference and seeking nominations for international positions for the 2018-2020 biennium.

Our new district officers will begin their roles on 4th July 2018 at the close of Convention and we know that you will continue to support our district leaders as you have done in the past. The incoming officers are:

Governor—Jane Adornetto (recently completed Governor training in 'cold' Chicago)

Lt Governor—Sandra Burns

Treasurer—Lyn Symonds

Area 1 Director—Di Hillman

Area 2 Director—Eronwy Edwards

Vice Area 2 Director—Lynda A'Bear

Area 3 Director—Faith O'Brien

Area 4 Director—Catherine Taylor

Area 5 Director—Georgie Hutchinson

Nominating Committee—Beryl McMillan, Leann Symonds, Julia Taylor

I would like to thank my committee members Belinda Jutzen and Margaret Lynch for all their support and wish the incoming nominating committee every success.

Please consider taking on a district role in the future. It expands your knowledge of Zonta as well as supporting our district members. It is not all work as it includes many fellowship and fun opportunities.

Thanks

Ann Horrocks

Chairman D23 Nominating Committee

Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula

Bystander Workshop

A **Bystander Workshop** held on 24th November, 2017, was organised by the Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula and run by the YWCA. It was attended by a number of people who were able to learn more about the issues of violence against women, as well as safe ways to intervene in a range of situations.

Zontians and members of the community attended the launch of **Shine the Light**, the digital display above the Victor Cinema which was shown during the **'16 days of activism'**. This display was made

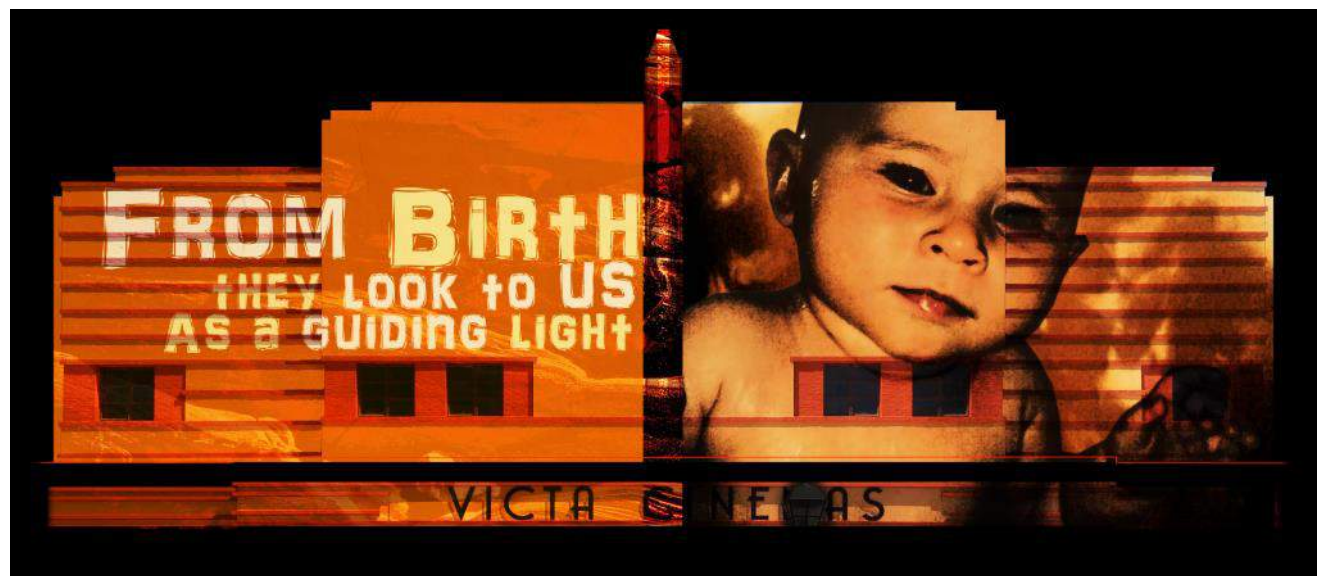
possible by the City of Victor Harbor Council and the work of two digital artists, Care Vaughan and Nisa Schebella, with music by Maggie O'Moore. A number of our members viewed this amazing display, which artistically and sensitively addressed issues of violence against women and girls. It was well worth seeing! A few schoolies celebrating in Victor Harbor were also in the area making their presence heard.

Margaret Stephens

PR & Communications Committee



Shine the Light, the digital display above the Victor Harbor Cinema which was shown during the '16 days of activism'.





Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program

- Liz Woodgate, Chairperson D23 Amelia Earhart Fellowship

News from D23 Clubs

Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills started the year with a lovely brunch at a member's home. We raised 400 dollars for the Amelia Earhart foundation and enjoyed good fellowship to start the new year.

The Zonta Club of Peel hosted an Amelia Earhart celebration in January, with around 40 attendees. We were delighted to welcome three members from the Perth Northern Suburbs Club.

Michelle Grant, Community Relations Co-ordinator from the Royal Flying Doctor Service, based at Jandakot Airport in Perth, gave an excellent insight on the way the RFDS operates its services to communities throughout Western Australia. Michelle spoke of the many challenges they face with accessing remote regions in the northwest in matters such as suitable airstrips to pick up patients, and also the recruitment of experienced pilots, doctors and nurses.

Mandurah Mayor Rhys Williams attended and congratulated the Club on its many community initiatives.

The Club presented a donation to the RFDS, and raised over \$600 for the Zonta International Foundation Amelia Earhart Fund.



2011 AE Fellow recognised with election to chair of aeronautics committee



Amelia Earhart Fellow Anshu Narang-Siddarth was recently elected as the new Chair Elect of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Technical Committee on Guidance, Navigation & Control.

The committee includes world-wide experts who are considered to have helped to develop, support and share American Institute of Aeronautics functions.

When Anshu was awarded the Amelia Earhart Fellowship in 2011, she was studying aerospace engineering at Texas A&M University. A

t the time, she was researching how to improve the ability of Unmanned Air Vehicles to change shape autonomously, allowing them to have longer endurance, an increased payload and higher speed.

STEM doll chosen as American Girl Doll 2018 Girl of the Year

Kicking off January, American Girl Doll announced their 2018 Girl of the Year and newest character as Luciana Vega, a Chilean-American who hopes to one day be an astronaut. American Girl hopes this newest doll will encourage young girls to become interested in science, technology, engineering and math.



CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

BELIEVE • INVEST
EMPOWER

PIP Val Sarah, AM, DGSJ for the CAEC Committee

Dear Zontians, have you ever wondered how decisions are made which affect our future in Zonta?

During the holidays I came across an article in The Zontian documenting a proposal written by the then President-Elect Ruth Walker to be put before the 1988 Convention regarding the use of excess service monies. In the resolution, one of three uses was that approximately US \$70,000 dollars be used *“to establish an Endowment Fund, with the interest generated from this Fund going to sponsor service projects in the future.*

This resolution was passed. So what happened to this Fund?

Apparently, from the time of the 1988 Convention, the Endowment Fund sat untouched gathering interest until it stood at a total of US 1 million dollars ... a princely sum, but the interest on the investment was not enough to assist in funding a project.

At the ZI convention in Orlando in 2014, President Lynn McKenzie launched the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign (CAEC), with the goal of raising US 10 million dollars by 2020 and growing the Fund in perpetuity, so that the income generated would be substantial enough to fund something which might be regarded as a ‘signature project’ for the future.

The current situation is this. The Campaign enjoyed a ‘Kick-Off’ globally during the 2017 District Conferences, and we all had the opportunity to consider a number of options for giving. With fresh understanding of the purpose for the Campaign, Zontians around the world started to donate, and the funds raised so far are in excess of US 1.8 million dollars.

This little message is to thank you for your support, and to advise that our Regional Representatives are happy to help with information about the Campaign if you need it. They are Liz Bice in South Australia, Julie Wiltshire in Tasmania, Ann Horrocks in Victoria, and Carole Theobald working with Liz

Woodgate in Western Australia.

We are very excited to learn that we’ll have an opportunity to meet as a group in Yokohama, and look forward to sharing further news with you in the 2016-2018 biennium.

Cheers, VAL



District Governor Judy Gorton has announced a new committee made up of past Governors and other senior Zontians who have held leadership roles. This group—the ‘D23 Centennial Anniversary Celebration Committee’—is comprised of the following members.

*Margaret Rowland—Chairman
(ZC of Adelaide Flinders)*

Karen Groves (ZC of Perth)

Dawn Newman (ZC of Perth Northern Suburbs)

*Naomi Reschke—D23 Chairman
Advocacy (ZC of Gawler)*

Julie Wiltshire (ZC of Hobart Derwent)

It will be the task of this Committee to work across the District to encourage clubs and enthuse all members to focus on events that will promote Zonta’s centenary. As one of ZI’s goals this biennium, the Anniversary will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to

- **Celebrate our successes and longevity.**
- **Increase Zonta’s visibility.**
- **Influence opinions and attitudes about women’s issues.**
- **Enhance ZI’s impact as leading advocates for issues affecting women and girls.**

Districts around the world will be setting up similar committees, all working towards this common goal. Heading up the International Committee are—

Beryl McMillan OAM—Chairman
(ZC of Melbourne on Yarra)



Z & GOLDEN Z CLUBS—

Judy Rothe, Co-ordinator

Golden Z Club for Monash University

I am thrilled to inform you all that the **Melbourne on Yarra Zonta Club** has decided to sponsor a Golden Z Club at Monash University Caulfield campus.

D23 is proud to advise all clubs and members of our two Golden Z clubs and four Z clubs (with two clubs still to charter) and report on two of our Z Clubs ongoing fundraising and projects.

After the successful 'Leading the Way with the Youth of today' at the D23 Conference in Geelong in 2017 we are confident there will be more Z's clubs chartering this year.

The Kyneton Secondary College Z Club has chosen to support 'Kakenya's Dream' as one of their projects.

Kakenya's Dream is an international non-profit organisation leveraging education and knowledge to change the life trajectory of marginalised girls in remote and underserved areas of Africa. The goal of this 'dream' is to see every girl in Africa achieve her full potential through education, free from female genital mutilation and child marriage. The KSC ZClub members donated AUD \$537 to this African project.

\$300 was also donated to the Annie North Womens Refuge Centre.

The Centre's representative accepted the donation from Lauren Cocks the new Z Club President and then pressed on the group that not only was the money very welcome and needed but that this support showed the women at Annie North they were not alone and people did care about them.

Allea Ferguson the Captain of the Kyneton Secondary College and a past President and member of the KSC Z Club since its charter six years ago won three Senior School awards and the 2017 ZCK service Z club award.

Ogilvie High School Z Club raised \$715 and will go towards the Z Club birthing kits for 2018. The girls also donated \$250 to organisations who support young women in crisis.

The entire Z club consisting of 24 girls {made up of year 8 & 9 students} participated in the White Ribbon March. President Bonnie and Vice-President Fraya walked either side of the Tasmanian Premier holding the leading banner of the march.

The girls hosted a forum the next day at Ogilvie High School on Cyberbullying. Three High Schools came to listen to the "Think U Know" presentation by the Tasmanian Police.

The Z Club girls provided the entire School with white ribbons to wear for the week to raise awareness of VAW.

A Z club award will be presented to the outgoing Secretary Maddisson Griffin who has been an inspirational member of the Z Club in 2017.

The Teacher/Coordinator of OHS Z Club, Michelle Hudspeth said it will be a pleasure to work with the girls again in 2018.





Ogilvy High School Z Club



Kingston High School Z Club with two boys as members this year. Tilby far right is the new Secretary.



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Walk Against Family Violence



On Friday 24 November, 2017 the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra participated in the Walk Against Family Violence, which began with a rally and speeches in Federation Square and then wound its way through the centre of the city.

The Walk was held as part of awareness raising about the issue, in conjunction with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November).

We were joined by Zontians from the Zonta Clubs of Melbourne's East and Melbourne's South East behind our spectacular 'Zonta Says NO' banner'.

We took every effort to be visible to the crowd and the press and were amply rewarded when joined by Rosie Batty (2015 Australian of the Year) who came to thank us for the work that Zonta is doing in the struggle to eliminate violence against women. She graciously posed for photographs with us.



Zonta Club Fleurieu Peninsula

Display at Port Elliot Southern Agricultural Show

A colourful display of pink hearts and balloons decorated the Zonta Stand at the Port Elliot Southern Districts Agricultural Show in October.

Samples of our breast cushions, birthing kits and information about other Zonta projects as well as membership were displayed to inform the local community about Zonta International and its aims.

Club members were present to answer questions about Zonta from many interested visitors. The club also received several donations towards breast cushions.

