

## Preparing for our future

In recent months, District 23 Zontians have been faced with some huge challenges. Our clubs have had to find new ways to operate through hellish bushfires and the Covid-19 pandemic. It has not been easy – but we did it.

The indications are that climate change will present us with many new challenges - and whatever happens - we need to be ready.

This is where our District 23 Futurist comes in. A futurist is someone that undertakes research to identify trends, imagines what our Zonta world can look like under a variety of scenarios, and finds ways to help us be future-ready.



*D23 Futurist, Carole Theobald*

Our new District 23 Futurist is Carole Theobald. In her day job, Carole has her head in the future – working on projects to prepare her State for 2050 and beyond. She researches new technologies and the impacts that climate change will have on transport systems and communities. She works closely with the energy, environment, and development sectors to prepare for a net zero future. She is well-placed to apply her research to Zonta.

Zonta has an influential role in giving a voice to women as we prepare for our future. With each new disaster, Zonta’s health, education, and violence eradication programs are going to be more important than ever.

What can we do?

Carole is bringing together a D23 Futures Think Tank. This will be an online community where Zontians can share research and ideas. So far, she has enlisted Judy Gorton (D23 Centurion) and Sandra Burns (D23 Governor). If you would like to join the Think Tank, please email Carole at [theobald214@gmail.com](mailto:theobald214@gmail.com).

In coming weeks, Think Tank members will receive bite sized chunks of information – to whet your appetite – with links to key areas of research. Together we will find ways to be future-ready!