



Conference 2021
Bendigo, Vic

Join us in Bendigo.

We can't wait to see you!

10-12 September 2021

Invitation from District 23 Governor Sandra Burns

I am looking forward to joining with you all at the Zonta International District 23 Conference in my home town of Bendigo in September. We will be celebrating women and creating opportunities for action to improve the lives of all women and girls.

Bendigo will provide an ideal location for the Conference. We hope you extend your time and enjoy a holiday in Central Victoria.

You will enjoy the striking historical architecture, fabulous restaurants, the Gallery along View Street as well as the wineries. Attendees will be hosted in the grand buildings of the Capital Theatre and Town Hall.

Along with the District 23 Board and Conference Committee and the Zonta Club of Bendigo, I am looking forward to welcoming you to Bendigo.

Sandra



On a recent trip to Bendigo I stopped by our logo inspiration "Celebrating Women"!

From your Conference Co-Chairmen Jane Adornetto & Judy Gorton

Little did we know when we were gathered for Conference in Brisbane in 2019, the challenges 2020 would bring us all. As we know, though, Zontians however are resilient and inventive and the effort expended in ensuring our clubs continued to operate in 2020 was inspiring.

Whilst COVID-19 is still a component of our lives, the conference committee is planning an *in-person* event in Bendigo in September. We know District 23 Zontians love a get-together, perhaps this year more so.

We're excited with how the program is coming together. Further details, including accommodation options, will be provided in coming newsletters. As with previous conferences, registration will open towards the middle of the year.

What do you think of our conference logo? We think it's the perfect fit for our conference being held in Bendigo. "Celebrating Women" was designed by Bendigo artist Yvonne George, dedicated in 2001. Celebrating Women "a sculpture recognising the role of women in the development of Bendigo from the discovery of gold in 1851 to the present day". Tania Ryan from Petit Pixel Design in Bendigo took inspiration from the sculpture to develop the Conference logo. We thank Yvonne George and the City of Greater Bendigo for their permission use the piece as a basis for our logo.

Please put 10-12 September in your diary and **join us in Bendigo. We can't wait to see you!**

Regards,

Jane & Judy

PS Our conference email account is active zontad23conf@gmail.com Contact us with any queries.

About Bendigo

Bendigo is one of Australia's largest inland cities, supporting a local population of 112,000 and regional population of close to 240,000. Our location in the geographic centre of Victoria is two hours from Melbourne by road or train and a 90-minute drive from Melbourne Airport with the CBD only 10 minutes from Bendigo Airport.

Bendigo has a fascinating history and was once one of the richest cities in the world after gold was discovered here in 1851. The impact of the gold rush is still evident today, particularly through our beautiful streetscapes and historic buildings.

Arts and culture



Bendigo's reputation as a leader in the provision of arts and cultural experiences is firmly established. Bendigo Art Gallery has developed a reputation for staging international-standard exhibitions. The gallery is second only to the National Gallery of Victoria in terms of attendances at cultural institutions across Victoria.

Our attributes include award-winning restaurants and cafes, celebrated arts and culture scene, major festivals and events, and beautiful heritage and natural surrounds also contribute to our brand as a liveable community. Ulumbarra Theatre hosts internationally acclaimed performance. There is always something to do and see in Bendigo.

Heritage and events

Bendigo's heritage is visible across the city and visitors can experience Bendigo's living history at the Central Deborah Gold Mine, the Golden Dragon Museum, Joss House Temple and Bendigo Tramways. Bendigo's stunning Rosalind Park and the Bendigo Botanic Gardens offer great spaces to relax and take a break.

Bendigo boasts an exciting calendar of events throughout the year playing host to major state, national and international sporting events, large conferences and a wide range of other events. We look forward to hosting your event soon.



The Capital



The Capital, located on historic View Street, was originally built as the Sandhurst Masonic Hall in 1873 and boasts one of the finest entries of any arts centre in the nation, with towering Corinthian columns and an interior that has been restored to its original grandeur. The 480 seat capacity Capital Theatre sits above two elegant heritage chambers – The Capital's Banquet Room and the Bendigo Bank Theatre.

YOUR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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