



Conference 2021  
Bendigo, Vic

# Join us in Bendigo.

## We can't wait to see you!

### 10-12 September 2021

## Program announcements!



### **Jess Hill**

Jess Hill is an investigative journalist who has been writing about domestic violence since 2014. Prior to this, she was a producer for ABC Radio, a Middle East correspondent for The Global Mail, and an investigative journalist for Background Briefing. She was listed in Foreign

Policy's top 100 Women to follow on Twitter, and her reporting on domestic violence has won two Walkley awards, an Amnesty International award and three Our Watch awards. Jess was awarded the Stella Prize in 2020 for her book "See What You Made Me Do" and has had a recent television series of the same name. Jess will be our Keynote Speaker on Saturday morning. After her session Jess will be available to sign books.

### **Natalie Isaacs**

Natalie Isaacs is the founder and CEO of 1 Million Women, a global movement of women and girls who take practical action to fight climate change by changing the way they live. A former cosmetics

manufacturer, **Natalie** realised that individual action is key to a powerful path to solving the climate crisis. Under Natalie's leadership 1 Million Women has been built from scratch into what it is today - a powerful beautiful and bold movement of over 1 million women and girls and counting.

Natalie will join our Gender Equity & Climate Action panel on Sunday morning.



## Reminder—Award Deadlines

PR & Communications—16th July 2021—applications to Chairman Jo Wittorff—jowittorff@gmail.com

Service—16th July 2021—applications to Chairman Di Hillman—dizonta4@gmail.com

Advocacy—16th July 2021—applications to Chairman Lesley Sweetman—lgsweetman@bigpond.com

Governor's Award—The Heide Taylor Honour Roll— 15th July 2021—District 23 Governor—zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au

## From your Conference Co-Chairmen Jane Adornetto & Judy Gorton

District 23 Zontians,

Planning any event in COVID-19 times can be difficult, however rest assured, even though we have experienced some challenges in Victoria recently, the Conference team is still working hard to provide an in-person event in September. To that end, we have delayed opening registration, until we are better informed about any changes to regulations in Victoria regarding

events and venues, that may directly affect our Conference.

When planning your trip to Bendigo, we urge you to look carefully at the refund policy for airlines and accommodation. In the unlikely cancellation of the event, District 23 will refund all registrants their full registration fee, however we cannot take responsibility for any other costs a registrant may incur in cancelling travel plans.

Note: full refund policy will be advised one registration details are released. In this newsletter we are delighted to make announcements regarding keynote speakers, as well as requesting information from clubs on our Market Place and Ceremony of Remembrance and various District 23 Awards.

Regards, **Judy & Jane**

## Ceremony of Remembrance

A ceremony to celebrate the lives and contributions of Zontians who have passed away during the biennium will be held at the District Conference.

Clubs are asked to provide details of members who have died since the previous Conference in Brisbane in September 2019. The person MUST have been an active member at the time of their death.

For the purposes of the Ceremony, please send the following details to Kay Stewart  
[kay.stewart@monash.edu](mailto:kay.stewart@monash.edu) :

Name

Club

Total years of Zonta Membership

Photograph (digital)



### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE Co-Chairmen

Jane Adornetto—ZC Geelong  
Judy Gorton—ZC Perth

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### Committee Member

Kay Stewart—ZC Melbourne on Yarra

Direct any conference queries to our dedicated email address:

[zontad23conf@gmail.com](mailto:zontad23conf@gmail.com)

## Length of Membership Recognition



Zonta International encourages the recognition of members at each **five-year** milestone. Clubs are responsible at 5, 10 and 15 years and Districts from 20 years onwards.

In 2017, District 23 instituted a presentation of badges at district conferences to recognise these long-serving members. We are asking clubs (or members themselves) to advise of people qualifying for recognition this year.

Those with continuous membership (not necessarily with the same club) will have joined Zonta in the years 1970, 71, 75, 76, 80, 81, 85, 86, 90, 91, 95, 96, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006. However, the years of service do not have to be continuous e.g. a member joining in 1991 who had a 5-year break before re-joining would qualify for a 35-year badge. Records from Zonta International are not helpful in this regard, so we are happy to accept the 'honest and trustworthy' declarations of members.

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[kay.stewart@monash.edu](mailto:kay.stewart@monash.edu) :

Name

Current club

Any former club(s) and span of years of membership

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we will be offering space for clubs to sell their Zonta merchandise at the Conference. If you are wishing to take a table (\$20), or half table (\$13), please send the following details to the Conference email address

[zontad23conf@gmail.com](mailto:zontad23conf@gmail.com)  
by 15th August 2021.

- Name of Club
- Contact Person name and email address
- Full description of merchandise for sale (including whether the merchandise is Zonta labelled)
- Size of table required

If we receive more requests for tables than space available the conference committee may allocate 1/2 tables only to address this



The conference committee is looking to provide the best value for money registration for attendees and all costs are assessed carefully. The committee has made the decision not

to print a conference handbook. The book will be provided in electronic format to all registrants. As with the 2019 Brisbane Conference, we will not be producing name tags with lanyards. We ask all attendees to wear their club name badge instead. These initiatives fit extremely well with District 23's Zonta Says Now program for "gender equality and climate action".