



Newsflash

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Dear Members,

Amazingly we have been able to hold all our Area Workshops in person. Such a change from 2020. I attended the Area Workshops held over the past few months: here in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart. It has been such a pleasure to meet so many Zontians and to be involved in the interesting programs by Area Directors for their members. (See a short summary in this newsflash) Congratulations on inspiring our membership.

Significant birthdays are a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of our Zonta Clubs and recently I have had the pleasure to celebrate 50 years with the Zonta Club of Hobart, 55 years by the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra, 40 years by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs and shortly the 30th birthday of the Zonta Club of Dunsborough. Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Melbourne's South East who will be celebrating 40 years in June. We also acknowledge the Zonta Club of Devonport and Bendigo who recently celebrated 40 years.

I have rolled up my sleeve to have my first COVID-19 vaccine and I urge you all to protect yourselves with the vaccines offered. I wanted to ensure I will have my second jab by the time I head off to the Conference in Bendigo.

We welcome our new **Area 4 Director Chris Denmead** and our new **District 23**

Advocacy Chair to the leadership team. It is great to have enthusiastic members step up to these roles. Zonta provides a great leadership journey and I encourage clubs to nominate members to stand for District roles. It is a great way to learn about Zonta and there is wonderful support within our organization to assist those who take on these roles. I know the Nominating Committee is keen to receive nominations.

Thank you to all those clubs who have sent their Annual Reports to me and the District Secretary Kimberley. It is wonderful to read how much your clubs have achieved in the past 12 months despite the restrictions we have had to work under. District Secretary Kimberley is also awaiting your Club Officer forms so that we can complete the new District Directory. This information is also required at Zonta International so please complete the 2022 ZI Club Officer form as well which can be accessed via this [LINK](#).

All clubs will have received information on the various awards to be presented at Conference, so I do hope your club will put in applications. I urge that you also consider nominating one of those “quiet workers” in your club for the Governor’s Award. All the information on these awards is on the [District 23 website](#).

I have enjoyed listening to the Leadership Program’s new initiative; [Remarkable Women; Powerful Stories](#). These can be accessed on the ZI website and there is no need to get up in the wee hours of the morning to participate, unless you are a night owl, as all Stories are recorded.

While in Melbourne I was able to attend a family day visit to my granddaughter Emilia’s kindergarten. I was so impressed when the teacher conducted the Acknowledgement to Country, suitable language for the children and impressed that the children all knew and understand the words. On this note I wish to advise that the three Australian Zonta Districts have given support to the [Statement from the Heart](#). If you have not read it I urge you to do so, especially in this Reconciliation Week.

Our Zonta Says Now is forging ahead and Carole Theobald our Futurist, has put together a Club Champions Guide so watch out for it at your club or view the newsletters being produced each month. Lots of great ideas on the [Zonta Says Now](#) website.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Bendigo in September.

Sandra

Sandra Burns

Zonta International District 23

Governor 2020-2022

Zonta Club of Perth Inc.

Welcome to new members on the District Team!



I joined the Zonta Club of Geelong in July 1999.

My years in the club have provided me with so much knowledge about local and international issues, broadened my understanding of many issues, taught me much about advocacy and involved me in many local issues and through all of this, connected me to many wonderful women.

I have been a member of and chaired our Service and Advocacy committee for many years, have been Club President for two years and Club Secretary for four of the past five years

District Conferences have always been a highlight but topping the bill was attending ZI Convention in Japan (so roll on Brisbane). I look forward to taking on a new role in Zonta and providing support and assistance to Clubs in Area 4.

Having said the above, the overriding reason I belong to Zonta is to give back. To try and leave the world a better place when I leave it is sometimes a daunting thought. Contributing to the Zonta Foundation for Women means small individual efforts, when gathered together, do make a difference

Chris Denmead

Area 4 Director 2021-2022



Lesley Sweetman, our new District Advocacy Chairman, joined Zonta Noarlunga Southern Vales in 2019. She has worked in the fields of health, safety and environment with her recent employment with the Victorian Dept of Health and Human Services in the role of Chief OHS Officer. Lesley's work environments have been diverse over the years ranging across food industries, banking and manufacturing. She now considers herself to be semi-retired taking on occasional short contracts.

Lesley accepted the nomination of President of the Zonta Noarlunga Southern Vales club in 2020. She is interested in advocacy and is keen to grow the membership of the club.

Kingia Z Club, Bunbury Senior High School Charter Presentation



At the charter presentation ceremony at Bunbury Senior High School on the 4th May, the school's new Kingia Z Club members joined members of 273 Z Clubs in 25 countries around the world and will work to bring new and meaningful student-led service and advocacy projects that support their school and their community. Ms

Brooke Cleggett, the Z club school advisor providing support and guidance to members, gave a welcoming speech, as did Mr Mike Sinagra, Bunbury Senior High School's Principal. Parents of the students and members of the Zonta Club of Bunbury, the sponsoring club, also attended to witness the new club's formation.



IMAGE: Governor Sandra with Area 3 Director Tyril Houghton, presenting the new club's Charter Certificate from the Zonta International President to Bunbury SHS year 11 student Zoe Anderson-Hicks, the Kingia club's charter president.

Congratulations and welcome to our new Z club in District 23!

IMPORTANT REMINDER
from the
District Nominating Committee

Nominations deadline is
Monday 7th June



District Bylaws and Resolutions Committee
Beryl McMillan OAM - Chairman

Proposals for change to the governing documents

Any individual or club may submit proposals for change to the governing documents. It may be proposals for:

- changes to the Zonta International Bylaws or Rules of Procedure, or
- changes to the District 23 Rules of Procedure, or
- a resolution for the 2022-2024 biennium.

If planning to do so, please read the [attached Memo](#) carefully and refer to the current versions of the relevant documents. This document is also on the District 23 website.

NOTE: Proposals should be sent to the District Secretary and the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee by **Tuesday 22 June 2021**.

Beryl McMillan OAM

District 23 Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chairman

Women in Technology Scholarship
Georgie Hutchinson - Coordinator

2021



WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Encouraging women to pursue education,
career opportunities and leadership roles
in information technology



**US\$8,000 to up to 20 innovative
women from around the globe**

DEADLINE: 15 OCTOBER 2021

To apply, visit zonta.org/womenintech

The Women in Technology Scholarship is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

District Projects - Update

Good news from the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia!



**Birthing Kit
Foundation**
Australia

Our Birth Kits are ALL now environmentally friendly!

For people and planet

Our new kit, still only \$5, provides the same level of protection, but leaves less of an environmental footprint.

For people and planet

The plastic bag and sheet are treated with an organic compound and are biodegradable in microbe rich environments such as landfill.



Learn more at bkfa.org.au

Mental Health First Aid Project - Resource

The Zonta District 23 Project Guide for Mental Health First Aid Skills for women in rural Australia is an excellent resource for all clubs but particularly helpful to

clubs that are not quite sure how to get started on this project. If you have not seen this resource, download a copy now. (Also available on our D23 website.)

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR YOUR COPY!

Breast Cushion Project



Kerry Cameron, District Breast Cushion Project Coordinator, has requested a report from club coordinators for the six month period January to June 2021. Download the report template, if you have not received it. [CLICK HERE](#)

Public Relations and Communications

Jo Wittorff - Chairman

What is Zonta?

Are you still asked this question when you say you are a member of Zonta?

Zonta International PR&C Committee Chairman, Barbara Hastings, wants to give us the thumbs up about **the exciting campaign** that is about to launch, aimed to bring more widespread awareness about Zonta International. President Langenbeck enthusiastically endorses this plan.



The International PR&C Committee believes an **elevator speech** can help. It provides consistent messaging, helping to promote the Zonta brand. They are

seeking to have a set of pitches, from everywhere in the world and in every language, that we can use to cement our brand.

An elevator speech is a clear, brief message or “commercial” about our organization. It communicates who we are, what we are looking for and how it can benefit our organization.

The idea behind having an elevator speech is that you are prepared to share this information with anyone, at any time, such as during an elevator ride.

The pitches will be targeted to someone who has not heard of Zonta and especially aimed at a diverse audience, such as students; women and men involved in fighting domestic violence; potential funders or donors. We will offer tips and examples so clubs can easily participate.

The campaign will be announced in early June. The International PR&C Committee will meet with District PR Chairs to alert them of the campaign, its timeline, and how to help Clubs create their pitches. Through June, July and August, they will be working with these PR Chairs so they can be the go-to sources for Clubs about the campaign. The campaign’s toolkit will be released in early August and they will begin accepting the pitches 1 September. Deadline for entries is 8 October.

2021 Area Workshops



Brazen Hussie Zontians!

AREAS 1 AND 4 WORKSHOP REPORT - [CLICK HERE](#)



Area 2

Area 2 hosted a dinner for the D23 Board before the workshop

AREA 2 WORKSHOP REPORT - [CLICK HERE](#)



2020 D23 JMK winner

Area 3

AREA 3 WORKSHOP REPORT - [CLICK HERE](#)



Area 5

Gov Sandra & the Hon. Professor Ko Warner AC cutting ZC Hobart's 50th birthday cake.

AREA 5 WORKSHOP REPORT - [CLICK HERE](#)

Save the Dates

16th District 23 Conference 2021 10-12 September 2021



Bendigo, Victoria

Read the second [conference newsletter](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Zonta Club of Bendigo website

65th Zonta International Convention 25 to 29 June 2022 Hamburg - Germany

See our new look for the
2022 Hamburg Convention!



www.zonta.org/Convention



[CLICK HERE](#)