



Conference 2021
Bendigo, Vic

Join us in Bendigo.

We can't wait to see you!

10-12 September 2021

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO 18TH AUGUST!

<https://events.humanitix.com/zonta-district-23-conference-2021>

From your Conference Co-Chairmen Jane Adornetto & Judy Gorton

District 23 Zontians,

We know the world we live in is uncertain. From one week to the next lockdowns happen and restrictions change. It's concerning and confusing for us all. As you can imagine planning our District 23 Conference in this environment is, at times, challenging.

HOWEVER, our Conference Committee is up to this challenge! We continue to work towards providing a fantastic in-person event in Bendigo.

The Conference Committee met this week, and, with the support of the District 23 Board, have decided to extend the Early Bird registration period until 18th August 2021. Coupled with our refund policy, announced in our last newsletter and repeated on Page 3, we feel you will have comfort in registering, knowing that if the event is cancelled for COVID-19 reasons, you will receive a full refund of your registration.

There are COVID-19 protocols we will need to adhere to, including mandatory QR Codes, the likelihood of mask wearing indoors, and no buffet food service. Certainly nothing we can't handle!

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On the following page you will find an overview of the Conference program. Whilst there still may be a few tweaks to timing etc., we're very happy with the content which provides a great balance of Zonta business, along with inspiring keynote speakers and informative panel discussions.



We're also delighted to announce a further keynote speaker, **Mary Crooks.**

Since November 1996 Mary Crooks, AO, BA (Hons), MA has been the Executive Director of the Victorian Women's Trust, a gender equality agency advocating for the rights of women, girls and gender diverse people, established in 1985 and based in Melbourne.

Mary has directed ground-breaking projects focused on major issues facing women, inviting participation from women and men. She has researched and authored hugely acclaimed publications. She leads a very effective team and is the recipient of major awards. Mary will be a participant in the Advocacy Panel in Sunday morning's panel.

As previously announced, Jess Hill and Natalie Isaacs will be part of our program. Unfortunately, given the COVID-19 situation in NSW at present, it is doubtful they will be able to appear in person due to Victorian regulations. We are, however, making arrangements for them both to appear via Zoom, or other electronic means, so we will still have benefit of hearing from these inspiring women. We pass on our best wishes to all in NSW, particularly those in our Zonta family.

CONFERENCE DINNER

Please note tickets to the conference dinner can only be purchased prior to the conference through the Humanitix link. At past Conferences there may have been options to purchase last minute tickets to the dinner at the Conference. Please note that this will not be possible in Bendigo. We are strictly governed by COVID-19 protocols regarding venues and their capacity.

As always, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us via the Conference email zontad23conf@gmail.com

Regards, **Jane & Judy**

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Program Outline

CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ZONTA'S FUTURE

FRIDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER	SATURDAY 11 TH SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 12 TH SEPTEMBER
<p style="text-align: center;">12 noon – 2.30pm Ulumbarra Foyer Registration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ulumbarra Theatre 2.00pm Delegates and first timer's briefing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2.30pm – 3.45pm 1st Business Session <u>All club delegates must be available</u> Housekeeping Open Conference & D23 AGM Registration & credentials report Standing Rules Report of the Nominating Committee Candidates Speeches</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3.45pm Light refreshments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4.15pm – 7pm Opening Ceremony Welcome to Country D23 Governor Messages from Zonta International President Sharon Langenbek & D23 ZI Liaison Florence Fischer-Herber Flag Parade Bendigo Mayor Keynote speaker – Sue Mills - Kirkland Lake Gold Women of Note Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Reception (Included in registration cost for Zontians; ticketed event for guests)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evening Dine out in Bendigo Past Governor's Dinner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.00 – 8.45am Ulumbarra Foyer Registration Open Ulumbarra Upper Foyer Voting For Election of District Officers (D23 Officers & Delegates only)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8.45 am Welcome & Housekeeping 9.00 am – 9.30am 2nd Business Session Registration & Credentials report Roll call of clubs Governor's Address & biennium report 9.30am – 10.30am Keynote Speaker - Jess Hill</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.30 – 11.00 am Morning Tea Marketplace Open</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11am – 12.30pm Learning the First Peoples Journey/Club input 2nd Business Session ctd District Foundation Ambassador & Endowment Campaign Ambassador Announcement of election results</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12.30 - 1.30 pm Lunch Marketplace Open 1.30pm – 3pm 2nd Business Session ctd Video from Z & Golden Z Clubs YWPA D23 and ZI recipient - Eloise Amirtherajah Minutes of previous AGM Membership Report District Projects: Mental Health First Aid Birthing kits 3pm – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea Marketplace Open 3.30pm- 5.00 pm 2nd Business Session cont. District Treasurer's Report Bylaws & Resolutions Report D23 Strategic Plan D23 Goals Open Forum</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.00 pm Bendigo Town Hall Conference Dinner (Optional ticketed event)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.45am – 10.15am Ulumbarra Theatre Housekeeping Ceremony of Remembrance 5 minute break Years of Service Presentation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gender Equity and Climate Action Panel With Natalie Isaacs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.15am – 10.45am Morning Tea</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.45am – 12 noon Advocacy Panel with Mary Crooks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service Awards Advocacy Awards PR Awards Governor's Award</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2022 Convention Presentation 2023 Conference Presentation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conference Highlights (Governor Elect)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing remarks: Conference Co-Chairs & D23 Governor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12.30 Conference Closes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1.30-2.30 pm 2020-2022 + 2022-2024 District Boards meet Barclay on View</p>

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Reminder—Deadlines

Ceremony of Remembrance honouree information —15th August 2021—kay.stewart@monash.edu

Length of Membership Recognition information—15th August 2021—kay.stewart@monash.edu

Market Place—15th August 2021—zontad23conf@gmail.com

Refunds COVID-19

If the event is cancelled by the venue due to Victorian State Government orders, all registrants will receive a full refund of their registration (excluding booking fee).

If a specific state in District 23 is locked down and registrants are prevented from travelling to Victoria due to that state government's orders, even though the event will proceed, registrants from that state only will receive a full refund of their registration (excluding booking fee).

Costs associated with travel cancellations, including, but not limited to flights, accommodation, ground transfers etc., are the responsibility of the registrant.

Any quarantine requirements, including costs, of the home state of the registrant, are the registrant's responsibility.

NOTE: Refunds may take up to 60 days to process and will be refunded via the method used to purchase the tickets.

*General:
Refunds requested for reasons other than those advised above, will incur an administration fee of \$50 if notification is made prior to 1st September 2021.*

Refund requests received after 1st September 2021, for reasons other than those advised above, will be reviewed on a case by case basis. In this instance a refund is not guaranteed. Registrations may be revised or transferred prior to 1 September 2021.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE Co-Chairmen

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Direct any conference queries to our dedicated email address:

zontad23conf@gmail.com



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".