

Governor's Award – Heidi Taylor Award. 2021

JUDITH ROTHE. Deceased 2022

Judy Rothe joined the Zonta Club of Kyneton in 2002 and has been an active and energetic member of the club for almost 20 years. She served as Club President 2004-2006, in the lead up to Convention 2006 and took a leadership role in the club's responsibility for some of the major functions.

Judy's passion for Zonta has underpinned active participation in club committees. She has chaired the membership committee, where she brought many new members to the club and developed our 'buddy' program. Her particular skill in this role was to encourage every member of the committee to take on an area of responsibility, to develop active engagement.

Through almost 20 years of membership, Judy has encouraged others to take on leadership roles, and has supported those taking Club and District positions with encouragement and sound advice.

As a Zontian actively involved in the local community, Judy models the objects of Zonta in the wider community. She has made a tremendous contribution to the encouragement of girls in our community through her work to initiate and support the Z Club at Kyneton Secondary College. The club was chartered in 2012 and Judy was the main point of contact between Zonta and the Z Club for some years.

Judy's concern to address the issue of the mental health of women in rural communities was evidenced by her work to investigate and promote the Mental Health First Aid program. She instigated discussion of the program at club level and then, on behalf of the Club, presented the project to District Conference, where it was accepted. The program ran in Kyneton in the latter part of 2020 and feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive.

Judy has been actively involved at Area, District and International levels of Zonta. Judy was Area 4 Director 2008-2010, chaired the District Nominating Committee 2010-2012, and coordinated the Z and Golden Z program 2014–2020. She is now coordinator of the D23 Mental Health First Aid program.

With her passion for membership development, Judy initiated the formation of two new clubs, the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields and the Zonta Club of Mitchell. Judy was an active member of the SOM committee for each club and continued to support the clubs with regular visits in their first few years.

Having supported formation of the Z club at Kyneton Secondary College, in her role as Z and Golden Z coordinator for District 23 Judy actively supported the Charter of two new Z clubs in Tasmania and a Golden Z Club at Monash University, Caulfield campus.

Dates of service: Member 2002 – current (19 years)

Club positions held:

President (2004-2006)

Director and Committee Chair: Program & PR (2003-2004), Membership (2014-2016).

(Note: Zonta Club of Kyneton committee chairmen are all selected from Board members: these dates also indicate years of service as a Director)

Other roles:

Club Archivist (2010-2014)

Member of club nominating committee: (2006-2008, 2012-2014, 2018-2020)

District 23 Positions held:

Area4 Director 2008-2010

Chair D23 Nominating Committee 2010-2012

Centurion 2012-2020

Z and Golden Z club coordinator 2014-2020

Coordinator Mental Health First Aid Project 2020-2022