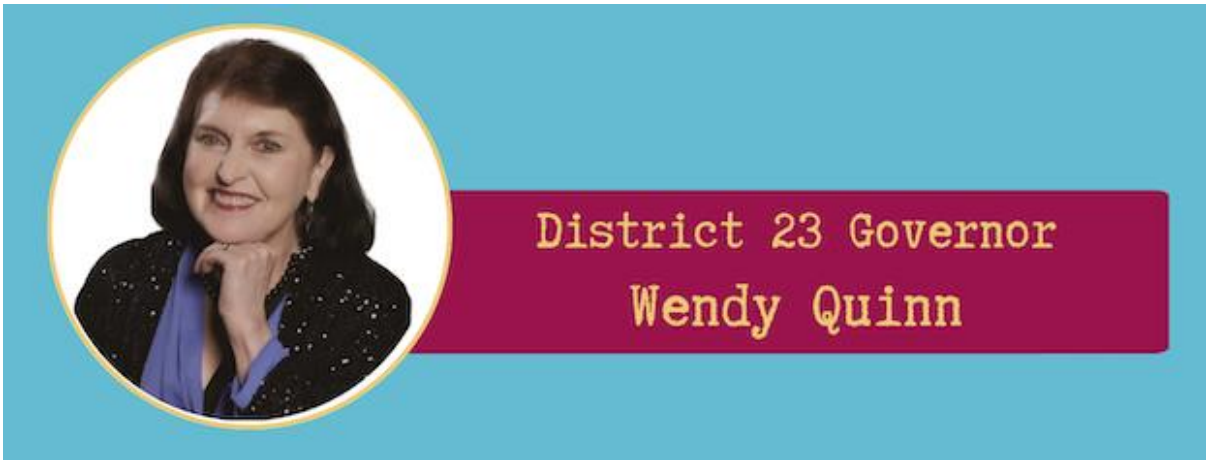
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A WORD FROM WENDY ...

The new biennium is now well underway with lots of activity.

Earlier in October we celebrated International Day of the Girl on October 11th with a special focus on reducing child marriage. This stands as one of the biggest barriers to enabling girls to achieve their full potential. Some of us had fun thinking about what we were doing at the legal age of marriage in our country. It was a stage in my life that was focussed on study and the joys of exercising increasing freedom as a young adult/teenager. Did you know that it is still legal to be married in Australia at age 16 or 17 in special circumstances.
Zonta Australia are engaged in advocacy to change this situation.

Area Directors have been busy engaging with Presidents and other interested Zontians in D23 to respond to the Blueprint for the Future. Our District response is currently being synthesised from the many comments ready to be submitted to ZI by the end of October as well as being discussed with the two other Australian Districts and Zonta Australia.

As we move closer to November most Clubs are planning their activities for the 16 Days of Activism; Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women. I look forward to being involved and hearing about the many creative ways that Clubs focus with new energy on this most important time in our Zonta year. We will feature a summary of this in our December Newsflash.

November is also an important month to feature the work of the Zonta Foundation with the November Every Member Campaign encouraging all Zontians to consider supporting the work of the Foundation through a donation, however small.

Our new District Secretary, Jill Taylor has been busy compiling our new District

Directory and District Calendar of Events. With the assistance of our Mail Chimp Editor Kathryn Patarica and Website Administrator, Sandy Nicholson this information will be distributed to all members and key information added to our D23 website.

In our first edition of the Newsflash this biennium we introduced you to our new D23 Board. In this edition the focus will be finding out some more about the other people on our D23 Leadership Team and hearing about their important roles.

This edition will also have a focus on more information about the Zonta International Educational Awards and our approach with them in D23. We will also include our usual activity updates from each Area Director and our Membership Chair.

A few things to draw your attention from Zonta International as we move through October and into the final months of 2026:

Important ZI Dates and Events in coming weeks

- 24 October: **UN Day**
- 28 October: **Building a Culture of Peace: Women, Peace and Security in Action**
- 31 October: **Deadline to email Governance Blueprint for the Future feedback**
- 15 November: **Amelia Earhart Fellowship application deadline**
- 19 November: **New Member Orientation**
- 25 November: **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**
- 25 November-10 December: **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women**
- 27 November: **International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage**
- 10 December: **Human Rights Day**
- 10 December: **Zonta Says NO Virtual Summi**
- 14 December Electronic Voting opens to amend the Zonta International Articles of Incorporation to reflect the changes to the International Board voted in at the International Convention.

Note: All Club Presidents will continue to receive information about this process.

Wendy
Wendy Quinn
Governor 2026-2028

DISTRICT DIRECTORY - EDITOR APOLOGIES!!





Hello every-one,
You will have received the latest updated District 23 Directory over the week-end - In our eagerness to get the information to you we have overlooked a few changes - Please note

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Central Goldfields:

PLEASE CORRECT ALL THREE LINES

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Zonta in Action Across Victoria & the E-Club – Area 1
Area Director : Kerry Kettle



Its awards season so all clubs in Area 1 are actively promoting the ZI awards – Women in STEM, Women in Business Leadership as well as the D23 Women Taking Climate Change Action Award.

Geelong is holding a rally on 20 November to say NO to continued Violence Against Women. Members from other Victorian club members will join the rally to really make some noise!

Melbourne West recently hosted a successful free Building Financial Empowerment workshop facilitated by WIRE, the Victorian centre for gender and economic equity.

Melbourne's West turns 45!
Melbourne's West celebrated their 45th anniversary on 8 September with a dinner attended by club members and guests from other clubs. It was a lovely occasion that recognised all the club has accomplished over the years and the work of some very special members.



Zonta in Action Across South Australia – Area 2
Area Director : Robyn Page



Community spirit, practical service and a shared vision for women and girls

Zonta clubs across South Australia continue to demonstrate what can be achieved when women work together for positive change.

Recent club updates and advertised events show a strong commitment to supporting women and families, encouraging young leaders, strengthening community connections and raising awareness of the issues affecting women and girls.

Zonta Club of Adelaide: Fundraising with a purpose
The Zonta Club of Adelaide has maintained a busy calendar of fundraising and community events.

Its advertised activities have included the Women Artists Fundraiser - celebrating women in art through the lens of glass, and Greek dancing lessons designed to bring people together in an enjoyable and inclusive setting.

The club has also promoted its Billabong Walkathon fundraiser, encouraging people to enjoy a spring walk along Linear Park while raising funds for Zonta's work.

Looking ahead, a major event is **Orange the Night, a gala on Saturday, 28 November 2026, at the InterContinental Adelaide** - scheduled during the 16 Days of Activism.





Zonta Club of Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders - Practical Support, Advocacy and Inspiring Women
Their Building Safer Communities Forum on ending domestic, family and sexual violence is in conjunction with the Respect Community Action Group on Thursday 19th November at 6pm at Aberfoyle Community Centre. They have an amazing array of excellent speakers on the night.

An important part of the club's work is its involvement with the Western Collaborative against Family and Domestic Abuse. Through orange displays, awareness materials and community forums, members help bring attention to domestic violence and encourage conversations about prevention and support.

The club also celebrates women who make a difference. Its annual Woman of Inspiration Award recognises women who have overcome adversity and contributed to their communities, while its involvement in Young Women in Leadership encourages the next generation to develop their confidence and leadership skills.

The ZC of Adelaide Flinders will also celebrate their 45th Birthday on Saturday 14th November – so a special Happy Birthday to them.

Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills: Standing together to end violence
The Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills is preparing for an important period of community advocacy during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, from 25 November to 10 December. A significant event will be the **Twilight Vigil at Mount Lofty Summit on Tuesday, 1 December 2026**. The vigil will provide an opportunity to remember and honour women and children who have lost their lives through domestic violence.

The club is also preparing to participate in the Blackwood Christmas Pageant on Friday, 4 December, providing another opportunity to connect with the community and promote awareness.



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Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens - Sustainable Fashion with a Purpose
The Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens is combining fashion, sustainability and fundraising through its popular Camilla Louise Sustainable Fashion events.

These events offer shoppers the opportunity to discover quality pre-loved and vintage clothing while supporting a worthwhile cause. Looking ahead, the club has advertised **High Tea & High Fashion for Sunday, 25 October 2026**, offering another opportunity to enjoy fashion while supporting Zonta's work.

The initiative also connects with Zonta International's *Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action*campaign. Sustainable fashion encourages people to think about consumption, waste and the environmental impact of clothing, while providing a practical way to engage the community in conversations about sustainability and equality.

Funds raised through the Camilla Louise events help the club support local and international projects benefiting women and girls.

Zonta Club of the Fleurieu - A Community Initiative Making a Lasting Difference
The Zonta Club of the Fleurieu Peninsula is demonstrating how a local idea, supported by community partnerships, can make a real difference to people experiencing homelessness.

The club helped initiate the **Fleurieu Accommodation Project**, working alongside a number of community groups. The initiative grew from a vision championed by a Zonta member, who recognised the difficulties faced by women struggling to find safe and affordable accommodation.

Rather than trying to purchase a property outright, the partnership developed an innovative model in which Junction leases privately owned homes and sublets them to people who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. This provides more than a roof over someone's head: it offers stability, security and an opportunity to rebuild an independent life.

The project initially prioritised older women, particularly those aged over 55, who can face significant barriers to finding affordable rental accommodation. It has since also supported young people at risk of homelessness and people requiring crisis accommodation.

The results are encouraging. By April 2026, the project had supported 32 people, and a further $160,000 commitment from community partners was announced to help expand the initiative.

The project has also attracted wider recognition. At the 2026 Community Housing

Industry Association of South Australia Excellence in Community Housing Awards, Junction's Fleurieu Accommodation Project was named a **runner-up in the Excellence in Community Housing category**.





Zonta Club of Gawler: Building awareness and supporting young people
The Zonta Club of Gawler continues to focus on projects that combine community service, education and advocacy.

Its ongoing programs include STEM scholarships at local high schools, Gawler Techno Girls, the Spreading the Reading Bug initiative, Women's Art Studio, Women of Achievement Awards and activities aimed at eliminating domestic violence.

During the 16 Days of Activism, the club will work with the Gawler Domestic Violence Network to raise awareness through community activities, orange displays, posters, banners and other initiatives. Its previous program has included a community fun day, a vigil, school artwork promoting respect and public information activities.

Zonta Club of Lower Eyre
Speakers at the latest Zonta Lower Eyre meeting were 3 students from Tumby Bay Area School – Lily, Skyla and Charlotte and their teacher Dylan who all recently participated in a weeklong program with Operation Flinders.

Operation Flinders is a South Australian youth development program that runs remote outback adventures treks in the northern Flinders Ranges to build resilience, purpose, and connection for young people aged 13 – 18.

The girls had to carry all their belongings, sleeping equipment, water and all food, excluding their evening meal. They participated in activities which included daily cross-country hikes, team-building tasks and outdoor skills.

The ZC of Lower Eyre also recently visited the Cummins Community Op Shop to see how they operate. A great example of sustainability in their local community.





ictured: Dylan Brown, Tumby Bay Area School Teacher; and Year
0 Students Lily Cave, Skyla Modra, and Charlotte O'Keefe.

Zonta Club of Mount Barker: Bringing the community together

The Zonta Club of Mount Barker has recently brought the community together

through its Quiz Night at the Mount Barker Town Hall. The event featured raffle prizes, a wine wall and silent auction, with local sponsors helping make the evening a success.

The club has also held a fundraising sausage sizzle, welcomed new members and continued its practical service work.

Other initiatives include baby boxes for mothers in need at Mount Barker Hospital, support for food workshops at Adelaide Hills Vocational College and Centacare funding, and contributions to the Healthy Newborn Ultrasound Project. Catering for a large Open Garden will occur soon raising funds for further projects.

These activities reflect the club's focus on responding to local needs while contributing to Zonta's wider mission.

Zonta Club of Para Districts — Stronger Together Against Domestic Violence
The Zonta Club of Para District Area is making an important contribution to preventing domestic and family violence through **RoZSI's Voice**, a community collaboration established to bring organisations together and strengthen the message that violence against women and families is unacceptable.

The initiative began through a partnership between the Zonta Club of Para District Area, Rotary Club of Mawson Lakes and Soroptimist International Torrens. The Rotary Club of Salisbury has also joined the collaboration, expanding its community connections and reach.

Rather than working in isolation, these organisations combine their networks, experience and resources to raise awareness, encourage respectful relationships and help communities recognise and respond to domestic abuse.

Candlelight Vigil, 29 November 2026
A key upcoming activity is the **RoZSI's Voice Candlelight Vigil on Sunday, 29 November 2026, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm**, at the intersection of Mawson Lakes Boulevard and Main Street, Mawson Lakes.

The vigil forms part of the wider 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which runs from 25 November to 10 December.





Zonta Club of Port Lincoln – supporting services in the community
The Zonta Club of Port Lincoln are busy organising their 16 Days Walk with their links to Yarredi Services at the end of November. Yarredi Services includes support

for people suffering domestic and family violence and the ZC of Port Lincoln also prepares and donates toiletry packs to Yarredi.

The club also runs a Market Stall at the Jump Ship Markets in Port Lincoln – raising funds to support women and girls' safety and wellbeing.

Working together for a stronger future
Across South Australia, Zonta's work takes many forms. Members assemble birthing kits, make breast care cushions, support young women through leadership and education programs, raise funds for community projects and advocate for an end to gender-based violence. In fact, three clubs will have Birthing Kit Workshops on the same day this month.

The activities of individual clubs may differ according to their communities and resources, but they share a common purpose: improving the lives of women and girls.

As the final months of 2026 approach, the upcoming 16 Days of Activism provides an opportunity for clubs, community organisations and individuals to work together, raise awareness and encourage meaningful change.

Every project, partnership, fundraising event and conversation helps strengthen the collective impact of Zonta across South Australia.

Together, we are building a better world for women and girls — in our local communities and beyond.

Zonta in Action Across Western Australia – Area 3
Area Director : Kerry Kerr


Area 3: A quick synopsis!

Area 3 (WA) club members will gather in Bunbury 7th November at the Mantra for our Bi-
Annual Founder's Lunch where we celebrate four wonderful and inspirational *Women* of *Achievement*. The Founder's Day event is always a time of fellowship, fun and purpose in acknowledging the extraordinary commitment and difference local women can and do make in each of their communities.

Clubs have been busy with Inductions, Fundraising with Fashion Shows in Mandurah and Bunbury, Birthing Kits, Breast Cushions, providing feedback on the *Blueprint for the Future*, promotion and encouragement of Zonta and Club awards and Peel's important, Annual Missing Person's Remembrance Day. *Zonta Spirit – alive and well in the west*!

ZC PERTH - Containers for Change

Planting Tress through Containers for Change
The Zonta club of Perth is committed climate action. for every. For every 40 containers collected, we will use the cash to plant a tree.

Huge Thank you to St Catherine's College for collecting containers for The Zonta Club of Perth





Peel Club Missing Person’s Memorial:-



Bunbury Club Spring Fashion Parade:-





Zonta in Action Across Regional Victoria – Area 4
Area Director : Naidene Parry



Clubs Update:
Clubs across Area 4 marked the International Day of the Girl in a variety of ways and are now busy planning events for the 16 Days of Activism.

Bendigo
ZC Bendigo has made a productive start to the new biennium, with members

actively advancing service, advocacy, fundraising, membership and community engagement.

ZC Bendigo partnered with Kieser to host a Women's Health and Wellbeing event. It provided a valuable opportunity to introduce the Club, promote its work and demonstrate its commitment to improving the lives of women and girls.

Planning is underway for "Zonta Spirit", a new event bringing together Zontians, partners, sponsors and selected community and business leaders.

Members recently held a highly successful Bunnings BBQ, raising a record amount of money.



Early October was a special day for ZC Bendigo, as members, family members and wonderful community volunteers came together to pack 2,000 birthing kits

Wangaratta

ZC Wangaratta has recently inducted a new member and has four more prospective members. Meetings have become fun, inclusive and positive.

The Club's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on 24 October 2026. This is a major fundraising event.



Mitchell



ZC Mitchell has prepared another 40 Activity Bags for local distribution. The bags are designed to distract and comfort young children during times of stress and trauma. They have been donated to organisations such as Victoria Police and hospitals to support children affected by family violence, road trauma and emergencies.

ZC Mitchell's $1,000 Study Grant, available to Year 10 girls attending school in the Mitchell Shire, has been advertised.

The much-anticipated ZC Mitchell Christmas Market is scheduled for Saturday, 5 December 2026 in Broadford.

Albury–Wodonga

ZC Albury–Wodonga is a small but active Club, with a growing Facebook following. For the International Day of the Girl, for example, the Club shared booklists

featuring strong female characters.

In 2025, ZC Albury–Wodonga established StepUp in honour of their fellow Zontian and dear friend Sue Hinton, who passed away the previous year. Two applicants were selected to receive a financial gift to help them “step up” in their chosen field.

The Club hosted “Coffee with a Cop”, which members felt was a worthwhile opportunity to discuss how they could work together more effectively.



Central Goldfields
In July, members and Friends of ZC Central Goldfields came together to assemble 400 birthing kits, bringing the Club’s total to 6,400 since it was chartered in 2012.

ZC Central Goldfields was proud and excited to see charter member Bronwen Haywood inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.



The Club recently held a Breast Cushion Workshop. The cushions are cut, stuffed, sewn, labelled and packed as gifts to provide comfort for women after breast surgery.

Kyneton

On 8 September, ZC Kyneton celebrated its 32nd anniversary.



In September, ZC Kyneton took part in the annual Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival community parade. Members and family members walked and waved to the enormous, enthusiastic crowd of locals and visitors. It was a successful event that showcased Zonta beautifully.



At a recent meeting, members embraced a French theme, with French food and berets adding a sense of fun to the evening.

Zonta in Action Across Tasmania – Area 5
Area Director : Veronika Maddock



Zonta Club of Cradle Coast – Last Three Months

- **Women Who Lead** – launched our new community leadership series, with the first event in Penguin featuring Central Coast Council CEO Vicki Brereton and attracting around 25 attendees. Planning and promotion is underway for the next event in October which will focus on Women in STEM, coinciding with International Day of the Girl.
- **16 Days of Activism** – progressed planning for our November community event in Ulverstone, including awareness activities, community engagement and partnerships to highlight gender-based violence and the 16 Days campaign.
- **Father's Day Raffle** – delivered our Father's Day fundraising raffle, raising funds to support the Club's ongoing service and advocacy projects. Funds raised have been committed to providing support to Blue Gum Family Centre.

- **Birthing Kits** – strengthened engagement with local service clubs and community organisations to seek sponsorship for our Birthing Kit Assembly Project, including securing a generous $3,000 contribution from the Apex Club of Ulverstone, enabling the preparation of 600 birthing kits.
- **Club visibility and community awareness** – increased Zonta's visibility across the North-West through events, social media, local media, partnerships and greater engagement with community organisations, businesses and service clubs.
- **1 Million Women conversation** – participated in the 1 Million Women ShePowers Renewable Energy conversation, contributing to broader discussions around women's advocacy, leadership and community action.
- **International Women's Day 2027** – commenced early planning for our 2027 International Women's Day/Women Who Lead activities, including investigating speakers, funding and partnership opportunities.
- **Ongoing service projects** – continued delivery and planning for established Club projects, including Breast Care Cushions, Comfort Packs and birthing kits



Women Who Lead networking event

Zonta Club of Hobart

- Held a successful Cocktail party fundraiser for the Kennerly Moving On Program.
- Club visibility through an article in a newspaper relating to above program
- Planning for 16 Days of Activism in progress.
- Planning for STEMM award at Government House Next February on the International Day for Women and Girls in Science in progress.
- Membership numbers have been retained through new members replacing existing members. A number of other women are interested.
- Welcomed a guest speaker at the dinner meeting – Narelle Pamplin, Commissioner of Prisoners, who spoke about Mary Hutchinson Women's Prison and women in custody.



Guests at cocktail party for Kennerly Moving On Program

Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent

• successful event assembling birthing kits was held in late July and 197 kits were made. Over 50 people helped with assembling kits.
• breast cushion making and sale of logos consolidated with current membership. This will facilitate overall coordination.
• new venue found for monthly meetings.
• some success achieved with recruitment of new members. We have one more new member, in addition to the 2 new members at the beginning of the new financial year. We have a number of people who have expressed an interest in joining our club
• in collaboration with Zonta Club of Hobart, we successfully supported the facilitation of the District leadership meeting in Hobart during August.
• The Cantiamo Choir specifically raised funds to help us achieve our $2000 target so that we can assemble 400 more birthing kits at an event to be held in November.
• our monthly meetings mostly now have a guest speaker on issues relating to women and girls.
• long-time member, Odile Glenn, attended the International Convention held in Vancouver in July along with Governor Wendy Quinn. Reports on the Convention were shared with Area 5.



Governor Wendy and President Margie at the Cantiamo choir event

Zonta Club of Devonport

Zonta Club of Devonport has continued its visibility and connection to our community through:

- Expo Of Everything stall at the Devonport Paranaple Centre
- Devonport Eisteddfod by sponsoring awards
- Bunnings BBQ where we raised approx $1300
- Regular, relevant and interesting Facebook posts showing where over $2000 has been spent locally to support those in need.
- International Day of the Girl Child Oct 11 will be recognised at the new Indie School on October 12.
- Our annual Cancer Awareness Breakfast will be held at the Devonport Country Club on October 20.
- Our annual raffle is in full swing and will be drawn at our meeting on Nov 5.





Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

MEMBERS MATTER –
Jenni Foreman
D23 Lieutenant Governor & Chair Membership

The strategy for supporting membership and driving Zonta growth for the biennium is to use the excellent work undertaken by Wendy and the membership team during the last biennium and creating club ready resources which can be implemented across the district.



I feel that there are 3 portfolios sitting within the Membership Chair which I will be managing

1. Members Matter: Recruit-Retain-Renew
2. Youth Engagement: Zonta Youth Advocacy Forum
3. Club Creation: Fit for the Future

RECRUIT

How do we make our organisation attractive for women and men to join in a world which is changing before our eyes. We know that the Zonta we all joined struggles to appeal to younger members and while I appreciate the value of our older energetic demographic, recruiting age-diverse members needs to be our long-term strategy for survival and success.

I firmly believe that we need to create new clubs which offer varied engagement models to make Zonta not only more attractive but also inclusive.

Our current club model, excluding the e-clubs, is geographically exclusive which is problematic in a District which we have already acknowledged is geographically diverse.

We currently make it very difficult for women across the majority of D23 to engage with Zonta because there is a requirement/expectation to attend face-to-face meetings. I also believe that the D23 e-club faces time zone challenges.

RETAIN

As with any successful and effective organisation, our people are our greatest

asset and worthy of celebration.

Celebrating team members boosts morale, strengthens collaboration and fosters a positive culture – all things which are important for the health and wellbeing of Zonta International now and in the future.

We all know that retention of recently engaged (0-3 years) new members is a significant issue for our organisation and creating resources and opportunities to drive retention is important to our long-term viability.

Synergy is the superpower we all need to harness – synergy is where different elements combine to produce a better result than they could by working alone. Consider if each of us had a tiny solar panel on the top of our head the result would be that we each produce a tiny trickle of energy which would hardly be noticed, but if all our individual solar panels were connected together the energy created would explode the electricity networks.
As I have previously mentioned, effective advocacy is all about synergy resulting in our voices being amplified – the same applies to membership growth. Once new members have joined their solar panels to the Zonta network and joined the fight for Women's rights we need to work hard to keep them connected.

RENEW
The strength and success of any community – and D23 is a community despite it's significant geographical dimensions – is dependent on the sum of the contributions of each and every member. It is a simple mathematical equation – if you put 0 in then you will get 0 in return.

While our constant focus is on membership numbers, and our health as an organisation is measured by that magical number, I feel that an important opportunity for us is to improve the engagement and productivity of the amazing members that we currently have.

The world is a better place because of the energy that each of our members contribute to Zonta – not the time, not the money, but the energy.

Whether our members contribute energy to Birthing Kits or Sustainability or Young Women in Leadership, it is that energy that makes a difference.

Energy is defined as the capacity or ability to do work. It is the force that causes objects to move, change, or grow.

We are trying to effect change in our world – which is a form of movement. By definition, movement requires energy.

But the impact is much greater when that energy is focused – like a lightning bolt. The impact of a strike of lightning is only noticed because that electrical energy is

all focused on a point – if that same amount of electrical energy was dispersed over a 10 km radius it would not be noticed.

We need to make sure that our Zonta energy is focused like a lightning bolt, not dispersed in such a way that it goes unnoticed.

Albert Einstein defined energy with his famous E = MC2

Einstein described mass as essentially "congealed energy" that is packed very tightly. Mass can be converted into energy, and energy can be converted into mass, which is the fundamental principle behind nuclear power.

If you could completely convert 1 kilogram of mass into energy it would release roughly the same energy as 21 megatonnes of TNT. Think of the mass that is contained within D23 and that gives you some idea of the potential energy we can harness to **make the world a better place for women and girls.**

Energising our current members and increasing their output in terms of energy and enthusiasm will have a significant impact.

Make them feel valued
Make them feel appreciated
Kickstart their passion for making the world a better place for women and girls
Give them the tools to do amazing things

Help them find the seat on the bus which best aligns with their skills, experience and interest and strap them in tight!

The Zonta Spirit Awards which will be launched in 2027 will an avenue to celebrate our members and drive energy and enthusiasm.

Why doesn't your club try the following this month?

Fit for the Future Club Health Assessment



How healthy is your club? Discover what's working and where there's room to grow. Take the Fit for the Future Club Health Assessment to identify strengths, address challenges and build a stronger future for clubs and districts.

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Members Matter

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Recruit

Create an invitation template club members can email and/or share on social media

A clear and consistent message about who we are and why we are an amazing organisation to make the world a better place for women and girls.

Remember – brand for membership diversity



Retain

Make your club meetings & activities easily accessible to all members

Do your meetings and activities create geographical barriers for your existing members to maintain engagement?

Can you manage your club business online to reduce evening travel time?



Renew

Develop a clear Leadership Growth & Transition Plan

Engage experienced members with developing a leadership growth and transition plan for your club – extending their own engagement and encouraging others to develop leadership skills.



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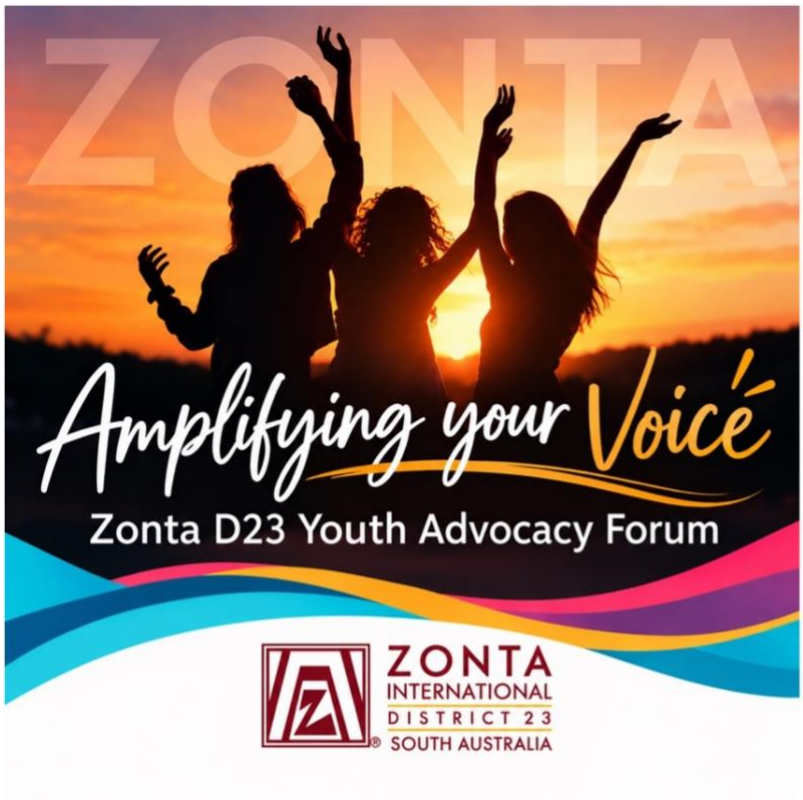
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT – Zonta Youth Advocacy Forum

While all our members are valued and important, my passion for this biennium is to create a support network for our young members and to create an advocacy forum to ensure that their voices are heard both at district level and via the D23 Advocacy chair to Zonta Australia.

I started a Youth Advocacy group in South Australia earlier this year and had positive feedback from the youth members who are in clubs where the remainder of the members are significantly older.

It is important to provide communication and collaboration opportunities for our youth members, and this aligns with the lead that ZI are taking in the Blueprint for the Future. Their proposal is to include a youth member on the ZI Board – we are going to get a head start and actively support and engage our youth members at the District 23 level.

Please email me if you are a Young Zonta member (<35 years) and would like the opportunity to connect with other young members across District 23 – jenni.zonta@magillvet.au



CLUB CREATION – FIT for the FUTURE

While we are unable to significantly change the architecture of our current clubs, how do we design clubs which are “fit for the future”?

I think there is enormous opportunity for growing “new” clubs within our area but the I believe that the key to their success is to try alternate models.

The current model is leading to a loss of clubs and a loss of members.

The definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over and expect a different result.

Let’s try something different!

Wendy has appointed a Club Creator Adviser in each area and I am looking forward to working with them in identifying opportunities - some of the seeds that we plant will grow and it is all about planting as many seeds as we can.

Area 1 = Fiona MacDowall
Area 2 = To be advised
Area 3 = Kimberley Robbins
Area 4 = Donna Fabris
Area 5 = Jill Taylor
Z Club & Golden Z Club = Tyril Houghton

Please contact your local Club Creator or myself and share your thoughts and idea’s – jenni.zonta@magillvet.au

Club Creation...

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Foundation

Lay a Foundation

Project Manager
Construction Team
Community Liaison

Just like any building project, creating a new Zonta Club starts with laying solid foundations and assembling the right team to lead the project through to a successful outcome.

Successful Outcome = Fit for the Future Zonta Club

Structure

Create the Structure

Innovation
Evolution
Metamorphosis

How will the club conduct it's **business**?
How will the members **connect** socially?
What are the **service** opportunities?
What are the **advocacy** opportunities?
What innovative club structure can be created to **break down the barriers** of engagement eg geographical boundaries?

Engage

Engage the Community

Community Leaders
Business Owners
Local Government
Professional Organisations

Spread the Word
Share the Message
Making the World a Better Place for Women & Girls

Handover

A club which is fit for the future



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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD
Introducing: Linda Tinning - Coordinator



I have been a member of the Zonta Club of the Perth Northern Suburbs since 2004.
I have been involved as a great supporter of the Jane M. Klausman Scholarship (JMKS) from the time I was Club President (2018 – 2020) when the Zonta Club of the Perth Northern Suburbs became the lead Club in Area 3 to promote the JMK Scholarship.
From 2022 onwards I have been the Area 3 and District 23 Co Ordinator of the JMKS and then from 2025 the rebranded ZWBLA.
Also, I have been a couple of times a Board member, a member and of Chair of the Public Relations Communications, Publications Committee, chaired twice the Nominating Committee, since 2017 the Club liaison with Edith Cowan University's School of Business and Law and student Women in Business Network and currently I am member of the Greater Visibility Committee.
I am also involved with representing the Club at events for the United Nations Australian Association WA (UNAAWA) and the WA Women Hall of Fame.
I was recently the Club delegate at the ZI Vancouver Convention and there is so much more that I do as do all of us Zontians.

My qualifications Bachelor of Arts BA, Bachelor of Education BEd, and The Master of Educational Management MEdMan were from the University of WA. I had worked from 1969 teaching in High Schools Social Sciences and Communications subjects.

From the mid 80's I lectured and co ordinated in TAFE programs, teams and staff in Community Services' courses and in Community Service Work Placement Programs. which bought me in contact with a wide range of diverse agencies eg: in the areas of Women's Refuges, Community and Legal Centres, Youth Centres, Local Governments Community Development Programs, Multi-Cultural Women's Health Centres etc.
I also lectured in the New Opportunities for Women program supporting women who needed to enter or re enter the workforce or who needed to upgrade their study skills for ongoing study.
I also taught the TAFE History to students who were doing Mature Aged University Entrance exams and Economics to Accounting students.

I retired in 2014 and I had a 45 year, very rewarding working life in education. I am pleased that I can continue to use my skills and networks with my voluntary work with Zonta.

In addition to my valued voluntary work as a Zontian, I have my family of two lovely daughters, two admirable son in law, five wonderful grandchildren, extensive networks of family and friends', long-time member of 35 years of my most enjoyable book club, involvement in my Parish Church, enjoy going to the Gym, swimming, love travelling, music, concerts and dancing.

My view of life is to *"Keep dancing till the music stops '*

ZONTA WOMEN IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award celebrates excellence and recognizes outstanding achievements by women between 18-35 years of age who are driving innovation and creating an impact in the business world. This prestigious award honors exceptional leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, ethical conduct and significant contributions while addressing global or local issues affecting women and girls or climate justice.

Timetable

Club receipient is selected and application is sent to
District 23 Coordinator, Linda Tinning - ltinning@bigpond.net.au ..... **16 November 2026**

District applicant selected and application received by Zonta International Headquarters..... **2 January 2027**
Official announcement of international recipients..... **28 February 2027**

[Click here for More WBLA information]

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AWARDS
AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP
Introducing: Karen Reid - Coordinator



Zonta member for 5 years with Zonta Club of Mitchell.
50 years as a Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics teacher in rural and remote schools, including East Africa.

Currently D23 Amelia Earhart Coordinator for the 2026-2028 Biennium

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THE AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP
This biennium is the 90th anniversary of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship is a US $12,000 fellowship open to women who are registered full time in a Ph.D./Doctoral program in fields relating to Aeronautical Engineering, Aerospace or Space Sciences.

Interested candidates need to complete the application themselves by November 15th this year. This creates a very tight timeline.

My most pressing task is to contact universities and encourage them to inform any suitable students of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, how to access and apply, and the timeline.

Over the next biennium I aspire to deepen connections with tertiary institutions, from Perth to Hobart, that have research programs in this field and make sure that the Amelia Earhart Fellowship is on their radar and accessible to all suitable candidates.

I will also work to keep awareness high at a club level.

Further details and information regarding applications and timelines can be found at: https://www.zonta.org/Web/Web/Programs/Education/Amelia_Earhart_Fellowship.aspx?hkey=87230eef-bcc2-4e78-97bc-97f0cdd281ac

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ZONTA YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP
Introducing: Joanne Metzger - Coordinator



Being a member of three clubs over the last 25 years and a President in two, has given me a broad picture of the world of Zonta. Attending two Conventions and several conferences has also widened my perspective. My District roles have included United Nations Coordinator, Z Clubs & Golden Z Club Coordinator, Young Women in Public Affairs Award Coordinator and Young Women in Leadership Award. I'm now commencing my 2nd biennium for the Young Women in Leadership Award. It is such an honour and privilege to work with young leaders and share what is important to them. If the opportunity comes your way grab it with both hands. We encourage more clubs to get on board!

Mackenzie Li D23 Nominee and Zonta International Winner of Young Women in Leadership Scholarship



Last year's extraordinary winner, Mackenzie Li brought back wonderful memories for me working with refugees in a former career teaching English. It was the people from her Rohingya Heritage who made such an impact on me. Hard work, personal discipline, courage and an amazing insight always startled me with these students. And at such a young age Mackenzie is already talking of policies to improve the lives and health of women and girls. These people's desire to make something out of their lives, given a new chance, was very humbling to witness. Mackenzie Li's application never ceased to amaze me. Please take the time to read it on the Z.I. website at Our Programs – Young Women in Leadership Award. You'll be astonished as to what this young woman hasalready achieved up to Year 11 level of her Secondary schooling.

READ more about Mackenzie here !

Who will we meet this year! We need more clubs to feel the urge to give these young women a platform. Please join us as we support the leaders of tomorrow.

2027 ZONTA INTERNATIONAL YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

It's not too late for clubs to get involved with this wonderful program to seek out outstanding young women who are already making the world a better place. Let's find them and celebrate them!

There's publicity material at our finger tips ready to be filled in for advertisements on line, in newspapers, community notice boards or in education institutions.

All you need to do is go online to My Zonta, Tools, Award Scholarship + Fellowship tools, YWLA and all the documents are there. Among them are the 2027 Application Form, Award description, poster ready to fill in with your club's deadline and address, President's Cover sheet and more.

I would urge all Club YWLA coordinators to take some time to familiarise yourself with all the available material. If you require further support don't hesitate to contact me as your District 23 YWLA Co-ordinator.

Remember it's not too late as the D23 deadline is 15th March 2027 for your winning applicant. The following dates are important to keep in mind:

- **August 2026** – all the documents should be available on Z.I. website for following year's award.

- **September 2026 – early March 2027** – Clubs can choose a submission date for applications.
- **March 15th 2027 -** club winning applications are due to D23 YWLA Coordinator Joanne Metzger at: joanne.metzger@bigpond.com
- **March 16th – 29th 2027 –** a judging panel evaluates submissions and selects a winner. The panel will be made up of invited past District Governors.
- **April 1st 2027** –District 23 Governor Wendy Quinn to receive winning application.
- **May 1st 2027** – Z.I. receives District winners to ratify.
- **June/July 2027** – Z.I. announces all District winners across Australia.

D23 WOMEN TAKING CLIMATE ACTION AWARD
Introducing: Suzanne Lees - Coordinator



Suzanne is a member, Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra (current Awards Committee Chair; past Chair of Service & Advocacy, Secretary and Board Member), Zonta Says NOW member.
I grew up in a family that valued education, community and service. My father was a primary school teacher, and I spent my early years in his classroom before becoming a teacher myself. As the first in my extended family to attend university, I built a career in teaching and careers counselling across Victoria, the Northern Territory, Timor-Leste and Nepal. I'm married to Andrew, a retired GP, and we have two children and one grandson.
My parents, through their volunteering and belief in education, inspired my commitment to helping others. Injustice has also shaped me: my mother was forced to leave school at 15 to work, and years of bushwalking deepened my concern for the environment and climate change.
In a video I made for Zonta Says NOW, I explain this connection. It features the Desiderata line "You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars," and music by the Tiwi Island group B2M, who ask, "Can anybody save me from this life?" Their island faces the same inundation as the South Pacific Islands.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lhvCiHYGN0
Zonta brings together the values that have guided my life. It gives women and girls a collective voice against barriers to education, opportunity and safety, and against the growing barriers created by climate change and environmental destruction. It also connects me with inspiring women committed to lasting change, making my contribution part of something far greater than myself.

THE D23 WOMEN TAKING CLIMATE ACTION AWARD
Award closed 21 October
Links to award information and application form
Women Taking Climate Action Award
and
Zonta Says Now

The Women Taking Climate Action Award - $1000 (WTCA) recognises women whose climate actions significantly contributes towards mitigating the negative aspects of climate change and their climate action engages with women.
The award was created in partnership with Zonta Says NOW.
It has been voted as a District 23 project for 2024-6, and again for 2026-8.

The Women Taking Climate Action Award was selected as one of six *Projects of Inspiring Impact* for the Zonta International Share Your Story Festival 2025.

The award is managed for District 23 by the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra (ZCMOY),
District 23 Clubs are asked to make a financial contribution of at least $50 to contribute to a $1000 award, and to advertise the award to prospective applicants in their areas. Please advertise award on social media, newsletters etc.
Club Presidents have received a letter outlining the award and request for donations, with banking details. Donations are requested by end of November 2026.

Enquiries : Suzanne Lees 0400753007 sue@scanlees.au



Click here for information poster

D23 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Introducing: Jane Adornetto (Committee Chair)



Jane has been a member of the Zonta Club of Geelong since 2003 and held most club positions during that time. Member of the District 23 Board in various roles from 2014-2020, including as Governor in the Centenary Biennium.
As well as chairing the D23 Nominating Committee Jane is currently serving as a member of the Zonta International Membership Committee.

D23 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Each nominating committee is elected by delegates at District Conferences. The committee is tasked with finding qualified candidates for the positions of:

Governor
Lt Governor
Treasurer
Area Directors
Vica Area Directors (if applicable)
Nominating Committee

The committee can also submit nominations to the international nominating committee for positions at the international level.

Committee members for biennium 2026-2028
Jane Adornetto (Geelong) – Chair
Donna Fabris (Kyneton)
Kimberley Robbins (Bunbury)

Whilst there are changing times ahead for Zonta International, as outlined in the Blueprint for the Future, the 2028-2030 biennium district roles do not change. Nominating for a leadership role can feel to be outside a member's comfort zone, however, the benefits in terms of personal growth and confidence, and education are a wonderful opportunity and the committee urges members to consider standing for one of the above roles.

Any committee member would be happy to discuss specific roles with members

who may be interested in taking their leadership journey further. Job descriptions for district roles can be found in the District & District Conference Manual (found on the Zonta International website under the Governance section – members must be logged in to the website to access).

D23 ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
Introducing: Nicole Sanders (Committee Chair)



As a member of the Zonta Club of Geelong since 2019, Nicole joined Zonta to take meaningful, community-based action to advance gender equality and eliminate violence against women—values shaped by her long background in community leadership and professional experience in legal compliance and public sector program leadership roles.

Nicole Sanders serves as the Zonta District 23 Advocacy Chair for the 2026–2028 biennium, leading advocacy across Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria. She supports clubs to take confident, coordinated action aligned with Zonta International's priorities—eliminating violence against women, advancing climate justice, strengthening women's representation, and promoting education equality.

Nicole works closely with club Advocacy Champions, builds partnerships, amplifies Zonta's global initiatives, and ensures District 23's advocacy is visible, strategic and impactful throughout the biennium.

D23 BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Introducing: Sue Kerr : Committee Chair



I am a retired secondary school principal, having spent 22 years in the role, following a further 25 years working in a variety of education positions.
I have presently retired from my school position but have taken on a part-time advisory position at Murdoch University.
Throughout my career, I developed extensive experience in leadership, strategic planning, governance and document development.
I have been a member of Zonta since 2003 and have held a variety of leadership roles, including Club President and Chair of several committees. I currently serve as Club Secretary and Chair of the District 23 Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.
My experience in strategic planning and my involvement in developing and reviewing important documents have provided a strong foundation for my current role as Bylaws and Resolutions Chair. I am fortunate to have a highly capable and committed team on my committee, and we have many important tasks to complete during this biennium.
Sue Kerr
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THE BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Chair: Sue Kerr Committee:
Elizabeth Wilson (Area 1 and 4),
Sandy Nicholson (Area 2),
Jo Wittorff (Area 3),
Veronika Maddock (Area 5)
The District Bylaws and Resolutions Committee is responsible for ensuring that district governance documents comply with Zonta International requirements and for assisting the district board with governance matters.
Key Responsibilities

1. **Review District Governing Documents**
2. **Advise on Governance Matters**
3. **Review and Draft Amendments**
4. **Review Resolutions**
5. **Investigate Complaints When Referred**
6. **Support Compliance**

Priorities following Convention
Following a Zonta International Convention where bylaw amendments are adopted, the **District Bylaws and Resolutions Committee** has an important role in ensuring that the district's governing documents and practices align with the new international requirements.

- the amendments.

Practical Questions the Committee Should Ask

- Do any district bylaw provisions now conflict with the revised international bylaws?
- Are changes required to district election procedures?
- Are there impacts on membership categories or dues?
- Do district committee structures need updating?
- Are any district conference procedures affected?
- Do clubs need guidance or model wording to amend their own bylaws?

D23 NEWSFLASH EDITOR & MAILCHIMP ADMINISTRATOR
Introducing: Kathryn Patarica



Kathryn has been a member Zonta Bendigo for almost 20 years, serving on the board for 15+ years including President & Treasurer.
Her particular interest is in local hands on service projects.

Kathryn's working life began in banking, transferred to office administration followed by a midlife change to floristry and house flipping.

"Creativity brings me joy - this why I volunteered to be the Newsflash editor."

D23 WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR
Introducing: Sandy Nicholson



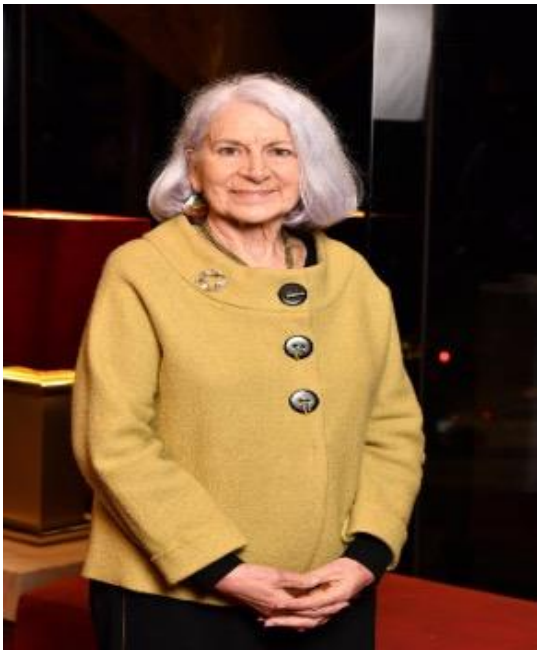
Sandy has been a member of the Zonta Club of Gawler since 2012, and held the positions of Secretary, President, Co-President and been a director a number of times. Her main project within the club is birthing kit assemblies. At district level, she has been the Web Administrator since 2018 and is continuing in that role for this biennium. Sandy is also the Area 2 committee member for the By-Laws and Resolutions committee.

The structure of the district website is managed by a company, Argon Designs, and Sandy manages the content. However, to keep the content fresh and up to date, she needs your help. As you're looking through the website, if you see anything that is incorrect or seems out of date, please let Sandy know. Project Leaders, please regularly check out the information about you and your project/area of responsibility on the website and provide her with updates or corrections when you notice the need. Provide Sandy with the replacement information, and she will add it to the website. If you have ideas for the website, I'd also like to hear those.

Websites can be expensive to set up and maintain. Clubs don't always have funds available to maintain a website. If you're club does not have a website, you can have a club page within the district website.

Contact me for information on how I can set that up for your club:
Eflatcoat21@bigpond.com

D23 ZONTA SPIRIT COORDINATOR
Introducing: Bronwen Haywood



Bronwen is a charter member for the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields which formed in 2012 centred around Maryborough in Central Victoria.
She has held Executive roles since then, including President from 2018 -2020. She is the current Chair, Service & Advocacy.
After training as a pharmacist in Melbourne she returned to her rural roots and ran community pharmacies with her husband at Clunes and Maryborough. In 2014 their pharmacy was a finalist in the Pharmacy of the Year Award.
She also served three terms on the Maryborough District Health Service board of management.
Retired since 2020, her significant community involvement saw her recently inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women as a Local Champion.

ZONTA SPIRIT COORDINATOR

As Zonta Spirit Coordinator Bronwen is tasked with guiding the inaugural awards for District Governor's Award: Zonta Spirit in 2027. These awards will be presented to someone from each Area who has made a significant contribution to Zonta, actively supported the mission, strategic goals and values for Zonta International through actively participating in local Zonta activities. The Awards will be presented annually at each District 23 Area Meeting.
Bronwen looks forward to spreading the word about these awards and receiving nominations from members who have embraced the mission of Zonta with zeal.
More information to come direct to Presidents and in the December Newsflash.

D23 BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR
Introducing: Tyril Houghton



Tyril has been a Zontian since 1990. She is passionate about empowering women, experienced in coaching and mentoring adolescents and graduate teachers and has developed skills in enabling others to become leaders by increasing their confidence and self-belief.
Tyril works with Edith Cowan University as a Tutor in Secondary and Primary Mathematics and Supervisor of Pre-Service Teachers. She is a retired HoLA Mathematics Bunbury SHS; set up Gifted and Talented Mathematics program and Elevated Year 9 NAPLAN results.
Tyril is also a U3A Australia Board member, Chair of Doors Wide Open Engagement hub for AOD and Homeless in Bunbury.
Her D23 Zonta experience includes Coordination of Advocacy, Women in Technology, BKFA and Golden Z and Z Clubs.
Advocacy involves analysis of legislation affecting women.
Encouraging our local members to do this, resulted in changes to Federal VRO'S laws; and submissions to review Sexual Offence Laws in WA. I encourage effective Advocacy within Zonta.

BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION
BKFA Assembly Days are a great opportunity to engage the community and gain potential Zonta members. Having seen what we do, many people with to join us in our cause to build a better world for women and girls providing a clean and safe birth using a BKFA kit.

GOALS FOR 2026-2028 are:
1. Increase the use of My Cause to fund Birthing Kit Assembly Days.
2. Increase familiarity with BKFA website for Zonta Club resources. Check out the updates.
3. Increase nominations of Club Champions and Non-Zontian Champions.
4. Increase in Champion Clubs (Silver, Gold and Platinum levels).
5. Area meetings and 2027 Conference to include short segments to honour awardees.
6. Regular updates in D23 Newsflash to highlight successes.

November 30th is the deadline for nominations of BKFA Club Champions and Non-Zontian Champions. Please email names to me using houghton@westnet.com.au

D23 BREAST CUSHION PROJECT COORDINATOR
Introducing: Jasmine Koch



Jasmine joined Zonta in 1998 and became a member of Melbourne on Yarra.
As an accountant she has worked in public practice most of her career and has also held roles in industry. Joining Zonta has provided Jasmine with the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds, make long term friends and gain confidence whilst also doing her bit to support Zonta's mission.
Outside of Zonta, Jasmine enjoy pilates, crossword puzzles, walking and socializing with friends. High teas are a favourite too.
Jasmine's mother passed way from breast cancer and that is why this project is so important to her.

BREAST CUSHION PROJECT COORDINATOR
Summary of the role:

- Request clubs to provide production and distribution data on a six monthly basis, collate reports and send a summary to D23 board and club coordinators.
- Liaise with D22 and D24 coordinators in relation to individual requests from those districts and they will pass on requests they receive from individuals in D23.
- Attend to individual requests by liaising with D23 clubs or deliver/post personally.
- Encourage clubs to foster Zonta spirit by including breast cushion making as a hands-on fellowship activity providing member satisfaction.
- Update BC project presentation for Area directors/club coordinators.
- Explore opportunities to engage with community groups and like-minded organisations to assist with making breast cushions

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL D23 FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR
Introducing : Judith Ray



I am delighted to introduce myself as the District 23 Zonta Foundation for Women Ambassador for the new biennium.
I am a member of the e-Club of Central and Southern Australia. I have been a member of Zonta since 2003, joining in New Zealand and have had the privilege of being involved in Zonta at club, district and international levels. My Zonta journey has provided me with wonderful opportunities to meet inspiring women, develop friendships and, most importantly, be part of a global organisation working to build a better world for women and girls.

FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR
In my role as Foundation Ambassador, I hope to help members understand more about the Zonta Foundation for Women and the important difference our collective giving makes. Chris Denmead, Zonta Club of Geelong has also been appointed to assist in the role and will be a valuable team member.

What does a Foundation Ambassador do?
The Foundation Ambassador is a link between the Foundation and our members. My role is to raise awareness, share information and encourage participation in the Foundation's campaigns and giving opportunities.

The Foundation supports Zonta's international programs, scholarships, fellowships and initiatives that create opportunities and improve the lives of women and girls around the world.
I would love members to see giving to the Foundation not simply as fundraising, but as a way of investing in the future of women and girls. Every contribution, no matter the size, adds to the collective impact of Zonta.

Some important dates for your calendar
There are several exciting opportunities coming up where we can all get involved.

November 2026 – Every Member Every November
This is our opportunity to make a personal contribution to the Zonta Foundation for Women. The campaign encourages every member to participate, whether through a one-off donation or regular giving. Every gift contributes to the important work of the Foundation. You will receive more information about this campaign during November.

January 2027 – Amelia Earhart 90th Year Celebrations
January will be particularly special as we celebrate the 90th year of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. Amelia Earhart's pioneering achievements continue to inspire women and girls to pursue opportunities in fields where women have traditionally been underrepresented.
Look for ways we can celebrate Amelia's legacy and support the Fellowship.

March 2027 – International Women's Day & Rose Day
March gives us another wonderful opportunity to celebrate women and support the Foundation.

International Women's Day on 8 March provides an opportunity to highlight the achievements of women and continue the conversation around equality and opportunity.

Rose Day is another special Zonta tradition. It provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate an inspirational woman in our lives while supporting the work of the Zonta Foundation for Women.
Let's make a difference together

I look forward to sharing more information with you throughout the biennium and, hopefully, encouraging more members to become involved with the Foundation.

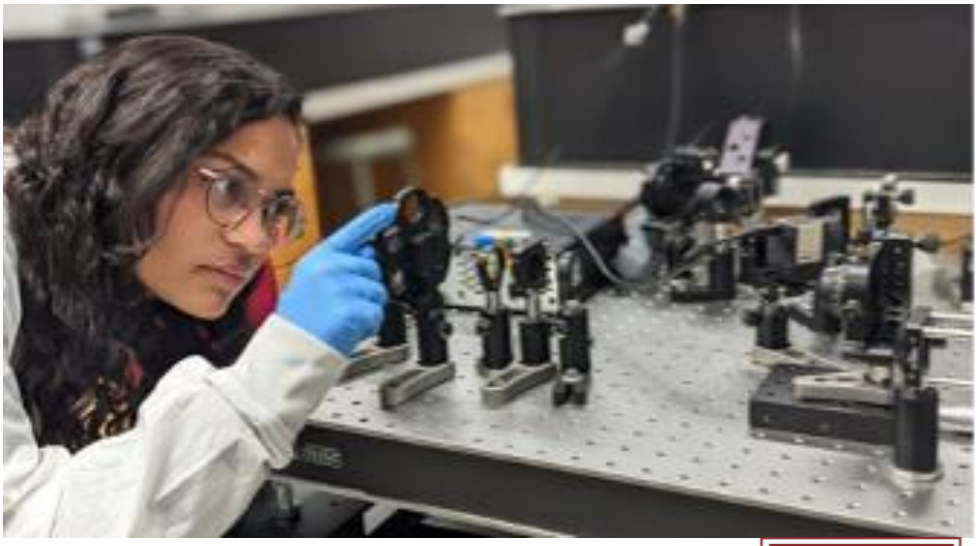
There are many ways to participate – donating, promoting a campaign, celebrating an award or fellowship recipient, recognising someone special through Rose Day, or simply sharing the story of what the Foundation makes possible.

Together, our individual actions can create a much greater impact.

I look forward to working with you and helping us make the most of these opportunities to support the Zonta Foundation for Women.

UPDATE ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE ZONTA FOUNDATION.

A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS BEGINS WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION



ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS UPDATE :- READ MORE HERE or CLICK IMAGE ABOVE!

ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

D23 2027 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Introducing: Naidene Parry - D23 Conference Chair

Naidene has been a member of the Zonta Club of Bendigo for more than 25 years. During this time she has held numerous Board positions, including two terms as President, as well as Treasurer and Secretary. She has also served as Zonta District 23 Secretary during the last Biennium and is currently Area 4 Director as well as serving as Chair of the D23 Conference Committee for the District Conference to be held in Bendigo in September 2027.



FIRST REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE D23 CONFERENCE 2027 COMMITTEE



Planning is well underway for the **D23 Conference 2027**, with Committee members working hard to bring you a fun, informative, thought-provoking and inspirational program.

When and Where

The Conference will commence on **Friday, 3 September 2027**, and conclude on **Sunday, 5 September 2027**, at **Bendigo All Seasons**, 171–183 McIvor Highway, Bendigo, approximately 2.7 km from the Bendigo City Centre.

All Seasons offers onsite accommodation, and the Committee is also working with accommodation providers nearby to secure good rates for members wishing to stay close to the Conference venue. Further accommodation information will be provided as arrangements are confirmed.

Our Conference Theme
Our theme, **From Goldfields to Global Impact**, reflects the journey from local beginnings to global influence and celebrates the contribution women have made – and continue to make – to our community and the wider world.

Our Conference logo was designed by **Tanya Ryan of Petit Pixel Design** and was inspired by the Bendigo Women's Memorial, a sculpture by local sculptor **Yvonne George**. The monument recognises the important role of women in the development of Bendigo, from the discovery of gold through to the present day. The sculpture was unveiled as part of the celebrations marking **150 years of gold in Bendigo**.

Gold was officially discovered at Bendigo in **September 1851**, at a location known as "The Rocks", near the junction of Bendigo Creek and Golden Gully, in what is now Golden Square. The discovery is traditionally attributed to **Mrs Margaret Kennedy and Mrs Julia Farrell**, who were associated with the nearby Ravenswood pastoral run.

Our theme provides an opportunity to reflect on Bendigo's rich history while looking forward to the impact we can make locally, nationally and globally through **Zonta's work improving the lives of women and girls**.

The Conference Committee looks forward to welcoming as many Zonta members as possible to Bendigo. We hope you will take the opportunity to arrive early or stay a little longer and enjoy all that our beautiful region has to offer, including our history, culture, food, wine and surrounding attractions.

Your Conference Team
Conference Committee
Governor – Wendy Quinn, District Governor
Chair – Naidene Parry, Area 4 Director
Secretary – Sue Clarke, Zonta Club of Bendigo
Public Relations – Rosalie Lake, Zonta Club of Bendigo
Committee Members
Kathryn Patarica
Sue Edgar
Kate O'Callaghan

Genevieve Somerville
Ann Horrocks
Tiffany Gill
Shirley Turner
Jess Somerville
All Zonta Club of Bendigo members

Contact Us
Conference email: zontad23conf@gmail.com
Please contact us via our dedicated Conference email with any questions or queries.

We look forward to sharing more details about the program, speakers, accommodation and activities with you over the coming months.

D23 CENTURION
Introducing: Ann Horrocks



As D23 Centurian for the 2026-2028 biennium, I am looking forward to continuing this role and *to working with Zonta members* to make the world a better place for women and girls.

I have been a member of the Bendigo Club since 1988. When I initially joined, I was looking for interaction with other women while also doing some service in the local community. It took me a few years to really understand what Zonta stands for, both internationally and locally.

I have been fortunate to hold many roles not only in my club but also within the district, some elected and some appointed.

Similarly at International level, I was elected to the 2016-18 ZI Nominating Committee. Positions I have been appointed to include the Convention Technical

Committees, ZI Service Committee incl Centennial Grants, and the ZFW Development Committee.

Professionally I was an Industrial Chemist and moved into Project Management in later years.

D23 HISTORIAN & ARCHIVIST
Introducing : Jillian Reid



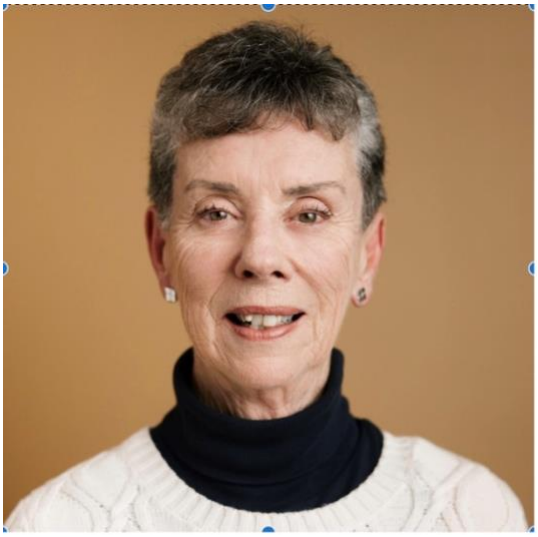
I am a retired nurse who lives in Devonport Tasmania. I have a strong passion for women's rights and a long-standing commitment to supporting women and girls in our community.

I am honoured to take on the role of D23 Historian and Archivist for this biennium.

HISTORIAN & ARCHIVIST
In this role, I will be working to preserve and document the history, achievements and contributions of Zonta across District 23. I hope to capture the stories, milestones and memories that reflect the work of our clubs and members, ensuring that our history is valued, accessible and carried forward for future generations.

I look forward to working with clubs throughout the biennium to collect and preserve the stories that make Zonta's history so meaningful.

D23 PARLIAMENTARIAN
Introducing: Erica Majba



I am honoured to have been invited by Governor Wendy to serve as the D23 Parliamentarian. This role has been held over the years by highly respected Zontians, and its purpose is to work with the By-Laws & Resolutions Chair and to support the Governor to “ensure fair and Prudent practices”, particularly during the business sessions of the District Conference.

I have been a member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide for 25 years. and have enjoyed serving in a variety of roles at club, district, and international levels. Highlights include serving as District 23 Governor from 2014–2016, being Timekeeper at two International Conventions, and contributing on several international committees. At District level I have served on the Nominating Committee, Zonta Foundation Ambassador, Young Women Leaders Award Committee 2026.

These experiences have provided me with a strong understanding of Zonta governance, protocol, and procedure, and I look forward to supporting Governor Wendy and the District throughout the Conference.

D23 GREATER VISIBILITY TEAM
Introducing: Lucy McDonald - Team Coordinator



I am a psychological science student who has just completed their Honours year in conservation management of stingrays and other low-visibility marine animals.

I currently work in childcare in the toddler room, contributing to quality outcomes of learning and development in the children.

Zonta Career:

- Joined the Zonta Club of Adelaide in February 2025
- Awards team panel member for the Young Woman in Leadership Award in 2025 & 2027
- Program mentor for the Young Women in Leadership Program focusing on the impacts of fast fashion in a modern slavery context in 2025
- Social Media Coordinator for the Zonta Club of Adelaide, managing the Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram in 2025 - Present
- Book fundraising coordinator, wrapping and selling 'Blind Date with a Book' to raise funds in 2025 - Present
- General Board Director alongside a small team, voting in the interests of the club in 2026 - Present

GREATER VISIBILITY

The core task of the Greater Visibility Team is to increase the visibility of Zonta in District 23, locally, and internationally, and to pull together concrete ideas for this biennium.

We plan on creating a D23 LinkedIn and Instagram page in addition to the already existing Facebook, in order to target and draw on a different crowd.

We also will keep up to date with current affairs and important dates, drawing on these when creating social media reach.

Greater Visibility Team

Lucy McDonald	South Australia
Sarina Todd & Genevieve Somerville	Victoria
Beth Trainer	Western Australia
Katinka Dineen	Tasmania
Debbie Schmidt	Mentor

SAVE THE DATES!!

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR 2027 AREA MEETINGS....

Area 1 and 4 (Victoria)	April 17th 2027	Location to be advised
Area 2 (South Australia)	May 1st 2027	Adelaide
Area 3 (Western Australia)	April 3rd 2027	Bunbury
Area 5 (Tasmania)	March 20th 2027	Hobart



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