

# NewsFlash

December 2018



## Dear District 23 Zontians,

As you receive this Newsflash, the 16 Days of Activism will have just ended. I have been inspired by the activities clubs in our district have undertaken in our quest “Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women”. You will hear about some of these diverse activities in Area Director reports in the following pages. Take inspiration and make a note of an activity your club may wish to undertake this time next year. Remembering also the issue of violence against women is ongoing, and whilst shining a light during the 16 Days of Activism does much to highlight this, As Zontians we know that our work does not stop at the end of this period of activism. We need to continue the conversation to empower women worldwide through our service and advocacy.

## Membership

It was my great pleasure to recently attend the charter celebration of District 23’s newest club – the Zonta Club of Cradle-Coast in Area 5 (Tasmania). I met a fantastic group of members who are beginning their Zonta journey with great enthusiasm. We wish you all every success and offer all the support you need.

Lt Governor Sandra Burns advises “Membership in our district has been tracking well over the past few months

with all areas increasing their membership. We should crack the 800 members by end of year as there are a number of inductions being planned.” Welcome to new members. I know members in your clubs will be free with their fellowship and information to assist you in your journey.

## Conference 2019

One of the changes we will make to our “normal” (i.e. what we’ve done in the past) conference program for next year’s combined conference in Brisbane, is the way we deal with our official business. The logistics of having four districts all needing to conduct their business is challenging, as we want to maximise the time the four districts have together. Our District 23 official business will all be conducted on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This will require all members attending to be in Brisbane and available on Friday morning.

Registration will take place between 8am – 9am and the district meeting will commence at 9am.

Conference Chairman Erica Majba and I are currently working on a program that meets our statutory requirements as a District, candidate presentations, awards etc.



With President of the Zonta Club of Cradle Coast, Jacqui De Jong at the Charter

Governors from Districts 16, 22, 24 and I are working closely with Conference Co-Ordinator Naomi Reschke and her team to bring you a fantastic program of speakers, discussions, workshops, and of course, fellowship. Details regarding registration and program will be forwarded as available via the Conference Newsletter.

Come and join us in Brisbane. It will be different, it will be informative, it will be fun!

## From Zonta International

Governors have online meetings with President Susanne on a regular basis. Some points from last week’s meeting:

### Women in Technology Scholarship

Information will be available to clubs this month, with applications opening in February 2019.

### Individual Memberships

ZI is encouraging clubs to promote these memberships to ensure we continue to grow. This is a great opportunity to further inform of the activities undertaken by Zonta.

### Zonta Talks

Clubs are encouraged to submit ideas for topics through their Area Directors.

### Image usage

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# DISTRICT 23 CENTENNIAL NEWS

From Governor Jane

## Centennial Anniversary Grants

A reminder these grants close 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. At this point there are over 100 applications in progress. The Zonta International Service Committee have asked that clubs do not leave their applications to the last minute. This will ensure announcements about successful grants as soon as possible after closing.

## Centennial Recognition Awards

In honour of our centenary Zonta International has instituted Centennial Recognition Awards and has asked each district to confer an award. This award recognises an outstanding individual, living or working within the district, who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to empowering women. It should focus on

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someone outside of Zonta and extend our reach in the community. The District 23 board have recently discussed how best to select an award winner. We have decided that each area will select a candidate. These candidates will be assessed by a small committee, who will make a recommendation on a District 23 recipient. Further details will come out in the new year, however please start thinking about suitable nomination.

## District 23 Centennial Celebrations

I know many clubs and each area have centenary celebrations planned. As our district covers a number of states – unlike Districts 22 & 24 who are one state each – I'm seeking suggestions from members on how we should celebrate the centenary as a whole district. I leave this wide open, without leading you in any direction, as the District 23 board will welcome any suggestions for discussion. Please provide any thoughts you may have to your area director.



Zonta 100 Australia New Zealand

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### Newsflash

In the last edition of the Newsflash I asked members for feedback about the format of the Newsflash. Whilst we did not receive many responses we have taken on board the comments received. Editor Jane Smith and I have decided to mix the formatting up a bit as we continue through the biennium. We look forward to your comments.



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Facebook Page



As 2018 draws to a close, I'm surprised at how quickly the first six months of this biennium have passed.

Thank you all for the time, energy and passion you give to Zonta as members of District 23.

I'm very much looking forward to celebrating Zonta's centenary with you in 2019, and know I'll continue to be amazed and inspired by the wonderful work of District 23 Zontians.

To all District 23 Zontians and your families, please accept my very best wishes for the season— whether you celebrate Christmas, or not, whether you use this as a time of renewal, whether it's about gathering your loved ones together, or travelling - whatever you do, I sincerely wish you stay safe and experience joy and peace.

From Geelong and our wonderful floating Christmas tree, yours sincerely, in Zonta service,

*Jane*

Jane Adornetto,  
District 23 Governor 2018-2020



## Area 1 Highlights

What an exciting few months for the clubs in Area One. Many who attended the Yokohama Convention have renewed enthusiasm and commitment! Our first President's meeting was great for sharing ideas and planning future collaborations for an area project and centennial celebrations. It is a privilege to work with these wonderful women.

Melbourne's East celebrated their 40-year anniversary in October with a High Tea. It was a wonderful afternoon remembering the past and renewing friendships. A rally was held on December 1 to promote Zonta Says No to Violence. "Little Stones" was screened during the 16 Days of Activism. The club will have Emergency Boxes at three Police stations before the start of the Christmas period.

Melbourne's South East organised an Orange Ribbon and Hug a Tree Social Media Campaign jointly with Frankston City Council to raise awareness for the 16 Days of Activism. They also distributed orange ribbons and Zonta literature at community centres and took part in two Walks promoting the fight against Family Violence. They have an Amelia Earhart function on January 20, 2019.

The Mornington Club held its third White Ribbon breakfast at Brooklands on November 23. Guests heard Sue Weatherill and Sue Oates from the



Zonta Club of Melbourne's South East SAYS NO TO FAMILY VIOLENCE

Good Shepherd organisation speak about what is being done for victims of family violence on the Mornington Peninsula. It was an inspiring morning! Melbourne's West held an afternoon of Bubbles, Fun and Food with music from the Dixie Chooks to raise funds for local projects. Their 2018 JMK winner Yasmin Poole was a guest on Q and A at the end of November. Facebook posts during the 16 Days of Activism have shown their commitment to the Zonta Says No campaign.

Melbourne on Yarra members attended the Walk Against Family Violence from Federation Square on the very cold and wet afternoon of Friday November 23. They also have featured daily posts on Social Media during the 16 Days of Activism.

*Di Hillman*

**Area 1 Director 2018-2020**

## Area 2 Highlights

The thirteen clubs in Area 2 represent a diversity of Zonta members from the city and country with a variety of small and larger clubs committed to achieving the aims of Zonta. We work together wherever possible and Presidents continued to come together each two months for a combined presidents' meeting to share items of concern, news and plan together for our Area. Two clubs recently organised the next in our series of very successful Combined Advocacy meetings open to all Area 2 members and interested friends. In September the Zonta Club of Adelaide hosted a session that focused on Women's Homelessness, and in early November Zontians travelled to Hindmarsh Valley to attend a meeting that addressed mental health, organised by Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula

Clubs have been especially busy leading up to and during the 16 days of Activism with a variety of actions ranging from daily Facebook posts

from Adelaide and Adelaide Torrens, special events with key note speakers addressing areas such as Women's Financial Literacy, eSafety Workshops on Eyre Peninsula, a special event, leaflet drop and banners in the main street of Gawler, and a Year 12 Graduation Assembly with a White Ribbon Ambassador.

Two clubs, Adelaide Hills (October) and Mt Barker (November) held their annual Expect Respect launch and ceremonies. Representatives of donor clubs attended the heart launch of the joint Zahra Foundation and City of Charles Sturt DV Project.

Gawler Says No Banner (below)



Fleurieu Peninsula and Para District Area were among clubs that recognised five Women of Achievement, and other clubs have presented awards to girls in their secondary years of schooling. Mt Barker and Adelaide Torrens between them won five awards at the highly competitive annual Premier's Service Awards presentation.

Meanwhile Zonta members continued to organise quiz nights, sausage sizzles, quilts, supplies to DV shelters, assemble of hundreds of birthing kits and distribute numerous breast cushions and drainage bags to hospitals in SA. In July Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills hosted a special Birthing Kit event to celebrate the 2 millionth Birthing Kit. Presidents, Vice Area Director Lynda and I have also been delighted to induct new and returning members in several clubs.

*Eronwy Edwards*

**Area 2 Director 2018-2020**

*Lynda A'Bear*

**Vice Area 2 Director 2018-2020**

## Area 3 Highlights

On November 10 a very successful and enjoyable Founders Day Dinner was held at Royal Perth Golf Club attended by over 80 Zontians and Guests.

These included Hon. Simone McGurk MLA BA Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services, ZI Director Judy Gorton and D23 Lt Gov Sandra Burns.

During the evening the A3 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Award 2018 winner, Kerran Olson was presented with her Certificate by ZI Director Judy. Kerran has recently been announced as the recipient of the District 23 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship for 2018. The Woman of Achievement 2018 was announced and Minister Simone presented this to Irene Stainton nominated by ZC Perth Northern Suburbs. The judging panel were hard pressed to choose a winner

out of the four inspiring women nominated for the award.

All clubs are very actively participating in the 16 Days of Activism Zonta Says NO campaign. Several clubs had stalls at local shopping centres handing out white ribbons and clubs participated in their local silent marches. We are proud of these participants who clad themselves in orange or white and carry the Zonta Says NO banners. As groups they are very visible.

ZC Perth had inspiring speaker Robyn



ZI Director Judy Gorton and JMK recipient Kerran Olsen

Westgate from Prisoners Action Group as their guest speaker at their club meeting. ZC Perth Northern Suburbs joined with Kelda Oppermann from Zonta House Refuge in giving a presentation to over 100 attendees at ChemCentre. ZC Peel has the cooperation of the Mandurah City Council in lighting up the new Mandurah Bridge in orange for the 16 days. It looks spectacular. Congratulations go to the ZC Dunsborough, with the cooperation of Deanne Shade, on their endeavours in starting a Z Club at Busselton Senior High School. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing progress reports on this venture.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to refreshed inspiration for our Centennial Year in 2019.

*Faith O'Brien*

*Area 3 Director 2018-2020*

## Area 4 Highlights

In this new biennium, all clubs are up and running celebrating anniversaries, undertaking major fund-raising events and holding Zonta Says NO campaigns.

In October, Ballarat celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with High Tea and Albury Wodonga celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an afternoon tea. It was wonderful to celebrate both club's history, achievements and meet their respective members and guests.



Ballarat Members Celebrating 40 years!

Many clubs have undertaken major fundraising efforts with great success. Some of these may be adaptable to your club.

Bendigo held a Christmas Market. Wangaratta held a successful annual fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction.

Central Goldfields held an Italian evening. I can smell the wood fired pizzas, minestrone soup, cassata and tiramisu as I write this!

Geelong held a Blue Illusion fashion parade.

Melton had a film evening, 'Ladies in Black' and a Trivia Night.

Zonta Says NO campaigns were varied with Central Goldfields working with Parks and Gardens staff to build a garden bed in Phillips Gardens, planted with white petunias in the shape of a White Ribbon and a Z beside it.

Albury Wodonga received a grant and produced a brochure entitled, Domestic Violence Prevention

Awareness Campaign. 12,000 were produced and distributed.

Wangaratta approached their schools and the children were invited to write a message or trace their own hand to "Say NO". The club received some thoughtful responses.

Both Bendigo and Melton Clubs participated in Walks Against Violence.

Kyneton held a sausage sizzle and marched in the Kyneton Daffodil Parade and Ballarat attended their local White Ribbon Day Breakfast. Geelong held an event "Pets & Domestic Violence—Yes there is a link".

I have thoroughly enjoyed attending dinner meetings with many of the clubs in Area 4, inducting new members and discussing the Biennial Goals and many other matters.

Wishing you all a Great Christmas and New Year!

*Catherine Taylor*

*Area 4 Director 2018-2020*

## Area 5 Highlights

November has been an exciting time in Area 5 with wonderful events taking place. The long awaited Charter of the Zonta Club of Cradle Coast was attended by District Governor Jane and Zontians from all parts of the state. President Jacqueline De Jong welcomed guests to the really happy occasion!

Hobart Derwent's November meeting was an enjoyable evening with Area 5's Jane Klausman award winner addressing members. What an inspirational young woman is Louise MacIntosh!

Hobart Club has a new President, Veronika Maddock. Veronika is also

the District 23 Bylaws and Resolutions Chair. Members from Hobart Club held a second hand handbag sale with proceeds supporting the Small Steps program. Launceston has been busy making and selling their famous Christmas shortbread.

Clubs throughout Area 5 have been involved with events for White Ribbon Day. Hobart Derwent attended the White Ribbon March from St David's Park in Hobart. In Devonport the Zonta Club collaborated with Inner Wheel, CWA and Soroptimists for a White Ribbon Day Walk the Talk event on Victoria Parade. This growing event was well attended and received good publicity, many being Zontians visible in their Zonta Says No orange tee

shirts. Don College students from Years 11 and 12 classes studying Cert 2 & Cert 3 in Community Services worked with the Devonport Club to research domestic violence and then assemble a window display at a Community Health building to draw attention to the White Ribbon cause.

Zonta Club of Devonport's Club's Open Garden Gathering was held to raise funds for projects to assist women impacted by domestic violence. It was a delightful day and a hugely successful event.

**Georgie Hutchinson**  
Area 5 Director 2018-2020



Hobart Derwent President Wendy Quinn, District Governor Jane, Area 5 Jane Klausman award winner, Louise MacIntosh and Area 5 Director, Georgie Hutchinson



Collaboration of women's clubs in Devonport Mall preparing for the White Ribbon Walk the Talk event on Victoria Parade.

## SAVE THE DATES —2019

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 13

September 6-8

Areas 1 and 4 Workshop

Area 3 Workshop

Area 5 Workshop

Area 2 Workshop

Combined Australia & New Zealand District Conference, Brisbane.