



# ZONTA

CLUB OF  
PARA DISTRICT  
AREA INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



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## February 2019

### Mission

Zonta International is a leading global service organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

### Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence

### Theme

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy



## President's Report

Dear friends

Happy New Year to all of you. I hope that you are feeling refreshed after our annual break since our December club meeting – and that you have not been impacted too badly by the extreme heatwave conditions that we have been experiencing over the past six weeks or so. I know that I really appreciate any of our cooler days, even if they appear only fleetingly.

It is now time for us to get back to work, and there are a number of issues which need to be prioritised. The main one of these is our Way Forward initiatives. Following on from the valuable input of Area Director Eronwy the Board have determined a way of reducing the amount of business

to be conducted at future Club meetings as a way of invigorating our membership as a whole. Following a great deal of reflection and discussion, it was decided that we would provide written committee reports and diary dates for everyone to read through at the beginning of each club meeting rather than to have verbal reports. It is hoped that by reducing the length of the business to be conducted that we can focus more on aspects of advocacy and service – the primary aims of Zonta. This will begin this evening, and you will first notice the change in the format and content of the Agenda. We will obviously review how such changes assist us to meet our goals.

I have been advised by Vicky Welgraven that she has reluctantly decided to resign. Her roles at work and within her family are impacting on her ability to both attend meetings and to give her attention to Zonta in the way that she believes is necessary. Vicky is keen to maintain contact with the club and to assist in any way that she can in our various projects, and she has indicated that she would be keen to renew her membership at some time in the future. In resigning Vicky has offered her thanks to all members for welcoming her so warmly into club membership, and for the friendship she has been offered by all members. I have advised Vicky that I understand the quandary she is in, and that I will be bringing this to the February meeting. I provided Vicky with information about the new ZI initiative of Individual Membership so that she could consider maintaining her membership of the organisation without the necessity to be an active member of a club, and I am delighted that she has advised that she will follow up on this option at the end of our Zonta membership year.

In recent days I have been approached by Raelene Watts, the leader of the Sharing with Passion organisation. You may recall that in March 2017 the club donated \$500 funding for a number of bunk beds at Kateera school in Uganda – this allowed a number of girls to continue their attendance and education. Raelene has been advised that the school is now expecting a further 40 girls to be enrolled at the school for the 2019 school year, and as a result there is a need for a further supply of beds. These triple-decker bunks can be obtained locally at a cost of approximately \$A116 each. Raelene has been gracious in indicating that the club could not be expected to cover the total costs involved to cover 15 such beds, but she would be very grateful if we could see our way to offer some financial support to this cause. I have advised her that I will bring this request to our meeting for discussion. I will also provide this information to other Area 2 clubs in the hope that some further support could be obtained from them.

The club has received some basic information about a public meeting looking at the Decriminalisation of Prostitution Bill which is shortly to be considered in the SA Parliament. This meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 28 March, and in order to allow members of the Board to attend we have rescheduled the meeting to be held on that evening to occur on 21 March instead. I would encourage all members who possibly can attend to go along to that meeting and find out exactly why Zonta should urge MPs to consider voting for the changes outlined in the Bill.

Love

*Aileen.*



## Diary Dates

<b>2019</b>		
<b>February</b>	5	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	9	Quilting Workshop—★
	28	Board meeting—7 PM
<b>March</b>	2	Combined Advocacy Group meeting—1:30–4:00PM. Venue to be confirmed.
	5	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	8	International Women's Day—UN Women Breakfast, Adelaide Convention Centre Start: 6.45am for 7am start; Finish: 8.45am / 9am; City of Salisbury Breakfast, Parafield Gardens Community Club, 65 Shepherdson Rd., Parafield Gardens; 7:30 am start.
	9	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
	21	Board meeting—7 PM
	28	Public meeting to discuss the Decriminalisation of Prostitution Bill prior to its consideration in SA Parliament—6 pm, venue to be confirmed
<b>April</b>	2	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	6	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
	13	Area 2 Workshop– Hosted by ZC of Clare and Districts, details to be confirmed
		Board meeting—date to be confirmed
<b>May</b>	4	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
	7	Biennium Dinner—6:15 for 6:30 PM, Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
<b>June</b>	2	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	8	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
<b>July</b>	2	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	13	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
<b>August</b>	6	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	10	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
<b>September</b>	3	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	6-8	<b>Centennial Combined Districts (16, 22, 23, 24) Conference, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre</b>
	14	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
<b>October</b>	1	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	12	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
<b>November</b>	5	Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	9	Quilting Workshop—venue to be confirmed
	9	<b>Area 2 Centennial Celebration of ZI - Hotel Grand Chancellor</b>
<b>December</b>		<b>Club Centennial function in lieu of December Dinner Meeting — details to be confirmed</b>

## Quilting Workshops



**\*Please note, due to renovations at Helping Hand Parafield Gardens, the Quilting workshop in February 2019 will be held at the home of Liz Bice**  
**All dates are for a Saturday, and the workshops run from 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm.**

Please remember that our quilting workshops are a rare opportunity to spend time with fellow Zontians in a relaxed atmosphere – and the resulting quilts will benefit those in our wider community who have special needs.

# Club News



4 December 2018

The club's last dinner for the year was a rather relaxed meeting with nine members, two members' guests and our guest speaker for the evening, Kylie O'Callaghan, General Manager of the Zahra Foundation

Kylie showed a Powerpoint presentation and spoke passionately about, amongst other points, the Mission of the Foundation — To assist South Australian women and children affected by domestic and family violence, empowering them and providing pathways towards economic independence.



The Zonta Club of Para District Area wishes to congratulate an "Hon Zon", **Chris Houlson**, on her recent award, **2019 Outstanding Citizen** at the City of Tea Tree Gully Australia Day presentations.

Pictured here, third from the left, with other award recipients and council officials.





# ENSURING SAFE PUBLIC TRANSPORT WITH AND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN PORT MORESBY



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Public transport is a vital service in urban spaces, especially for women and girls. The ability to access safe, affordable and reliable transport enables women to participate in economic activity, access education, health, and other important services, and positively contributes to sustainable development.

The extractive industry has recently increased economic activities in Port Moresby, the capital city of Papua New Guinea (PNG). Not only have these activities widened the gap between the rich and the poor, they have led to an increase in employment in, and domestic migration to, the city. This in turn has led to greater mobility needs among Port Moresby's residents. As the choice of transport mode is related to socioeconomic status, it is disadvantaged groups that are more reliant on public transportation. In Port Moresby public motor vehicles (PMVs/buses) and taxis are the major mode of transport, with very low levels of ownership of private vehicles among city residents. Similar to other cities in middle-income and low-income countries,<sup>1</sup> PMVs and taxis in Port Moresby are often in a state of disrepair. Drivers may be unskilled and show low adherence to traffic laws, while enforcement of restrictions placed on registration and maintenance is negligible. In addition to this, there is direct correlation between the high rates of unemployment among men in Papua New Guinea, and the frequent carjackings and armed robberies of both private and public vehicles.<sup>2</sup> For women and

girls in particular, the use of public transportation poses specific risks of sexual harassment (SH)<sup>3</sup> and other forms of sexual violence (SV).<sup>4</sup>

This report demonstrates that despite frequent experiences of violence against women and girls (VAWG)<sup>5</sup> while using public transport, women still heavily rely on and use both PMVs and taxis, especially women and girls in disadvantaged communities, as they are the group least likely to have access to other forms of transportation.

<sup>1</sup> UN-Habitat (2013)

<sup>2</sup> UN-Habitat (2010)

<sup>3</sup> **Sexual Harassment** refers to unwelcome sexual comments, attention, actions, or gestures. Like other forms of sexual violence, the key components of sexual harassment are the actions taken without the consent, permission, or agreement of the person or persons targeted. Sexual harassment can include non-contact behaviour, such as sexual comments about a person's body parts or appearance, whistling while a woman or a girl is passing by, demands for sexual favours, sexually suggestive staring, following, stalking, and exposing one's sexual organs. Sexual harassment also includes physical contact, such as grabbing, pinching, slapping, or rubbing against another person in a sexual way. Some elements of sexual harassment may be covered by criminal law. However, many elements may require civic action, which might involve educational and administrative responses.

<sup>4</sup> **Sexual Violence** refers to any sexual act committed against the will of the other person, either in the case where the victim does not give consent, or when consent cannot be given because the person is a child, has a mental disability, or is severely intoxicated or unconscious, perhaps as a result of alcohol or drugs. It encompasses both sexual harassment and other forms of sexual assault such as attempted rape, and rape. It includes acts such as genital mutilation/cutting, forced sexual initiation, forced prostitution, trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation, and other sexually motivated forms of violence.

<sup>5</sup> **Violence against women and girls (VAWG)** refers to any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women and girls, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life. (Definition from the UN General Assembly 1993 Declaration of the Elimination of Violence Against Women).



Another article with an **International** slant....



# THE AUSTRALIAN Women's Weekly

BY REBECCA SULLIVAN  
FEB 01, 2019 7:20AM

The Duchess of Sussex has been out in force lately, rocking her fabulous baby bump in chic maternity outfits as she meets with the various organisations, she has chosen to devote her support to.

On Thursday, Duchess Meghan stepped out in a recycled Givenchy outfit during a meeting with students and academics from London's Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) for the first time since becoming an official royal patron of the organisation.

French fashion house Givenchy is a favourite of Meghan's - head designer Clare Waight Keller made the Duchess's beautiful wedding dress - and she wore an all-black outfit from the brand with nude pumps and earrings by Dean Davidson.

The ACU brings universities, academics and students together from all over the world.

The Duchess is a proud advocate of education, particularly among women and less advantaged communities.

The ACU aims to bring together universities, academics and students from around the world

Joanna Newman, chief executive and secretary general of the ACU, said of Meghan's appointment: "Our new patron, of course, has such a fantastic record of speaking up about the issues we most care about in higher education, whether it's equity of access, gender and girls, or a whole host of other issues."

She continued: "The Duchess shares our passion for the transformational power of higher education, and Her Royal Highness's support will help champion higher education as a force for good in the Commonwealth and beyond."



Quote

| ***'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.'***

~ Helen Keller ~

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# OBJECTS OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.
  - To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members.
  - To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
  - To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.
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## ZONTA THANKS

Wherever your country of birth, whatever your faith or creed, give thanks for the meal we share tonight in Zonta fellowship. But remember too those who have had no food today; not with guilt that we have so much, but with hope that through Zonta service and advocacy, they too may come to share the same in peace and harmony.

*Tricia Summerfield, Zonta Club of Perth*

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### MEETING NIGHTS

#### South Australian Clubs

Adelaide	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Adelaide Hills	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Clare & District	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Gawler	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Mt Barker	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Riverland	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday

Adelaide Flinders	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Adelaide Torrens	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Fleurieu Peninsula	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Noarlunga S.Vales	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Port Lincoln	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Lower Eyre	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

*Meetings held first Tuesday of each month  
from February to December*

6.15 pm for 6.30 pm start at  
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