



ZONTA
CLUB OF
PARA DISTRICT
AREA INC
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



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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,

It is a tradition within the Zonta Club of Para District Area to celebrate the end of each Zonta year with a dinner celebrating our achievements over that time, and this evening we are once again taking the time to share them with guests who are able to join us. Amongst that number there are some who will be recipients of the results of our work, with

- eight Wee Care quilts being presented to the Women's and Children's Hospital Paediatric Emergency section
- thirty two New Beginnings quilts and two Wee Care quillows being presented to Northern Domestic Violence Service
- thirty bags of basic toiletries being presented to Northern Domestic Violence Service
- a cheque for \$500 being presented to YWCA Adelaide to support the Encore Programme supporting women who have undergone breast surgery
- a cheque for \$500 being presented to the women's section of Lyell McEwin Health
- a cheque for \$500 being presented to Sharing with Compassion Inc to provide additional bunk beds in a Ugandan High School to allow girls to continue their education.
- a cheque for \$500 will be provided to Nuriootpa High School to assist funding a Birthing Kit Assembly Day for the Child Care Studies class

In addition we have provided further funding to Zonta International for international projects. Part of this funding will support Amelia Earhart Fellowships for post graduate women in the field of aero-space science. The remainder will support ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women Program), with the current project aimed at preventing child marriage. Funds have also been set aside for other projects. Amongst these are Zonta Awards presented to a Year 11 student in each of ten local schools in order to encourage these young women in their final year of secondary school. It is really pleasing to note that we have reports from both the girls concerned and the school that being presented with such an award is having the desired results.

Given that we have only a small number of members, I think you will all agree that we have achieved a great deal in the past year. I am personally thanking all members concerned for their

efforts to ensure that we have been so successful in providing service and advocacy to women in both our local area and internationally.

Liz Bice, Pam Fletcher and I attended the Area 2 workshop at the Mintaro Institute, on Saturday 13 April. The theme was 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Change makers'. Also in attendance were District 23 Governor Jane Adornetto and Past International President Val Sarah.

PIP Val read the Zonta Mission statement and Jane gave the D23 Governor's Address.

The first speaker was Dr Helen Macdonald, Chief Executive Officer of the Clare and Gilbert Valley Council and a Zontian. Helen spoke about 'Queen Mothers, White Men and Leadership'. She has a PhD in Philosophy, Applied Ethics, and has worked around the world as a consultant with mining companies. In Ghana she has been the first person to do impact studies on cultural and human rights and worked with the communities to provide work and support the people through starting micro-industries.

The second speaker was Jo Stewart-Rattray, Director of Information and Security & IT Assurance, BRM Holdich, also a Zontian. Jo spoke about 'Dream Big and Believe' and her dreams as a child to follow in the footsteps of her hero, Audrey Hepburn, an advocate for the UN. Jo grew up believing in women's equality and dreaming of attending the UN, which she achieved when she won a position on the Australian delegation to the 62nd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in 2018.

After a delicious lunch, time was devoted to Zonta business:

- A2 director Eronwy Edwards addressed the possibility of splitting our vast area into two sections.
- Bev Hocking and Joy O'Hazy, from the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, gave a short history talk on how South Australian Women won the right to vote and stand for parliament 125 years ago. It was interesting to learn that Joy's research was inspired by her family connection to Edward Charles Stirling who supported this issue as an MP at the time.
- Leann Symonds, our past Vice Area Director, reported on Child Marriage and gave some very concerning statistics about this issue within Australia. A number of such marriages have been prevented when the girls concerned have told their teacher about the real purpose behind overseas 'holiday'.
- Margaret Rowland, committee chair for the Centennial Anniversary gave an update on activities coming up later in the year.
- Past International President, Val Sarah spoke briefly, along with our own Liz Bice, about the Zonta International Foundation Endowment Fund.
- Lynda A'Bear, Vice Area 2 Director, spoke about membership.
- Pru Blackwell spoke about the need for more PR
- Area Director Eronwy Edwards finished up by speaking about our 'Clubs, Issues and Where Next'.

As usual the workshop was of a very high standard, very well run and we all came away having felt inspired and motivated

Governor Jane left us with this quote from Maria Shriver:

'I do believe that every single person is capable of creating change in our world. And all you have to do is step forward. Sometimes the first step is the most difficult, but everybody has a voice. Everybody has a mission and a purpose, and everybody can make the world better, more conscious, more caring and compassionate.'

My sincere thanks to all who have provided me with wonderful support throughout the past year, and my best wishes go to Pam as she takes on the role of President later in this meeting.

Yours in Zonta Fellowship

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Quilting
Workshops



2019			Diary Dates
May	7	1 session	Biennium Dinner—6:15 for 6:30 PM, Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
June	2		Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	6		Golden Grove Shopping Centre display and raffle sales
	8		Quilting Workshop—Parafield Gardens Helping Hand
July	2		Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	13		Quilting Workshop—Parafield Gardens Helping Hand
August	6		Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	10		Quilting Workshop—Parafield Gardens Helping Hand
September	3		Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	6-8		Centennial Combined Districts (16, 22, 23, 24) Conference, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
	14		Quilting Workshop—Parafield Gardens Helping Hand
October	1		Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	12		Quilting Workshop—Parafield Gardens Helping Hand
November	5		Dinner Meeting—6:15 for 6:30 PM; Ibis Styles Adelaide Manor
	9		Quilting Workshop—Parafield Gardens Helping Hand
	9		Area 2 Centennial Celebration of ZI - Hotel Grand Chancellor
December			Club Centennial function in lieu of December Dinner Meeting — details to be confirmed
	14		Quilting Workshop—Parafield Gardens Helping Hand

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 and friends of Zonta in a relaxed atmosphere – and the resulting quilts benefit those in our wider community with special needs.

Happy Birthday

2 members celebrate their birthdays in May

Carmen Will on the 15th and Lyn Furner-Smith on the 21st. We wish them both a great day and a happy year

Club News

e-safety sessions

Last year members of our club attended an advocacy meeting where Greg Gebhart the Senior Trainer for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner provided information about e safety. Initially the Australian government formed this unit to ensure children could be safe online, but it now covers e-safety for all sectors of the community. It handles complaints about serious cyberbullying and illegal online content.

We were so impressed with the content and the delivery that we have been negotiating to have sessions for our community. At this stage we may have both a session for older people as well as a youth session. Currently we have not fixed places and times but it will be during July 22-July25.

If you are interested or have ideas about where we could hold these sessions please get in touch.

These is some information following about a series of webinars on topics of interest. The first one is *All you need to know about data and public wifi.*



Facebook page Zonta Club of Para District Area

As members and friends are hopefully already aware, we have recently launched a face book page for our club. With the help of the indomitable Nan Berrett , Alexa Little was able to set up our page. We are inviting people to both visit our page as well as share it with their networks. This will be a place where we can provide current news, articles and information as well as details of our current events. Please visit it, like and follow us and contribute items you think may be of interest.



Shopping Centre presence

We have been very conscious of our need to provide more information about the work of Zonta to the wider community and in the last year have prepared a bookmark, a poster and a brochure. These have been circulated in a number of venues and we are looking at other places we can promote our work. We have considered libraries and community centres. If you have suggestions we are interested.

Shopping centres are one place we are now focused on and have planned our first session for Thursday June 6 at the Golden Grove Shopping Centre. You are welcome to come visit us. We will be the ones in the bright orange T-shirts.

Zonta brings stakeholders together for discussion around effective actions to end child marriage

24 April 2019



“Child marriage is effectively a mass abuse of human rights. Our position is not only based on moral grounds; it is also based on legal and political grounds,” said Ambassador Mara Marinaki, the European External Action Service’s Principal Advisor on Gender and the implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, at a side event on child, early and forced marriage during the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women last month in New York.

The side event, convened by Zonta International and the Mission of the Republic of Niger, brought together governments, UN agencies and NGOs to discuss the necessary social systems, public services and infrastructure required to empower adolescent girls to say no to child, early and forced marriage, complete their education and realize their full potential.

The discussion was opened by Mme. Zeinabou Adam Elback, Niger’s Minister of Women’s Promotion & Protection of Children, who shared her government’s commitment to ending child marriage and some of the recent successes in Niger. “The Niger Government, at the highest level, has fought to reduce child marriage. There is a community effort in four regions of our country. There, it is the responsibility of the community to change the behavior within the community. As a result, 1,022 marriages were annulled and the girls returned to school. These results were achieved thanks to the engagement of the parents and community leaders.”

Nankali Maksud, Coordinator of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage, spoke to the importance of national action plans to end child marriage, which are cost-associated and budgeted, a point which was also emphasized by Nora O’Connell from Save the Children “Even once laws are passed...20,000 girls are married illegally every day. That’s over 7.5 million each year. So clearly passing laws is not enough. When you are talking about a complex issue like ending child marriage, you need to look across the government budget on what are those issues, so what you are really talking about is gender budgeting,” said Nora.

Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz spoke to civil society’s power and effectiveness in addressing large-scale issues like child, early and forced marriage. “Civil society partners can actively engage in ending child marriage. We are equipping our members with resources to address the issue of child marriage with their governments.”

Recap: The 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In March 2019, in the week following International Women's Day, leaders from around the world gathered at the UN Headquarters in New York City to participate in the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63).

As with every day on the journey to gender equality, CSW63 was a chance to reflect both on the progress the world has made for empowering women and girls to live full and equal lives, and on the challenges that continue to impede this progress.

Against [the backdrop](#) of a socially, economically and politically embroiled world, including push-back on women's rights, CSW63 reaffirmed the importance of gender considerations in social protection systems and public services. Central to the discussion was infrastructure, which can either facilitate or impede women and girls' abilities to access basic services and opportunities like education and health care.

Key recommendations from the Agreed Conclusions include the following:

- Invest in social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure to support the productivity of women's work, including in the informal economy;
- Ensure that progress in women's access to social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure is not undermined by budget cuts and austerity measures, and levels of protection previously achieved are not reversed;
- Build on multilateral commitments to gender equality, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the ILO Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012 (No. 202), to strengthen access to social protection, public services and infrastructure for all women and girls;
- Recognize, reduce and redistribute unpaid care and domestic work by ensuring access to social protection for unpaid caregivers of all ages, including coverage for health care and pensions;
- Scale up investment in quality public care services that are affordable and gender-responsive;
- Identify and remove barriers to women's and girls' access to public services, such as physical distance, lack of information and decision-making power, stigma and discrimination;
- Guarantee the availability of safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation, including for menstrual hygiene, in homes, schools, refugee camps and other public places;
- Ensure that transport policies and planning are sustainable, accessible, affordable, safe and gender-responsive, taking into account the different needs of women and men, and adapted to be used by persons with disabilities and older persons;
- Promote the full and equal participation and leadership of women and women's organizations in policy dialogues and decision-making relating to social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure;
- Strongly condemn the impunity and lack of accountability rooted in historical and structural *inequality that accompanies pervasive violence against women*.



April eNews

El Alto: a recent addition to UN Women's Safe Cities initiative

When dusk sweeps through El Alto, a city surrounded by the Bolivian Andes mountains, you won't see many women on the darkening streets. That's because most women and girls stay inside after dark for their safety.

"It affects us a lot," explains Rosa Juana Quispe Vargas, a 42-year-old local vendor, single mother and community leader. "Before getting into a minibus at night, we have to look first to see if there are women, because if there are only men, there will be harassment... in the streets, if we come across dark places, we have to take a different route."



Despite legislation banning violence against women, harassment and assault still occur—sometimes in public.

"I have a shop in the area, and I have seen women and girls getting assaulted by men several times, sometimes by their husbands," Rosa explains. "We haven't escaped that *machismo*; indeed, now it is worse than before..."

This is true of women and girls around the world—but UN Women are working to change that. In 2018, El Alto became one of more than 37 cities in which UN Women are studying urban design and the ways women are vulnerable in public spaces.

A street full of traffic in El Alto, Bolivia. Photo: UN Women

Sewing together, pieces of hope | UN Women Bangladesh



[UN Women Asia and the Pacific](#)

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Watch: Sewing Together, Pieces of Hope







<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKpfSm2AGCk&feature=youtu.be&bblinkid=154332116&bbemailid=13179973&bbejrid=1026736411>

Meet Zobaida, a tailoring instructor at the UN Women Multi-Purpose Centre in Cox's Bazar refugee camp in Bangladesh. Zobaida is a Rohingya refugee woman who fled Myanmar due to escalating violence. Zobaida says "I want my children to be educated but can't invest in it because of financial problems".

News from the eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

The eSafety Commissioner invites you to register for [free eSafety webinar presentations](https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/bookings)! <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/bookings>

We will be presenting four exciting eSafety topics, including the latest addition *All you need to know about data and public Wi-Fi*.
 Learn how to stay safer online so you can enjoy all the benefits the internet has to offer.

	Topic 1: All you need to know about data and Wi-Fi Learn how to manage your internet data to keep costs down and how to use public Wi-Fi safely.
	Topic 2: Can you spot a scam? Tax-time edition Learn how to recognise and protect yourself from common scams and where to go for help when you need it.
	Topic 3: Safer online shopping and banking Learn how to shop online with confidence and do your everyday banking safely.
	Topic 4: Staying safe on Facebook Learn how to protect your privacy on Facebook and enjoy connecting with other online safely.

Empowering victims of domestic violence: eSafety short film wins prestigious award

An eSafety short film highlighting the harmful way technology can be used in domestic and family violence has taken home silver and bronze medals from the [New York Festivals International TV & Film](#) awards held recently.

The powerful story of *Natalie* underpins the eSafety Women [online training program](#), designed to give domestic and family violence frontline workers the skills to help their clients deal with technology-facilitated abuse.

Natalie illustrates the complex reality of domestic violence situations. Each aspect of her story acts as a catalyst for essential learning about the way technology can be used to inflict online harassment, stalking and intimidation.

eSafety Women's online training program gives frontline workers the opportunity to access modules in their own time and at their own pace, making it a particularly important resource for those in rural and remote areas of Australia. Almost 1,700 workers have registered to use it. The online training is part of the highly acclaimed [eSafety Women program](#), which has delivered training to a further 8,000 frontline workers through face-to-face workshops.

Natalie, produced by [Brave Australia](#), received recognition from the TV & Film Awards for its digital education and instruction. The accolades highlight both the value of the training video and the high standard of its production, helping to reinforce the quality of the eSafety Women program.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/> Scan to bottom of home page to find link to e-safety for women



Area 2 Centenary Celebration A Night to Remember!

Saturday Evening 9 November 2019

Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide

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8th Prize



9th Prize



1st Prize



10th Prize

1st Prize: Handmade Modern Patchwork Quilt (175cm X198cm) made by Alexa Little - Value \$400

2nd Prize: Tartan Crochet Rug (90cm X 120cm) made by Pam Fletcher - Value \$150

3rd Prize: One bottle Talisker Scotch Whisky from Aileen Eldridge - Value \$95

4th Prize: One bottle Remy Martin VSOP Cognac from Aileen Eldridge - Value \$80

5th Prize: Hair care products from Jayne of "Vanity Hair and Body", Walkley Heights - Value \$80

6th Prize: Resin & Wood Cheese Board by *Torking Resin* from Shaylee Torkington - Value \$70

7th Prize: Stratco Gift Card from Liz Bice - Value \$60

8th Prize: Handmade Patchwork Quilt (Cot-sized 103cm X 82cm) made by Mark Karp - Value \$50

9th Prize: "Scentsy" Electric Fragrant Wax Warmer from Fran Wharton - Value \$40

10th Prize: Striped Cotton Throw (150cm X 125cm) from Alexa Little - Value \$30

All prizes have been donated by members and friends of the club.

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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.

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

MEETING NIGHTS

South Australian Clubs

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

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