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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



At the April Board meeting discussion focused on fundraising events, including fundraising and organisational documentation.

The Board noted the wonderful commitment and level of preparation for the film event already undertaken and the two events planned for the coming months: the fashion parade and the open garden. All are reliant upon the service and commitment of a team of Club members who have and continue to plan very successful events. The Board on behalf of the Club would like to acknowledge the work of both individuals and the teams working together.

In discussion the Board also noted that whilst there a range of documentation supports and guidelines available for use in the preparation of these activities it was felt that we needed to ensure working groups accessed these resources and complete planning documentation as required. This would assist with the overall planning as well as the financial aspects of each event.

Discussion at the meeting also focused on the preparations for the review of the Strategic Plan for 2022-23. With all Committees now having completed their annual report the Board will focus on the review process at the May Board meeting.

National Council of Women- update report

(Zonta Club of Adelaide delegates Colleen Tomlian and Maxine Panegyres)

The April meeting of the National Council of Women SA had a broad agenda, but I have chosen to focus on one key aspect: advocacy work in the space of gender-equity as a key issue is being examined both in SA and nationally, but also as part of the NGO- UN focus for the month.

*On Thursday 20th April 2023, I will be participating in a Round Table with The Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, the Minister for Social Services and Member for Kingston, Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, and Member for Boothby, Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP, on women and gender equality, to hear about priorities for the Government's new **National Strategy to Achieve Gender Equality**. "The Government has opened a survey to inform the National Strategy and is also holding targeted consultations to hear from people and organisations on what is needed to establish Australia as a world leader for gender equality." "Minister Gallagher, Minister Rishworth and Ms Miller-Frost MP want to hear your thoughts and reflections, based on your experiences and the experiences of your organisations.*

A Discussion Paper has been publicly released to inform discussions about the National Strategy, and the roundtable will cover the issues and questions raised in this paper."

**Colleen Tomlian
Vice President
Zonta Club of Adelaide**

**Empowering women and girls through Service and Advocacy
by 27,000 members in 62 countries worldwide**

SERVICE**Co-Convenors: Gerry Sanderson and Angela Vandellis**

I'd have to describe April and May as being our busiest month yet.

We held our **Zonta Club of Adelaide Fashion Parade** at The Maid hotel on Thursday the 27th of April and it was a sell-out success with 80 guests attending who were all overwhelmed and had a positive response.

Amazingly, we had 4 applications to join Zonta from our audience, plus the offer of a sponsorship from Tania Jolley, **Lashes of Change**. The event wasn't intended to be a recruitment drive, but it inspired both new membership and a sponsorship.

Elle and Elka, a fashion boutique located at Payneham Road Stepney, were more generous and supportive than we ever ventured to expect. They supplied a raffle prize valued at over \$800.00 and they simply couldn't do enough to help us.

Our team members need to be applauded for their outstanding hard work. **Thelma Harvey** was the inspirer behind holding a fashion parade. It was her idea and she did the initial legwork in approaching Elle and Elka to put the wheels in motion. None of us had had experience in staging this form of event before and Thelma was so energetic and resourceful in getting silent auction prizes, organising table plans and other staging details. We couldn't have done it without her.

Margie Glover was brilliant in persuading an impressive number of retailers to donate vouchers and gifts for the silent auction. She even managed to get two signed footballs from the Adelaide Crows AFL and AFLW teams. She also fine-tuned menu details and covered all the minutia associated with holding a large event. Her systematic and always cheerful approach was indispensable.

Gerry came in a bit handy too. I'd also like to pay particular appreciation to the following wonderful people:

Erica Majba who methodically handled the financial side of the day as well as assembling a spectacular slideshow to display from three screens at the event. We are so appreciative Erica.

Kathy Ellis was our greeter and did a brilliant job. She was also on-hand for helping at the silent auction in the distribution of prizes and payments in the last 30 minutes of the day.

Verena Colby and her daughter **Eleanor** are accomplished in the art of gentle, and not-so-gentle persuasion/ selling lots of raffle tickets. They worked tirelessly throughout the day in offering assistance whenever we needed it. Fabulous work.

Louise Stevens was our happy-snapper and roamed around at different times during the day to immortalize the compelling moments. None to show in this report but watch this space.

Our financial tally is yet to be revealed but we're expecting a good profit beyond the overwhelming feeling of goodwill and interest that was shown on the day.

ADVOCACY**Convenor: Raema Mahony**

The club Young Leaders Program commences in May and will be running until its completion with the student's graduation at our September club meeting. Erica will be stepping in to support the Leaders Institute Facilitator, Teachers and Zonta Mentors while Raema is away.

A letter and contact has been sent to a possible sponsor for this program and an application for funds has also be lodged with Power SA in their recent community grant round.

Leanne and Margaret will be working on a panel to select our 2023 Community Grant at the University South Australia.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD
FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Nominations will be taken from the floor at the May meeting
should any member wish to nominate**

President:	Kaye Roberts-Thomson
Vice-president:	Colleen Tomlian
Secretary:	Verena Colby
Treasurer:	Erica Majba
Directors:	Gerry Sanderson
	Bridget Mather
	Tasia Pertsinidis

COMMUNICATION Convenors: Maxine Panegyres/Tasia Pertsinidis

The Communication committee was unable to meet last week as planned. However we know that the work of updating the website

continues thanks to Lina Rogers and Erica Majba. Thanks go to Tasia and Helen Pertsinidis for supporting Beverley with the Zephyr.

Please let us know any dates that need to be included.

MEMBERSHIP Convenor: Erica Majba

Last month we welcomed Annette Brock to our club as a new member. Annette has been quite active already attending a number of club functions including the Fashion Parade and Brazen Hussies movie.

Two new members who have

not previously attended an Area 2 Workshop – Annette Brock and Helen Pertsinidis, have taken up the offer made by the Board to subsidise their registration by \$20. This is an opportunity for them to find out more about Zonta

beyond our club, with members from all clubs in SA invited as well as the District 23 Governor, Kay Stewart. All club members are invited to attend the event on Saturday May 3 and can register using TryBooking.

FINANCE Convenor: Erica Majba

A reminder Membership fees are due **3 May**. You may pay at the May dinner meeting or make a bank transfer prior

to the date
Congratulations to Treasurer Desi for finalising the club's

finances for 2022-23 and taking them to the auditor prior to her going away.

Happy Birthday

We wish a happy birthday to our members during
May 2023

- 9 Janice Watson
- 10 Gerry Sanderson
- 15 Maxine Panegyres
- 15 Erica Majba

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BREAST CUSHION TALLY

This year	165
To date	10636

DAIRY DATES

MAY

- 6 Area 2 Workshop
- 11-12 Young Women Leaders (YWL) course
- 12 Ivanka, Mary and Gerry (Breast Cushions)
- 13-14 Open Garden (in Mount George)

JUNE

- 14 Half day follow up YWL

JULY

- 29 Area 2 Advocacy Workshop



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

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1919, Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized 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. Its Objects are:

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women 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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2022-2023

President	Kaye Roberts-Thomson	Vice President	Colleen Tomlian
Secretary	Helen Pertsinidis	Treasurer	Erica Majba
Directors	Thelma Harvey; Di Lancaster; Deb Lodge; Erica Majba		

COMMITTEES 2022-2023

Membership

Convenor: Erica Majba

Raema Mahony; Janice Watson; Margie Glover

Advocacy

Co-Convenors: Jill Olifent; Verena Colby

Kathy Ellis; Bev Gum; Colleen Tomlian; Miriam Zhu

Service

Co-Convenors: Gerry Sanderson; Angela Vandellis

Mary Burford; Margie Glover; Thelma Harvey; Ivanka Jovanovich; Jenni Thomson; Louise Stevens

Awards

Convenor: Raema Mahony

Catherine Alcock; Leanne Longfellow; Maxine Panegyres; Margaret Peters; Stephanie Steensma

Communication

Co-Convenors: Maxine Panegyres; Tasia Pertsinidis

Di Lancaster; Beverley Newberry; Lina Rogers

Finance

Convenor: Erica Majba

Helen Joraslafsky; Desi Zed

PUBLIC OFFICER	Colleen Tomlian
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN SA	Maxine Panegyres
EX-OFFICIO	Maxine Panegyres
VISITORS BOOK	Val Baldwin
SCASA	Bev Gum
ARCHIVIST/ HISTORIAN	Beverley Newberry
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Stop the blame, says Minister

by Tasia Pertsinidis

“Health, disability care, and ending homelessness are my passions,” the Minister for Human Services, the Honorable, Natalie Cook, said in a speech to Zonta in April.

Services for marginalized people in South Australia are very important, and so are issues facing women.

And, while in Parliament, she noticed that “as a society, we should not be judged and blamed.”

Ms Cook, a former Nurse trainee at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, grew up in a loving family and lived amongst other hardworking families who were “tipped over the edge if they happened to lose a job, or prices went up.”

“My parents always said, ‘take notice of Politicians,’ ” Ms Cook said.

Having lost her son in an unprovoked, one punch attack, Ms Cook said that having a home was very important.

“Without a home and without a shelter, one cannot access things like good healthcare, education, and self education,” she said.

“I looked at the list of children from other countries in court this morning, and saw they were often underdeveloped, undernourished, under 14 years old, and with no direction in life.

“We have just got to do better.

“We need to stop blaming people, and ... produce a better society.

She said that in order to do that, we needed a community which is more caring, nurturing, equal, respectful, that sets goals and achieved them, and therefore got “more bang for their buck.”

Some “good conversations involving women were being had with the right people,” raising the bar in the areas of housing, health, education and the protection of women,” but acceptance was still a problem.

Ms Cook said that the news cycle also was so short that Human Services could be headline news one minute but not the next minute, and social media was good for nothing more than telling someone they were doing a good job, (because of the trolling).

One area people wanted improved which has succeeded, was disability services, because of the

introduction of the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme).

The NDIS is a “game changer,” according to Ms Cook, and it serves up to 50,000 South Australians.

The State Government also has spent much money providing bathrooms for people with Autism.

Other programs the Government is focusing on include: Dementia, Aboriginals, children in public housing (who often also have bad health problems), generational poverty, a Home Equity Program for the Homeless, people who speak a second language, assertiveness training for young people, jailed children and how the court system can be improved, and those with limited communication skills.

This Government’s identification of these problems, and focus on them has helped women who are carers and nurturers, and that’s had a flow on effect to the general community.

Ms Cook said it would take five to ten years to address the Public Housing problem because much of the housing is up to 80 years old, and built of weak materials.

“Public Housing is hard work but we are not going to give up on it. I am very happy to be leading Human Services and social housing,” Ms Cook said.

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