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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Club members have been very busy over the past month. The fashion show was successful as a social, promotional event and a success financially. Thanks to Gerry, Margie and Thelma for all their work and to club members for their support. The Open Garden was a great fundraiser in a beautiful location. **Thanks to Gerry and her helpers for all their work.**

The planning session we held at our last Club meeting provided some new ideas as well as support for the projects we already undertake. The Board will consider these at a future meeting and will distribute the new ideas to the relevant committees.

The leadership program for young women began last week with one full day at Mitcham Girls High and one at Adelaide High School with 20 young women participating. The Zonta members who attended were impressed with the young women and with the woman from the Leadership Institute who ran the program. We look forward to the presentation of the projects by the girls at their graduation at the September Club meeting.

Five members attended the recent Area 2 workshop and were privileged to hear two passionate speakers, Dr Sarah Moulds on human rights and Dr Fariba Behnia-Willison on female genital mutilation management and repair.

On July 29, our Club will host the Area 2 Advocacy Forum at the Payneham Library from 1 – 4 pm.

I ask that as many Club members as possible come and assist and support this event. Bookings can be made on Trybooking. Cost is a gold coin to be paid on arrival.

My thanks to Verena Colby, Janice Watson, Tasia Pertsinidis and Bridget Mather for agreeing to serve on the Board for the next year. We look forward to their contribution as well as that of the ongoing

Board members, Erica Majba and Colleen Tomlian.

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee of Daina, Kathy and Helen for their careful work too.

My thanks to the Board members who are not continuing: Helen Pertsinidis, Deb Lodge, Di Lancaster and Thelma Harvey. Their contributions have been very important for the ongoing activities and success of this Club.

We look forward to welcoming two new members at our June meeting as well as inducting the new Board members. Unfortunately, three members have felt unable to continue. Stephanie Steensma, Mary Burford and Jenni Thomson have been long standing members of Zonta and have made enormous contributions to its work in Adelaide and in Steph's case in Perth as well. We will miss them and wish them well.

Dr Michelle Jarlbom from UniSA will be the speaker at our June meeting. Michelle is the contact for our UniSA award and has a strong interest in education for women and girls. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Kaye Roberts-Thomson  
President**  
Zonta Club of Adelaide

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

**MEMBERSHIP****Convenor: Erica Majba**

Kaye and I have met with prospective member Trish Palmer to discuss her interest in Zonta and how she might contribute to the club efforts.

Trish is a retired children's librarian with an interest in book (obviously) and creative writing. She keeps fit by swimming regularly. At the moment her time commitments need to be flexible for

family reasons and she will ease herself gently into the club's activities.

Kaye and I will meet with Mara Rains in a few days. Mara has much experience in business in a variety of fields. She has come to Zonta through an interest in our Breast Cushions project.

Both women have attended three club meetings. Trish will be

inducted at our June meeting, hopefully along with Mara.

We look forward to welcoming Carol Summers back to the club. She recently lost her husband. Daina and I represented the club at the funeral.

**FINANCE****Convenor: Erica Majba**

I will report to the club at the June meeting the surplus earned at the successful Open Garden event on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May. Much interest was shown to learn about Zonta and great feedback on the scones. I have been busy reimbursing club members for out-of-pocket expenses for the Open Garden and morning tea for the Young Women Leader's Program training.

We have had three members who have not renewed their membership – Steph Steensma who now lives on Kangaroo Island, Jenni Thomson and Mary Burford, who both need to step back for health reasons but will still continue to support the club at events when they can. We will keep in touch with all of them by keeping them on the mailing list for the Zephyr and invitations to events.

All other members have paid their Membership Fees. This consists of a portion to Zonta International, a portion to District 23 and the remainder to the club to cover administration expenses at all three levels. Kaye and I made the online payment to Zonta International. Club fees have also been paid to District 23.

**YOUNG WOMEN LEADER'S PROGRAM Training****Erica Majba**

The training of 10 students from Mitcham Girls High School and 10 from Adelaide High School took place on 18<sup>th</sup> May at MGHS and 19<sup>th</sup> May at AHS. The girls were Year 10 students selected by the program teachers at each school – Jill Olifent at MGHS and Leanne Davies at AHS. Leanne will be our guest speaker in July - she has an amazing story of successfully creating change in the culture of AHS, also an interesting personal story. Mireille Le Doledec, teacher at AHS also attended the course. Club members: Kaye, Kathy, Louise and I attended the training, sadly Margie was unable to do so, due to catching covid. Raema and Maxine will take up a mentoring role.

Melanie Tate from the Leaders Institute SA was the facilitator of the training. She is also the CEO of nfp Puddle Jumpers that focuses on providing camps and other support for children and families where the children do not live with their birth parents.

Mel is a young, dynamic person with much experience in training young people and a deep commitment to community. All the mentors and teachers present were impressed with Mel's style, resources and empathy in making the young women feel safe and brave enough to participate fully in the program.

Mel is our guest speaker for our July meeting.

This is only the first step in the program. The girls will now work in small groups on their chosen projects with their mentor. There will be two half day get togethers in the next two months with all those in the program, and then the graduation at our club meeting on 6 September. It is such a privilege to get to know these young women and to know that with support from this program, our club is helping them to take their first steps as leaders. The future is in good hands.

I acknowledge the work Raema has put into this program, particularly by reviewing each year ways it can be improved. She has worked tirelessly with all parties – schools, Leaders Institute and mentors to create an outstanding program.

**COMMUNICATION REPORT JUNE 2023****Convenor: Tasia Pertsinidis**

The Committee meets bi-monthly and have yet to set the date for its next meeting. The committee thanks those who provided information, and took photographs for this Newsletter.

I was busy editing this Newsletter—something Wendy Bruce has done in the past.

Beverley Newbery was responsible for its overall design layout, the placing of

photography and finalising the changes to the Newsletter.

Thankyou to other members of this committee for helping with the Newsletter.

**SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 2023****Convenor: Gerry Sanderson****FASHION PARADE 27<sup>th</sup> of APRIL 2023**

I have already reported in the May Zephyr, on the successful Fashion Parade held at The Maid Hotel where 80 guests attended. I have also already thanked our amazing helpers on the day and written letters of thanks to our many sponsors who responded to our request for donations with generosity and goodwill.

The PROFITS for the Fashion Parade amounted to **\$3,859.32**

**Fashion Parade organisers;**

Gerry Sanderson  
Thelma Harvey  
Margie Glover

They were assisted by:

Erica Majba  
Louise Stevens  
Kathy Ellis  
and  
Verena and Eleanor Colby





**Our second major event was the Open Garden held Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, and Sunday 14 May, 2023, at Mount George, South Australia.**



Above:  
The Zonta club's Education and Health Promotion banner





**The owner of the Garden talking to two children about his gardening achievements.**



**Di Lancaster, Gerry Sanderson, and the Open Garden's owner waiting for the scones to get ready!**



## ORGANISERS

Gerry Sanderson, Thelma Harvey, and Margie Glover were  
assisted by

Erica Majba, Louise Stevens, Kathy Ellis, and Verena and Eleanor Colby.



**Colleen Tomlian and friend proudly present their plates of scones.**



**The owner of the Open Garden picks a lucky prize as Gerry Sanderson looks on.**



## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who assisted at the **Open Garden** weekend on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

Bless their generous hearts for making this weekend such a successful and enjoyable fundraising activity.

I know how difficult it was for many of the helpers to travel the distance to Mount George on such a high demand weekend. I really appreciated the effort they made to offer much needed assistance.

I'm not going to single out any individuals on the day because they were all fabulous and I loved the way they just slotted in and assumed their roles with cheerful commitment that reflected the beauty of the garden and the glorious weather.

**The gate takings estimated 988 paying visitors, but there were quite a few more than that because children were not charged.**

Believe me, we certainly provided enough tea, coffee and scones to feed half a town and the praise we received was well-earned.

**A special thank you to Deb Lodge who sourced the scones from the Village Baker. Deb has the world's best negotiating. The scones were wonderful as well as being provided at low cost and maximum efficiency.**

Our profits for the Open Garden were **\$2,644.47. A brilliant result.**

Open Gardens SA has invited us to do another stall at a planned event in February 2024. This time it will be at Burnside so not too far to travel. The added bonus with this one is that we will receive half of the gate takings so that will be amazing.

**Our incredible helpers included: Kaye Roberts-Thomson, Miriam Zhu, Colleen Tomlian, Bridget Mather, Wendy Bruce, Margie Glover, Evangeline Koutsikas, (friend of Zonta) my friends: Sue Boe and her daughter in law Alix, Angela Vandellis, Mary Burford, Helen Pertsinidis, Verena Colby, Erica Majba, Thelma Harvey and her granddaughter Grace**

Our fundraising enterprises this year have brought the club and amazing **\$6,503.79** injection of funds. **How is that for an effort.**

Service important – King Charles 111

by Tasia Pertsinidis

On the 6 May, this year, the coronation of King Charles 111 of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth took place in the biggest ceremonial event in the United Kingdom in 70 years.

Known for being a supporter of climate change, King Charles 111 will set a different tone to that of his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth 11.

King Charles 111 also plans “to serve, not be served.”

As a service and advocacy organization which has dedicated itself to service, and women in climate change, the Zonta Club of Adelaide welcomes King Charles 111’s interest in those issues.

The Coronation itself was lengthy and included many traditions and the pomp and ceremony one would expect of such an occasion.

The original focus of the day was on the ornate and gilded carriages which took King Charles 111 and Camilla, past thousands of well wishers on the road from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey, where the coronation was held.

Andrew Lloyd Webber’s music, a beautifully decorated Westminster Abbey, and the historical nature of the Coronation, presided over by Archbishop Justin Welby, gave the ceremony a great depth of meaning.

Two thousand invited guests from around the world were in attendance at the Coronation including Australia’s Prime Minister, Mr Anthony Albanese, and his partner Jody Haydon, Prime Ministers of numerous nations, Diplomats and members of many Royal Families.

During the largely religious ceremony, King Charles 111 promised to be “true to his faith,” that he be “the Defender of the Faith, the people, and respect other people of Faith.”

Once King Charles 111 was crowned, his wife Camilla was crowned Queen Consort with a crown (previously owned by Queen Mary) that included the Cullinan diamond.

For those wanting to know about what the future might hold, should King Charles 111 pass away before the Queen Consort, Camilla will be Queen Dowager, not Queen because she is married to the King and not a Queen in her own right.

# ***Happy Birthday***

We wish a happy birthday to our member during  
June 2023

22 Angela Vandellis

## **Zonta Club of Adelaide BREAST CUSHION TALLY**

<b>This year</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>To date</b>	<b>10636</b>

Breast cushions have been delivered to St Andrews Hospital. Mr John Gardner, MP, was a guest at the Silent Sewers workshop on Friday, 12 May, and presented our wonderful Ivanka with a Citizenship Award in recognition of her dedicated efforts in the construction and organisation of Breast cushions. Ivanka is a treasured member of this club and we wish her a beautiful extended holiday in Europe where she is travelling with her grandson.

## **DAIRY DATES**

### **JUNE**

14 Half day follow up YWL

### **JULY**

29 Area 2 Advocacy Workshop

### **AUGUST**

11 Sewing Breast Cushions

12 Packing Breast Cushions

### **NOVEMBER**

10 Sewing Breast Cushions

11 Packing Breast Cushions





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.

## ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC BOARD

**2022-2023**

<b>President</b>	Kaye Roberts-Thomson	<b>Vice President</b>	Colleen Tomlian
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## **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

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**Co-Convenors:** Gerry Sanderson; Angela Vandellis

Margie Glover; Thelma Harvey; Ivanka Jovanovich; Louise Stevens

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