



# ZONTA

CLUB OF  
ADELAIDE INC

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**District 23 Area 2**

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Zonta Club of Adelaide

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**KAYE ROBERTS-THOMSON**

A proposal accepted by the Club at its March meeting for a new approach to advocacy opens up some new possibilities. The proposal to undertake advocacy with issues based working groups with varying life spans will enable us to involve more people and be more flexible. Some possible issues include climate change and women, women in prison and I am sure there are other topics.

At our next meeting we will discuss topics of current concern and invite members to join working groups. This new approach will require a coordinator. Anyone interested in that role should speak to a member of the Board.

It was pleasing and exciting to have members, particularly new members, step up to nominate for leadership positions for the next biennium. We look forward to their contribution over the next couple of years.

The vote will take place at the annual general meeting in May and the new board will be inducted by the incoming Area 2 Director Dr Jenni Foreman at the June meeting.

As a few of the nominated members will be unavailable for a variety of reasons early in their terms, some members of the current Board will 'hold the fort' as two other positions need to be decided at the Annual meeting, our delegates to the National Council of Women SA and the Public Officer.

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In considering the issues to be discussed at convention, it is timely for our Club to re-examine its constitution to ensure it is up to date.

Zonta International makes changes to its by-laws at each convention and the period following the 2024 one, it would be sensible for us to check ours.

The role of the nominating committee as well as roles of other committees, could be clarified and agreed when we revisit the constitution.

May will be a busy month for the Club with the AGM on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Area 2 workshop (see flyer later in the Zephyr) on May 4 and the Women of Achievement awards at Adelaide Town Hall on May 15.

Please sign up for the Area workshop. It is an opportunity to mix with members from other Clubs and in this instance, members of the District 23 Board.

You will have received notification of the fees for the upcoming year. Please attend to that before the due date as we need to send the international component to ZI promptly.

A general meeting will also be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We plan to have round table discussions as to topics for advocacy working groups.

In addition, Sue Jackson has agreed to tell us about her work with BlazeAid.

I look forward to seeing you there.



**Nominating Committee**

The committee – Erica Majba, Kathy Ellis and Helen Pertsinidis presented the slate at the April club meeting. It was also circulated as an email to all members.

**Executive Officers**

President – Rosie Egan

Vice President – Desi Zed

Secretary – Verena Colby\*

Treasurer – Di Lancaster

**Directors**

Louise Stevens

Sue Jackson

Carol Summers

Janice Watson\*

\*Ongoing board members

Please note members may also nominate from the floor.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****Erica Majba**

The Finance Committee will meet on 3 May to draw up a budget for 2024-2025. It would be appreciated if we had Fundraising proposals and any new Project proposals for the year with estimated revenue and expenses. This will also assist the board in planning the scheduling of events for the calendar.

The financial records and end of financial year statements will go to the auditor 26 May. BJC Accountants at Norwood provide this service pro bono and have supported the club for over 5 years.

At the May meeting members will vote on the international projects/scholarships that our donation to Zonta Foundation for Women will be directed towards. The amount is based on 1/3 of fundraising surplus 2023-2024. An email will be sent to members with the financial details along with the regular Cash Summary for the month of May.

The Awards Committee panel selected Mariam Qanitah Year 12 Mitcham Girls High School to receive our club award for the Young Women in Public Affairs.

Mariam has been active throughout her schooling at Mitcham Girls High in a range of leadership positions. As well as these activities Mariam has undertaken volunteer roles in the community.

Mariam is involved in ROMAC with the Rotary Club, has a teaching role at Al Salam Academy, on the Management Committee of the Muslim Girls Club, involved with Youth Opportunities where she has taken on guest speaker roles. In addition, she has taken on guest speaker roles in Voice-it IICSA and Sisterly speaking about women and empowerment.

Mariam YWPA application has been forwarded to District 23 as our club nominee. She will attend our Women Of Achievement Ceremony where she will receive our club cheque for this award.



*Life goes on as usual with huge inroads being achieved at the EADVS.*

We are halfway through the transition from summer to winter clothing in the donation shed as the days draw colder. This has not been an easy task with a number of our volunteers away for travels or for personal reasons. However, we have managed to uphold the usual standard of service and efficiency by staying a bit longer on the Tuesday, ensuring and achieving our goals by the end of the day.

Most of you will know that the proposed fundraising opportunity with open garden at Littlehampton on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November has reluctantly had to be refused. The month of November is crowded with responsibilities for the Service Committee with:

A breast care cushion sewing day followed by a delivery and packing day early in the month.

November is when we begin advertising and organising the Christmas gift hampers for the victims of domestic violence. Apart from the gift packaging itself, preceding that effort there are organisational tasks that need to be done to ensure that the standard and quantity of gifts are consistent.

We are also committed to the catering at The Mosaic Garden on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November and the 1<sup>st</sup> of December as another fundraiser.

I have spoken with Sue Smith, the owner of the Littlehampton property. It was a pleasant conversation and Sue understood our situation.

I also contacted Robyn Page, president of the Zonta Club of Mt Barker, and she has now taken over our catering responsibilities.

I have also notified SA Open Gardens president, Virginia Sheridan of the change.

Former member, Lina Rogers, has approached us about running a Birthing Kits assembly at Wilderness School later in the year. Angela Vandellis has contacted the teacher concerned and we will hear from her in the near future.

## BREAST CUSHIONS

To the 25th April this year our club has made 629 Breast cushions.

The overall Grand total now stands at 11,791.

Congratulations Zonta Club of Adelaide.



The next meeting of the PR and Communication Committee will be held on May 3rd at 10:30am.

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Did you know.....

### **PAST PRESIDENTS of the Zonta Club of Adelaide**

Current members who have been President of Zonta Club of Adelaide in the past:

1990s – Aileen Connon

2000s – Erica Majba, Val Baldwin

2010s – Raema Mahony, Bev Gum, Wendy Bruce

2020s – Maxine Panegyres, Kaye Roberts-Thomson

Members who have been Presidents of other clubs:

Thelma Harvey (Port Lincoln), Margie Glover (Port Lincoln), Bev Gum (Clare), Bridget Mather (District 22), Helen Joraslafsky (Alice Springs), Di Lancaster (Mt. Barker)

Members who have served on the District board:

Bridget Mather (Area Director, Lt. Governor, Governor D22)

Erica Majba (Area Director, Lt. Governor, Governor D23)





A number of young women have recently expressed an interest in joining our club and one will be inducted at our next meeting. Isabella McCulloch is an astrophysicist based at Lot 14 and works as a Space Communicator while she continues her studies and acts as an intern for Stone and Chalk, Australia's largest innovation company. Isabella will soon be travelling to Houston to take part in an international space program.

## ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Bev Gum and Bridget Mather

THE BOB HAWKE PRIME MINISTERIAL CENTRE  
UPCOMING HAWKE CENTRE EVENT

# HOPE

WITH ROSIE BATTY AO

Presented by The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre and The Zahra Foundation

*After tragedy, how do we find hope?*

**Rosie Batty AO**, an iconic Australian, leader in the crusade against domestic violence, and bestselling author of *A Mother's Story*, discusses her latest book, *Hope*.

In conversation with CEO of **The Zahra Foundation**, **Kelly-ann Tansley**, Rosie shares what happened to her the day after the worst day of her life and how she reclaimed hope when all hope was lost.

Rosie Batty's new memoir shows what it takes to get through the very worst of times. A singular woman who has experienced tragedy, who had lost all hope, yet now is intent on finding it again.

In her book, Rosie shares her struggles with anxiety, PTSD, self-doubt and self-loathing and how she finally confronted her grief. She shares the stories of those who have inspired her to keep going, and given her hope when she needed it most.

Learn more about Rosie's story about confronting grief, becoming an accidental hero, and reclaiming hope.

Register to attend this event either in-person and live in the venue or to watch the livestream online.

**READ MORE AND REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT**

Please make sure to view our exhibition, *Now Showing...Cinema Architecture in South Australia* in the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery prior to the event.



April 2024

Dear President of the Zonta Club of ADELAIDE INC with a copy to Governor of District 23,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you and the members of the Zonta Club of ADELAIDE INC on your 55th anniversary. In the decades since your club was chartered, you have undoubtedly made a difference for many women and girls, for which you can be proud.

As you celebrate this milestone, let us also look forward to the future and how your club will elevate Zonta's presence and participation in the global conversation on women's rights.

Zonta International is needed now more than ever. Around the world, women and girls face increasing challenges due to COVID-19, climate change and threats to their human rights. However, we are a proud Zonta community of strong and committed individuals working together at the local and global levels to fight for gender equality and addressing these challenges.

Collectively with more than 1,100 clubs around the world, the Zonta Club of ADELAIDE INC has contributed significantly to building a better world for women and girls. Each member is the heart and hands of our organization, and I am deeply thankful for your continuous dedication and support.

This biennium, Zonta International's goals focus on standing out for gender equity, representing global citizenship, developing future leaders and celebrating Zonta while positioning ourselves for the future. I know that we will reach our goals because of clubs like yours! Today, filled with the Zonta Spirit, let us celebrate your club and keep working for that better world.

Once again, congratulations on your meaningful anniversary. I wish you continued success. Let us all together build a better world for women and girls!



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ute Scholz'.

Ute Scholz

President, 2022-2024

Zonta International & Zonta Foundation for Women



**We wish a happy birthday to our members in May**

- 9 Janice Watson**
- 10 Gerry Sanderson**
- 14 Annette Brock**
- 15 Maxine Panegyres**
- 16 Erica Majba**

## **DIARY DATES**

### **MAY**

- 1 Annual General Meeting Speaker: Sue Jackson**
- 4 Area 2 Meeting**

### **JUNE**

- 5 Club handover meeting. Speaker: Jenni Foreman**
- 27/6 – 30/6 Zonta International Convention - Brisbane**

### **JULY**

- 3 Club meeting Speaker: Helena**



# 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 2023-2024

|                         |   |                              |                 |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>President</u></b> | Kaye Roberts-Thomson                            | <b><u>Vice President</u></b> | Colleen Tomlian |
| <b><u>Secretary</u></b> | Verena Colby                                    | <b><u>Treasurer</u></b>      | Erica Majba     |
| <b><u>Directors</u></b> | Bridget Mather Tasia Pertsinidis, Janice Watson |                              |                 |

## COMMITTEES 2023-2024

### MEMBERSHIP

Convenor: Thelma Harvey

Members: Raema Mahony, Janice Watson, Margie Glover, Daina Long, Erica Majba

### ADVOCACY

Co-Convenors: Bridget Mather, Bev Gum

Members: Kathy Ellis, Colleen Tomlian, Miriam Zhu, Helen Pertsinidis, Heather Luke, Jill Olifent, Sue Jackson

### SERVICE

Co-Convenors: Gerry Sanderson, Angela Vandellis

Members: Margie Glover, Thelma Harvey, Ivanka Jovanovich, Louise Stevens, Mara Rains

### AWARDS

Convenor: Raema Mahony

Members: Annette Brock, Leanne Longfellow, Maxine Panegyres, Rosie Egan, Carol Summers

### COMMUNICATION AND PR

Co-Convenors: Maxine Panegyres, Tasia Pertsinidis

Members: Di Lancaster, Beverley Newberry, Miriam Zhu, Trish Palmer

### FINANCE

Convenor: Erica Majba

Members: Helen Joraslafsky, Desi Zed,

### ADVISORS:

Aileen Connon, Val Baldwin, Catherine Alcock, Deborah Lodge

### PUBLIC OFFICER

Colleen Tomlian

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN SA

Maxine Panegyres, Colleen Tomlian

### VISITORS BOOK

Maxine Panegyres

### ARCHIVIST/ HISTORIAN

Beverley Newberry

### VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY FOR SA

Val Baldwin

### FACEBOOK

Bev Gum; Di Lancaster, Bridget Mather

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**[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) (Member ID)**

**[www.zontadistrict23.org.au](http://www.zontadistrict23.org.au)**

**Zonta Club of Adelaide**



## Zonta South Australia - 2024 Workshop

Lesley Siegloff, Area 2 Director, in conjunction with the South Australian Zonta Clubs, invites you to attend the 2024 Area 2 Workshop on Saturday 4 May 2024, at the Payneham Library.

The theme for the workshop is succession planning and we will be looking at ways that we can both survive and thrive in 2024 and beyond. The Zonta International website says:

*As a global organization, Zonta International values the contributions of members of all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, colour, ability, religion, socio-economic status, culture, sexual orientation or gender identity. We believe that a diverse community of members is essential to our ability to achieve our mission to create a more equitable future.*

Our keynote speakers for the day are:

### **"Diversity in Membership"**

Sandy Venn-Brown – Director 2022-24 – Zonta International & Zonta Foundation for Women

### **"Marketing to the Millennials – Making Zonta attractive to the next Generation"**

Kay Fyfe – Director of Development – Trinity College Gawler

### **'The Voice of Youth'**

Melanie Dancer – CEO – Girl Guides SA and a panel of Riverland Girl Guides

The Zonta District 23 Board will also be attending the workshop.

There will be an interactive activity during the day which will of course involve shoes!

Please each bring a **spare pair of shoes** – the brighter the better – you will not be required to wear them, and you will take them home at the end of the day. You will also need to bring your name badge, water bottle and notebook.

Don't forget there will be a raffle and trading tables – come prepared to spend a little or a lot!

**DATE: Saturday May 4th 2024**

**TIME: 10.00am-4.30pm**

**WHERE: Payneham Library Meeting Room - 2 Turner Street Felixstowe**

**COST: \$40.00 (Includes morning tea & lunch)**

**BOOKINGS: <https://events.humanitix.com/zonta-area-2-workshop>**