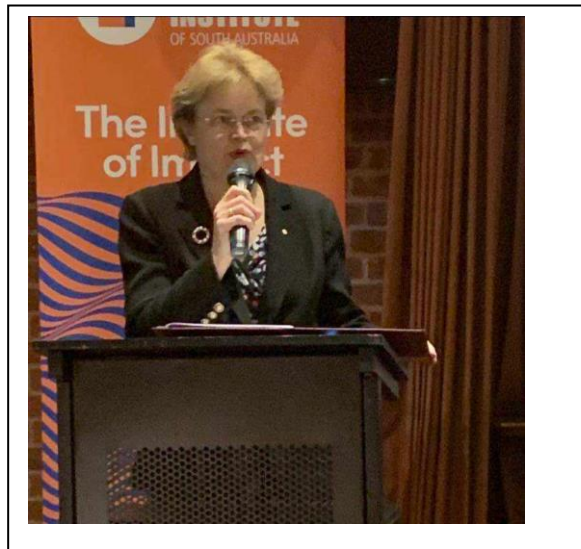




ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC

BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024



OUR MISSION

Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls.

OUR 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.

No woman should live in fear of violence.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2023-24 Zonta year has proved a very productive and active one for the Zonta Club of Adelaide. We have been focussed on improving the safety, health, educational opportunities and leadership skills of women and girls in South Australia and overseas. Our overseas contribution is through our financial donation to Zonta International to support their work.

The Club continues to welcome a steady stream of new members. This enables us to maintain and increase a healthy and active club membership. A number of these members have found the Club through our revamped website. Members have been welcomed at informal gatherings to inform them about Zonta International and to facilitate relationships between members.

We continued our work with the Leaders' Institute to provide leadership training to 10 girls from each of Mitcham Girls and Adelaide High Schools. At the celebration of the achievements of these young women at the graduation ceremony at our September Club meeting we were honoured to welcome the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, to present the certificates. Families of the students were invited as well as a number of politicians and other guests. This program continues to develop and this year included interactions between the students and women who had undergone the Governor's Leadership Program. At the District 23 Conference in Perth the Club was awarded first place for the Greater Visibility Award, Category 3 Developing Future Leaders.

In addition, we have supported girls' education by giving scholarships to girls in years 11 and 12 at these schools enabling them to continue their education more easily. Also, a Community Development Grant was awarded to a student from University of South Australia. A club award was made for the Young Women in Public Affairs award.

Our advocacy for women and girls has included many club members marching in November for Stop Coercive Control, an event jointly organised by Zonta and Rotary. As part of Area 2 (South Australia) we have participated in comments on legislation affecting women. The Club has also begun work on how best to advocate for the rights of women in prison. In July 2023 we hosted the Area 2 meeting on homelessness among older women.

Club members continue to offer in-kind support to the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Centre. Support includes sorting clothing in the local 'shop', packing and delivering food supplied by OzHarvest and providing gifts for women at Christmas. A working bee with students from Adelaide High School packing birthing kits was also held. Birthing kits and breast cushions remain core business for our Club. The Club was also recognised at the District 23 Conference with a Certificate of Appreciation for the terrific work hosting 37 Clean Birth Assembly Days since 1999 and is now a Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia Gold Club member.

Fundraising changed from an emphasis on hampers for real estate companies to other activities. Erica Majba ran a very successful program on women artists which was both very informative and a fundraising event. Providing afternoon tea and holding a raffle at a couple of Open Gardens has also raised funds. St John's Grammar School students raised money for our work against domestic violence. The need to raise funds to support our activities is a continuing Issue. We have now established a mechanism to enable tax deductibility for donations through the National Foundation for Australian Women to assist.

For the third time we held an International Women's Day breakfast with about 90 people attending. Tickets sold out very quickly for the Convention Centre so the opportunity to listen to the live streaming from the Convention Centre was appreciated by all who attended. Annabel Crabb was a very entertaining speaker. This event has grown with people attending after finding it on our website.

We have had a variety of guest speakers at our monthly meetings including:

Dr Michelle Jarlborn from UniSA on Tertiary Education for Women

Ms Leanne Davies the Director of Wellbeing at Adelaide High School,

Colleen Tomlian on Women's Studies Course

Her Excellency The Honourable Frances Adamson AC

Ms Mel Tate from Puddle Jumpers

Carole Theobald on Zonta Says Now

Dr Sanjugta Vas Dev CEO of the Office for Women in South Australia.

Dr Kathryn Christ on Modern Slavery.

Ms Carole Theobald on Zonta Says Now, Climate Change in Zonta

Special thanks go to the members of the Board who have worked efficiently and cooperatively. My appreciation goes to convenors of the committees for their untiring work and advice. Thanks also to the Club members who have undertaken the work of the committees as well as assisted the work of the Club generally.

Kaye Roberts-Thomson President



Congratulations to Beverley Newberry for long service to the Zonta Club of Adelaide. Beverley was presented with a 40 year pin and flowers at the 2023 Christmas party.

BOARD

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary



**Kaye Roberts-Thomson
OAM**

Colleen Tomlian

Erica Majba

Verena Colby

Directors



Bridget Mather

Tasia Pertsinidis

Janice Watson



Induction of Board with Area Director Lesley Siegloff

CLUB MEMBERS

			
Catherine Alcock	Val Baldwin OAM	Annette Brock	Wendy Bruce
			
Aileen Connon AM	Rosie Egan	Kathy Ellis	Margie Glover
			
Bev Gum	Thelma Harvey	Sue Jackson	Helen Joraslafsky
			
Ivanka Jovanovich	Di Lancaster	Michelle Lensink	Deb Lodge
			
Daina Long	Leanne Longfellow	Heather Luke	Raema Mahony

			
Beverley Newberry	Jill Olifent	Trish Palmer	Maxine Panegyres
			
Helen Pertsinidis	Margaret Peters	Bailee Phillips	Mara Rains
			
Lena Rogers	Gerry Sanderson	Louise Stevens	Carol Summers
			
Melanie Tate	Angela Vandellis	Desi Zed	Miriam Zhu

TREASURER'S REPORT for financial year 1 April 2023 -31 March 2024

As Treasurer of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Inc. ABN 85 898 562 097, it is with pleasure that I present the Club's unaudited Financial report for the year ending 31 March 2024. The financial records and statements will be presented to BJC Accountants for auditing. I acknowledge the Principal, Barbie Jane Chiro for her ongoing support by undertaking this work pro bono.

The club commenced the year with a healthy \$29,265.85 in the Bendigo Bank Statement account balance and finished with \$21,540.11. There is also a Term deposit of \$10,000 that will mature in April, paying interest of \$450. With a combined bank total of \$31,540.11 the club has improved its financial position while meeting its commitments for the year. Zonta International requires Administration receipts and expenditures are kept separate from Fundraising receipts and expenditures. This enables the club to declare that all monies raised through fundraising after deducting related expenses, are directed towards projects and scholarships. I have reported monthly to the Board and the club using an arbitrary allocation of the Term deposit of \$3000 from Administration and \$7,000 from Fundraising.

The opening Administration balance was \$6,113.32 and closing balance \$5,542.39. Both revenue and expenses were higher than budgeted due to the Christmas lunch. This had no impact, as the event broke even with expenses fully covered. Membership Fees are the key source of funds to cover administration expenses. In addition, some members have found creative ways to raise funds by selling various items at meetings eg, hats, Tshirts, produce, umbrellas, jigsaws and by making donations.

Strong membership growth enabled the club to grow and adapt many of the ways we operate to streamline expenses and use technology to our advantage. Using a Tyro eft-pos machine has reduced bank expenses over the last two years. Maintaining an updated website continues to attract new members and give the club a professional look. The use of TryBooking for selling tickets to events has made the process easier for organisers, members and supporters. Storage of materials for the various fundraising activities while costly, has continued to provide members with access while no member has the responsibility of providing space. Monthly Board meetings have been held in the professional environment of a meeting room at the Mitcham Community Library. The laptop purchased in the previous year provides the Secretary with the tools necessary for the role. The club now has new Table Placecards and Business cards that will suffice for many years ahead.

The opening Fundraising bank balance was \$23,152.53 and closing balance \$25,997.72. Thanks to the generosity of members and the public, general donations received were \$1,304.85 and donations related to specific projects totalled \$3,605. The Birthing Kit project was supported by donations in lieu of flowers from the family and friends of Millicent Hughes, a past member of over 40 years as per her dying wish. The club donated \$969.00 to UN Women after running another successful International Women's Day breakfast. The club also contributed \$3990.56 to the Zonta Foundation for Women, this being one third of fundraising surplus from the previous year.

Key Fundraising activities during the year were – Open Gardens (with the half the gate takings for the February 2024 event still to come) and the very popular Fashion Parade. The annual Amelia Earhart Breakfast in Botanic Park continues to provide a pleasant way to start the year. The surplus will be donated to the Zonta Foundation for Women directed to the international Amelia Earhart Fellowship. The Women Artists series provided a greater surplus than the previous year due to an increase in numbers attending. Times have changed and some fundraising activities have faded such as: market sales, Community Lottery.

Projects and scholarships were largely the same as the previous year with one exception – the club supported local indigenous women attending a Voices Forum in Canberra. The club donation of \$500 was sent to the Area 2 Director, Lesley Siegloff to be combined with donations from other clubs in South Australia. The highly successful Young Women Leaders Program continued, with additional support from club members who contributed to cover the costs of the graduation. Note that an invoice from Adelaide High School for the annual scholarship of \$2,000 has not yet been received.

New fundraising projects are needed for the coming year for the club to continue to honour its commitments. The Zonta Club of Adelaide has applied for membership of the National Foundation for Australian Women and been accepted. This will enable the club to offer donors tax deductibility. For this initiative to be successful it will be necessary to act on the strategy to attract donors, provided to NFAW. The club will also be creating a PayPal account so that payments may be made to Zonta International without a member using their personal credit card and for the Donate button on the club website to be activated.

Thank you to all members who have worked to organize or participate in fundraising events, undertaken personal initiatives to sell items at club meetings and made donations to the club. This has enabled the club to continue to operate effectively to provide projects and scholarships to support women and girls both locally and internationally and to be in a position to support its members.

While I am pleased to pass over responsibility for the club’s finances to the incoming Treasurer, I will continue to offer my support when needed. Thank you to the members of the Finance Committee – Helen Joraslafsky, Desi Zed and Carol Summers for their support in establishing a budget, setting Membership Fees and assisting with collecting money at various functions.

ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC		\$			
ABN 85 898 562 097		29,265.85			
END OF YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023-2024*					
Opening Bank Balance 1/4/2023					
ADMINISTRATION		FUNDRAISING			
Opening Balance 1/4/2023	\$ 6,113.32	Opening Balance 1/4/2023	\$ 23,152.53	Add Receipts	
	\$ 12,773.87	Add Receipts	\$ 24,451.54		
Less Expenses	\$ 13,344.80	Less Expenses	\$ (570.93)		
			\$ 21,606.35		\$ 2,845.19
	\$ 5,542.39		\$ 25,997.72		
Less Share of Term Deposit	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	less Share of Term Deposit	\$ 7,000.00		\$
	<u>\$ 2,542.39</u>		\$ 18,997.72		<u>21,540.11</u>
Closing Bank Statement Account 31/3/2024					\$
					21,540.11
Term Deposit 31/3/2024					\$
Total Bank accounts 31/3/2024					10,000.00
*Unaudited Statements					\$
					31,540.11

ADMINISTRATION RECEIPTS & EXPENSES from 1/4/2023 - 31/3/2024

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS				
Membership Fees	\$8,184.00	\$8,184.00		
New Member Fees	\$2,160.00	\$1,900.00		
Books	\$70.00	\$75.00		
Christmas Lunch		\$2,167.29		
Bank interest	\$5.00	\$2.58		
Badges	\$70.00	\$43.00		
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$402.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10,589.00	\$12,773.87		
EXPENSES				
Bank Fees				\$2.80
Tyro EFT-Pos fee	\$200.00			\$167.47
Guest Dinners	\$240.00			\$60.60
Membership Fees				
District 23 Fees (\$40 x 34 members)	\$1,360.00			\$1,360.00
Zonta Internation Fees (US\$88)	\$4,496.41			\$4,496.41
New Member Fees (incl 2 half year fees)				
District 23 Fees	\$320.00			\$220.00
Zonta International Fees	\$1,200.00			\$919.25
Storage	\$2,000.00			\$1,842.60
Christmas Lunch				\$2,166.00
Club Running Costs:				
Roses/flowers/gifts	\$400.00		\$438.95	
PO Box	\$160.00		\$174.00	
Badges new members	\$126.00		\$182.00	
Secretarial expense			\$100.00	
Website maintenance	\$220.00		\$132.00	
Website domain hosting	\$170.00		\$192.50	
Membership Fees NCWSA	\$70.00		\$90.00	
Area 2 Workshop subsidy			\$40.00	
Printing	\$500.00		\$114.74	
Board venue hire			\$110.00	
Miscellaneous			\$535.48	
Total Club Running Costs				\$2,109.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,462.41			\$13,344.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS Less TOTAL EXPENSES				-\$570.93

FUNDRAISING RECEIPTS & EXPENSES from 1/4/2023 - 31/3/2024

SOURCES OF FUNDS	BUDGET RECEIPTS	ACTUAL RECEIPTS	BUDGET EXPENSES	ACTUAL EXPENSES	ACTUAL SURPLUS
Amelia Earhart Breakfast	\$800.00	\$1,235.52	\$170.00	\$402.64	\$832.88
Open Garden - May 2023	\$3,159.50	\$3,159.50	\$514.03	\$514.03	\$2,645.47
Open Garden - Feb 2024		\$2,043.10		\$96.65	\$1,946.45
Open Garden- Feb 2024 share of Gate Takings*		\$0.00			\$0.00
Market		\$35.00			\$35.00
Market - Magain	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$300.00		\$500.00
Market - Ray White	\$600.00	\$574.00		\$54.62	\$519.38
Women Artists		\$1,917.50		\$102.00	\$1,815.50
International Women's Day Breakfast		\$3,110.00		\$1,725.00	\$1,385.00
Donation to UN Women from IWD B/fast				\$969.00	-\$969.00
Rugs with Love	\$300.00	\$300.00			\$300.00
Fashion Parade	\$6,223.32	\$6,223.32	\$2,309.00	\$2,309.00	\$3,914.32
Angela's painntings	\$250.00	\$50.00			\$50.00
Service Club Award		\$100.00			\$100.00
Film Brazen Hussies (with NCWSA)		\$293.75			\$293.75
Donations - general	\$1,000.00	\$1,304.85			\$1,304.85
Donation to Zonta Foundation for Women - Amelia Earhart B/fast*				\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation - Zonta Foundation for Women contribution for Funds Raised 2022-23				\$3,990.56	-\$3,990.56
		\$20,846.54		\$10,163.50	\$10,683.04
TOTAL NET FUNDS RAISED					
PROJECTS & SCHOLARSHIPS					
Breast Cushions		\$510.00	\$1,500.00	\$845.99	-\$335.99
Birthing Kits		\$1,530.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$530.00
Young Women Leaders project			\$2,360.00	\$2,405.96	-\$2,405.96
Young women Leaders Graduation		\$1,065.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,690.90	-\$625.90
Sponsorship Voices Forum		\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
Uni SA Community Development Award			\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00
Scholarship MGHS			\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Scholarship Adelaide HS*			\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS less EXPENSES	\$13,332.82	\$24,451.54	\$17,653.03	\$21,606.35	\$2,845.19

* Transactions will occur after 31/3/2024

SERVICE

The 2023-24 year has been very busy for the Service Committee with making and delivery of breast care cushions, birthing kit packing and weekly work at the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Centre the priorities. Fund raising has also been a focus.

Breast Care Cushions



An unexpected windfall added to our production output this year when the newly appointed District 2 breast cushion coordinator, **Dr. Sarah Cunningham**, contacted our club to assess the status of breast care cushion production in construction, sourcing of materials, numbers produced and the hospital destination of those cushions. A flow -on from this has been that Sharon, from Adelaide Hills Zonta Club made contact with me about surplus breast cushions following the closing of the Noarlunga Zonta Club. Sarah delivered 40 breast which were taken to surgical level of **St Andrew's Hospital**. This was a timely gift as there were just over a dozen cushions at hand to tide the hospital over before our next construction and packing days.

Under the leadership of Ivanka Jovanovich and Mary Burford (Friend of Zonta) an annual supply of more than 600 breast care cushions has been produced through our quarterly workshops with the Silent Sewers. This relationship also fosters and connects us with our Open Garden fundraising opportunities.



Birthing Kits



On Friday the 10th of November a birthing kit assembly was held at Adelaide High School.. The students assembled 400 kits packed birthing kits to be sent to developing countries through the Birthing Kit Foundation.

Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service

On Tuesday July 18, the staff The EADVS honoured its many volunteers with a morning tea. Volunteers from the Zonta Club of Adelaide and their helpers were recognised as well as volunteers from other organisations. It was a lovely gesture of recognition.

Our regular attendance at the EADVS each Tuesday involves packing and delivering Oz Harvest produce for the victims of domestic violence in one team. The second team sorts and curates the clothing donations to ensure the items are appropriate, appealing and in immaculate condition.



Christmas Gift Hampers

Most importantly, we traditionally assemble Christmas gift hampers for the victims of domestic violence in early December. Our members cheerfully donate suitable items for our gift-wrapping day and last year we had enough items to fill over 60 hampers. The staff at the EADVS were utterly thrilled with our efforts and reported many tears of joy from the grateful clients.



Fund Raising

The Service Committee organised a couple of Open Garden fundraising events. In May 2023 we catered at an Open Garden in Mt George. This weekend coincided with Mothers' Day and was a big ask for members to give up their family time to fill the roster. This weekend was a successful and enjoyable fundraising activity. Our profits were \$2,644.47.



In February 2024 another Open Garden was held at Burnside. Club members donated homemade or purchased items like: cupcakes, log cakes, biscuits and slices that could replace our traditional scones, jam and cream offerings.. Fortunately, we had a magnificent response and we went on to raising close to \$4,000.00 This profit was significantly augmented with a share of the gate takings.

We held a successful **Elle and Elka** Fashion Parade at The Maid Hotel where 80 guests attended. Thanks to our helpers on the day and the many sponsors who responded to our request for donations with generosity and goodwill. The profits from the Fashion Parade amounted to \$3,859.32.

GRAND TOTAL \$10,503.79

Spreading The Zonta Word

I have submitted a brief Zonta Volunteers' profile article which has appeared in the Women's Safety Services Annual Report. The WSS forwarded this request to Alison Meneaud from the EADVS.

The Service Committee Says Thank You



We have begun a tradition of gathering our service Committee members both past and present, together with the regular volunteers from other committees who help out each Tuesday at the EADVS and also assist with breast care cushion packing, on a quarterly basis.

Regular meals at the Marryatville Hotel have been wonderful addition to our team bonding culture, as well as an opportunity to share ideas and suggestions that will carry us forward. Usually, we have a group of 12 – 13 + (several absent this day)

Co-convenor Service Committee Gerry Sanderson



PR and COMMUNICATION

Current membership

Di Lancaster, Trish Palmer, Miriam Zhu, Tasia Pertsinidis, Maxine Panegyres (Convenor)

The past year has seen changes of membership with tasks undertaken by different club members to see us through the year.

Website

Erica Majba has continued to keep the website updated after Lina Rogers left the committee and club.

Erica uploads the Zephyr each month, any flyers for events and manages TryBooking for club events.

Thank you Erica.

Zephyr

Verena Colby, Kaye Roberts-Thomson and I have managed the Zephyr since the end of last year with convenors assisting by having their reports to us early after Beverley Newberry was unable to continue. We also thank Tasia and Helen Pertsinidis who assisted Beverley for a few months last year. We owe Beverley huge thanks for managing the Zephyr for many years and setting up the templates to have such a polished product each month.

Annual Report

Di Lancaster managed the annual report last year after Beverley couldn't continue with that role.

Facebook

Bridget Mather, Di Lancaster and Bev Gum are responsible for our Facebook page. They upload photos and flyers and post events that are relevant to our club.

Business Cards

We have new business cards for all members and they are available should members need more.

Club Folders

Maxine is working with a graphic designer to redesign our club folders. Jo Bourne designed our *Walk in My Shoes* booklet all those years ago and is happy to support our club once again, at no cost to the club.

Facebook Data

Di Lancaster is expert in providing Facebook data and has provided a report. (See details below)

Maxine Panegyres for the committee

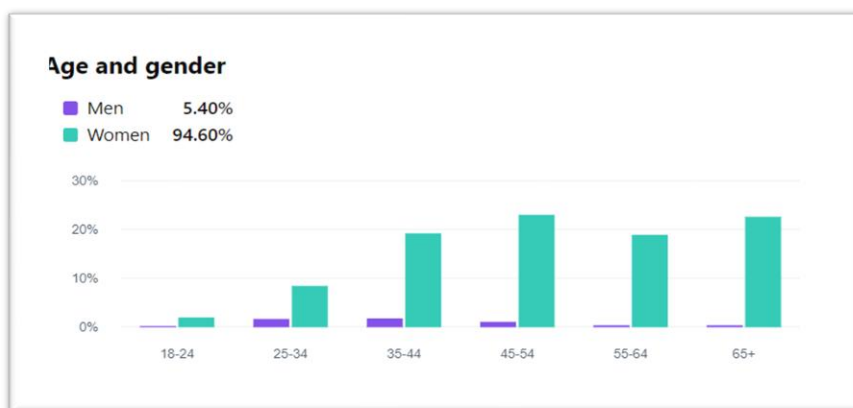
Facebook



Our Facebook page enables us to share information and to encourage people to become new members of our club, promote fundraising activities and events. We share articles on our Facebook page ranging from Health Information for Women, stories about Women and Girls that have made a difference in the world, achievements by Women and Girls and Zonta International information. We currently have 729 Likers (639 in 2023) & 960 Followers (844 in 2023) and hope to see another increase our reach in the next 12 months. Bev Gum & Bridget Mather assist me by regularly posting and updating our page. We try to cover a diverse range of topics which are relevant to ZI and what we support and stand for.

It is interesting to note that 5.40% (5.45% in 2023) of our followers are males. We would like to see more males supporting our values and what we do. The majority of Followers 810 (718 in 2023) are in Australia and 83 (64 in 2023) of our followers are International. So there has been an increase overall which is pleasing.

These figures are based on the total number of followers of the page or profile.



Di Lancaster

ADVOCACY

Co-Convenors: Bridget Mather, Bev Gum

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

As Zonta International and the global biennium strategic plan pivoted to a greater focus on advocacy across the world, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Advocacy Committee took the approach of increased visibility, information sharing and activation of Zonta as the objectives for the 23/24 year. Advocacy over the year took many forms to support this approach ranging from research projects, partnerships, public events, information sharing through newsletter articles & Facebook posts and guest speakers.

Research:

Research work has started to determine the needs of women entering or in prison and what the club might do to assist in meeting these needs. Members Heather Luke and Sue Jackson have taken a strong lead in this work that will continue into the 24/25 program of works.

Partnerships:

The club actively partnered with a range of other organisations such as Rotary and continued to nurture the already strong relationship with the National Council of Women. Committee chair Bridget worked closely with the Zonta Area 2 Advocacy committee and assisted with submissions to government including Human Rights and Homelessness.

Public Events:

- 29th July 2023 Zonta Club of Adelaide members attended and actively participated in the Area wide Advocacy workshop – *A Roof Over My Head*. Advocacy chair, Bridget presented at this forum on the “Sharing with Friends” model currently being implemented by the Zonta Club of Brisbane.
- 13th November 2023, President Kaye and Advocacy Chair Bridget attended a Women Ending Exploitation by Prostitution (WEEP) information session to understand more fully the proposed legislation based on the Nordic Model.
- 16th November 2023, members President Kaye and Advocacy Chair Bridget attended the Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast.
- 23rd November 2023, Advocacy Chairs, Bev and Bridget attended a SIN & Scarlett Alliance forum on the Harms of the Nordic Model. Zonta Area 2 Advocacy group has supported the SIN & Scarlett Alliance view and advocated against the Nordic Model. The bill did not go to parliament in the 2023 year and is now expected to go to parliament on 1/5/24.
- 25th November 2023 the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, orange Zonta Club of Adelaide members took to the streets. In a strong partnership with Zonta Area 2 and Rotary, members took part in the November Zonta Says No Campaign to recognise the 16 Days of Activism 2023.

Apart from the walk that included approximately 15 members from the club joining other Area 2 Zontians and a multitude of other like minded organisations to march through the streets of Adelaide and to congregate at the Pioneer Women’s Memorial Garden, recognition took many forms including actively promoting issues through Facebook posts.

The walk was an amazing display of orange shirts and caps (thank you Di) that provided visibility to the *Zonta Says No* to gender violence message. Orange is a colour recognised internationally for its strong message of saying no to violence against women. The theme for this years march for Zonta was to highlight the role coercive control plays in gendered violence and to send the message to policy makers that legislation is required

to eliminate it. Members held banners during the march to highlight the coercive control message. Similarly, most members now have orange shirts and caps to ensure high visibility of Zonta in the public arena. As a growing level of awareness, for the 16 Days of Activism, the committee encouraged Local Government councils to light up their buildings in orange. This was very successful with many councils across the State making a statement with their libraries, water tanks and other public infrastructure.

- 20th January 2024, Adelaide Zontians congregated on the Steps of Parliament house, again with likeminded partners to raise the visibility of the women murder in South Australia during 2023. As part of the Pay Our Respects campaign, the sea of orange shirts again provided the visibility of Zonta.
- 27th April 2024, in an organic response to the issue of gendered violence and another series of women murdered, Adelaide Zontians Rosie and Bridget joined likeminded community members to rally on the steps of Parliament House to raise the issue and demand action from all levels of government.

Information Sharing:

The Zephyr Newsletter provided opportunity with several articles providing information about global advocacy strategies including the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Sustainable Development Goals and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in Australia. We hope that having interesting and important information easily available will assist to spread the word about items that we are advocating for – not only within the club, but more broadly. Thank you Verena for your prompt circulation of emails regarding advocacy opportunities across Adelaide instigated by other organisations.

Dinner Guest Speakers:

Dinner meetings over the 23/24 provided incredible insights into areas of advocacy such as Carole Theabold with her Zonta Says Now to Gender Equal Climate Action (we now need a teal buck hat with the Zonta Says Now Logo!) and Dr. Katherine Christ informing members of the complex and myriad of issues associated with human trafficking.

Finally, at the April 2024 Dinner Meeting, the club endorsed a proposal by President Kaye to take a different approach to advocacy within the club. With the growth in club members (a great thing!) the club will move to an issues based approach to progress issues, where members will be involved in the various projects based on their interest in the topic. This framework to support this will be finalised over coming months.

Thank you to the advocacy committee for their dedication, input and passion for advocacy with an aim of making a better world for women and girls.

Convenors Bev Gum & Bridget Mather





AWARDS

The Awards Committee has continued to develop its relationship with the schools and university. Our committee appreciates the club's commitment to providing funds for club scholarships and the Young Leaders Program. The Young Leaders Program has continued to develop relationships with community agencies and has been a program that has attracted the interest of people enquiring about membership of the club.

Community Development Grant at University S.A.

The 2023 winner was **Gillian Logan** whose Social Work Honours thesis focussed on women's health experiences in a rural setting. The scholarship enabled Gillian to extend her time and increase the number of participants to be interviewed by supporting her travel, accommodation and data collection when undertaking her research in Port Lincoln.

Secondary School Scholarships

The club has continued to award 2 scholarships at both Mitcham Girls High and Adelaide High Schools.

Adelaide High School scholarship holders for 2024 are **Year 12 Kashish Gautam** and **Year 11 Lilly Collins**.

Mitcham Girls High School scholarship holders for 2024 are Year 12 Amelie Martin and Year 11 Katherine Davey.

Young Leaders Program

The 2023 program had a new facilitator with Melanie Tate joining the course and Bailee Phillip as her assistant. Melanie was able to enhance this year's program due to her experience conducting leaders and mentoring programs in her organisation, Puddle Jumpers. She also used her contacts from the Governor's Leadership Program to source some young successful community leaders to participate in some workshops with the students.

Once again Club Mentors Kathy Ellis, Erica Majba, Maxine Panegyres, Kaye Roberts-Thomson and Raema Mahony worked with the student project teams during a 10-week period. The teams presented their outcomes before a Graduation audience in September. The Governor S.A. Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC was the guest speaker at this event and presented the students with their Graduation Certificates.





Young Women in Public Affairs

The club nominee for the District 23 YWPA scholarship is **Mariam Qanitah** a 2024 Year 12 student from Mitcham Girls High School. Mariam participated in the 2023 Young Leaders Program, has achieved well in her academic work and volunteered in various community programs.

Amelia Earhart Breakfast

Lovely weather enabled the club to hold its Annual Breakfast in the Botanic Park in January 2024. There was a very good turn out and the club was able to send a generous contribution to the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. We also thank Lucia's and Aubergines from the Central Market for their generous raffle donations.



MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 43 with two members on leave. Early in 2023, we welcomed Trish Palmer, Heather Luke, Sue Jackson, Annette Brock and Mara Rains as members. Later, at the November meeting, Rosie Egan, Melanie Tate and Bailee Phillips were inducted. Wendy Bruce returned to the club and Michelle Lensink transferred into our club from the Zonta Club of Mt Barker, where she was a foundation member.

Our website has been a valuable means of attracting people to Zonta and we have received several enquiries about joining, particularly from young women. We have hosted a number of these prospective members at meetings and events and over coffee, to inform them about Zonta and its role, internationally, nationally and locally.

Our committee organised a coffee morning at Bocelli's in Wakefield Street in September 2023 for our new members and in late October, President Kaye hosted a lunch at her home so that our new members could meet informally and get to know each other and the membership committee. At a morning tea in March 2024, again at Kaye's home, Erica Majba and Bridget Mather ran an information session for our new members and for those attending the conference in Brisbane.

The membership committee continues the initiative introduced in the previous year of supporting our existing members. We continue to keep records of birthdays and years of service so that we can acknowledge our members and recognise significant dates. The committee consists of Daina Long, Janice Watson, Margie Glover, Raema Mahony and Erica Majba and I thank them for their support and participation in our activities and meetings.



International Women's Day



Christmas lunch 2023

