



ZONTA

CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**



ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



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 Zonta Club of Adelaide continues to work to build a better world for women and girls. In 2024 – 2025 our focus was to continue to raise awareness of issues facing girls and women throughout the world, as well as supporting young women through a range of programs including education and leadership.

The Constitution working group consulted with club members, incorporating feedback within the Zonta International guidelines. This document was ratified at the February 2025 meeting and following Club approval, lodged with the Consumer and Business Services and then registered on 14 April 2025.

A fundraising goal was achieved by the Zonta Plungers Team, who teamed with Puddle Jumpers Inc and bravely made the plunge on Saturday 24 August 2024 from the Intercontinental Hotel, North Terrace. Women Artists Talks also raised funds for our projects in 2024 with a series of presentations about women artists. The Billabong Walk along the River Torrens brought Zontians and their friends and families together to enjoy this beautiful walk in nature, as well as raising funds for our many projects.

The Amelia Earhart breakfast, held on 19 January 2025, raised funds for the Zonta International AE scholarships in the aerospace industry.

The expertise and dedication of the Committee Convenors and Co-Convenors have kept our many initiatives running smoothly, while our hard-working members support these projects throughout the year, ensuring successful outcomes. New members are welcomed into the club by the Membership Committee, with the club currently having a total of around 50 members.

The Advocacy Committee ensured the Zonta says No and Zonta Says Now Campaigns remained a strong focus throughout the year. Members have worked to assist Seeds of Affinity, an organisation that supports women both in prison and when leaving incarceration.

On Saturday 14 September Adelaide Zonta members joined with other organisations to march from Victoria Square to Elder Park in a display of unity against gender-based violence, emphasising the message of the importance of gender equity. It was inspiring to see the crowd marching down King William Street, strongly voicing our objective of building a better world for women and girls.

Zonta's 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence took place from 25 November to 10 December, with a range of activities involving members and raising awareness.

On Saturday 18 January a group of Adelaide Zontians joined the Pay Our Respects rally on the steps of Parliament House to shine a spotlight on the issue of violence against women. 87 Australian women were murdered in 2024 because of gendered, domestic, family and sexual violence. Each woman is honoured by name, along with salient information about their lives. The importance of the occasion was marked by a speech by DFSV Commissioner, Micaela Cronin, travelling from Canberra for the event.

The committee plans to raise awareness of all the positive changes that are being made regarding climate change. A proposal on behalf of the Zonta says NOW committee, raising environmental awareness with the Nature Festival, is being investigated.

The Service Club supports the Eastern Area Domestic Violence Service, as well as organising Birthing Kits and Breast Cushions. Volunteers meet four times a year to sew over 600 breast cushions. Members assist in the DV Centre clothing centre as well as packing and delivering food from Oz Harvest. The team also collated donated Christmas gifts for the Eastern Area Domestic Violence Service. These initiatives support women and girls to work towards healing and developing positivity in their outlook. Funds raised by two Open Garden events provide the club with the resources for continuing these and other projects.

The Awards Committee organises a range of programs, including the Women of Achievement Awards, hosted in the Adelaide Town Hall by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide. The Young Women's Leaders Program involves students from Adelaide High School and Mitcham Girls High School undertaking a leadership program and outlining their outcomes at our September meeting. Adelaide MP, Lucy Hood, spoke and

presented their awards at our September meeting. Scholarships were given to a Year 11 and a Year 12 student at an International Women's Day Assembly at Mitcham Girls High School on 4 March.

The Young Women in Leadership Award Ceremony at Government House on Wednesday 26 March featured applicants from four clubs. Successful candidates then have the opportunity of winning a \$5000 prize from Zonta International. The award focuses upon the applicant's participation in leadership, her achievements and her commitment to building a better world for women and girls. The Area 2 Director and the Awards Committee Convenor worked tirelessly to bring this event to fruition. We welcomed these applicants at our April meeting.

The Communication and PR Committee presented a PR proposal for highlighting our club's profile on social media to the last Board meeting, and this will be further developed in 2025.

Our International Woman's Day breakfast at the Norwood Function Centre on 7 March was posted on the Zonta International website. Amy Park, Communications Associate from Zonta International thanked us for sharing our story, and also for 'building a better world for the women and girls in your community'.

The 2025 theme, "March Forward," emphasised turning promises into progress and advancing the fight for gender equality. Over 60 attendees appreciated the inspiring message from speaker Rachel Perkins.

Speakers throughout the year have included Helena Kyriazopoulos, CEO Multicultural Communities Council of SA as well as Linda Fisk from Seeds of Affinity and Jennifer Howard from Safe Pets, Safe Families, which provides services to vulnerable pet owners in South Australia. Professor Wendy Ingman clearly outlined 'Breast cancer risk and the modern woman', giving us a greater understanding of this important topic. A speaker from WIRE on Financial Wellness for Women presented in April.

In conclusion, thanks need to go to the Members of the Board, the Committee Convenors and to each member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide for their ongoing interest in, commitment to and enthusiasm for our club's projects. This energy ensures that our club can continue to empower women and girls and advocate for gender equality.









Rosie Egan

President



Members on the walkathon

BOARD

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
			
Rosie Egan	Desi Zed	Di Lancaster	Verena Colby
Directors			
			
Sue Jackson	Louise Stevens	Carol Summers	Janice Watson

Ex-Officio**Kaye Roberts-Thomson OAM**

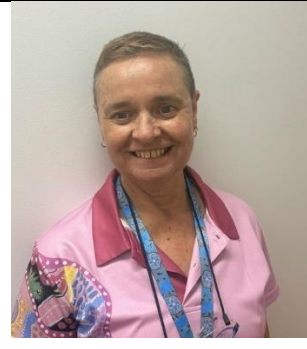
Club Members



Catherine Alcock



Val Baldwin OAM



Karen Bellchambers



Annette Brock



Wendy Bruce



Aileen Connors AM



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Margie Glover



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Lucy McDonald



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Jill Olifent



Trish Palmer



Maxine Panegyres



Helen Pertsinidis



Tasia Pertsinidis



Margaret Peters (on leave)



Bailee Phillips



Mara Rains



Gerry Sanderson



Melanie Tate



Colleen Tomlian



Angela Vandellis



Miriam Zhu

TREASURER'S REPORT for financial year 1 April 2024 -31 March 2025

As Treasurer of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Inc. ABN 85 898 562 097 I present the club's unaudited Financial Report for the year ending 31/3/2025. The financial statements and report have been forwarded to BJC Chartered Accountants for auditing. We acknowledge Barbie Jane Chiro for her ongoing support by undertaking this task pro-bono.

The club started the financial year with a balance of \$21,540.11 in our Bendigo Bank working account and finished with a balance of \$22,225.60. We also have \$10,000.00 consisting of \$3,000.00 of Administration funds and \$7,000.00 of Fundraising funds invested in a Term Deposit Account with Bendigo Bank, bringing our combined total of funds to \$31,540.60. The club is in a sound financial position. We are required to account for our Fundraising income and expenditure and Administration income and expenditure separately. This enables us to declare all monies raised through fundraising, after expenses are deducted, to be directed to the projects and programs we support.

The opening balance of the Administration fund was \$2,542.39 with a closing balance of \$4,824.39. The balance has been boosted largely due to the sale of merchandise at the Area 2 workshop and ZI International Convention held in Brisbane in June – July 2024. We are intending to have stalls at this year's A2 workshop and D23 Conference in Devonport. The other main source of income and expenditure is membership fees. Over the last 2 years we have welcomed many new members. It is great to see that our club is growing.

The Finance Committee constantly reviews all expenses and will be making recommendations to be followed to decrease expenditure in some areas.

Club membership has grown significantly during the last two years, and we have quite a good retention rate. We have had 3 new members in the Young Professional category. We welcome all new members and value their input and encourage new ideas to implement, complement and enhance what we do.

We also raised a significant amount of funds with our Amelia Earhart and International Women's Day breakfasts.

The opening balance of the Fundraising balance was \$18,997.72 with a closing balance of \$17,400.67. During the 2024/25 financial year we received donations of \$1900 for our Breast Care Cushion project, our Young Women in Leadership program and general donations. We are forever grateful to the generosity of our supporters. Our contribution to the ZI Foundation for Women for 2023/24 was just over \$4000.

Our fundraising activities included: catering at Open Gardens, the sale of Xmas bags and hampers, a walk-a-thon, a series of Women Artists talks and the sale of lottery tickets in the annual People's Choice Community Lottery.

The club's project and programs were basically the same as last year. The club's Young Women in Leadership award (previously Young Women in Public Affairs Award) has been increased to \$500 in line with District 23 and Area 2 recommendation. This award was awarded to Ella Davies and will show in next year's figures.

Fundraising is the responsibility of all members and I sincerely thank those members who have worked tirelessly to organize and volunteer their time to help at events. I would also like to thank the Finance Committee and other the members who have supported me since taking on the role.

Di Lancaster - Treasurer

ABN 85 898 562 097 End of year Financial Summary 2024/2025 *				
Opening Bank Balance 1/4/2024			\$21,540.11	
ADMINISTRATION		FUNDRAISING		
Opening Balance 1/4/2024	\$2,542.39	Opening Balance 1/4/2024	\$18,997.72	
Add receipts	\$27,378.39	Add receipts	\$15,326.23	
Less Expenditure	-\$25,095.85	Less Expenditure	-\$16,923.28	
Total Admin Working Account	\$4,824.93	Total Fundraising Working Account	\$17,400.67	\$22,225.60
Plus Share of Term deposit	\$3,000.00	Plus Share of Term deposit	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00
	\$7,824.93		\$24,400.67	\$32,225.60
Closing balance of Working Account on 31/3/2025			\$22,225.60	
Balance of Term Deposit Account			\$10,000.00	
Total in Bank Accounts on 31/3/2025			\$32,225.60	

*unaudited statement

ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2024-31 MARCH 2025

ADMINISTRATION			
RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Membership Dues	\$12,159.05	Zonta International dues	\$6,333.22
Dinner meetings	\$302.25	District 23 dues	\$1,810.00
Merchandise -Tshirts, caps, cards	\$5,904.00	Merchandise	\$1,986.46
		International Convention	\$325.00
Christmas Lunch	\$1,862.00	Christmas lunch	\$2,070.58
Bank interest	\$1.86	Admin bank fees	\$8.40
Plungers' donation and morning tea	\$1,832.70	Plungers' Donation to Puddle Jumpers	\$1,649.10
AE Breakfast	\$1,132.00	AE breakfast	\$996.28
IWD Breakfast	\$2,995.00	IWD Breakfast	\$1,611.00
Miscellaneous	\$887.53	Miscellaneous flowers, storage unit, gifts, memberships, badges	\$4,555.15
		Room hire Board meetings	\$837.72
		Printing	\$2,638.39
		Tyro fees	\$222.55
		Donations	\$50.00
TOTAL Administration Income	\$27,378.39	TOTAL Administration Expenditure	\$25,095.85
Brought forward	\$2,542.39		
Less expenditure	-\$25,095.85		
ADMINISTRATION BALANCE	\$4,824.93		

FUNDRAISING				Profit
RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE		
Walkathon	\$1868.00	1/3 fundraising to ZI	\$4,012.97	
Open garden gate takings		Walkathon	\$114.24	\$1,753.76
Open garden Netherby	\$1,455.90			\$1,763.30
Open garden mosaic	\$2,393.65	Open garden Netherby	\$58.40	\$1,397.50
Breast cushion donations	\$650.00	Open garden mosaic	\$158.85	\$2,234.80
Christmas bags and hampers	\$1,308.00	Breast care cushion	\$4,194.75	-\$3,544.76
Women artists	\$1,617.75	Christmas bags and hampers	\$253.46	\$1,054.54
Other donations	\$1,250.83	Women artists	\$228.20	\$1,389.55
Young Women Leadership	\$635.00	Scholarships	\$4,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$83.80	Young Women Leadership	\$3,253.00	-\$2,618.00
People's Choice Lottery	\$2,300.00	Miscellaneous	\$449.40	-\$365.60
		YWPA Scholarship	\$200.00	
TOTAL Fundraising Income	\$15,326.23	TOTAL Fundraising Expenditure		\$16,923.28
Brought forward	\$18,997.72			
Less expenditure	-\$16,923.29			
FUNDRAISING BALANCE	\$17,400.67			

TOTAL Available Funds	
Administration	\$4824.93
Fundraising	\$17,400.67
Term Deposit	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$32,225.60

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee has completed its role to support the Treasurer. Members stepped up to take payments at functions when the Treasurer was unable to attend. We met face to face and also communicated by email, to discuss the budget and reviewed the financial status of the club at various times during the year.

The club had a successful year in managing fundraising to meet our commitments of scholarships and projects. A bonus to support our Administration receipts was the sale of merchandise to friends and club members. Strong membership growth also provided more funds to run the club. Both balances in Administration and Fundraising are healthy.

Thank you to Treasurer Di Lancaster, Desi Zed and Helen Joraslafsky.

Erica Majba Convenor

ADVOCACY

This year marked a significant evolution in our advocacy approach as the Club transitioned to an **issue-based working group framework**. This new structure empowers members to focus on specific advocacy issues, enabling more responsive and effective action throughout the year.

The Advocacy Committee played a central coordinating role, supporting working groups as they pursued diverse initiatives across multiple platforms. This dynamic model encouraged collaboration, flexibility, and innovation in how we advocate for change.

Aligned with Zonta International's Strategic Plan, the Zonta Club of Adelaide has strengthened its commitment to raising awareness of **gender-based and domestic violence**. We have built active partnerships with like-minded organisations—including the National Council of Women SA, Rotary, and Pay Our Respects—while deepening ties with sister Zonta Clubs to amplify our voice. This collective effort was particularly powerful during the **16 Days of Activism** and **International Women's Day** campaigns.

Key initiatives for the 2024–2025 period included:

- **Zonta Says Now to Gender-Equal Climate Action**

Thelma and her dedicated team:

- Have provided monthly practical tips to support sustainable living. The first was Recycling in August, and Wendy collected batteries which members brought to the meeting and delivered the batteries to Officeworks. We informed members of recycling services provided by firms like Officeworks, Priceline Pharmacy and our local councils. In October, we focused on Reuse, where we encouraged members to bring an item to our club meeting that was no longer needed. There were many items that changed hands, such as a worm farm, Sodastream bottle and jigsaw puzzles. In February, we encouraged members to Refuse, with the focus on buying items with less packaging and seeking alternatives to those packaged in plastic.
- Forged a new partnership with a local council. This collaboration will lead to a Zonta presence at the council's **2025 Environment Expo**, broadening our reach and visibility in the climate space.
- are active participants in the national Zonta Says Now Australia Think Tank forum

- **Prison Project Initiative**

Led by Heather this project:

- supports women entering prison, beginning with the provision of basic necessities
- established a partnership with **Seeds of Affinity**.
- establishes the groundwork for long-term engagement and advocacy in this critical area.

- **Women in Sport:**

- Club President Rosie and Club Member Kaye, advocated directly with Cricket Australia to raise the issue of inequity with the ICC and the Afghan Men Cricketers. This issue of the lack of an Afghan Women's team is in direct contravention of the ICC rules of countries' participation at the global level.
- A formal letter was sent to **Cricket Australia** urging support for the Afghan Women's Cricket Team. We advocated for equitable participation at the international level and challenged the current exclusion sanctioned by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

- **Social Media Engagement**

- The club **Facebook page** continues to serve as an important platform for sharing timely advocacy messages. It highlights both the barriers to and enablers of gender equality, helping to educate and engage a wider audience.

- **Monthly Newsletter – Zephyr**

- Our newsletter remains a vital communication tool, offering regular updates on club advocacy while spotlighting national and international developments. This year, the coverage of **CSW69 in New York** reminded us of the progress achieved—and how precarious those gains can be. By sharing accessible, thought-provoking content, we aim to inspire action both within and beyond our membership.



“THE PLUNGE”

This event was something new for our club. Members were invited by CEO and Founder Mel Tate of Puddle Jumpers Inc, also a club member, to participate in the annual fundraising event that involved abseiling down the Intercontinental Hotel building on North Terrace. Four volunteers – Sue, Janice, Bridget and Erica took up the challenge to try something they had never done before. They were well supported by family and club members who showed up on Saturday 27 July wearing orange and shouting encouragement. The club raised \$1,832.70 that well exceeded the \$300pp target. The funds were donated to Puddle Jumpers. Special T-shirts were also printed for the event to raise funds and gain wider awareness of Zonta. A small share of the merchandise sales went to the club. Thank you to Kaye for hosting the morning tea for participants, club members and many supporters. Those attending enjoyed the hospitality and refreshments and learned about Zonta and Puddle Jumpers. The club profile was elevated amongst new and ongoing supporters.



Bridget Mather Co-Convenor, and Erica Majba

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Breast Care Cushions

2025 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Zonta Service Committee's Breast Care Cushion Project to support the comfort and well-being of women recovering from breast surgery at St Andrew's Hospital.

We are very fortunate to have at our side an amazingly efficient group of women sewers (over 40 of them) self-named the Silent Sewers. On four days in each year these women gather, together with Service Committee members, to produce up to 763 breast care Cushions annually. This was our record-breaking output in 2017.

Over the 25 years we have produced 12,367 breast care cushions to date since 2010 and we will be having three more sewing days this year to take this tally even higher.

I would like, above all, to recognise our Service Committee champion, Ivanka Jovanovich. Ivanka has initiated, sustained and organised this venture for 25 years and her expertise and guidance has led this project to becoming a flagship Service activity for our club. Mary Burford (now a friend of Zonta) has also been at Ivanka's side during the entirety of the production. Each year Ivanka and Mary attend a St Andrew's Hospital Thank You event to acknowledge Zonta participation. The September 2024 celebration was held at Adelaide Oval.

We also receive many requests, both internationally and locally, for us to mail breast cushions to recovering breast cancer patients who have either previously experienced or have heard about our work. This project is a leading initiative for our club.



Many thanks also go to the wonderful members who assist with gift packing and delivering breast care cushions to the hospital. This activity is held four times a year on a Saturday morning following the sewing day. You do not have to be Service Committee member to participate in this and we encourage other committee members to get involved. It takes just under 2 hours to pack the cushions and the morning tea presents a time of fellowship and productive discussion.

A special thanks goes to our newer member, Vonney Karpinski, who has also made a generous donation to be used for the production of breast cushions. Vonney also donated bags to be used at the EADVS and, as an artist, she gave a beautiful painting to be raffled at the area meeting.

Birthing Kits

On the morning of Friday the 22nd of November 2024, students from Adelaide High School assembled 400 Birthing Kits under the guidance of members Angela Vandellis, Thelma Harvey, Desi Zed and new member, Karen Bell Chambers.

Apart from our school production, we have been establishing close links with Rotary and with community groups to continue our involvement. On the 11th of May 2024 Bev Gum, Wendy Bruce and Mary Burford worked in collaboration with Campbelltown Rotary club and a community group to



produce 200 kits, assisted by wonderful entertainment from an African drumming and musical group. They then met again in August with the same group to assemble another 200 kits. A Mormon group has also asked to be involved. We do not fund community groups in this activity. However, we do contribute 50% of the cost to school groups

Over the years we have assembled 24,000 Birthing Kits ready to be exported to developing countries where inadequate hygiene endangers life.

Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service Support

As an integral part of our Zonta hands-on projects, the Service Committee members for many years have had a strong link with the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service. Our volunteers attend the service every Tuesday to fulfil several duties. One team sorts and packs the food produce delivered by Oz Harvest donations into bags. These bags of food supplies are then delivered to both the clients living on-site within the 11 separate units, plus a number of motels located north and south of the city where clients and their children are temporarily housed.

A second team of volunteers work in the clothing donations shed where we assess the suitability and the age-appropriateness of the garments. Most of our clients are aged below 40. We reject any clothing that is: scanty or revealing, in poor repair, dirty, smelly and unsuitable in style. We take care to have a rack of long-sleeved garments to cater for the Muslim community, as well as suitable clothing options for their children.

All inappropriate clothing is sorted carefully and the very best rejects that are still clean and presentable are sent to the Op Shop at Hope's Café, while the rest is taken to a recycling depot. We take pains to keep our standard of display attractive and welcoming, and each week we find ourselves surrounded by grateful clients who love to chat and investigate new offerings.

Zonta's presence in these two capacities serves to assist the busy case workers. We also provide a safe, uplifting, warm and sympathetic refuge. Our Service volunteers are very aware of the seriousness, the privacy conditions and the respect and efficiency we need to bring to our roles.

We also support the EADVS at their annual fundraising quiz nights and each year the EADVS organises a thank you morning tea for all of the volunteers, including Zonta volunteers.

At the end of the year up to 8 Zonta members gathered to pack **beautiful Christmas hampers** for the clients. The total produced each year is **51 gift hampers**. The hampers contain items supplied by Club members.

A special thanks to **Trish Palmer** who has approached her pharmaceutical suppliers for toiletries and her local supermarkets for reinforced food packing bags for Oz Harvest. A special thanks to **Wendy Bruce** who also attends the EADVS on Thursday mornings. Wendy helps with extra duties and has been able to create strong, trusting and supportive relationships with the clients who really love and appreciate her kindness.



PR and COMMUNICATION

Membership

Trish Palmer, Miriam Zhu, Andrea Flynn D'Arcy, Isabella McCulloch, Maxine Panegyres (convenor). We continued to have tasks undertaken by different members throughout the year.

At the end of March, we had new members join us and this will enhance the work of the committee going forward. We welcomed Lucy Mc Donald and Melissa Klenke.

Social Media Strategy

Andrea Flynn D'Arcy developed a social media strategy which was presented to the Board for action in 2025. Our Facebook presence may change as a result, showcasing club activities in future.

Zephyr

Kaye Roberts-Thomson has taken responsibility for the Zephyr, backed up by Maxine Panegyres when needed.

Website

Erica Majba has continued to keep the website updated. The Zephyr, flyers for events and new information has been uploaded each month.

Annual Report

Kaye Roberts-Thomson managed the last annual report, supported by Maxine Panegyres.

Facebook

Bridget Mather, Bev Gum and Di Lancaster are responsible for Facebook posts. The Social Media strategy may see new developments in this space.

Club Folders

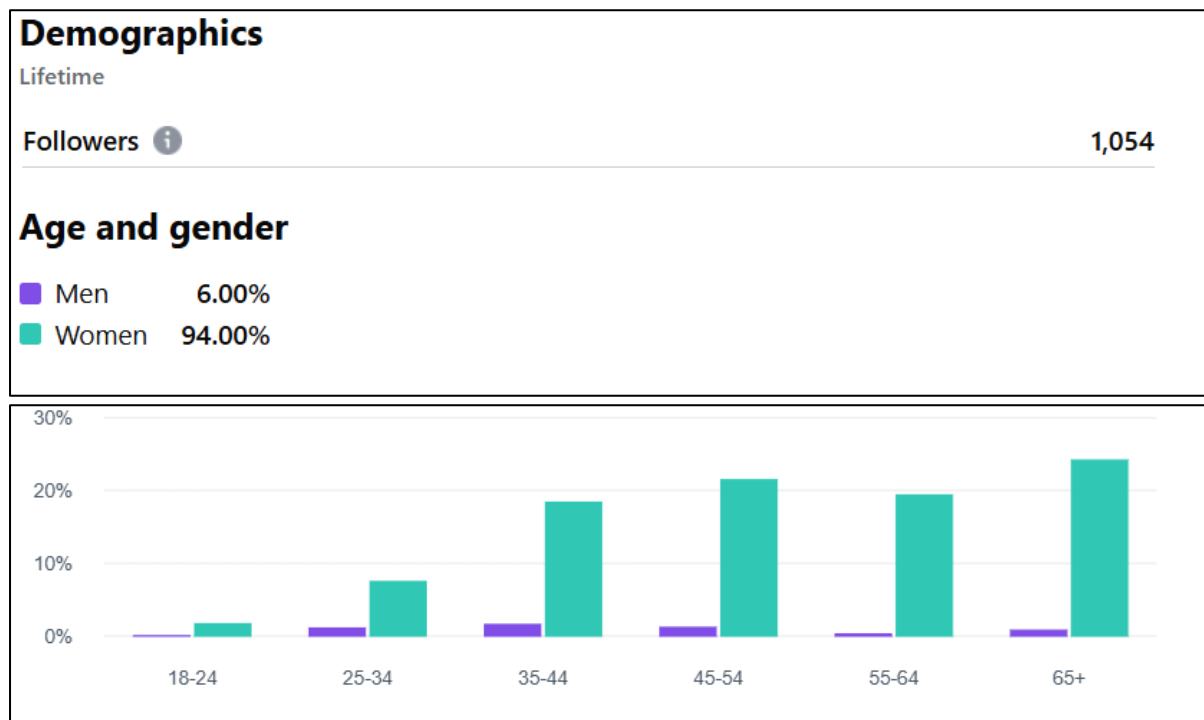
Our new presentation folders have been used for various activities during the last year.

Club Pens

Zonta Club of Adelaide pens have been purchased and distributed at the Convention in Brisbane (September 24) and offered to guests and supporters of our various functions throughout the year.

FACEBOOK DATA

(Di Lancaster)



Location

Towns, cities	
Adelaide, SA	688
Melbourne, Vic	12
Sydney, NSW	11
Brisbane, Qld	6
Mount Barker, SA	5
Victor Harbour, SA	5
Mandurah, WA	3
Perth, WA	3
Port Lincoln SA	3

Country	
Australia	973
United States	44
Germany	8
United Kingdom	7
Italy	5
New Zealand	5
Philippines	5
Bulgaria	4
Canada	4
Switzerland	4
Bangladesh	3

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

Maxine Panegyres Convenor

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee as once again been active in its partnership with Mitcham Girls High and Adelaide High Schools as well as with the university. The schools and the club are seeing the benefit of its Young Women Leaders Program with many of the graduates putting themselves forward to take up school leadership positions in the senior years. This is a great outcome for this program as when initially commenced 5 years ago the schools were concerned that young women with leadership potential from diverse cultural backgrounds were hesitant to apply for a variety of school positions.

Community Development Grant at University S.A.

This was not awarded in 2024 as there were no suitable applicants. The committee has worked with the university to clarify the criteria and ensure the scholarship description reflects what the club requires from the applicant.

It was advertised within the university for 2025 academic year and unfortunately once again there were no applicants. The Committee is in discussion with the Board and club members on the future of the grant.

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 2025 are Year 12 Lilly Collins and Year 11 Sophy Crowley. Lilly Collins is joint Head Prefect at the school. Mitcham Girls High School scholarship holders for 2025 are Year 12 Claire Rowan and Year 11 Hollie Knott.

Young Leaders Program

The 2024 program was the fifth program held by the club and the 4th time conducted in partnership with the Leaders Institute, who the club contracts to provide a Facilitator. The program design has been driven by the club with regular consultation with the Zonta Mentors who attend the course sessions and the provide 10 weeks of mentoring the students in their project teams. The club organises the Graduation held at the Club September meeting date, inviting key community stakeholders, government and school representatives, club members and the student's parents. Ms Lucy Hood MP Member for Adelaide gave an inspiring speech as guest speaker and presented the Graduation Certificates to the students. At the end of the evening the students invited the guests to view their displays and find out more about their work and project topics.

The 2024 Facilitator was Melanie Tate, assisted by Bailee Phillips and the Club Mentors Kaye Roberts-Thomson, Erica Majba, Maxine Panegyres, Heather Luke, Sue Jackson and Raema Mahony. This year's program was able to build on the 2023 program, and with feedback from teachers, mentors and the Facilitator there was an increase to a full day for the follow up sessions and a rehearsal half day was also added. Melanie was able to use her contacts via her position as CEO Puddle Jumpers to organise an excellent session on Presentation Skills. As a result of these changes, the 2024 student presentations at the Graduation were more polished and showcased the students' new skills.

Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award (formerly Young Women in Public Affairs)

We had 7 excellent applications and named Ella Davies as the club winner and her application was sent through to District 23 to compete for the Zonta International Award. The club named Brianna Craig as Runner Up and all applicants were invited to the April Club meeting to be presented to the members. Prior to this event the applicants attended a ceremony at Government House and were presented to the Governor SA. The Governor SA announced the club winners of the 4 clubs which participated from Area 2. The club was fortunate to have Margaret Peters, who coordinated the club selection panel and Rosie and Lucy were panel representatives.

ELLA DAVIES Club Winner

BRIANNA CRAIG Runner Up



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.



International Women's Day event at Adelaide Town Hall

The club entered Bailee Phillips, one of younger club members, into the category of Inspiring Young Women 16 to 30 years. Bailee was the winner of this category for her years of volunteering with Puddle Jumpers and was presented an award by the Governor SA.



Raema Mahony Convenor

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee: Thelma Harvey, Daina Long, Raema Mahoney, Margie Glover, Annette Brock, Janice Watson

Our club consists of 47 members with two members, Leanne Longfellow and Margaret Peters, on leave. Lina Rogers has resigned her membership.

Andrea Flynn D'Arcy joined our club in July and in December, we welcomed Vonney Karpinski. In February, we inducted Karen Bellchambers, Lucy McDonald and Melissa Klenke. We organised a coffee catchup on Saturday 22nd March to welcome these new members and our prospective members, to answer any questions they might have. There are eight prospective members: all have attended at least one meeting or the coffee morning and another two have attended meetings with members of the club.

At our February meeting, we introduced our new place cards which mark our places at our dinner tables. Besides the name of each member, they feature that person's photograph and a brief list of their interests. They are designed to help new and existing members get to know each other and to stimulate conversation. We encourage all members to wear their badges to meetings and members of the Membership Committee also wear a yellow rose brooch to identify themselves. When organising the seating for our dinner meetings, we ensure that a member of the Membership Committee is seated at each of our dinner tables, to support our new members.

Each member of the committee also takes on the responsibility of keeping in touch with particular members, by organising to meet for coffee. We ensure that the birthdays of our members are acknowledged in the newsletter and this year, we celebrated significant birthdays for Rosie Egan, Daina Long, Leanne Longfellow, Deb Lodge, Wendy Bruce, Mara Rains, Carol Summers and me.

Thelma Harvey Convenor



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The Zonta Club of Adelaide would like to acknowledge and thank the many Friends of Zonta who have actively supported us during the past year.

These people are non-members who have contributed to our club activities in many ways. Some for many years. Some are business entities who have donated to support our scholarships and projects.

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