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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **ROSIE EGAN**

As we move into May 2025, it is important to remember our shared Zonta goals of improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women, both locally and globally.

As we work towards building a better world for women and girls, we encourage the development of leadership and mentorship skills to help women be their best.

In the words of the Induction Service, we ask members to:

Foster high ethical standards and be a positive role model

Embrace personal growth and leadership opportunities

Work co-operatively and respectfully with other members

We value diversity of membership and encourage discussion and exchange of ideas in a positive and collaborative manner. Zontians are asked to take an active interest in our local and international world and identify areas where Zonta can make a difference.

Zonta asks a lot of us, but with our shared commitment we can work together and make a difference in this challenging world.

### **Young Women in Leadership Award**

The Young Women in Leadership Award Ceremony at Government House on Wednesday 26 March was an outstanding event, organised by Jenni Foreman, Area 2 Director and Raema Mahony and her dedicated Awards Committee. The governor, her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson, presented the awards in a wonderful ceremony. Of our seven excellent applicants, the club winner was Ella Davies and the runner-up was Brianna Cragg. Madeleine Schiller, Gursimrat Buttar, Lilly Collins, Abigail Hunt and Cody Obst all provided exceptional applications and were honoured at the event.

We had the pleasure of welcoming these applicants at our April meeting.

### **Guest Speaker Yihan Li**

Our April speaker, Yihan Li from WIRE, presented on Financial Wellness for Women, covering a range of ways financial abuse can impact upon women. Her informative talk raised issues of financial abuse being a form of gender inequality and of power imbalance. Yihan covered many aspects of financial abuse and examined ways of identifying and recovering from this.

### **Puddle Jumpers MinTies Leadership Camp**

On 14 April Raema, Maxine and I attended a special morning tea at the Douglas Scrub campsite. Mel and Bailee had organised a wonderful camp for MinTies (Mentors in Training) where young people learn a range of leadership skills. It was fantastic to see the Young Leaders in action – including Ella Davies and Cody Obst – and to appreciate the achievements of their teams through their engaging presentations. These young people were supported by volunteers like Ella and Cody, in this affirming and inspiring camp. Thank you, Mel and Bailee, for sharing this amazing journey with us.

**Zonta Area Workshop – 17 May – ‘Making Cents’**

Please register for this Area Workshop – it's a great way to meet other Zontians in our Area, to hear of Area developments and to share ideas across clubs. It will take place on 17 May at the Payneham Library. The Keynote Speaker is Jaylee Cooper, Manager of Philanthropy & Engagement, Catherine House.

**5 - 7 September - District 23 Conference in Devonport, Tasmania**

The theme of the conference is Sustainability, Spirit and Standing Up for Human Rights. Workshops on Advocacy, Club Success and Climate Change will be part of this exciting program, held in beautiful Tasmania.

Go to [zontadistrict23.org.au](http://zontadistrict23.org.au) for more information.

The 7 May meeting is our AGM, and Pauline Glover from Rugs with Love is our guest speaker, while at the 4 June meeting the new Board members will be inducted. Mel & Bailee will conduct a Personality Workshop, while Kate Dyer will be taking our photos at this meeting.

Finally, thank you to the Board, all Committee Convenors and Committee members for your ongoing service to our club. Your commitment leads to our success.



Puddle Jumpers MinTies Leadership Camp

Recently, President Rosie wrote to Cricket Australia regarding the international issues associated with the Men's Afghan Cricket team being part of the ICC competition. Complementing this were similar advocacy letters by Zonta Australia and Kaye Robert-Thomson (from a personal perspective). It is great to see the response to what remains a significant issue as it relates to the diminishing of women's rights in Afghanistan and how sport can either support or 'turn a blind eye' to international activities.

It would be great to hear from members if there are other issues that maybe the club can advocate for either at the local, state or national level. The advocacy team would love to hear from you!

*Dear Mr Hockley,*

*I am writing on behalf of the Zonta Club of Adelaide, to express concern over the position of Cricket Australia regarding the Afghan men's cricket team.*

*Afghani women and girls are denied the right to equal participation in society, including access to education, employment and freedom, including the right to play sport.. As a human rights organisation, Zonta is committed to building a better world for women and girls, through service and advocacy.*

*We ask Cricket Australia to consider its position on Afghanistan, and to recognise the human rights violations, particularly against women and girls, occurring in Afghanistan. Cricket Australia can play a role in standing against this injustice, by calling out this lack of gender equity, and by taking a stand against this oppression. We ask that Cricket Australia ensures that no country that fails to offer equal opportunities to both men and women in cricket is allowed to participate in international competitions.*

*We look forward to your response*  
*Rosie Egan*  
*President*  
*Zonta Club of Adelaide*

Cricket Australia's response:

*Dear Rosie,*

*Cricket Australia is committed to supporting and growing the game for women and men in Afghanistan and around the world. Our decision to postpone bilateral games against the Afghanistan men's team was the result of a significant deterioration in human rights for women and girls in that country, including bans on playing sport and attending schools and universities. We were the first International Cricket Council (ICC) member nation to take this action. At the same time, we play all ICC tournaments knowing we have an obligation to fulfil the conditions of entry, including playing all scheduled matches.*

*Australian Cricket has also provided strong support for members of the Afghanistan women's team now resident in Australia during their resettlement and in providing playing opportunities - including the recent game between an Afghanistan Women's XI and the Cricket Without Borders XI in Melbourne.*

*The situation in Afghanistan remains complex, therefore Cricket Australia is continuing to work with the Australian Government, the ICC and the Afghanistan Cricket Board on ways to support the women's team.*

*Best regards,*  
*Todd*



**TODD GREENBERG** Chief Executive Officer  
**Cricket Australia**, 60 Jolimont St, East <Melbourne Victoria 3002

**Event Reminder - Domestic & Family Violence Candlelight Vigil**

If you are yet to register for the **Domestic & Family Violence Candlelight Vigil**, please do so through **Eventbrite at the link below**. The event will take place on **Wednesday 7 May**, marking **Domestic and Family Violence Remembrance Day**. This day is dedicated to honouring the memory of those whose lives have been taken due to domestic and family violence.

**Event Details:**

- **Date:** Wednesday, 7 May
- **Time:** Arrival from 5:15 PM | Vigil: 5:30–6:15 PM | Informal connection: 6:15–6:30 PM
- **Location:** Government House grounds

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/domestic-family-violence-candlelight-vigil-tickets-1253913211169?aff=oddtcreator>

**ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Thelma Harvey 5

**Zonta says now on Climate Change**

The Burnside Council is considering our request to operate a stall at the 2025 Environmental Expo on 17th May in the Burnside Town Hall. There has been an upsurge in interest in the expo and the organisers are currently working to allocate space to interested groups.

Recently, while walking along a beach on Yorke Peninsula, I collected various pieces of plastic waste. Although positive moves are being made by our SA government in particular, to create a circular economy, only 10% of plastic in use across the planet is being successfully recycled. Read more about the danger to health and the environment posed by plastic waste at the website [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) and even sign the petition calling on the United Nations and world governments to work together to mitigate the problem.

Take your quality unwanted clothes and footwear to one of 7 collection points across Adelaide from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on 24th May. These must all be wearable and reusable. You can also donate bed linen, bath linen and kitchen linen, e.g. tea towels. Check out all details, such as collection points, at the website [www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au](http://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au). The Burnside Civic Centre and the Tea Tree Gully Civic Centre are two of these collection points.

## Birthing Kits

The first Birthing Kit Assembly workshop 2025 is scheduled for Saturday the 3rd of May. It will already have taken place before the May Club meeting and the publication of the May Zephyr. Many thanks to Bev Gum for taking up the baton in ensuring that our birthing kit assemblies are taken up by community groups who support this flagship Zonta project. These organisations have procured birthing kits with guidance from our club while Zonta volunteers offer their support and manage the process.

This is such an important International supporting project for Zonta in terms of our brand recognition and this one will need most help as there will be 1000 kits made over 2 sessions with about 50 women in each session.

The list of birthing kit assembly dates are listed in the calendar dates. Please let Bev know if you can support any of these sessions because they will be back-to-back commitments and we will need available club members to assist. Bev Gum 0438840756

## Oz Harvest

To quote Alison Meneaud/ Community Development Manager

*Our staff are so proud of and inspired by the Zonta Club of Adelaide volunteers who dedicate many hours per week to accept, sort and distribute the food donated by Oz Harvest to victim / survivors of domestic and family violence. The Zonta volunteers have supported our service for many years and we absolutely could not do without them.*



*Most of the food goes to the most disadvantaged who are waiting in motel for the next vacancy within our high security site. There are often around 20 families and single women in motel that are so grateful to accept the free food delivered to them by the Zonta volunteers each week.*

*In addition to these women, we are working with another 60 families / single women who reside in transitional accommodation or safe, dv properties. All other food donated by Oz Harvest is distributed to other clients in need. The issues associated with homelessness caused by domestic and family violence creates major financial hardship for the families that we support daily. We are very blessed to have access to your amazing service. Please ensure that the visitors are aware of these issues..*

*This photo was taken on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of April when Greens Senator Sarah Hanson-Young and aspiring local Greens candidate Katie McCusker attended the EADVS to observe the Service committee at work*

## Breast Cushions

Following a request from an Adelaide woman who is undergoing mastectomy surgery next week, Gerry has organised the supply of a breast care cushion to support her and provide comfort to her post-surgery. This service is not something we do on a regular basis because it does require some organisational management and cost for the club. However, we do average about 4 of these requests each year, including national and international breast cancer victims and it is important that we maintain the attitude that we support women when it is within our power to do so.

## Christmas Hamper Partnership

Gerry has been in correspondence with a local distributor of high-end cosmetic, body-care products on the subject of donating some of their products to be included in the Christmas hampers we gift to victims of domestic violence each year. I am delighted to say that A.LIVE BODY has been suitably impressed with the work that we do and has guaranteed a generous donation for us to be delivered in late November before we begin our traditional appeal to club members for gift items.

Two more prospective members have applied for membership. They are Georgina Tenney and Jude Murphy. Jude has a Bachelor Degree in Vocational and Adult Education and lectures at TAFE. Jude is interested in joining Zonta because of our emphasis on social justice and our dedication to improving opportunities for women and girls. She is interested in Advocacy, she has experience in working with vulnerable people and has skills in communication and planning. Jude also loves to bake. Jude has attended our meetings since February and attended the Zonta membership morning tea in March.

Georgina Tenney, besides meeting me for coffee to chat about Zonta, attended our IWD function at the Norwood Hotel and our March dinner meeting. Georgina has a passion for gender equality, leadership, and policy reform and is eager to contribute to Zonta's advocacy efforts, collaborate with like-minded individuals, and gain valuable insights that will further her commitment to driving meaningful change. Georgina is studying a Bachelor of Political Science and International Relations at Flinders University and has taken part in an exchange program in Sri Lanka, where her projects supported the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Georgina has also completed a Women's Empowerment Internship in Nepal, where she worked towards a Sustainable Development Goal in Gender Equality. Later this year, Georgina will return to Nepal for her Honours research on gender policy implementation and in December she hopes to intern in Washington.

We have had eight other enquiries from prospective members, some of whom have attended meetings or the morning tea in March.

Our awards committee has asked the membership committee to support them in putting forward a motion to sponsor a prospective young member to join the club and our committee is totally in favour.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

Raema Mahony

### ZONTA UNIVERSITY SA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Unfortunately, there were no applicants for the 2025 Grant. As a result of no suitable applicants being received in 2024 and 2025, the Awards Committee recommended to the Board that the club have Grant funds of \$3,000 be returned to the club. This is being processed by the University SA.

The Committee has suggested the club hold off any further grants until the merger of the University SA and University of Adelaide is completed when staffing may be more stabilised to support the application process.

SAVE TO DATE SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER for Awards Committee 2025 Fundraising Activity will be a Walkathon in the Linear Park. Details to follow soon

The PR and Communication committee met on Saturday 12 April. It was a chance to welcome new members Melissa Klenke and Lucy McDonald with apologies from Kaye Roberts-Thomson, Trish Palmer and Isabella Mc Culloch. Also in attendance was Miriam Zhu.

We had a very productive meeting with suggestions coming forward to support and promote our club.

**Social media and website.**

We are fortunate to have Lucy McDonald to assist with the Social Media Strategy developed by Andrea Flynn D'Arcy and endorsed enthusiastically by the Board in November 24.

We intend to start posting short live video clips on our Facebook page promoting special events, guests, inductions, happenings at meetings as part of our strategy.

Lucy will take photos and videos for this purpose.

Please let Maxine or Lucy know if you do not wish to be included.

**Website**

The website is undergoing a review with Melissa, Maxine, Erica and Rosie working through a process to do this.

**Zephyr**

Committee members liked the recent articles about some of our members and would like to see more of these. They enjoyed reading about members and the contributions they have made to the community as well as to the club.

**Meetings**

We have decided to meet at 5:30pm before club meetings.

# DIARY DATES

## MAY

- 7 Annual General Meeting. Speaker Pauline Glover from Rugs with Love.**
- 7 Domestic & Family Violence Candlelight Vigil, Government House**
- 10 Rugs with Love afternoon tea**
- 10 Birthing kits 10 – 1.00pm** at Prospect Road Uniting Church 174 Prospect Rd, Prospect where the Assembly will take place after a free brunch
- 10 May Birthing kits 10.30 – 12.30pm** at Charles Campbell College, 3 Campbell Rd, Paradise
- 17 Area 2 Meeting**
- 19 Board Meeting Changeover dinner**
- 30 Breast cushion sewing**
- 31 Breast cushion packing**

## JUNE

- 4 Club meeting. Induction of new Board. 'Getting to know you' with Mel Tate and Bailee Phillips**
- 16 Board meeting**

## JULY

- 2 Club meeting Speakers a couple of Club members**
- 21 Board meeting**

## AUGUST

- 6 Club meeting**
- 6 Breast cushion sewing**
- 7 Breast cushion packing and delivery**

## SEPTEMBER

- 3 Club meeting Young Women Leaders Graduation Lucy Hook MP speaker**
- 5-7 District 23 Conference in Devonport Tasmania**

## OCTOBER

- 1 Club meeting**

## NOVEMBER

- 5 Club meeting**
- 7 Breast cushion sewing**
- 8 Breast cushion packing and delivery**
- 9 Awards Committee 2025 Fundraising Activity Walkathon in the Linear Park**

**President** Rosie Egan **Vice President** Desi Zed

**Secretary** Verena Colby **Treasurer** Di Lancaster

**Directors** Sue Jackson, Louise Stevens, Carol Summers, Janice Watson

Ex Officio Kaye Roberts-Thomson

## COMMITTEES 2025-2026

### MEMBERSHIP

**Convenor:** Thelma Harvey

Members: Annette Brock, Raema Mahony, Janice Watson, Margie Glover, Daina Long

### ADVOCACY GROUPS

**Convenor:** Bev Gum, Bridget Mather

Members: Kathy Ellis, Colleen Tomlian, Miriam Zhu, Helen Pertsinidis, Heather Luke, Jill Olifent, Sue Jackson, Wendy Bruce, Thelma Harvey, Carol Summers, Mara Rains, Kaye Roberts-Thomson

### SERVICE

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

Members: Mara Rains, Margie Glover, Thelma Harvey, Ivanka Jovanovich, Louise Stevens, Wendy Bruce, Vonney Karpinski, Melissa Klenke, Annette Brock

Deb Lodge, Karen Bellchambers - assisting with birthing kits.

### AWARDS

**Convenor:** Raema Mahony

Members: Maxine Panegyres, Colleen Tomlian, Karen Bellchambers, Louise Stevens, Verena Colby, Margaret Peters – on leave – helping out, Lucy McDonald – helping with ZYWLA & Mentor on leadership projects

### COMMUNICATION AND PR

**Convenor:** Maxine Panegyres

Members: Miriam Zhu, Trish Palmer, Tasia Pertsinidis, Isabella McCulloch, Melissa Klenke, Lucy McDonald, Kaye Roberts-Thomson

### FINANCE

**Convenor:** Erica Majba

Members: Di Lancaster, Helen Joraslafsky, Desi Zed

### ADVISORS

Aileen Connon, Val Baldwin, Catherine Alcock, Deborah Lodge

**PUBLIC OFFICER** Verena Colby

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN SA** Maxine Panegyres, Colleen Tomlian

**VISITORS BOOK** Maxine Panegyres

**ARCHIVIST/ HISTORIAN** Maxine Panegyres

**VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY FOR SA** Val Baldwin

Actively involved across a number of committees - Bailee Phillips, Mel Tate



**We wish a happy birthday to our member  
celebrating in April**

**MAY**

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

**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.

**We're on the Web! Zonta Club of Adelaide Inc**

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