



ZONTA
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 MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
 EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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Honour & Empower



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Zonta International

- ★ **Mission** Zonta International is a leading global service organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.
- ★ **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. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.
- ★ **Theme** Empowering Women through Service and Advocacy.

Save the date:

2021 Jan	Wed 27 th	ZCAH Dinner Meeting, Belair Hotel. 6.30 am for 7.00 pm start. Guest speaker: Amy Kier, Topic: neonatal retrieval.
Feb	Sat 13 th	Advocacy Meeting. Details to be advised.
April	Sat 17 th	Area 2 Workshop. Details to come.
Sept	10 th -12 th	16 th District 23 Conference to be held at Bendigo, Vic.

OBJECTS OF ZONTA:

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.
- To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and professions.
- 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.

Next Meeting:

Wed 27th Jan 2021
6.30 for 7.00 pm start
at the Belair Hotel
141 Main Road, Belair.

Roster:

Objects: Janet Stephenson
 Intro: Amanda Waldock
 VOT: Coraine Sopru

A thought for the day:

"Experience is not what happens to a person; its what a person does with what happens to them."
 Aldous Huxley.

Birthdays:

Margaret B - 12th Jan
 Sharon - 15th Jan



President's Report

Dear Zontians and friends,



A warm welcome to 2021. This time last year, Australia was experiencing record bushfires across many states followed by floods. I'm sure we were all hoping for a calmer 2021 and the weather, at least in Adelaide has remained mostly mild. I hope that everyone was able to spend time with loved ones over the Christmas and New Year period. The ever-changing state restrictions and border closures that come with the ongoing COVID pandemic may have resulted in a different period of celebration than normal.

We unfortunately had to cancel our Quiz Night due to South Australia's COVID outbreak in November. Fortunately, our strict lock down only lasted 3 days – well done South Australia, we deserve a gold star. Our new normal is going to be one of resilience and flexibility, to manage and adapt to the changes.

The Zonta International Foundation has had a name change and is now

the Zonta Foundation for Women. The name change is to elevate the visibility of the Foundation and the incredible work that they do around the world.

The Amelia Earhart Brunch held at Sharon's was a wonderful event to start the Zonta year. It was a fabulous chance to catchup while enjoying a leisurely brunch. We had past members Jane Abdilla and Di Strutton join us and it was lovely to catch up with them.

The money raised from this event goes directly to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honour of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US\$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 35 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences.

Amanda Waldock
President

Amelia Earhart Brunch – Sunday 10th January 2021

We like to begin our Zonta year by holding a brunch, not just to fundraise for the Amelia Earhart Foundation but to have a social catch up to begin our new year.

This year it was again held at the Geue's lovely home at Hallett Cove. Sharon provided a scrumptious feast with members and guests enjoying a very pleasant day with a few venturing into the pool for a swim.



This January, Amelia Earhart Month, we remember 80 years of expanding women's horizons through the [Amelia Earhart Fellowship](#). In that time, Zonta has awarded 1,638 AE Fellowships, totaling more than US\$10.6 million, to 1,209 women from 73 countries.

South Australian of the Year Award Dinner



Zonta members supported Joy O'Hazy at the Australian of the Year dinner held during November 2020.

CHANGING TIMES



Sexual assault survivor and advocate Grace Tame named 2021 Australian of the Year

The 26-year-old who helped lead the fight to overturn a law preventing sexual assault survivors from speaking out has been named the Australian of the Year.



At 15, Grace Tame was groomed and raped by her 58-year-old teacher at a private girls' school in Hobart.

Her abuser was jailed for his crimes, but Ms Tame was not able to speak about her experience publicly under Tasmania's sexual assault victim gag laws, despite the perpetrator and media being free to do so.

She became the hidden face and catalyst of the #LetHerSpeak campaign, a victim who could not be shown or named in the media.

Assisted by the campaign, Ms Tame applied to the Supreme Court for the right to publicly self-identify as a rape survivor and won, before going on to advocate for others.

Her work has focused on helping others understand how grooming works, and to break down stigmas associated with sexual assault. "Grace has demonstrated extraordinary courage, using her voice to push for legal reform and raise public awareness about the impacts of sexual violence," the Australian of the Year awards panel said in a statement.

"She is a regular guest speaker for high-profile events and television programs and uses her media profile to advocate for other vulnerable groups in the community." Ms Tame became emotional when she received the award, paying tribute to other survivors.

"All survivors of child sexual abuse, this is for us," she said.

She spoke about the importance of breaking down stigma and empowering young people to speak out.

"I lost my virginity to a paedophile," she said. "I was 15, anorexic. He was 58, he was my teacher."

"Publicly he described his crimes as "awesome" and "enviable". Publicly I was silenced by law. Not anymore. "Australia, we've come a long way, but there is still a lot more to do."

Describing herself as a "proud Tasmanian", Ms Tame talked about the journey she had been on in the years since suffering trauma, in the hope of inspiring others.

"Eleven years ago, I was in hospital, anorexic ... last year I won a marathon. We do transform as individuals," she said. "When we share, we heal. Together we can end child sexual abuse.

"I remember him saying, 'Don't make a sound.' Well, hear me now, using my voice amongst a chorus of voices that will not be silenced." From: ABC News



A dad says to his daughter when he finds out she was bullying other children.....
Pick up that glass. She did.
Throw it on the floor. She did.
The glass smashes into pieces.
Now say sorry to it.
The daughter says why?
Dad says just do it.
The daughter says sorry to the glass.
The dad says, is it back together as one piece?
The daughter says no Dad.
The dad says some things cannot always be fixed by saying sorry.
Remember this next time you want to hurt someone either physically or mentally.
Bullying is not ok at any age.
Cuts and bruises heal, but memories last forever!!
I hope my friends will copy and paste this for bullying awareness.

Birthing Kit Foundation
PO Box 330
BELAIR SA 5052



30th December 2020

Dear Life Member

We would like to update you on how the Birthing Kit Foundation has responded to the challenges of 2020.

The year has been marked by a slowdown in kit production, partly the result of an increase in kit price but mainly due to the impact of the bush-fires on Zonta Club fund-raising and the loss of assembly days because of lock-downs and restrictions amid the Covid 19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the BKFA was fortunate in being able to receive on-going income from Job Keeper and the SA Government's business support package which have kept us working.

Amid our many plans we forged ahead and changed our trading name, adding the new *Kit International* brand alongside that of the original Birthing Kit Foundation. This changeover to Kit International, as experienced via the new website, proved a difficult and uncomfortable move and some Zonta supporters told us they lost their connection to our work. We listened to their concerns and have responded to their feedback by restoring the original BKFA website.

Further, after much re-evaluation of our direction under these extraordinary conditions, and considering our reduced income, the BKFA Board decided that the Foundation needed to cut its costs and, as a consequence, the position of our CEO was recently made redundant.

The loss of other management positions, through natural attrition, has provided us with the scope to review all our work. The BKFA Board has decided that now is not the time to risk taking on untested programs and that we need to consolidate our resources by returning to our core business of making and distributing birthing kits. Birthing kits are needed now more than ever as the impact of the pandemic has reduced access to health services in many developing countries.

We are all excited and determined now that we are back to our core work. You will see this reflected in our newsletters and the information we send to our members.

We value our special relationship with Zonta and will keep Zonta updated as these changes are made and we share our highlights. Feel free to share this letter with your Zonta Clubs.

It has been a difficult year and we look forward to a renewed and rejuvenated year ahead making and distributing lots of kits.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Weaver", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jenny Weaver
BKFA Chairperson
Member, Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens Inc

DV Disclosure Scheme gets boost so it can be continued

An SA Government scheme which gives South Australians the opportunity to find out if their current or former partner has a history of violence continues to receive strong uptake in its second year of operation – and will now be funded on an ongoing basis.

Since the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme began on October 2, 2018, a total of 601 applications have been received by or on behalf of people at risk of domestic and family violence. Given the scheme's success in helping keep South Australians safe, this year's State Budget committed an additional \$500,000 per year so it can continue until mid-2024.

Of the 601 DVDS applications received by the scheme up to 31 October 2020:

- 432 (72 per cent) applications were accepted for further consideration
- 15 people assessed were at imminent risk of harm, with disclosure meetings provided as a matter of urgency
- 277 disclosure meetings were approved and 234 have taken place
- 98 per cent of applications were from women
- 65 per cent had children in their care
- 40 per cent were seeking information about a current partner
- 60 per cent were seeking information about an ex-partner
- 212 (35 per cent) were made by people concerned for the safety of someone they know
- 235 (39 per cent) were from regional areas.

Minister for Human Services Michelle Lensink said the strong uptake of the DVDS was evidence the measure was worthwhile – and potentially life-saving. “The Marshall Government will continue to do whatever we can to tackle the scourge of domestic, family and sexual violence and have committed an additional \$500,000 per annum to fund this worthwhile scheme until mid-2024,” said Minister Lensink.

“The fact that 72 per cent of total applications to the disclosure scheme were accepted for further consideration is evidence this scheme is needed and of those, 15 South Australians assessed were at imminent risk of harm, showing this scheme could quite literally be a lifesaver. “Almost 40 per cent of South Australians accessing the disclosure scheme were from regional areas, showing that no one is immune to domestic, family and sexual violence and it can happen anywhere and to anyone.”

Assistant Minister for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Carolyn Power said not only was the scheme protecting women – but their children too. “The vast majority of applicants had children in their care – this vital measure is not only protecting and supporting women, it is also protecting our children from potential harm and abuse,” said Mrs Power.

“The early warning signs of domestic violence should never be ignored and we really urge anyone concerned about the behaviour of their partner or ex-partner, and anyone concerned for the safety of a woman they know to make an application. It's online, free and simple to do. The information obtained allows people to make an informed decision about their safety and the safety of their children”.

From Glam Adelaide on Dec 05, 2020

We're fundraising with
 **entertainment**

Have you considered purchasing a digital Entertainment Book? The advantage is, it now remains valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, no longer expiring at the end of May. The other great advantage is, you can share it on up to **five** different devices with members of your household, but only one member can actively redeem offers at any one time.

We need to sell at least 10 digital memberships to qualify for the fundraising rebate & at this stage, with Covid-19 striking at the normal launch time, I need to sell a few more. Please consider supporting our club, you will be way ahead considering 12 months still remain to use it.

Its easily downloaded with excellent instructions on the website or I'm happy to help. Digital is a very convenient way to have it available whenever out and about.

Click on the following link and it will take you to our club page where you can purchase and download your digital copy:

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/9t34486>

Zonta South Australian Clubs meeting nights

Adelaide 1st Wednesday	Adelaide Flinders 3rd Wednesday
Adelaide Hills 4th Wednesday	Adelaide Torrens 2nd Tuesday
Para District 1 st Tuesday	Fleurieu Peninsula 4th Tuesday
Gawler 2nd Wednesday	Noarlunga S.Vales 4th Wednesday
Mt Barker 3rd Tuesday	Port Lincoln 4th Tuesday
Riverland 1st Tuesday	Lower Eyre 3rd Tuesday

Our Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm for 7:00pm start at the Belair Hotel, 141 Main Road, Blackwood SA

**Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills
Leadership Team 2020 – 2022**

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