



2020-21 **ANNUAL REPORT**



Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Incorporated

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Charter Club Number 1180

District 23, Area 2



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THE OBJECTS OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

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 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 service their communities, their nations and the world.

ABOUT US

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. We can be contacted as follows:

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BOARD & CLUB OFFICERS

Board Members 2020 - 2021

President: Amanda Waldock
Secretary: Beverly Hocking
Treasurer: Margaret Granger
Directors: Jill Heylen, Janet Stephenson, Di Bartel, Pam Mayer, Coraine Sopru

Retiring Club Officer: Pam Mayer (Secretary)

2020 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Nominating Committee

Margaret Parsons, Coraine Sopru, Beverly Hocking

Programme, Membership and Public Relations Committee

Sherry Proferes (Convenor), Coraine Sopru, Doone Winnall, Julie Monis-Ivett, Margaret Granger, Margaret Bunfield, Sharon Geue (Fundraising coordinator) Julie Hallifax.

Service Committee

Jill Heylen (Convenor), Irene Kiroff, Margaret Parsons, Barbara Waddell-Smith, Lorna Caire.

Advocacy Committee

Di Bartel (Convenor), Lynda A'Bear, Beverly Hocking, Joy O'Hazy, Pamela Mayer, Amanda Waldock.



Lynda A'Bear



Di Bartel



Margaret Bunfield



Lorna Caire



Sharon Geue



Margaret Granger



Julie Hallifax



Jill Heylen



Bev Hocking



Marilyn King



Irene Kiroff



Pamela Mayer



Julie Monis-Ivett



Joy O'Hazy



Margaret Parsons



Susie Clarke



Sherry Proferes



Coraine Sopru



Janet Stephenson



Barbara Waddell-Smith



Amanda Waldock



Doone Winnall

CONTRIBUTIONS

In Zonta every member is asked to contribute in whatever capacity they can and to accept willingly the requests of the Nominating Committee.

Thank you to everyone in the club for the work that has been done this year. Additional thanks and recognition also go out to the following people for taking on leadership roles which are vital to the efficient running of the club.

CLUB OFFICERS & COORDINATORS

Parliamentarian	Webmaster	Fundraising and
Lynda A' Bear	Beverly Hocking	Amelia Earhart
Public Officer	History	Representative
Doone Winnall	position unfilled	Sharon Geue
Newsletter Editor	Jane Klausman	Breast Care Cushion
Margaret Bunfield	Representative	coordinator
Archives	position unfilled	Lorna Caire
position unfilled	Birthing Kit Coordinator	
	position unfilled	

SERVICE TO THE CLUB

We honour the members who have served over 15 years. Thank you for your service:

Foundation members, 34 years service:

Janet Stephenson
Doone Winnall
Julie Monis –Ivett
Joy O'Hazy



Members with Service between 34 and 15 years:

Coraine Sopru, 30 years
Sherry Proferes 29 years
Margaret Parsons 26 years
Di Bartel, Lorna Caire, 21 years
Margaret Bunfield, Jill Heylen 18 years
Lynda A'Bear, Barbara Waddell-Smith 16 years

Members leaving the club this year:

Retiring from Zonta: Janet Ayliffe-Ash, Jill Heylen, Irene Kiroff, Di Bartel, Lorna Caire and Barbara Waddell-Smith.

We thank you for your service and fellowship in our club



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a year the world has just been through. The COVID-19 pandemic has seen some huge changes throughout the world. In Australia, a new normal has developed. That of social distancing, travel restrictions, zoom meetings and the general disruption to life as we once knew it. It has also highlighted areas in which change still needs to occur.

I commend all of our wonderful members who have embraced connection online. We were introduced to Zoom this past year; this was completely foreign to us 12 months ago and is now an integral part of each Board and Dinner meeting. The ability to connect digitally enables all members to be able to contribute and engage, even when they are unable to join us in person.

We had to cancel our March meeting with the onset of the COVID-19 restrictions. We 'zoomed' for the AGM and May meeting. By the time we made it through to June, we were all feeling the effects of social distancing. Humans by nature are social beings and although we could conduct the business side adequately via Zoom, the connection and enjoyment of each other's company was drastically reduced. We were able to join together in person in June for a Supper meeting of delicious soups provided by different members.

We held a delayed Handover event in June as well. This heralded one of the last jobs for Lynda A'Bear in her role as Vice Area 2 Director. Having Lynda in the role was such an asset to the club and we thank her for the work she did at an Area and District level. I'm sure she has enjoyed the extra hours a week which she has regained to spend on family and other interests.

The pandemic has had other impacts on club activities. We were unable to hold a Birthing Kit Assembly Day within the general community. Fortunately we were able to continue to support the Birthing Kit Foundation with Kits At Home. Our Quiz Night, was cancelled at short notice as it fell on the weekend of the circuit breaking lockdown – fortunately for South Australia it only lasted 3 days, one of which was the Quiz Night! Our Expect Respect project was unable to go ahead. I have my fingers crossed that it will be onwards and upwards for the year ahead. The Blackwood Christmas Pageant was cancelled which meant our orange ladies were unable to go for dance along Main Street, Blackwood.

Our Service committee was able to continue their projects, supported by other members within the club. The pandemic has shown how critical our work is and how well valued our contributions are to women and children in need.

The Coronavirus restrictions, combined with unemployment and financial stress linked to the pandemic, have caused domestic violence cases to spike across the country. It has been called a shadow pandemic in the news. There are so many women and children living with this terror daily. Through our commitment, service and advocacy, change is possible. It takes effort and time to enact social change and



Lynda A'Bear inducts the new Board at the June Handover Dinner held at Sharon's home



Margaret Granger joins in via Zoom at the June Handover Dinner

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

our commitment continues to hold unwaveringly to improve the status of women domestically and internationally.

I would like to thank all of the members of the board, Bev, Pam, Margaret Granger, Janet, Jill and Coraine for their assistance, support and guidance as I took over the role of President. There was and is, a huge amount to learn and I have appreciated everyone's assistance throughout the year. To our committee convenors, Sharon, Jill and Di, your commitment and focus throughout this challenging year has been wonderful.

Welcomes and Farewells

We welcomed two new members into the club this year. Julie Hallifax and Marilyn King joined us in September and October. It has been wonderful to get to know these ladies and I look forward to learning more about them in the future.

The end of the Zonta year will see us farewelling a number of members. Lorna Caire, Jill Heylen, Irene Kiroff, Di Bartel, Barbara Waddel-Smith, Janet Ayliffe-Ash have all decided that it is time for them to step back from the club. Together, they have volunteered over 80 years of service to the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills in a variety of roles. We thank them for their commitment, friendship and passion over the years and wish them the very best in the years ahead.

Fellowship

With the easing of restrictions required to control the pandemic, we are putting aside time to hold social events. As a group of like-minded women, we enjoy spending time together, talking over this and that. We have had a morning walk and coffee, will be having a farewell afternoon tea and are planning other events to enable us to connect and have fun in a serious world.

The last meeting of the Zonta year saw us holding a combined meeting with Zonta Club Noarlunga Southern Vales. It was wonderful to spend the evening with fellow Zontians and learn more about the projects and connections they have developed. We also welcomed District 22 Governor Bridget Maher to the meeting. Bridget is currently living in South Australia and will hopefully join us for additional meetings in the future.

Amanda Waldock, President



Julie Hallifax (centre) with Doone and Sharon at her Induction



Amanda and Marilyn on the evening of her induction

COMMITTEES

BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAYS REPORT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to hold an Assembly day within the local community. Fortunately, the Birthing Kit Foundation was able to adapt to the pandemic. The result was 'Kits at Home'. The kits came in individual boxes which needed assembly. The kits went out to Pam, Bev, Margaret Parsons, Sharon, Margaret Granger and Doone to assemble the 40 kits per small box. The resulting 200 kits were then collected and returned the Foundation.

We were grateful that we were still able to continue to support and assemble Birthing Kits. Although we were unable to do so as a large group, the Kits at Home still enabled members to contribute and be sociable within their family groups while still abiding by the firm social distancing requirements of the time.

Amanda Waldock, Co-ordinator, Birthing Kit Assembly Days

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DAYS FOR GIRLS REPORT

I am happy to report COVID-19 has not stopped us from carrying on with this great Project. We had no Sewing Days but members worked in their own homes with the many components that make up a kit – cutting out fabric, threading ribbon in bags, overlocking strips of flannelette, and then completing liners, sewing the smaller Transport bags and the large bags.

We also attended small workshops at the home of the SA Coordinator when it was permitted. Donations of fabric from the "Rugs with Love" knitting group and other quilters saved us having to buy fabric again this year.

During the last Zonta year our group of busy women completed 310 Liners, 63 Shields, 110 Drawstring bags and 315 Transport bags.

Since we started in November 2013 the grand totals are –

Drawstring Bags 1270, Transport Bags 495, Shields 1636, Liners 5055. WOW

COVID-19 has been a challenge, but the need for Days for Girls kits is still there. It was wonderful to see the happiness of the faces of recipients in the Congo when the container was unpacked.

My thanks go to everyone who has helped this year. Lots of girls have been able to go to school every day of the month because of you. Thank you.

Margaret Parsons, Co-ordinator, Days for Girls



Bev Hocking and her sister, Wendy Cunningham made 40 Kits at Home in June



Margaret Parsons was assisted by her two granddaughters, Morgan (left) and Erin (right).

Erin has a Community Service component in the Scouting Badge system, so is in her uniform here. Both girls are experienced in attending our Assembly Days.

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The previous year of 2020 was a very difficult one to negotiate due to the COVID pandemic. However, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, including the Service Committee has adjusted its responsibilities accordingly.

The support of Sharon Geue, Doone Winnall and Sherry Proferes pertaining to the sewing of Breast Cushions has been invaluable.

As usual, Lorna Caire has kept her caring eye and acute perception on the Breast Cushions project and gift wrapped each one with love. These have been delivered to Ashford and Modbury Hospitals.

Margaret Parsons and Doone Winnall provided the vital energy needed to continue the club's dedication to the "Days for Girls" project. Please see Margaret's report regarding their outstanding work.

Four Women's Refuge Centres again benefited from the provision of "Getting Started Buckets" and "I Caire Kits". Irene Kiroff took over the communication with and identification by the centres themselves of their discreet needs followed by the purchase and beautiful gift wrapping of these items. It was decided to adopt this new approach to any purchases to ensure they were in keeping with current women and their children's actual needs. Keeping abreast with the advertising to ensure purchases were of quality and value was an invaluable skill of Irene's. The locations of the Eastern Domestic Violence Centre, Ninko Kuntangga, Patpangga Women's Safety Services and Louise Place were all especially delighted with the buckets and kits.

Tragically the numbers of girls and women requiring care, protection and support continues to grow nationally and worldwide. Sadly, there is no shortage of those requiring help. Thus, Zonta's work is invaluable.

I shall conclude with my sincere thank you to the whole service committee team and Zonta members who ensured the resounding success of all the club's projects.

May you all go well and stay safe.

Jill Heylen, convenor.

PROGRAMME, MEMBERSHIP, & PR COMMITTEE REPORT



District 22 Governor, Bridget Maher, Tina Quitadamo, our guest speaker from Nunga Mi:Minar and Jill Heylen at our March dinner meeting

Committee members- Sherry Proferes, Doone Winnall, Coraine Sopru, Julie Monis-Ivett, Margaret Granger, Margaret Bunfield, Susie Clarke, Julie Hallifax, Sharon Geue (Chair and Fundraising Facilitator).

Our year began with our first meeting in March cancelled due to COVID-19. However, by April our AGM was carried out via zoom and many of our meeting since have followed suit. In May, President Bev Hocking gave her final report and handed over to our incoming President Amanda Waldock and the new board.

Our June meeting was held in the home of Sharon Geue where the members gathered for a lovely dinner (everyone bought a plate) and VAD Lynda A'Bear installed the 2020-22 club Officers and Directors.

This year we welcomed our vibrant new members Julie Hallifax and Marilyn King, inducted into the club mid-year by VAD Jane Morrison.

Our many and varied Guest Speakers this year have included Jane Morrison from ZCNSV on 'Supporting recent victims of domestic violence', Susie Clarke who did a cameo, Fiona Dorman President of the National Council of Women SA, Associate Professor Amy Kier on 'Neonatal retrieval', Dr Kathy Nicholson Operations Manager at the Adelaide University on 'Women in Stem', and Tina Quitadamo Ceo from the Northern Region Aboriginal Domestic Violence and Family Services. Amanda organised a planning meeting in August and we also decided to financially support the ZC Beirut both as a club and individually.

Last year has been difficult with COVID-19 restrictions, but our committee meetings, phone calls and drop ins for coffee have helped us keep in touch and spirits up. Our Amelia Brunch in January (with a swim for those game enough) was a lovely social activity to start the year. We have had a lovely social Sunday morning club walk which finished at Joan's Pantry, with breakfast for some and coffee for all.

We have lost a considerable number of members over the past year due to family and work commitments including Janet Ayliffe-Ash, Jill Heylen, Irene Kiroff, Di Bartel, Lorna Caire and Barbara Waddell-Smith. These wonderful members have given many years service, friendship and enriched our club. We will miss them enormously but hope they will continue to visit us through our fundraising and social events.

Three husbands and partners of members have died in the past year, all due to cancer related illnesses. This has been a terrible blow to our members, but we have tried to support them as much as possible.

Bev continues to update our monthly information and keep the web site up to date.

PROGRAMME, MEMBERSHIP & PR REPORT CONTINUED

Unfortunately, our participation in many local activities including ANZAC Day, the Blackwood Pageant and Rotary Fair have been curtailed by Covid-19 restrictions.

We had organised a Quiz night and Silent Auction in late November, but it had to be cancelled due to lock down. Other fundraising through the year was through donations and 10-100's.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of this committee for their support and help through the year and to all the members of the club in general who have supported us in so many ways.

Sharon Geue, Convenor,

Programme Membership and Public Relations Committee

KIVA LOANS REPORT

As part of our commitment to help create better lives for women and their families, we have chosen to provide loans to women through the Kiva organisation.

Kiva is a non-profit organisation with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. Leveraging the internet and a worldwide network of microfinance institutions, Kiva lends to individuals around the world to help create opportunities. For further information: <https://www.kiva.org>

This year we chose to provide more loans to women who are unable to access the traditional banking systems. With loan repayments from the previous years, we have been able to provide five more loans during this financial year.

We have made a total of 61 loans to women in 25 countries since joining in 2015. Our club has contributed A\$553 and we have been able to lend US\$1,525 by utilising the repayments.

Due to the impact of the COVID pandemic, some of our Field Partners have needed to reschedule repayments with borrowers; have received a moratorium on payments from Kiva; or are operating under a national moratorium on loan repayments.

Loan Date	Recipient	From	For
26/6/20	LibiaSayora	Peru	purchase 2 cattle
12/9/20	Humo Fa Yn Touara Group	Burkina Faso	personal care Items for sale
25/11/20	Sayora	Tajikistan	Tailoring
4/1/21	Adi	Fiji	Food Production/ sales
3/4/21	Eunice's Group	Kenya	Farming

Margaret Bunfield, Co-ordinator, Kiva Loans,

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

The year began for our Advocacy Committee with a few changes in our group with Marilyn Little resigning from Zonta and Joy O'Hazy joining the Advocacy team. We were challenged in reaching some of our targets with COVID restrictions affecting the roll out of the Expect Respect Project and many members understandably needing to focus on family.

The Expect Respect Project was put on hold for the year for two reasons. Firstly, the Mt Barker Police were stretched with COVID related community needs and we did not wish to insist on the delivery of the workshop to our two schools. Secondly, our guest speaker for the Community Event, Ali Clark was unable to commit to the event, COVID restrictions again being the culprit. As our model of the project places great importance on the Community Event to celebrate the work and demonstrate to the young people that what they have been learning is of value to the whole community, the inability of the Community Event to go ahead dictated that we could not deliver our Expect Respect Project in full.

We have added our voice to other clubs and organisations across the State on several fronts including advocating for the Statutes Amendment Repeal of Sex Work Offences Bill. Tammy Franks, MLC, addressed the club in September 2020 via Zoom from Parliament House to talk through the salient points of the newly proposed version of the Bill. We are all still working for the success of a Bill to remedy this situation which unfairly restricts Sex Workers from the basic human right to work in a safe environment, amongst other injustices and inequities. We did however witness a win for women in that abortion will now be considered a health rather than legal matter in this State.

During the year we have been active in the Area 2 Combined Advocacy meetings where there have been positive discussions around identifying the big issues for us locally and in combining our efforts to gain a greater voice in advocating for women and girls. We have renewed our membership of the National Council of Women (SA) and Amanda and Di have kept us informed of the activities of the wider advocacy movement. It was great to see and hear Fiona Dorman (president of NCWSA) at our Christmas (Zoom) meeting. 2020 was tough on communities both socially and financially with women and young people being the ones to pay the greatest price both financially and in domestic violence statistics.

Our work is far from done, but some hope can come from the recent awakening of a wide range and great number of people turning out to protest inequities in our country.

We hope that our Zonta voice can be heard in this current debate pressing for fairer governance in the future.

***Beverly Hocking, on behalf of the Advocacy Committee:
Di Bartel, Pam Mayer, Lynda A'Bear, Joy O'Hazy, Bev Hocking,***



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CELEBRATIONS
WELCOMES...VIRTUAL
EXPERIENCES
FELLOWSHIP,
COMMITMENT TO ALL**



FINANCE

Treasurer's Report

Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills Treasurer's Report for year ended 31st March 2021

I am pleased to present the unaudited Financial Statements for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 for the Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills.

Our fundraising activities have been severely curtailed as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic and resultant restrictions. Our proposed Quiz Night, organised for November, had to be cancelled at the last minute, although all of our previously sold tickets were refunded. Many members continued to contribute to our fundraising efforts through paying for virtual dinners, personal donations, wine sales and some 10 to 100 activities. A brunch to raise funds for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund was well supported.

Our service activities this year have seen a continuation of support through the distribution of ICaire Bags for victims of domestic violence. 'Getting Started Buckets' for Louise Place, Ninka and the Northern Regional Aboriginal Domestic Violence Centre. Our Expect Respect Project was put on hold for this year, and members have continued to make and distribute breast cushions as well as Days for Girls bags. In keeping with Covid safe practices, boxes of materials were distributed to small groups of members enabling us to complete 200 Birthing Kits.

One third of the funds raised in 2020-2021, together with funds raised for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund will be sent to Zonta International to support ongoing Zonta International Projects.

Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Inc

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2021

Opening balance as at 1st April 2020 (as per bank statement)			17,266.22
Less unrepresented cheques			630.05
Opening balance - ZCAH			16,636.17
Income			
<i>Administration</i>			
Part membership fees 2020-2021	2,360.00		
New membership fees 2020 - 2021	426.00		
Raffles	165.40		
Bank Interest	3.36		
Total Administration		2,954.76	
<i>Fundraising and Service</i>			
Donations	1,317.00		
10 to 100 (Inc personal donations)	1,473.20		
Wine Sales	2,990.00		
Expect Respect – donations/sales	200.00		
Beirut Appeal	830.00		
Amelia Earhart	462.00		
Total Fundraising and Service		7,272.20	
Total Income:			10,226.96

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Inc

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2021 continued

Expenses			
<i>Administration</i>			
Zonta International Dues 2019-20	2,640.00		
ZI New member fee	40.00		
D23 Dues 2019-2020	880.00		
Dinner meeting costs	50.00		
Administration costs	530.02		
Total Administration		4,140.02	
<i>Fundraising and Service</i>			
Louise Place Buckets	1,747.88		
ICaire Bags	1,501.80		
Expect Respect Project	200.00		
Breast Care Cushions	207.82		
Wine Sales	1,700.00		
Birthing Kit Project	3,000.00		
Donations – Beirut Appeal	830.00		
Donations – ZI (2019-2020 funds)	3,300.00		
Donations – Amelia Earhart	420.00		
Total Fundraising and Service		12,907.50	
Total Expenses			17,047.52
Less Kristina legacy			200.00
Total on Hand			9,615.61
Balance as per bank statement as at 31st March 2021			9,615.61

Unaudited statement of income for the year ended 31 March 2021

Annual Report accepted by membership of Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Inc.

Signed

Date

Amanda Waldock, President

APPENDIX 1

Minutes from 2020 Annual General Meeting



Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Inc District 23 Area 2

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held Wednesday 29th April 2020

Attachments: 1 – The Slate

2 – Annual report containing president's and Treasurer's reports - Sent separately

MEETING OPENED at: 6.45 pm on Zoom by President Bev Hocking.

1 Welcome to members and Apologies

Attending: Amanda Waldock, Bev Hocking, Irene Kiroff, Janet Stephenson, Jill Heylen, Joy O'Hazy, Julie Monis-Ivett, Margaret Bunfield, Margaret Parsons, Sharon Geue, Sherry Proferes, Susie Clarke, Coraine Sopru, Doone Winnall, Di Bartel, Margaret Granger, Lynda A'Bear, Pam Mayer

Apology: Lorna Caire

Absent: Marylin Little, Janet Ayliffe-Ash, Anne Fuller, Barbara Waddell-Smith, Judy Little

Bev Hocking thanked Amanda Waldock for organising the Zoom meeting.

2 **Objects and Thanks:** Read by Bev Hocking.

3 Minutes of last AGM presented, circulated by email, April 21st

Moved: Bev Hocking

Seconded: Joy O'Hazy

Accepted

4 President's overview of 2019/2020 year as per pages 5-7 of Annual Report

Bev Hocking thanked the Convenors of the Committees and urged members to read the committee reports for more detailed information. She also thanked the Committees for their support over the last two years.

Sharon Geue thanked Bev for producing an excellent Annual Report.

Action to be taken: Bev will correct some typos and re-send the report to members, D 23 & ZI.

Moved: Bev Hocking

Seconded: Sherry Proferes

Accepted.

5 **Treasurer's Annual Report** (as per pages 13 & 14 of the Annual Report)

Margaret Granger reported that a cheque for \$3300 will be sent to Zonta International for Club fees as well as \$420 for the Amelia Earhart Foundation.

MOTION: Margaret Granger proposed that 1/3 of our club fundraising for 2020-21 be allocated to Zonta International projects.

Moved: M Granger

Seconded: Lynda A'Bear

Accepted

MOTION: Margaret Granger proposed that the number of signatories for the cheque account be increased from three to four with two signatories being required to sign cheques. Amanda Waldock and Doone Winnall to replace Margaret Bunfield.

Moved: M Granger

Seconded: Joy O'Hazy

Accepted

Margaret Granger reported that she was able to prepare the accounts for the coming year but Doone Winnall would assist with depositing funds at bank.

This year's accounts have gone to the auditor.

Discussion was held on the possibility of on-line banking.

Margaret Granger requested that receipts for reimbursement be either scanned to her or a photo of the receipt be emailed.

It was pointed out that there has been a saving on administration fees since face to face dinner meetings have ceased.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted:

Moved: M Granger

Seconded: B Hocking

Accepted.

6 **Election of Officers** (as per attachment #1)

All positions as per the prepared Slate by the Nominating committee were elected for two years by members present with a show of hands. The vacant positions were discussed.

7 **AGM meeting closed at: 7.50pm.**

Attachment #1 SLATE OF ZCAH POSITIONS

Board Members:

President	Amanda Waldock
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Bev Hocking
Treasurer	Margaret Granger assisted by Doone Winnall
Directors	Pam Mayer, Jill Heylen, Janet Stephenson, Coraine Sopru

Nominating Committee 2018 to 2020:

Coraine Sopru, Bev Hocking, Margaret Parsons

Officers and other positions:

Parliamentarian	Lynda A'Bear
Public Officer	Doone Winnall (continuing)
Newsletter Editor	vacant
Web masters	Bev Hocking, Sherry Proferes
Fundraising Coordinator	
& Amelia Earhart fundraiser	Sharon Geue
Breast Care Coordinator	Lorna Caire
Birthing Kit Coordinator	vacant (Amanda Waldock interim coordinator)
Historian and Archives	vacant

Committee Convenors:

Service - Jill Heylen; Advocacy - Di Bartel, Membership, Programmes and PR - Sherry Proferes

Minutes from 2020 Annual General Meeting Continued

Attachment 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019/2020YEAR

I begin by expressing my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Board for what's been a real roller coaster ride, but we stuck together and got through. It has been wonderful to have Amanda as Vice President; she is organized and supportive and will make an excellent future President. To the committee convenor's Sherry, Jill and Di thank you for being absolutely on top of your responsibilities. Treasurer Margaret Granger always inspires confidence whenever she speaks about our finances, and that is a great comfort. Her courage in continuing through recent personal health issues is inspirational. Pam Mayer has been an excellent secretary always delivering the minutes even when she is travelling and through what has been a challenging year for her personally. Our Board member Janet Stephenson brought her knowledge and experience to our meetings and I thank her for keeping us focused on the Zonta protocols. I also acknowledge the work of Lynda A'Bear who has served as Vice Area Director again this year, her work behind the scenes at Area and District level has been most helpful for the club.

Our dinner meetings were typically entertaining, and the business was conducted in a robust manner. The use of the great audio visual facilities at the Belair Hotel has assisted in delivering technology rich meetings when needed. We have heard from a varied selection of excellent speakers and I thank our Programme and PR Committee convenor Sherry Proferes for keeping the meetings stocked with speakers, organizing changing venues, watching over membership needs and keeping our public face up to date.

Sharon Geue continued her energetic work as our Fundraising organizer and I'm sure I speak for all members in thanking Sharon for her leadership. We did very well with raising funds through movie events, Sausage Sizzles and one fabulous Quiz Night. Sharon also leads a quiet brigade of members who go it alone to raise funds through our 10 to 100 challenge. One of our biggest discoveries was Margaret Granger's guilty pleasure for knitting brightly coloured socks from left over pure wool that she finds lying around. Some things just make you smile.

In these difficult social times we are all acutely aware that many women and children are more than ever in need of our service and advocacy and we must not waiver in our efforts to support the needs of those we have promised to help. Thank you to our service committee for your constant work providing essential goods, service and support to our most needy local women and girls. Jill Heylen has again led the Service Committee over the past two years and has done an excellent job.

This year has seen some great collaboration between Area 2 clubs. We combined to debate and investigate the shocking increase in homelessness of Women in South Australia and our club hosted the second Area meeting on the issue. As an Area we worked on a way to make Zonta more visible in the community and our Advocacy Committee put forward the idea of orange ladies – cut out silhouettes of women we could stand in public places or use in other ways. We have made 3 ladies so far and they accompanied us in the Blackwood Christmas Pageant. We are still working on getting this in place for the rest of the Area clubs. The work of our small Advocacy committee is to be commended as they pulled these things together as well as the Expect Respect project this year. Thank you especially to Di Bartel for your commitment and wonderful organisational skills as convenor of the committee. As a community we also banded together to advocate for the Decriminalisation of Sex Work. After very promising beginnings in the Upper House, the Bill did not gain final acceptance from the House of Assembly. Such a lost opportunity, especially as we were celebrating the International landmark of South Australia's vision 125 years earlier when Women were granted not only the right to vote but the right to stand for Parliament. Clearly our work is far from done.

We continued to support Birthing Kits this year with a packing day in which we partnered with the Zonta Club of Cairns – It was a great way to stay in touch with other clubs to mutual benefit. At that event we also celebrated the 20th year of the beginning of Birthing Kits, which originated in our club. Our Birthing Kit Coordinator, Amanda Waldock has shown great vision for the future of birthing kits for us as both a service and an awareness-raising activity.

Fellowship

Dinner meetings have been a delight, we listened to each other's opinions, shared our stories and rekindled our passion for why we are Zontions. I always come away energized and pleased that our club is filled with creative, committed people. The Covid-19 pandemic has created several challenges for us to achieving this as well as impacting on the way we do business. Through social distancing we have been deprived of one of our most valued human needs – to share space with our friends. We need to find ways to stay in touch and somehow continue with business as close to normal as possible. Our organization is not alone in grappling with these issues and there are strategies around to assist us. Zonta Leadership at all levels have been collaborating and actively pursuing ways to connect with our members to continue the work of empowering women and girls and providing ways for us to have fun together using skype, zoom etc.

Welcomes and Farewells

At the Handover meeting we welcomed Susie Clarke to our club. Susie has been a regular at meetings, entertaining us with her life story and exploits with Sherry in the Harmony Choir. We look forward to more of this in the future.

As the Zonta year ends we will be saying farewell to several members. Marilyn Little, Anne Fuller and Judy Little have all decided that now is the time to retire from Zonta. We will miss these ladies very much. With a combined service of over 66 years they have been huge contributors to the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills. However, we do understand the need to move on and we wish them well. There are three other members who are taking a one-year break to concentrate on family, work, and community. So, to Barbara Waddell-Smith, Janet Ayliffe-Ash and Margaret Bunfield we hope you have a fulfilling year and come back to us refreshed and energized next year.

Centenary events

With all the above work continuing we still found time to gather and celebrate in this our Zonta International Centennial year.

At our Biennial meeting in May we honoured our longest serving members with a short biography and a centenary pin, an impressive list. This was followed in July with the Vice Regal Reception, a wonderfully glamorous affair held at Government House. The next event in September was the combined Districts Conference in Brisbane. It was the pinnacle event of the year combining four Districts. Over 800 Zontions collaborated for the first time since the 1970's, when the original District 16 became several Districts. We were treated to three moving welcome ceremonies and several presentations by International President Susanne von Bassewitz. The quality and range of speakers was impressive, and it was a rare chance to hear about projects and the actions that other Zonta areas undertake. We sent a large contingent of 10 members and each of us will have wonderful memories of the three days and the moments we shared.

Following on quickly from that many of us attended the Gala Dinner on the eve of the 100th Birthday of Zonta International. We heard from some wonderful speakers on the night not the least of which was Natasha Stott Despoja (AO, Founding Chair of "Our Watch") as she accepted our District 23 Centennial Recognition Award. "The Mary's" rocked the room as they entertained us with their quirky style on stage with 50's 60's and 70's music. It was a thoroughly Zonta evening of fun, dance and fellowship. Notably for some of us this was also the night that we took to the stage too. For over a year Joy O'Hazy had been researching and giving talks associated with the 125th anniversary of South Australian Women gaining the right to vote and to stand for Parliament. She and a few friends then modified this research to make a short skit for the Gala dinner. By all accounts it went well and the diners enjoyed our music and light hearted approach to the momentous events surrounding the beginnings of Zonta with a bit of added insight into what South Australia was like in those same times. I would like to acknowledge those who performed on the night; Joy, Doone, Lynda, Pru, Tim Geue, Anthony Waldock and our special guest (and Star of the show), Vicki Arnold, (and myself). Many Zontions behind the scenes also contributed and we are most grateful to all who helped over the months. On reflection what was most wonderful about it all was the determination and vision of one individual, Joy, who took her ideas and ran with them and we were smart enough to support her. This sounds remarkably familiar to me in the story of our Club and one of the reasons to be proud of our heritage. I hope you all enjoyed the year's activities as much as I have.

Besides the extraordinary centennial celebrations this year, some additional highlights for me were getting to know two leaders in our community. The first was our local Mayor, Heather Holmes- Ross who spoke at last year's AGM. I have enjoyed several productive conversations with Heather and it is through closer connections with our Councils that we can progress our visibility in the community and make connections to likeminded local organizations. The work we have done this year should begin to reap benefits in the future. Secondly, our club has forged closer ties with the National Council of Women S.A. (NCWSA) through President Fiona Dorman. Fiona has become a familiar face around Zonta circles, and I have enjoyed sharing ideas with her. We are now a member of the UNWSA and Amanda, Di and Joy have attended meetings this year. Participation with the group has given us a broader perspective of the gender equality movement and access to like-minded organisations. Fiona was to be our guest speaker at this year's, now cancelled Handover Dinner but we will hold that pleasure for another time.

Looking Forward

In 2019/2020 we reflected on our beginnings, celebrated our successes and now look forward to a new Biennium with fresh leadership. It is confronting, however, to realise that gender equality and respect for women's human rights are still not fully realized globally. In a time of isolation and social distancing there is a great risk too, of losing the gains we have made in the protection and advancement of women and girls. Considering this, I encourage everyone to look after each other, stay the course and together we will come out the other side to share a high five, handshake and a hug.

Finally, I thank all members of our Club for your support, advise and hard work during my two-year tenure as President. I have learnt much and enjoyed experiencing Zonta from the perspective of President. We can take pride in our club and our achievements. I welcome our new President and Board and look forward to supporting the Club in whatever capacity I can.

Yours in Zonta Fellowship, *Bev Hocking*

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