



Think Tank

Zoom Meeting 15 November 2020

- Here is the [link](#) to a recording of the meeting that has been uploaded to YouTube.
- The recording starts at Jasmine's presentation and goes until the end of the meeting
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Last Meeting



- Since last meeting
 - Logo refined
 - New domain name
 - New email address
 - New website
 - Based on our five actions

- For Think Tank matters,
please use
zontasaysnow@gmail.com



How do we take action?

Through Zonta's health, education and sustainability activities, we empower women and men to create a safer future for everyone. This is how we do it.



This growing library helps us learn more about climate change and inequality and what we can do about it.
Identify our shared impact areas and work to lessen them.
Share the facts and our experience on reducing inequalities with our friends, family, peers and wider communities.



Use advocacy and our specific expertise and contacts to make a difference in women and girls.
Engage our voice by collaborating with decision-makers.

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Last Meeting

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- Outstanding tasks

- Partnership protocol
 - One Million Women
- Mission statement
- Baseline survey
- Facebook page



Who would like to help with these tasks?

- Many thanks to Helene Jaccomard who has volunteered to set up the Facebook page.
- Carole will draft a protocol, mission statement and baseline survey and circulate to Think Tank.
- NEW TASK: Carole will work with Jasmine Schuijers and Sharon Nelson-Kelly on a marketing strategy for Zonta Says NOW
- If anyone else would like to help with any of these tasks, please email zontasaysnow.

Last Meeting

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- Ongoing tasks – everyone
 - Reviews of books, podcasts, videos etc
 - What did you like and why?
 - Who do you follow?
 - Tips to reduce emissions
 - Share your personal experiences
 - Local / global insights into gender equity and climate action to inform advocacy work
 - Where can we make a difference?



Email contributions to:
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- National Council of Women may include environmental considerations in their goals.
- If so, Carole to follow up with Robin Nolan, National President of NCW, who is based in Perth.

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Presentation

Jasmine Schuijers

Zonta Club of
Melbourne-on-Yarra

Let's meet Jasmine

- Attended the Climate Reality Leadership Corps training in Brisbane in 2019
 - facilitated by the Hon. Al Gore
 - Completed the Climate Change and Health course with online university NextGenU
 - co-created an updated version of the course
 - reviewed resources, wrote examination questions, etc.
 - Founding member of the sustainability committee at The Royal Women's Hospital
 - creating a new statement on climate change for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists
- Here is a [link](#) to Jasmine's talk that has been uploaded to YouTube. It can only be accessed by those with the link.
 - Jasmine will confirm the conditions under which the presentation may be shared.

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Website Publications

Useful tools!

<p>1. We gather facts about gender inequity and climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere lead to less ice, more extreme weather events, more intense heat waves and more extreme events such as bushfires, droughts, storms, and flooding. Women account for 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions and prevent runaway global warming. Women and girls, especially those in developing countries, are disproportionately experiencing more climate change impacts. Due to socio-economic and geographical circumstances and existing gendered discourses and hierarchies, women are at greater risk of being injured, killed, displaced, and unemployed. They also experience more gender-based violence, that can precipitate early marriage or forced pregnancy, for example. Women have the power to mitigate climate change and address some of these issues and empower women and girls to have more say in decision making and responses to climate change, and need a stronger voice to create a better future for everyone. <p>Useful resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Future We Choose: Surviving the climate crisis by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac. See also the weekly postcard of https://zontasaysnow.org.au How a woman's perspective can help fight climate change by Katherine Wilkinson (TED Talk) 	<p>ZONTA SAYS NOW To gender equity and climate action www.zontasaysnow.org.au</p> <p>How we take action</p> <p>2. We reduce our own emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use less plastic. Purchase wisely. Minimize waste. Adopt new technologies. Eat less meat. Plant more trees. Share tips on Facebook. <p>Useful resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Louise Zonta, Bush Home – The 3 Rs – www.zontasaysnow.org.au Haywood Book Every Woman & Girl in Australia's Planet by Bronwen Haywood Book Plastic Free by Rosemarie Preiss -Rust and Joanne Alferd-Fire Fox <p>3. We add our voice to influence our communities</p> <p>Use our learning and experience from 1 and 2 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss climate change and the climate crisis with our family, friends and co-workers. Share ideas on social media. Start a conversation on-line. <p>Useful resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Council – www.climatecouncil.org.au Climate Council's TED talk on the climate crisis, turning ideas into actions. Climate Action Network Australia – www.climateactionnetwork.org.au is a fair and sustainable development advocacy organization (Part of global network). 350.org aims to rapidly and broadly build by building a global climate movement. Care Australia www.careaustralia.org put women and girls at the heart of their work to save lives and defeat poverty. Project Drawdown.org connects people to the science behind climate solutions. <p>4. We advocate for gender equity and climate action</p> <p>Useful resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Development Goals UN Women, SDG infographic MU-Lawyer Courtroom action, Australian policy monitor Prentice Fox 	<p>5. We collaborate with like-minded organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with other clubs, Z Clubs and Queen's 2 Clubs on climate action projects. Identify and collaborate with other gender equity and climate action groups who share similarly align with Zonta. Consider joining local, state and national climate action bodies to strengthen our voice. Support our local governments to implement sustainable policies. <p>Useful resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Million Women are women and girls from every corner of the planet who are taking personal resolutions to fight the climate crisis. Climate Council is Australia's leading climate change communications organisation. ClimateKit TED charter and toolkit to help individuals to the climate crisis, turning ideas into actions. Climate Action Network Australia – www.climateactionnetwork.org.au is a fair and sustainable development advocacy organization (Part of global network). 350.org aims to rapidly and broadly build by building a global climate movement. Care Australia www.careaustralia.org put women and girls at the heart of their work to save lives and defeat poverty. Project Drawdown.org connects people to the science behind climate solutions.
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Framework

Thanks to Bronwen Haywood, ZC Central Goldfields, VICTORIA

- Use resources as you need to.

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Think Tank Ideas #1

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Helene Jaccomard
Zonta Club of Perth

Q1: Can we mention on our website specific environmentally friendly domestic or feminine products?

What about:

- Special underwear that makes panty-liners unnecessary
 - E.g. [Modibodi](#); for \$5 you can buy one extra item that will be donated to a Women's organisation
- Bulk food and health products
 - E.g. [The Source bulk foods](#)
- Donating unused glass frames
 - E.g. [Lyons Club](#) or [Fred Hollows Foundation](#)



How eco-friendly are bamboo products?



Think Tank Ideas #1

2

Helene Jaccomard
Zonta Club of Perth

Q1 continued

What about:

- Bamboo toothbrushes
 - E.g. [Bamkiki](#)
- Bamboo Toilet paper, tissues and paper towels
 - E.g. '[Who gives a crap](#)' donates ½ of their proceeds to build toilets in the third world
- Reusable bamboo cotton make-up remover
 - to replace wipes/cotton wool
 - E.g. [The Sustainable Life](#), [Go for Zero](#)

Caroline Kettle (ZC MOY) advises that production of bamboo fibres can be pretty toxic – see next slide



How eco-friendly are bamboo products?



Think Tank Ideas #1

2

Helene Jaccomard
Zonta Club of Perth

[The Canadian government's Competition Bureau said:](#)

“While such textile articles may be derived from bamboo pulp, they have not been made from natural bamboo fibre and are, in fact, rayon fibres made through a chemical process. Consumers may be paying a higher price for such articles on the assumption that the articles have environmentally friendly or health-enhancing qualities.”

Of course, this isn't the case for all bamboo products; just the majority. So, if you are looking to shop ethically and in an eco-friendly manner, it pays to check with the manufacturers. Although, you will probably be able to tell from the quality of the product itself, also.

- Individuals need to make their own assessments after conducting own research on products.



Think Tank Ideas #1

4

Helene Jaccomard
Zonta Club of Perth

Q1: Can we mention on our website specific environmentally friendly domestic or feminine products?

What is our response?

- Agreed to set up a web page listing products
- Page is to have disclaimers e.g. Canadian Government article, and stress the importance of doing own research too
- Page will also have links to the international standards and logos for sustainable products etc

Q2: Could we also consider asking those companies to put our logo and a link to our webpage on their sites?

What is our response?

Agreed not to seek links on commercial sites.



Think Tank Ideas #2

4

Carole Theobald
Zonta Club of Perth

- Zonta Says NOW Panel
 - District 23 Conference in
 - Bendigo September 2021
- Format
 - Three speakers
 - 5-10 minute talks
 - Panel discussion
- Face-to-face but need to keep costs down.
- Potentially:
 - Natalie Isaacs from One Million Women
 - Who else do you find inspiring and engaging, preferably in striking distance of Bendigo?

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Other Business

1.
Val Sarah
PIP, Zonta Club of Ballarat

- Noted that our information may be useful for other groups.
- Happy for our link to be shared.



CLIMATE ACTION

OSJ Ballarat Protecting Our Environment

Thoughts on practice from Dianne and Terry

- Environmentally-friendly shopping bags in car boot
- Worm farm
- Compost bin
- Glass food containers instead of plastic containers
- Glass jars for food containers
- Waxed cloths instead of plastic wrap
- Glass bottle collection bin
- Green waste bin
- Recycle bin
- Op shop bin
- Minimal chemical cleaning fluids
- Tank water for garden use
- Rakes and brooms for leaves – great for exercise and mediation
- Vegetable and herb garden
- Solar panels x 19
- Batteries and spent printer cartridges to Office Works
- Re-fill ink toner cartridges
- Minimal consumable items: clothes, furniture, gadgets, white goods, knick knacks, etc
- Minimal packaged food
- Minimal pharmaceuticals
- Purchase from Charity Op Shops for many items
- Recycle gift bags, paper, ribbons, cards
- Re-use plastic bags



Other Business

2.
General news updates

What's on your radar?

- International
 - USA to reenter Paris Climate Agreement next year
 - TED [Countdown](#) presentations available online
- National
 - Melbourne on Yarra Event with **Natalie Isaacs** from One Million Women, 18 November, Tickets via [Humanitix](#)
 - One Million Women **Love Earth** Festival, 5 December, limited 'donation' tickets via [Humanitix](#)
 - Missy Higgins, Paul Kelly, Christiana Figueres, Mary Robinson, Craig Reucassel, Natalie Isaacs ...and many more
- [TEDX Perth](#)
 - Christiana Figueres via Zoom

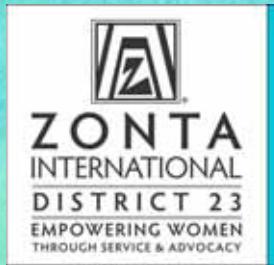


Other Business

2.
General news updates

What's on your radar?

- Anything else that you would like to raise?
 - Where to bank? :
 - Suzanne Lees will investigate sustainable ethical investments, explore the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and put together her findings in an information sheet.
 - Jasmine Schuijers will also share a letter she had sent to banks.
 - Sustainable meetings and events:
 - Are your dinner meetings and events provided with seasonal, locally sourced food? Check with partners.
 - Melbourne-on-Yarra have a used handbag event with bags filled with feminine products, briefs - and Cottons products with the 1800 Respect number.



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Next Think Tank

Updates via email and newsletters
over the summer

Zonta Says NOW Think Tank Meeting
Date: Saturday 20 February 2021

01:00 PM Perth

03:30 PM South Australia

04:00 PM Victoria and Tasmania

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89470334489>