

Zonta Says NOW Australian Think Tank UPDATE for Mother Earth Day 22 April 2024



Happy Mother Earth Day

On this special day, take some time out to breathe. The air connects all living things and reminds us that we are part of nature. Take a walk outside – feel the sun on your face, admire nature’s beauty and listen to the birds in the trees.

Visit the newly-launched Zonta Says NOW [Virtual Art Gallery](#) and reflect on how we are building a better, more sustainable world for women and girls. Share the art and our [social media posts](#) to celebrate this day.

If you were unable to attend yesterday's **Intercontinental Think Tank** meeting, please enjoy the video of the meeting [here](#)! The meeting was hosted by Zontians from around Australia. We heard from the inspiring Professor Anne Poelina and previewed the Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery.

At our Area Workshops we have been hearing about **Zonta Australia** - a brilliant initiative to combine the advocacy voices of Zontians in Districts 22, 23 and 24 - just on national issues. (We continue to advocate on local and state issues as normal!). I've branded this Update as Zonta Australia so you can see what it could potentially look like.

In this spirit of inclusivity, it would make sense for us to become the Zonta Says NOW **Australian Think Tank** - after all, many of the issues we highlight are at the national level. We are a meeting place to share knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm to support Zontians in club, area and district advocacy teams everywhere. We would like all

Zontians in Australia to feel included and welcome in Zonta Says NOW discussions - as we are all living in one country, sharing one sky and one federal government.

We can discuss the Australian Think Tank concept at our next meeting on **Saturday 27 April** (1pm WA, 2.30 SA and 3pm in other states)!

We will also be hearing from **Dr Diane Kraal** who has recently published a book entitled *A Just Transition to Decarbonisation*. This book provides researchers and policy-makers with legal avenues to enable a just transition to decarbonisation. The focus is on the United Nations themes of loss and damage, transport, nature and youth - across Australia and other economies - to significantly reduce CO2 emissions by 2030 and beyond. As the impacts of climate change accelerate, this book is very timely. [Register](#) here for the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Keep breathing, keep smiling and have fun on Earth Day!

Kind regards

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**Register here for the
Australian Think Tank
meeting on Saturday 27 April**



A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. **Guest Speaker: Dr Diane Kraal, Energy Justice Pioneer**
3. International News
4. Australian News - Australian Think Tank
5. District / Club News
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting – 15 June 2024



June Meeting

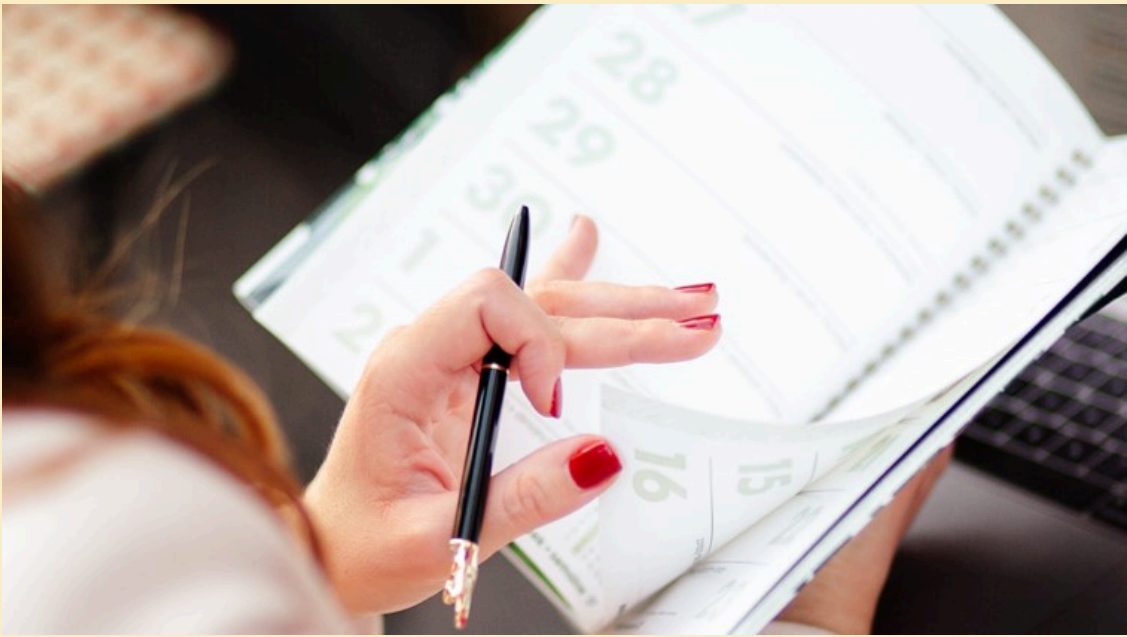
Australian Think Tank Saturday 15 June 2024

1:00 - 2:30 PM Western Australia

2:30 - 5:00 PM South Australia

3.00 - 4.30 PM Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales, ACT

[Register for the 15 June Meeting](#)



Zonta Says NOW Calendar

There is a lot happening locally and globally with Zonta Says NOW. Here are some dates to put in your diary.

- **Friday 24 May - Pre-convention Virtual Workshop** *Uniting for Climate, Justice and Equality*. This meeting replaces the May Intercontinental Think Tank. Just register for the International Convention to attend this and a range of other online pre-convention workshops in May and some streamed sessions from Brisbane in June.
- **Saturday 15 June, 'Australian' Think Tank** [meeting](#)
- **Thursday 27 June, Zonta Says NOW Convention Face-to-Face Workshop** Are you and your community *Disaster-Ready?*
- **Sunday 30 June, Zonta Says NOW Convention Panel Discussion** featuring Lisa Blair, Dipisha Bhujel, and Carole Theobald.

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