



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
AUSTRALIA



# Australian Think Tank

Saturday 14 December 2024

# Housekeeping



Use the chat line to ask questions and make comments

Use welcoming and inclusive language

Please keep your microphone on mute

Ask short, succinct questions



# Today's Journey





# Welcome

*We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands in all the places we meet from today - and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.*



Shining the spotlight on:

## Vanessa Turnbull-Roberts

ACT's inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner



# Why does Zonta Say NOW?

Increased carbon pollution

Cause global heating and extreme weather events

Trigger social disruption

Magnify gender inequality

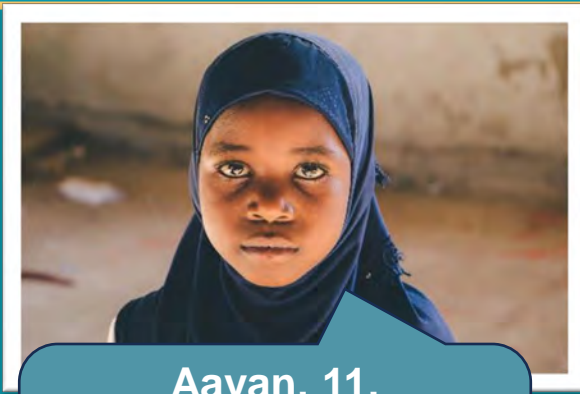


Stops the train by taking **climate action** and closing the gender gaps in **leadership, education, economic opportunity, health, and safety.**

# Life for women and girls at the end of the train



**Dabor, 9, Sudan**  
Drought means no time for school.



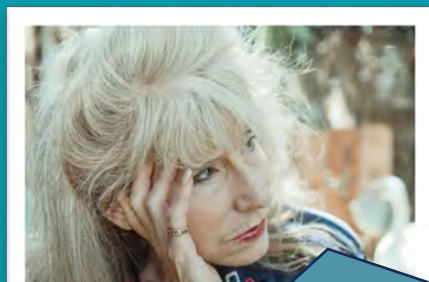
**Aayan, 11, Mozambique**  
Floods led to child marriage.



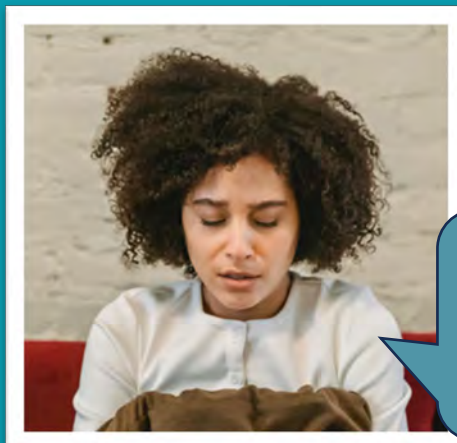
**Wei, 35, and Eva 6,**  
Bushfire smoke triggered Eva's asthma. Wei may lose her casual job as she cares for Wei.



**Maria, 79**  
Her heart condition is exacerbated in extreme heat and she cannot afford air conditioning. Walks to library to keep cool.



**Jane, 51,** lost home in tornado. No savings. Priced out of rental accommodation.



**Katie, 24**  
Traumatised when floods destroyed her town. She is now pregnant and struggling with substance abuse.



# The Statistics

**1°C** rise in average temperature associated with **6%** rise in violence against women



Gender & Disaster Australia

Climate displaced **36.2 million** people in 2022. Could rise to **1.2 billion** by 2050

1 in 5 displaced women experience sexual violence.

We need to find solutions for displaced people in Australia and climate refugees from overseas.



# Our Purpose

**Zonta Says NOW  
seeks climate justice  
for women and girls**

So women and girls can  
**prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from**  
the impacts of climate change on the same basis as men.



# Today's Journey



# Dr Catherine Trundle

Senior Lecturer, Public Health and Society, La Trobe University



Introduced by Sue Lees,  
ZC Melbourne on Yarra, Victoria



- Medical anthropologist and ethnographer
- Research focuses on environmental health, especially heat stress and climate justice in Australia.



2024 is on track to be hottest year on record as warming temporarily hits 1.5°C

● PRESS RELEASE

11 November 2024



Presentation by Dr Catherine Trundle



# Q and A

- What would you like to know more about?
- What are your main take-home messages?



# Today's Journey



# International Climate Events



## September - Summit of the Future

- Pact of the Future
- Global Digital Compact
- Declaration on Future Generations



## October

### Biodiversity COP16, Cali, Colombia

- 23,000 attendees
- People's COP – 1 million participating in Green Zone events
- Agreed: benefit-sharing from genetic resources, more inclusion of Indigenous Peoples
- Did not agree: Finance – deferred to mid 2025!
- Event 'ended in chaos'.



## November

### Climate COP29: Baku, Azerbaijan

- 54,000 plus 2,500 online
- Finance - Agreed to mobilize \$300 billion of climate finance
  - Fell short of the 1 Trillion dollars a year required
  - \$1.3 trillion by 2035
- Extension of the Lima program on gender and climate change
- More ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions - UK (81% by 2035) and Brazil (67% by 2035)
- No mention of “transitioning away from fossil fuels”

November  
UN Environment Program:  
Final negotiations for the Global Plastic Treaty, Busan, South Korea

- Aimed to get a legally binding instrument.
- 200 delegates, failed to reach an agreement
  - 100 nations want to cap production
  - Handful of oil producing nations only wanted to target plastic waste
- Talks postponed.
- Plastic production on track to triple by 2050
  - Women and children most susceptible to plastic toxicity.

December

Desertification COP16, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia





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December

Desertification COP16, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia





# Virtual Art Gallery



Fire and Flood



Tarkine



River Red Gum



Untouched Environment



North Sea and Sky



Welcome Sister Flower



A Letter to Mother Earth:  
Love Wins



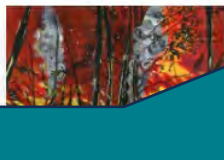
Our Future Picks Up Our  
Past



Zonta Club of Sofia  
Celebration



Talking Heads



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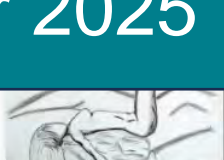
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Firefighters



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Fire

Entries NOW open  
for 2025

ZONTA SAYS NOW VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

# Annual Art Exhibit



'Sustainable Future'  
by Sam Wilen,  
son of Zontian Asa Wilen 2024

Witness a brilliant digital  
showcase of works  
created by talented  
Zontians

Launch Date

22 April 2025

[Submission form](#)

Gallery website and submission forms  
have language translation capability

*Art and story connect us  
to the issue and each other*

Send in your submissions by February 28, 2025  
See submission form for more details

[Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery](#)




# Fact Sheet



[Zonta.org/zontasaysnow/resources](https://Zonta.org/zontasaysnow/resources)

## CONTENTS

-  **1** WHY DOES ZONTA SAY NOW?
-  **2** THE PROBLEMS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS
-  **3** THE SOLUTIONS
-  **4** WHAT WE CAN DO

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-  **1** THE CHALLENGES FACING HUMANITY
-  **2** THE BIG PICTURE - WHY WOMEN NEED ECONOMIC POWER
-  **3** WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CHALLENGES
-  **4** THERE ARE SOLUTIONS



# Fact Sheets in Development





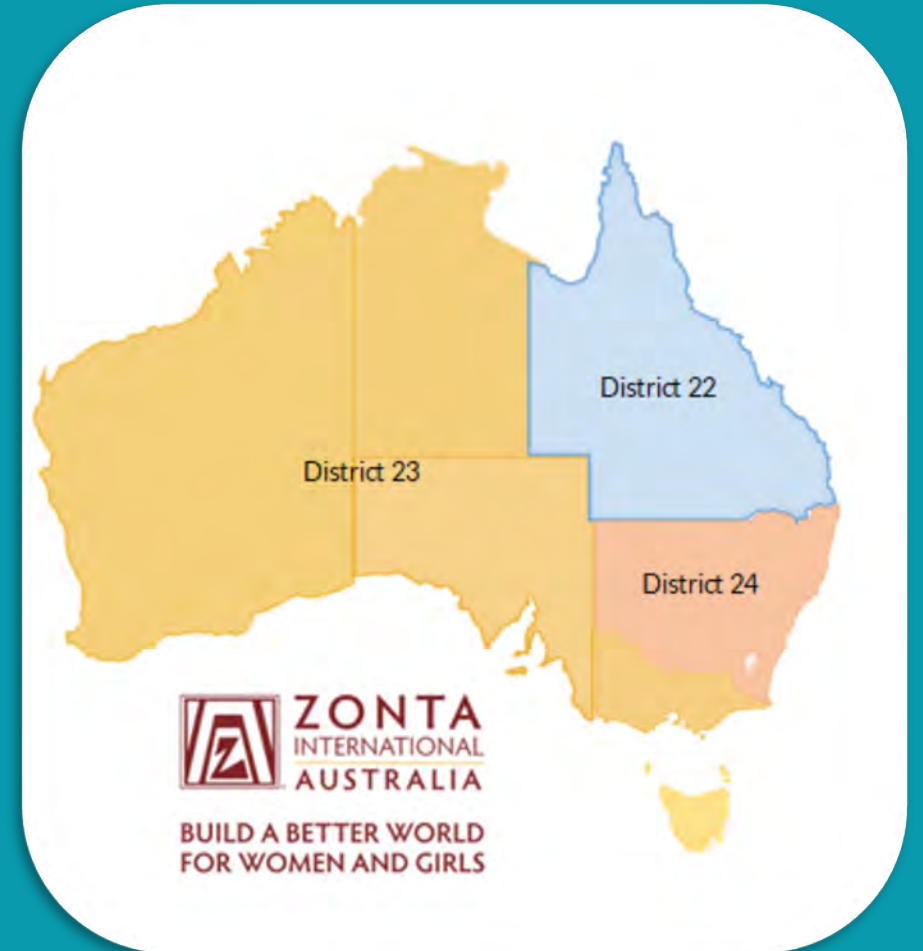
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# Zonta Australia Update

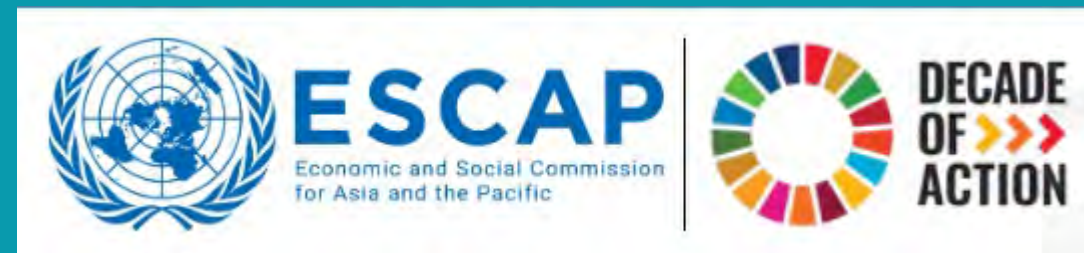
- November Zonta Australia meeting
  - Website
  - Meetings with Kate Thwaites and Stephanie Copus-Campbell,
  - Governor-General invited to be patron of ZA
  - Report on missing and murdered First Nations women and children
  - Federal election
- Global leaders group
  - 14 country groups
  - Advocacy ++





# ESCAP Meeting - Bangkok

- ESCAP – Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Report from CSO Forum Bangkok 17-18 November
- Workshops and presentations
- CSOs and Governments must work together to promote the Beijing agenda.
- Themes
  - Leadership, climate action, collaboration, gender responsive policy, labour laws, economic security, safety, education, sustainable funding.





# Today's Journey





# Other News



## D23 Women Taking Climate Action 2024

- Winner Jane Baker
- Speaking to the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra
- Thursday 13 March at 7pm
- Amora Hotel, Richmond and via Zoom
- Email [sue.lees@iinet.net.au](mailto:sue.lees@iinet.net.au) if you would like to attend.

## The world's 'biggest' legal case has just begun - and it is all about climate change



[The world's 'biggest' legal case has just begun - and it is all about climate change | Euronews](#)



## Jane Fonda on hope during the climate crisis



JANE FONDA  
Actor & activist

[Instagram](#)





Stuck for ideas for gifts this Christmas?

How about donating to the Zonta Foundation for Women and giving the gift of hope!



I feel a bit like this...!

Shake ruffle rattle and roll by Tapani Linnanmäki. *(Supplied : Tapani Linnanmäk)*

Source: [ABC News](#)



A fish can chase an eagle?

Source: [ABC News](#)

Unexpected role swap, by Przemyslaw Jakubczyk. *(Supplied: Przemyslaw Jakubczyk)*



This 'stuck squirrel' was the winner!

Source: [ABC News](#)

Milko Marchetti's photo titled Stuck Squirrel won the overall prize in the Nikon Comedy Wildlife Awards. *(Supplied: Milko Marchetti)*



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# Next Meeting



Our speaker will be **Leonie Noble (TBC)**



## Saturday 8 February

- 1 pm to 2.30 pm WA
- 3 pm to 4.30 pm Qld
- 3.30 pm to 5 pm SA
- 4 pm to 5.30 pm Victoria, Tasmania, NSW

Register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0odO2uqDgvH9SkaMMdT3Dm5w\\_2zh8Hkzzl](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0odO2uqDgvH9SkaMMdT3Dm5w_2zh8Hkzzl)



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