ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 23
EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA SAYS NOW

To gender equality and climate action

# Zonta Says NOW Think Tank - FEBRUARY ZOOM MEETING AGENDA



## Ready to get flying?

I trust you enjoyed the summer break and were able to have some time outside between Covid lockdowns.

You should all have received the February Newsletter for Zonta Says NOW and be raring to go. Our next Zoom meeting is this **Saturday, 20th February**, and the links are below.

At this meeting, we will discuss how you see Zonta Says NOW integrating into 'mainstream Zonta'. From my readings over the summer, I think there are three areas we can make a difference in.

What do you think of these priorities?

**Educating girls** - so they stay in school, don't end up as child brides, and have smaller families. It is estimated that a girl with 12 years of education has up to five fewer children than a girl with no schooling. This could reduce the 2050 population by 843 million.

**Advocating for women's rights** - so women can enjoy the same advantages as men. For example, women produce 60-80% of the world's food crops, often on tiny land plots, and, as they have less access to land rights, credit, education and technology, have crop yields 20-30% less than men. Closing the gender gap could feed up to 150 million people.

Closer to home, we will need to advocate more to end violence against women. The impacts of global warming will make Covid seem like a picnic in the park. Therefore, we need to ramp up programs that make violence unacceptable - anywhere.

We also must advocate for serious, urgent action to reduce Australia's emissions. Seeking your politicians' views on Zali Steggall's Climate Bill is a start. Understanding the climate crisis and reducing our own carbon footprints are also key steps. We need to

advocate for more women in STEM to get a better mix of ideas and solutions.  We must also incorporate more indigenous women's wisdom - especially those with a strong connection to the land - before that wisdom dies.

**Empowering female leaders** - globally women make up 51% of the population, but less than 30% of UN climate negotiators, 21% of government ministers, 36% of local government representatives and only 37 of Fortune 500's CEOs.

We need women to play an equal role in decision-making in our families, community, professions and government.  This starts with us being prepared to take on Zonta positions...and supporting women to take on promotions at work, lead community groups and stand for elections at all levels of government.

**Basically, to prepare for climate change, we need Zonta's programs on steroids!!** So fundraising for the Endowment Fund will be a serious part of that process if we are to be more sustainable in what we do and how we do it.

These are just my thoughts to get the ball rolling, so please bring your ideas to the meeting and share them.

Please let me know if you can attend by clicking the button below.

Kind regards

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Yes I can attend the Think Tank Zoom meeting




## A G E N D A

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Progress since the last meeting in November
3. Presentation - to be confirmed
4. Website updates - have a look at the site and let me know how to improve it
5. Think Tank ideas - email your thoughts or bring them to the meeting
6. Clubs - what do you plan to do in your clubs?
7. Area workshops - update

8. District 23 Conference progress
9. Any other business
10. Next meeting

Please let me know if there are any items that you would like to add to the agenda.



## Zoom Think Tank Meeting connection details

Carole Theobald is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Zonta Says NOW Think Tank Meeting**

**Saturday February 20, 2021**

**1:00 - 2:30 PM Western Australia**
**3:30 - 5:00 PM South Australia**
**4:00 - 5:30 PM Victoria and Tasmania**

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