ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 23
EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA SAYS NOW

To gender equality and climate action

# June Think Tank Notes



## The Ups and Downs of our Climate Journey

We had an interesting meeting on 19 June as we shared the ups and downs of our climate journeys. Everyone had a say, and many expressed their frustration with the lack of action by the Federal Government. However, the ups definitely outnumbered the downs! We continue to be inspired by the young people taking action (especially the recent court case in NSW). We are also heartened by the rise in community awareness, the uptake in technology, and the increasing number of big businesses taking climate action.

Suzanne Lees' presentation was brilliant as she shared her personal climate journey using some wonderful photographs. We hope to upload her presentation separately on the website - hopefully in video format. Suzanne shared her work in Nepal and Timor, and it turned out that three people on the call had worked in Timor!

The big news was the publication of ZI's Statement on Climate Change. Florence Fischer-Herber, our ZI liaison, suggested we invite Salla Tuominen, the ZI Vice President, to our next meeting. Salla headed the team that wrote the Statement on Climate Change and is based in Finland. Fingers crossed that she may be available to attend!

Zonta International has been looking closely at Zonta Says NOW - as evidenced by the reference to ZSN in the latest version of the Zontian magazine. Discussions are underway to see how we may use our experience to help roll out a climate advocacy program globally in the next biennium. Wouldn't it be marvellous if ZSN could be a global program? We have some exciting times ahead.

We discussed the draft ZSN members' survey (that went out with the agenda to the Think Tank meeting) and have made some minor changes. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the questions, please let me know as soon as possible so the survey may be finalised and circulated to all Zontians in District 23 next week.

**As usual, I have uploaded the June meeting notes to the Think Tank - meetings area of the website. Key actions and comments are shown in the yellow call-out boxes. Please let me know if I have missed anything!**

*Next meeting*

Our next Zoom meeting is booked for **Saturday 24 July,** so please put the date in your diary now.

The times are 2 pm in Western Australia, 3.30 pm in South Australia and 4 pm in Victoria and Tasmania. Please note that the time is one hour later than recent meetings.

Here is the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89249502537

Don't forget to share your news so we can post it from the site between meetings.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Kind regards

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