ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 23
BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

ZONTA SAYS NOW
TO GENDER-EQUAL CLIMATE ACTION

Zonta Says NOW Think Tank
ZOOM MEETING AGENDA
Saturday 19 AUGUST 2023



Being patient and bold

This Australian Azure Kingfisher lives along the banks of coastal and inland rivers, swamps and mangroves. When I walk along a river, I always look for kingfishers, and I'm sure our guest speaker, Charlotte Sterrett, would too.

Charlotte must have one of the best jobs in the world. She is the Yarra Riverkeeper responsible for advocating for a healthy, protected and loved waterway. Imagine giving a voice to a river!

Charlotte is bringing communities together on projects to make the river swimmable by 2030 from its start in Warrandyte to Melbourne's CBD. Before becoming a riverkeeper, Charlotte worked in many countries developing climate change and resilience-building programs that focus on gender and First Nations justice. An ideal speaker for Zonta Says NOW!

Kingfishers are also very patient and bold – they take their time sizing up their environment before they dive headlong into the water. In our news this week, we have seen many 'kingfishers'.

In Parliament, Senator David Pocock has teamed up with youth activist Anjali Sharma to include 'duty of care' provisions in the Climate Change Act. If passed, Minister Bowen would have to consider the well-being of future generations when making decisions about fossil fuel projects.

In the courts, Parents for Climate Action are suing Energy Australia for greenwashing over 'carbon neutral' marketing.

In politics, Foreign Minister Penny Wong announced that gender and climate targets would apply to foreign aid projects worth more than three million dollars.

On the sportsfield the Matilda's have been patient and bold as they inspire a nation and progress gender equality in the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Finally, Zonta Says NOW has also been patient and bold. Little did we know when we started on our climate journey in 2020, that Zonta Says NOW would be embedded in Zonta International's Strategic Plan for 2030 and beyond. The Plan states:

> *Zonta will fully embrace climate justice as an area of focus, and we will further develop Zonta Says NOW as the flagship campaign for our activities to address climate justice at local, national and international levels.*

Congratulations to all the kingfishers in District 23 who were there from the start and to all the Zontians from around the world who have supported us on our climate journey. Onwards and upwards!

Have you been listening to Natalie Isaacs podcasts of her book Right Here Right Now - How women can lead the way in the climate emergency? Natalie, the founder of 1 Million Women, has narrated the entire book into a series of short podcasts that are available on the ABC Listen app. We are looking forward to meeting Natalie in person as she will be a keynote speaker at the District 23 Conference in Bunbury!

Please be aware that we have moved to a system of registering for our Zoom meetings. This means the meeting will appear in your calendars in the correct time zone. Please click the register buttons below to register for future meetings that are held on the third Saturday of 'even' months.

Keep breathing, keep smiling and have fun!

Kind regards

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE
District 23 Think Tank on Saturday 19 August 2023

1:00 - 2:30 PM Western Australia
2:30 - 4:00 PM South Australia
3:00 - 4:30 PM Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, Queensland

Register for Saturday 19 August



A G E N D A

1. Welcome / Zoom Housekeeping
2. **Guest Speaker: Charlotte Sterrett,** Yarra Riverkeeper
3. Disaster Management update
4. International News
5. District News
6. Club News
7. Any other business
8. Next meeting – 21 October 2023



Upcoming Zonta Says NOW Think Tank Meetings

District 23 Think Tank Saturday 21 October 2023

1:00 - 2:30 PM Western Australia
3:00 - 4:30 PM Queensland
3:30 - 5:00 PM South Australia
4:00 - 5:30 PM Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales

Register now for Saturday 21 October

District 23 Think Tank Saturday 16 December 2023

1:00 - 2:30 PM Western Australia
3:00 - 4:30 PM Queensland
3:30 - 5:00 PM South Australia
4:00 - 5:30 PM Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales

Register now for Saturday 16 December

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