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
DISTRICT 23 UPDATE
December 2023



The butterfly effect

In Chaos Theory the butterfly effect suggests that something as small as the flutter of a butterfly's wing can ultimately cause a typhoon half way around the world.... in other words our smallest actions locally can make a difference globally.

As we head towards the end of 2023, take time to reflect on how your own butterfly actions have influenced the world. Nature thanks you for your personal lifestyle choices that made your carbon footprint smaller.

Our individual butterfly actions are not enough. We have to become a kaleidoscope of butterflies! We must continue to work together locally, nationally and internationally to stop the worst impacts of climate change - for as we showed last month, climate change increases violence against women and girls and sends gender equality backwards.

Our kaleidoscope of women will turn the tide. Africa is becoming the epicentre of the climate crisis and Wanjira Mathai, an activist and environmentalist, explains in this essay that *this moment calls for the feminist attributes of unity, collaboration, focused action and shared understanding*. Be inspired by her words!

Women like you around the world are stepping into leadership positions in their clubs, communities and workplaces, advocating for gender-equality and climate action and educating everyone they meet about the benefits to everyone of a gender-equal, sustainable world.

At our 16 December meeting we will focus on local government action with our guest speaker Alida McKern. Alida is a local government councillor with the Banyule City Council in Victoria. What does it take to work in local government today? Alida is a professional landscape architect and urban planner who has stepped up for her community's future.

Zonta Says NOW also stepped up in 2023 - with more conversations stimulated and more actions taken at the club, area, district and international levels of Zonta. Thank you for every step you have taken on this journey.

Please register today for the 16 December meeting - bring a drink so at the end of the meeting we can celebrate our achievements in 2023 and have a chat about what we would like to do in 2024!

Keep breathing, keep smiling and have fun!

Kind regards

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE
District 23 Think Tank on 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 for Saturday 16 December



A G E N D A

1. Welcome / Zoom Housekeeping
2. **Guest Speaker: Alida McKern, Councillor, Banyule City Council. Professional landscape architect working in urban planning.**
3. International News
4. District News
5. Club News
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting – 17 February 2024
8. Celebration and fellowship



Upcoming Zonta Says NOW Think Tank Meeting

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

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