Zonta Says NOW Think Tank
DISTRICT 23 UPDATE
March/April 2024



Leaps and bounds

This year Zonta Says NOW has been moving ahead internationally in leaps and bounds - just like this kangaroo.

Firstly, we released the *Guide to Environmentally Responsible Air Travel*, to help you plan your flights to the Brisbane Convention. Have you registered for Convention? If not, be quick as the Early Bird discounts finish this Friday 15 March.

Next, we released a series of five *Disaster-Ready Guides*. These can all be found on the Zonta International website. Disaster readiness is our focus for the rest of the biennium and will culminate with the Zonta Says NOW Disaster Readiness workshop at Convention on Thursday 27 June. If you will be in Brisbane, don't miss it!

What's coming up?

The **March meeting of the Intercontinental Think Tank** meeting will consist of a Zonta Says NOW presentation at the NGO CSW 68 event on Sunday 17 March at 6.30 pm in New York. (This means it is on Monday 18 March in Australia - 6.30 am in WA, 9 am in SA, 9.30 am in Vic, Tas and NSW and 8.30 am in Qld.) The presentation will focus on climate change, women and poverty - and what we can do about it. This will set us up for the next biennium of Zonta Says NOW where we will be exploring women's economic opportunities so they are better able to 'bounce back' after an extreme weather event. You can register for this event here. It's free. Check out all of the NGO CSW 68 events here. There are hundreds of events to choose from.

Breaking news!

The **April meeting of the Intercontinental Think Tank** will be hosted by Australian Zontians on Sunday 21 April. This is the first time it will be held at an hour that is 'friendly' to Australia! (11am in WA, 12.30pm in SA, and 1pm everywhere else in Australia!) The theme will be Mother Earth Day and we will be privileged to have Professor Anne Poelina from the Kimberley as our guest speaker. Anne was a recipient of the ZC Melbourne-on-Yarra's Women Taking Climate Action Award in 2023 - so it is a great opportunity for us to meet her and ask her questions. We will also celebrate Mother Earth Day by having a preview of the Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery. Register today!

The next meeting of our **District 23 Think Tank** is on Saturday 27 April - so we will have a lot to talk about. (1pm WA, 2.30 SA and 3pm in other states). We will be welcoming back Dr Diane Kraal who has recently published a book entitled *A Just Transition to Decarbonisation*. As the impacts of climate change accelerate, this book is very timely. Register here for the meeting.

Did you see that Anjali Sharma featured on the ABC's Australian Story this week? The episode was entitled Call of Duty and I strongly recommend that you watch it on IView. The Senate Standing Committee is due to report on the Duty of Care Bill on 27 March, so we will follow its progress with interest. Please let your MP know that you care about future generations.

I'll send out the Agenda for the April District 23 Think Tank meeting nearer the date.

Keep breathing, keep smiling and have fun!

Kind regards

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Register for March Intercontinental Think Tank - NGO CSW 68 presentation - on Sunday 17 March in New York (Monday 18 March in Australia)

Register for the Australian hosted Intercontinental Think Tank on Sunday 21 April

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