



DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT

Sandy Venn-Brown
Vice President



GREETINGS FROM YOUR 2024-2026 INTERNATIONAL BOARD!

BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION



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Zonta Stanthorpe Inc, Australia
District 22



Zonta International Convention

Zonta International President
International Board

Zonta Foundation for Women President
Foundation Board

International Headquarters

International Committees

Districts
Governor
District Boards

District Committees

District Foundation Ambassadors

District Foundation Ambassadors

Areas
Area Directors

Clubs
Club Presidents
Club Board

Club Committees

Club Members



GLOBAL CHALLENGES



Rollback of women's rights

Governments decreasing funds for foreign aid

Global conflict

Climate crises

Zonta Spirit, Sustainability and Speaking up for Human Rights

RECENT ZONTA INTERNATIONAL STATEMENTS



**Zonta International
partnerships more
important than ever.**

March 2025



**Zonta International
calls for reaffirmed
commitment to the SDGs.**

March 2025



**Zonta International
remains steadfast in
mission to build a better
world for women and girls.**

February 2025



BIENNIAL GOALS: CELEBRATING SUCCESSES!



GOAL 1



**Credible
and Visible
Voice**

Zonta acts as a credible and visible voice on gender equity, driving change for gender equality.

SHARED MOMENTS FOR ZONTA ACTION

11
OCT

In honor of
International
Day of the
Girl

Flip the
narrative
and send
a message
of hope



**International
Day of the Girl**

25 NOV
10 DEC



**Zonta Says NO to Violence
Against Women**

**16 Days of Activism
Campaign**

8
MAR



**International
Women's Day**

Zonta Spirit, Sustainability and Speaking up for Human Rights

22
APRIL



Earth Day



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

First new country-level advocacy group established in Australia



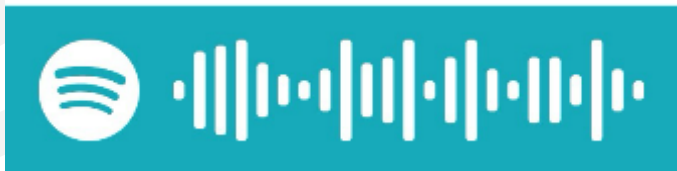
Quarterly virtual advocacy series



Launch of internal advocacy training program



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED



Volume 1 August 2021
Inspiring Impact:
Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report

The 2021-2022 Biennium will celebrate a momentous occasion—the Zonta Foundation for Women’s 40th anniversary. This milestone is not just a marker of time but a testament to the enduring power of the collective action and generosity of thousands of Zonta members and friends. As we look back on four decades of remarkable achievements, we are reminded of the countless lives transformed, the women and girls uplifted and the future improved through the unwavering support of our Zontans and loyal supporters.

Since the Foundation’s inception at the Sydney Convention in 1981, our mission has remained clear: to build a better world for women and girls. From funding educational service projects that provide life-changing opportunities to working toward gender equality in education by granting scholarships, fellowships and awards, our journey has been one of continual growth and transformation.

This anniversary year is an opportunity for us to reflect on the Foundation’s history and celebrate the incredible achievements made possible by your support. Additional issues of the Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report will highlight stories of Impact and feature past education awardees, international service projects and key Foundation supporters. Is there a program or project that has resonated with you or inspired you to give more? We invite you to share with us your support for the Foundation. Email us at zifoundation@zontanet.org and you could be featured in a future issue.

As we mark 40 years of making a difference for women and girls, we extend our deepest gratitude to you—our donors, partners, members, and assemblies. Thank you for being a part of our journey. Here’s to building a better world with a strong Foundation.



Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories

Inspiring Impact Zonta Foundation for Women Quarterly Report

Lisa Blair

Zonta International Honorary Member

5 June World Environment Day



“I am incredibly honoured to be awarded an honorary membership to Zonta International, they are taking strong climate action for women and girls, and I am proud to work with them so that together we can amplify the need for sustainability and protection of our planet.”



Lisa Blair at the 2024 Brisbane Convention

GOAL 2



Club Successes

By focusing on club success, Zonta maintains a strong membership base to support the work we do to build a better world for women and girls.

CORE VALUES AND CODE OF CONDUCT



**Global
Community**



Friendship



**Equality &
Inclusion**



Respect



Integrity

Our Core Values Statement provides us with the fundamental or guiding principles that are the foundation for our membership. It represents our beliefs and frames how we behave toward each other, our supporters, friends and communities. This statement was developed through feedback from members from across the Zonta world.



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

Chartered 18 new clubs this biennium

Membership strategy in progress

Twinning program launched



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED



First virtual *Share Your Story Festival*



**Zonta Community Give Back Grant
Feasibility Study completed**

GOAL 3



Leadership and Sustainability

Zonta manages its resources, including both time and money, to meet Zonta's vision and ensure Zonta's long-term viability and success.



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- Governance review work ongoing.
- Environmental, Sustainability and Governance (ESG) review work has started.

GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Objective: Identify options to streamline and modernize Zonta's governance structure.

Key Focus Areas

Voting

District role and
composition

Board composition

Board operations

Convention /
District Conferences

Approach

- Examine existing governance arrangements.
- Identify areas where change is required.
- Propose/evaluate options.
- Recommend a preferred option.
- Develop roadmap to transition to future governance arrangements.

Supported by:

- Three Workstreams
- Governance Advisory Team

Those involved to date:

- Board members
- Past International President
- Past International Directors
- Past District Governors
- Past Committee Chairs
- Headquarters team

PROGRESS TO DATE – ON TRACK

Governance Blueprint for the Future

- Examine existing governance arrangements. COMPLETE
- Identify areas where change is required. COMPLETE
- Propose options. COMPLETE
- Evaluate options. IN PROGRESS
- Recommend a preferred option. Q1 2026
- Develop a roadmap to transition to future governance arrangements. Q1 2026

Oct
2025
– Feb
2026

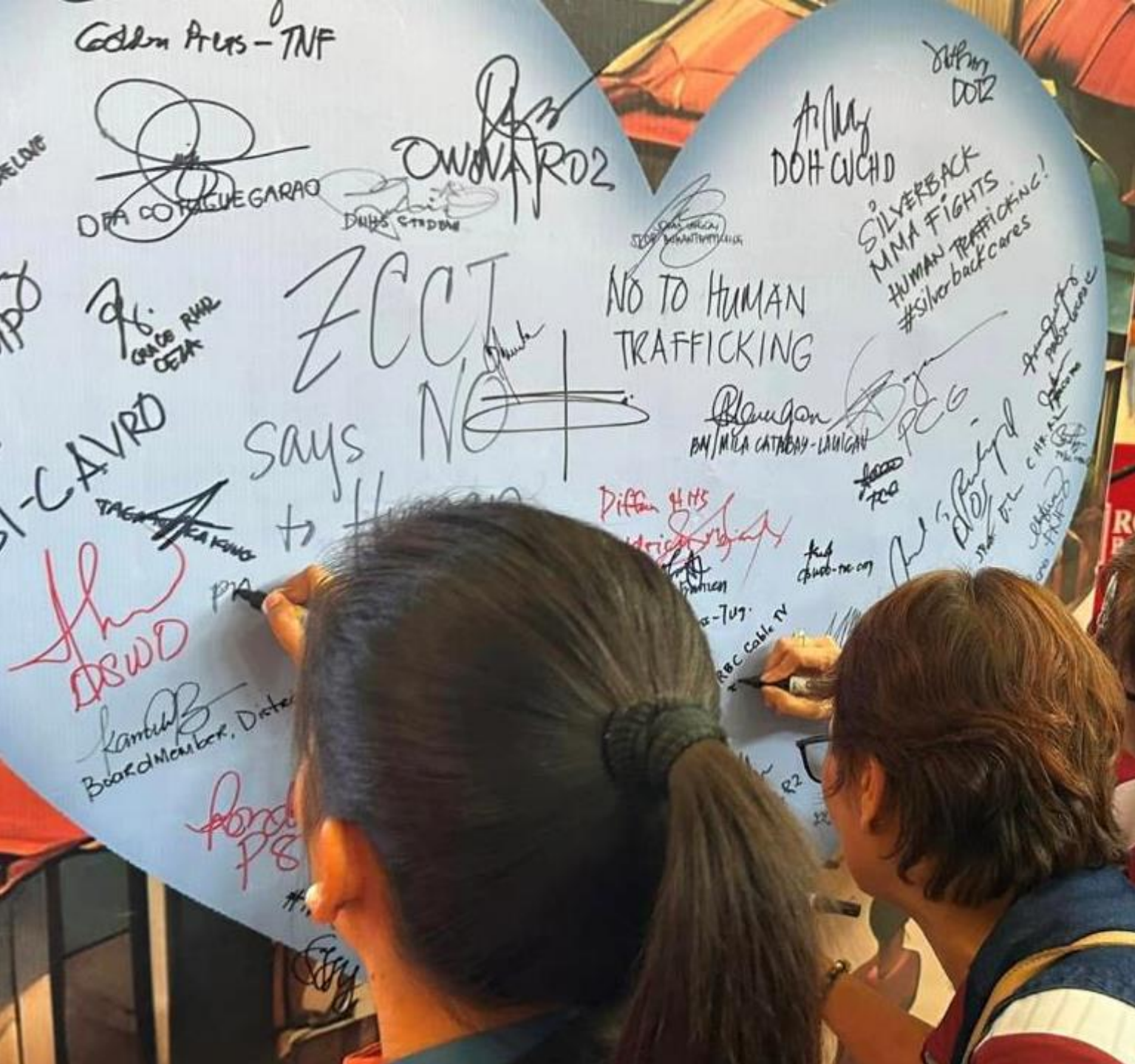
Communication
Discussion
papers

Feb
– June
2026

Communication
Information
sessions

July
2026

CONVENTION
Workshops
Business sessions



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- ❑ Implemented and monitored the strategic plan.
- ❑ 10-Year Forecast updated.
 - Alternative revenue working group for ZI.
 - Diversifying support for the Foundation.



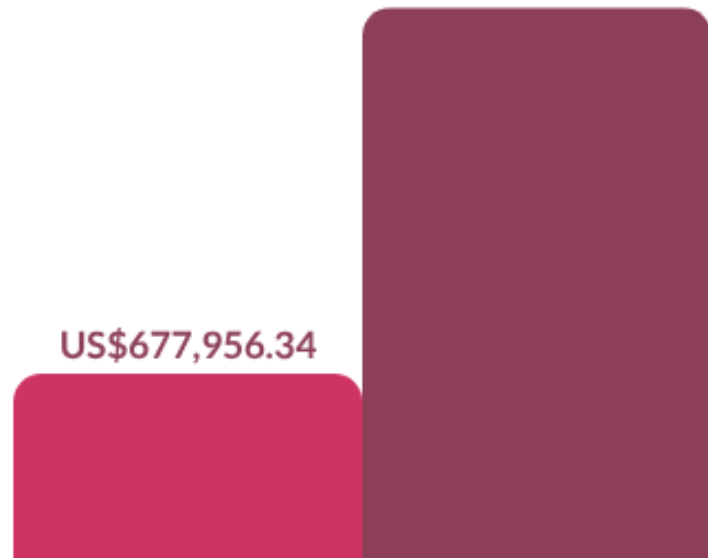
40 YEARS

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD
BEGINS WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION

Campaign Update

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

US\$2,000,000



**As of 1 August 2025*



www.zonta.org/Foundation40

General Endowment Fund

We reached our US\$10,000,000 goal this biennium!

**Current Total:
US\$10,065,145!**



GOAL 4



Engagement of Audiences and Allies

In order to further Zonta's mission and extend voice, Zonta develops collaborations with like-minded organizations.

ZONTA ADVOCACY

SERIES



SPOTLIGHTS

ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

TUESDAY, 27 MAY

12:00 PM CST

Be inspired by past actions taken by our clubs during the 16 Days of Activism as you plan your 2025 campaign.

WWW.ZONTA.ORG/EVENTS

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

Greater focus on work at the Council of Europe and national-level advocacy

69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women was a success!

Explored partnerships and sponsorships with organizations for Convention '26



District 13 Biennial Achievements



- **\$87,795*** donated to ZI Foundation for Women this biennium!
- **Successful European Inter-district conference in Copenhagen**
- **International service award recognition**

***to June 2025**





**LOOKING
FORWARD**



WHAT WE HAVE LEFT TO DO

- ❑ Complete first cycle of two new awards.
- ❑ Climate justice education and action.



WHAT WE HAVE LEFT TO DO

- Finalize membership strategy.
- Assess clubs and ensure they are fit for the future.
- Engage youth members – involve your student clubs.
- Diversify membership by asking others to “Add Your Voice!”



WHAT WE HAVE LEFT TO DO

- Meet 40th anniversary and biennial fundraising goals.
- Zonta 1919 Legacy Giving Circle.
- Report to members on governance review.
- Complete ESG review.



WHAT WE HAVE LEFT TO DO

- Increase knowledge of Zonta's work at the United Nations.
- Announce global advocacy partnership.
- Secure corporate sponsorships.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS



**Ending Child Marriage:
A Program to Accelerate
Global Action Phase III**

*Zonta International
Signature Project*

**Climate Empower:
Empowerment and Innovation
for Gender-Transformative
Climate Action**

**Laaha:
A Virtual Safe Space
for Women and Girls**



VANCOUVER

Zonta Convention 2026



11-14 JULY 2026

#ZONTAVANCOUVER

2026 ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



**Celebrate
successes.**

**Engage in important
conversations about
the future.**

**Have fun with
purpose!**

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AIR CANADA

We are excited to welcome Air Canada as the Preferred Airline Partner for the 67th Zonta International Convention.



Take advantage of Air Canada discount offer and book your flights today!

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Thank You!



QUESTIONS?

