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District 23 Area 4

**Our Dinner Meetings
 are held the fourth Thursday of the month
 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.
 This Thursday, our Meeting will be held at
 Oscar's Hotel & Café Bar,
 18 Doveton Street South, Ballarat Central
 Our next meeting will be 25th March 2021
 Phone Maureen on 0408 346 596**

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**PRESIDENT  
 CAROLINE NOLAN**



Dear Zontians,

After the long summer, we are round to another year in the life of the Zonta Club of Ballarat and it was lovely to be able to join as a group, as opposed to over Zoom, for our planning meeting a few weeks ago.

It was a very busy end to 2020 and we needed to take some time out to relax over January, albeit feeling a tad guilty about not having our usual Amelia Earhart Garden Party. We, possibly optimistically, have many exciting things planned and hope that we won't again be faced with too many of the restrictions and challenges of last year. Our first Club Dinner Meeting of 2021 is at 7:00pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at

Oscars Hotel and Café Bar.

In late November and early December, we continued to work on the 'Zonta says No' campaign. Some of this was captured in the November edition of BAZ but we sustained our efforts for the whole sixteen days, largely with Facebook posts, but also supporting other initiatives in our Ballarat Community. We even managed to get onto the local news with our support of the Ballarat City Council and the 'Respect, Call it Out' initiative when Alison and I were captured stenciling in the Wendouree Shopping Centre. We would like to thank Carolyn Evans and all the Zonta members who joined us for her extremely informative zoom presentation on child marriage. We look forward to taking advantage of the relationships we developed to do more to further highlight the need for action later this year. Save the date and join us for an 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women' walk on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.



Although most of us did break after that, there was one committee who were very busy in December; the Ballarat's Great Women committee. We have six Honourees for 2021 and we look forward to acknowledging their achievements on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. The Committee

did feel that, unfortunately, things are still too unstable for a dinner on this evening, as originally planned, but invite people to join us for a celebration on Zoom instead. We appreciate the effort of the committee, working to ensure that we honour the great women of our city and for organizing this event. You can find out more about the 2021 Honourees in the Ballarat News, as their stories are shared, one per week, in the run up to the March celebration.

**Yours in Zonta  
Caroline**

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## Diary Dates

|                                     |                                          |
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| 25 <sup>th</sup> February           | Dinner Meeting                           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March              | Board Meeting                            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March              | Ballarat's Great Women 2021              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> April               | Board Meeting                            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> April              | Dinner Meeting                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May                 | Area 1 & 4 Meeting                       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May                | Board Meeting                            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May                | Dinner Meeting                           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> June                | World Environment Day                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June               | Board Meeting                            |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June               | Dinner Meeting                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> July                | Board Meeting                            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July               | Dinner Meeting                           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> August             | Board Meeting                            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> August             | Dinner Meeting                           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> September?          | Board Meeting                            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> | District 23 Conference                   |
| September                           | in Bendigo                               |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> September          | Dinner Meeting                           |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> October            | Board Meeting                            |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> October            | 43 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November           | Board Meeting                            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November           | Dinner Meeting                           |

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## Advocating for Gender Equality

### ISSUE IN FOCUS

Gender equality is a basic human right and its achievement has immense socioeconomic implications. Yet, gender inequalities are deeply rooted in every society.

Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

While progress has been made, no country in the world has achieved gender equality.

- Nearly 40% of women and girls, or 1.4 billion people, live in countries that are "failing on gender equality."
- According to recent data from some 90 countries, women devote on average roughly three times more hours a day to unpaid care and domestic work than men, limiting the time available for paid work, education and leisure and further reinforcing gender-based socioeconomic disadvantages.
- Women are paid approximately 81 cents for every dollar a man makes.
- Women continue to be underrepresented at all levels of political leadership. As of 1 January 2019, women's representation in national Parliaments ranged from 0 to 61.3%, with the average standing at 24.2%.
- While women represented 39% of world employment, only 27% of managerial positions in the world were occupied by women in 2018.
- 35% of women worldwide have experienced either intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.
- Globally, one in five girls were married before age 18.

### ZONTA IN ACTION

In 2019, the SDG Gender Index found that not one country is on track to attain gender equality by 2030. The Global Gender Gap Report 2020 estimates it could take 99 1/2 years. Zonta International has spent 100 years advocating for gender equality and continues to fight for the cause.

Zonta and its clubs advocate on a variety of issues related to gender equality and women's empowerment through:

- The United Nations and the Commission on the Status of Women
- The Council of Europe
- USA Advocacy Action Center
- ZONTA Says NO to Violence Against Women

In addition to our advocacy efforts, Zonta's education programs and international service projects work to empower women and provide them opportunities to live on an equal basis as men.

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[https://www.zonta.org/Web/Our\\_Causes/Advocating\\_for\\_Gender\\_Equality](https://www.zonta.org/Web/Our_Causes/Advocating_for_Gender_Equality)



**Birthing Kit  
Foundation**  
Australia



### **Making a huge difference to the lives of Treaty Village women in PNG**

New Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia field partner, **Reef and Rainforest Research Centre (RRRC)** recently reported back to us on their first delivery of birthing kits. The message comes from Paho in the Treaty Villages of Papua New Guinea.

“This picture is of our 11 female community rangers who we’ve trained in the use and distribution of birthing kits. Each ranger received 5 kits (one as a training kit), plus an additional 5 for each traditional midwife in their respective villages. We asked the rangers to role play training village women which was great as we could answer any questions they had. Cleaning the babies’ eyes was something that they did not know to do.

The rangers have asked me to pass of their sincere thanks for the gift of the kits which they have told me will make a huge difference to the lives of Treaty Village women. The rangers were telling us today that women birth on the beach and in the bush using shells mostly to cut the umbilical cords. They also really liked the idea of using the string to clamp the cord”.

It is testimonials like these that motivate us to continue our important work, ensuring that kits can reach the women who need them most. Thank you RRRC for this positive message.

To date, 2.4 million Clean Birth Kits have been distributed to women in need.  
For more information go to [www.bkfa.com.au](http://www.bkfa.com.au)



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## Please join us to celebrate Ballarat's Great Women 2021

**Our Honourees are -**

Kim Anderson  
Shiree Pilkinton

Helen Eyres  
Judith Potter

Wendy Jacobs  
Georgina Vagg

Due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid 19,  
this year's celebration will take place via Zoom  
on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m.

**Our Guest Speaker is Matilda Goodbourn –  
Editor of the Little Issue**

Tickets are \$15 per person which includes one raffle ticket.

Prizes include –

Vouchers from Elysium Day Spa and Allan Bros Jewellers and Dinner for two at Ballarat Golf Club

Bookings and payment will only be accepted through Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOXBF>

If you are booking for more than one person, please place the additional names  
in the space provided in Trybooking.

Bookings close Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 4 p.m.

Funds raised on the night will go towards the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)  
and The Zonta Foundation for Women

**The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)** \$5 per kit

*Saving the lives of mothers and newborn babies in developing countries worldwide*

**The Zonta Foundation for Women** Endowment Fund

*Focused on the safety and wellbeing of future generations of women and their families*

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