

**Zonta Club of Adelaide  
Flinders Inc**

**District 23, Area 2,**

**Club 993 Chartered  
December 1981**

# Flinders Facts

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**May-June 2021 Edition**

## **BOARD 2021-2022**

**President – Lesley Siegloff**

**Vice President – Lindy  
Berketa**

**Secretary – Melanie Roberts**

**Treasurer – Carolyn  
Colquhoun**

### **Directors**

- Cintra Amos
- Sarah Cunningham
- Penny Hepworth
- Isobel McFarlane

## **DIARY DATES**

**Next Board Meeting- La  
Scala Restaurant**

**Monday June 14th 2021**

**Next Members Meeting -**

**Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**West Adelaide Football Club**

**RSVP & Apologies to Isobel  
0418953648**

**2021 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**D23 Conference- Bendigo  
10-12 September 2021**

**White Ribbon Breakfast**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Club 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
The Highway Hotel**



## **Mid-biennium Dinner**

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders' Mid-Biennium Dinner was held on Wednesday 19 May at the West Adelaide Football Club. The Mid-Biennium Dinner is a special celebration where partners and guests are included and welcomed.

We were delighted to have our Area 2 Director Chris Frick join us to induct and welcome the following new members: Kae Martin, Kathie Guy, Jessica Knight and Hanna Wilczynska to our club. It was also very pleasing to have visitors from other clubs join us for dinner. We enjoy their friendship and value ongoing inter-club Zontian fellowship.

The guest Speakers for the evening, Julie Bonnici GM Operations Meals on Wheels SA spoke on Covid-19 and how it affected them; and Gemma Burdon, General Manager of The Zahra Foundation Australia who presented on Mentoring were introduced by Cintra Amos and acknowledged by Heather Smigiel and Susan MacDonald.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award to Scarlett Partridge Powell a student of Blackwood High School. Scarlett has a focus on empowering women and girls. As Head Prefect she demonstrates experience as a student leader. She also has an active commitment to Volunteerism and clearly supports Zonta's International mission of empowering women, which was demonstrated in a video she made titled, Why Gender Equality is Important. President Lesley Siegloff and Convener Sue Lear presented her Award and it was delightful to have her Mother and Grandmother there to see her receive her Award.

New Officers were installed by Area 2 Director, Chris Frick: Lindy Berketa as Vice President 2021-2022 and Penny Hepworth as Director 2021-2023 and ongoing Office Bearers for 2020-2022 were confirmed: President: Lesley Siegloff, Secretary: Melanie Roberts, Treasurer: Carolyn Colquhoun and Directors: Cintra Amos, Sarah Cunningham and Isobel McFarlane.

President Lesley Siegloff thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Thank you for this report Carolyn Palmer AM PhD

## *From the President –*

Dear members and friends

This is the first newsletter of the new Zonta year. I was so pleased to see so many members and guests attend out Mid-biennium dinner meeting. Thank you to friends who attended and also to members of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills and the Zonta Club of Adelaide it is wonderful to have such great support. I especially want to thank our Area 2 Director Chris Frick for coming all the way to install our new Vice President – Lindy Berketa and Director Penny Hepworth as well as induct five new members to the club. Congratulations to our active membership committee for engaging with these women when they showed an interest in joining and thank you to the members for making them so welcome at our meetings that they each showed great enthusiasm when asked to join us as members.

It was also my privilege at the meeting to be able to welcome Catherine Middleton back so that we could thank her for the wonderful way in which she engaged in driving the PR and Communication strategy and undertaking the role of Vice President last year. Sadly Catherine is unable to continue to be a member but we will not give up on hoping she will return when life circumstances make that possible again. I also was delighted to be able to thank Susan MacDonald for her support and work as a Director on the Board for the

last 2 years. Susan is a long serving member who has taken up a number of roles throughout her time with the club including being an enthusiastic member of the original "Cooking on a Budget" Project team and again on the "Food for Thought" Centennial Project as a cooking demonstrator. I am sure given her continuing commitment to the club we will continue to see Susan's participation on club activities while she takes a rest from being on the Board.

This year I was pleased to be able to attend other clubs events; The Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens hand over dinner and the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Mid Biennium dinner. It is always interesting and informative to share such experiences as a member of the Zonta family. Unfortunately time didn't make it possible to attend other clubs celebrations this year.

I have been reflecting on the fact that when I commenced as President in June 2020 we had 21 members since then we have unfortunately had 2 resignations however with the influx of 7 new members since June 2020 we have increased our membership to 26. This month we will spend some time at our meeting discussing how we will move forward and ensure that all of our members feel welcome and engaged in club activities. To ensure that we have all the information necessary to

engage our new membership in a manner that best suits the club and then the Membership committee, me and our vice president will have a meeting with them on Tuesday 15th June prior to our next club meeting.

Earlier this month Isobel McFarlane and I met with the Mayor of Charles Sturt Council Angela Evans to begin our talks about working with the council on projects that are supportive of women and girls. Angela was very enthusiastic about what she had heard previously from Kenzie the Councilor who came to speak to us earlier in the year as well as when we had to tell her. She connected us to the Council's Community Connections Coordinator who will meet with us again soon. I mentioned we would like to undertake a 16Days of Activism Project. They seemed interested. I will let you know next moves soon.

This year we will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, preparations are underway. Congratulations to ZC Perth on reaching this milestone recently.



Best Wishes Lesley Siegloff  
PhD – President 2020-2022

## Mid-Biennium Dinner

Guest speakers Gemma Burton and Julie Bonnici



Above - Jill Welsh Chairman of Membership Committee, Chris Frick Area 2 Director and Lesley Siegloff President welcome new members Jessica Knight, Kathie Guy, Hanna Wilczynska and Kae Martin



Left - Installation by Chris Frick of new board members Lindy Berketa and Penny Hepworth



Above Thank you retiring board members Susan MacDonald and Catherine Middleton



Left - Chris Frick introducing the 2021-2021 Board Cintra Amos, Penny Hepworth, Lindy Berketa, Carolyn Colquhoun, Lesley Siegloff and Melanie Roberts and In absentia Sarah

Right - Certificate of recognition being awarded by Lesley Siegloff and Sue Lear to Scarlett Partridge Powell clubs nomination for YWPA





## ZAHRA Foundation of Australia - Connections

We have been continuing our connections with Zahra this year.

The first Food for Thought series has been run however because of some changes occurring currently with the Zahra structure the second series has been delayed to later in the year. Isobel and Lesley have commenced the ZZ Sewing Circle Pilot Project– Initially we have had four very enthusiastic participants. These small numbers are enabling us to iron out the kinks of a new pilot project. We are hopeful that this project will continue however we will need a few more resources, supporters and another venue.

### Mother's Day Luncheon

Special thanks go all of the members who came to the Zahra luncheon on Friday the 7th May. Not only did they pay for their lunch they each

made a contribution to the good functioning of the event. I believe that Zahra made \$20000 from the day. A great outcome that will assist in their programs.

Cintra and Susan MacDonald did a fabulous job on the door and there was no better person than Jill to be selling our recipe books, (31 were sold on the day) it was a pleasure to watch her at work. Thanks to Lindy for bringing the square reader it was very useful for recipe book purchases and the silent auction payments. Thanks also to Kae and Heather for running the wine wall. I think it did quite well for Zahra.

Thanks Lindy for taking the money for the silent auction that can be a bit of a problem at times and you did a great job. I believe we raised over \$1400 on the day. Also special thanks goes to all

members who contributed to the silent auction that of course is what made it such a success for us. Constance, the woman who won your quilt was absolutely delighted - she loved the work.

I had an opportunity to give a short talk about Zonta so rather than take up a lot of time I produced a small handout, we put two on each table and I was able to refer the audience to it for more information about us including our new QR code.

The venue was great as well as the meal which I really enjoyed. It was at the Highway Inn which is the venue that has been chosen for the 40th Birthday. It should be great. The events director was very good to get on with.



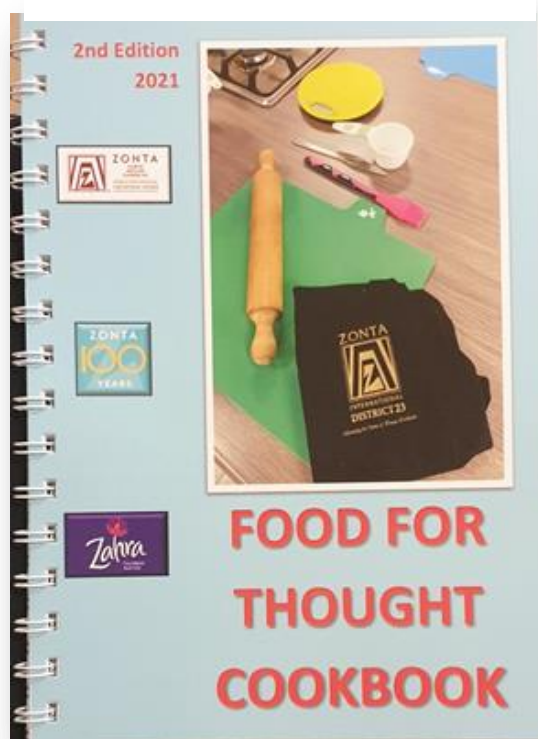
### **May – June Birthdays**

**11<sup>th</sup> May Lorraine Omond**

**27<sup>th</sup> May – Lesley Siegloff**

**12<sup>th</sup> June Carolyn Palmer**

## **Club Fundraiser**



**Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders –  
Recipe Book for Sale - \$12 copy –  
Contact Lesley Siegloff**

### **2021 Toiletry Bag Project June Donations**

100 filled Toiletry Bags are donated to 2 women's shelters to be given to victims of domestic violence as they become clients of the shelters.

Thanks to members who have embraced the Toiletry Bag Donation Schedule, we are up and running.

Roll on Deodorants and Hairbrushes are the feature toiletry bag item for June. If you can find smaller hairbrushes, they are easier to fit in the bags.

Please bring them to the June meeting. Monthly Member donations help reduce the fundraising required to fund these projects:

Thank you in anticipation,  
Isobel

### BOARD MEETING DATES 2021

14 June – Face to Face

12 July

9 August

13 September

11 October

8 November

December TBA

### MEMBER DINNER MEETING DATES 2021

16 June

21 July

18 August

15 September

20 October

17 November

December 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

**Save the Date**  
**Join Zonta International for our 65th**  
**Convention**

**25 -29 June 2022**  
**Congress Center Hamburg**  
**Hamburg, Germany**



Dear District 23 Zontians

Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck announced that the 2024 Zonta International Convention will be held in BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA (District 22).

The Convention Convener is our Past D23 Governor and Past ZI Director JUDY GORTON. Judy is our current District 23 Conference Co-Chairman and D23 Centurion.

We are very proud of Judy's achievements and look forward to welcoming the world to Brisbane in 2024.

*Sandra Burns*

*Governor D23*



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EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## **National Council of Women SA – Report from Lesley Siegloff**

Congratulations have been sent on behalf of club members to Fiona Dorman, President of SA Women's Association for her appointment to the Premier's Women's Leadership Council. A fabulous acknowledgment of a very worthy recipient.

### **Ruth Gibson Memorial Award - DEADLINE EXTENSION - FRIDAY 18th June 2021**

The National Council of Women SA and the Ruth Gibson Memorial Award Committee would like to share that the deadline for the 2021 Award has been extended until Friday 18th June, 5pm.

Please see website for application forms. <https://www.ncwsa.org.au/ruth-gibson-memorial-award>

please send applications by no later than 5 pm on FRIDAY 18th June 2021!

Please direct any questions to the Secretary, Ruth Gibson Memorial Award Committee  
[ruthgibson@ncwsa.org.au](mailto:ruthgibson@ncwsa.org.au).

At the National Council of Women meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June the attendees addressed the Results of the data from the 2021 Survey undertaken recently. In all there were 58 respondents which represented members organisations, individual members and from the public.

The results identified the following issues

- Affordable housing, Public Housing and Social Housing
  - 16 days of activism ie. Work with our member organisations to spread the work and add capacity to their activities
  - Sexual Assault in the workplace
  - Indigenous affairs, Reconciliation, Uluru Statement from the Health
  - Cost of Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs) and how to address it – there is a list to apply
  - Voluntary Assisted Dying (Euthanasia)
  - Raise the Rate (Jobseeker)
- The discussion groups identified issues and

strategies that could be used by the National Council of Women when seeking to present the issues to parliamentarians or other people of interest. The results of the deliberations at the meeting will be circulated at a later date.

Prior to undertaking the group discussions the CEO from COTA talked about issues surrounding Elder Abuse, this will be discussed further at another meeting.  
Next Council Meeting 7pm Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> – Guest Speaker – Police Commissioner Grant Stevens – Topic: Women in Policing, proposed coercive control laws and domestic violence. If you would like to attend to hear this talk please let me know as there will be limits on numbers due to COVID19. The venue will be Burnside Council Greenhill Rd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room – Follow the signs

## OBJECTS OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

- *To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.*
- *To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions.*
- *To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms*
- *To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who service their communities, their nations, and the world.*

## THE ZONTA THANKS

*Wherever your country of birth  
Whatever your faith or creed  
Give thanks for the meal we share in Zonta Fellowship  
But remember too those who have no food today  
not with guilt that we have so much  
but with hope that through Zonta service and advocacy  
they too may come to share the same  
in peace and harmony.*



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<https://www.facebook.com/adelaideflinders/>





## Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast



### Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast Committee - Information

Dear Presidents and Area 2 Zontians

I recently attended the Forum mentioned below which was co-hosted by White Ribbon Australia, and which also announced that Rosie Batty and Jay Weatherill have been appointed to co-chair White Ribbon Australia's Advisory Council (see attached Media Release for full information)

The video recording of this event has now

been released by the Hawke Centre and is available via the link below for your interest.

Cheers, Cintra  
Co-Convenor, Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast Committee  
Treasurer, White Ribbon Australia SA Committee

A recording of this event is now available and can be viewed via the following link:

<https://youtu.be/KvQhbJAdEX4>

### Save the date - Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast

After the disappointment of having to cancel their

annual Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast last year due to COVID-19, White Ribbon are delighted to advise that plans are well underway to again hold the annual Breakfast this year:

Friday 19 November 2021 - Adelaide Convention Centre -

Put this date in your diary, and further details will be advised in due course.

**MR & MRS CHURCHILL** ( Alight hearted contribution from one of our partners).

One day, the Churchill couple walked through a posh neighborhood in London. People **greeted** and exchanged words with the Prime Minister.

A street sweeper, on the other hand, greeted Ms. Churchill in particular, and the two stayed aside for a while in a familiar conversation.

Churchill then asked his wife what she had had to discuss with a street sweeper for so long. "Ah... he was in love with me a long time ago," she said.

Churchill smiled and said, "You see, if you had married him, you would be the wife of a street sweeper today."

Mrs. Churchill looked at her husband in amazement and said the legendary words: "But no Darling, if I had married him, he would be Prime Minister today."



