



Chapter 46

District 23 – Australia (1990–2019) ¹

Since 1920, Zonta International has grouped clubs by district. The following is information on the formation of District 23. As of January 2020, District 23 has 37 clubs in four states and one territory in Australia. District 23 is a successor to the original District XVI and District 16.

The foundations of District 23

The Zonta Club of Melbourne, club number 555, chartered 28 May 1966, was the first Australian club established following Dorothy Thompson's 1965 visit and thus the first in what would become District 23.

The Zonta clubs of Adelaide (1969), Hobart (1971) and Perth (1972) followed in quick succession, all organized by Dorothy Thompson. In turn, these clubs sponsored new clubs through the late 1970s: Launceston in Tasmania; Melbourne Yarra, Waverley, Ballarat and Geelong in Victoria; Fleurieu Peninsula and Para District Area in South Australia; and South of Perth in Western Australia.

Members of these clubs were actively involved in the organization of the district. The Zonta Club of Perth hosted the first District XVI Conference in September 1975. Seventy-three Zontians from Australia and New Zealand attended the conference at Riverside Lodge in Perth. Special guests included International President Eleanor Jammal and Past International President Harriette Yeckel.

Heide Taylor, past president of the Zonta Club of Adelaide was one of the first area directors in District XVI, taking responsibility for Area 02 from 1977 to 1980. Val Sarah, charter president of the Zonta Club of Ballarat, served as Area 02 director, then lieutenant governor from 1984 to 1986 and governor from 1986 to 1988. Caroline Chapman from Frankston and Elizabeth Lucas from Melbourne followed Val Sarah as Area 02 directors. Sue Jarvis from Perth and Elizabeth Harris from Adelaide served as Area 06 directors, and Elizabeth Harris followed this role with a term as district treasurer.

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Susan Laidlaw, from Manawatu in the North Island of New Zealand, was the last governor of the original District XVI. In the 1988–1990 Biennium, Elizabeth Harris from Adelaide was lieutenant governor and Ellen Cox from Perth was treasurer, with Irena Kaluski from Footscray, Victoria as Area 02 director and Tricia Summerfield from Perth as Area 06 director.

Past Area Directors Elizabeth Lucas in Victoria and Heide Taylor in South Australia followed Dorothy Thompson's lead and dedicated a great deal of time and energy to organizing new clubs. Elizabeth Lucas is credited with organizing ten clubs in Victoria and Heide Taylor with organizing eight clubs in South Australia and the Northern Territory. Heide went on to serve with distinction as co-chairman and then chairman of Zonta International Organization and Extension Committee from 1986 to 1994.

The Zonta Club of Glenorchy Derwent Valley was established in Tasmania in 1980. Through the 1980s, Zontians in Victoria welcomed clubs in Frankston, Bendigo, Footscray, Latrobe Valley, Mornington, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Sale and Albury Wodonga. In South Australia and the Northern Territory there was also significant growth with the addition of Zonta clubs of Adelaide Torrens, Adelaide Flinders, Alice Springs, Darwin, Noarlunga Southern Vales, The Riverland, Adelaide Hills and Adelaide West. In Western Australia, the Zonta clubs of Perth Northern Suburbs, Darling Ranges and Bunbury were established.

Sadly, some of these early clubs have disbanded. Glenorchy Derwent Valley in Tasmania closed in 2007. In Victoria, Latrobe Valley, Shepparton and Sale closed at various dates in the 1990s. Adelaide West has disbanded in South Australia and in Western Australia, both the Zonta Club of South of Perth and Zonta Club of Darling Ranges have closed.

Formation of District 23

The decision to divide District XVI into three parts took effect from the International convention in Dallas, Texas in 1990. Records kept by Treasurer Ellen Cox show that she converted the available funds into Australian dollars and each of the new districts received one third of the total, after some adjustment for monies advanced.

District 23 was made up of Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Area boundaries generally followed state boundaries and were numbered in the sequence in which the first clubs were founded: Area 01 in Victoria and Tasmania, with a Vice Area 01 Director until 2000; Area 02 in South Australia and Northern Territory, with a Vice Area 02 Director from 2006; and Area 03 in Western Australia. Area 04, comprising Western and Northern Victoria, was added during 1990; Area 05 in Tasmania was added in 2000.

Area workshops or meetings have been held every year since 1991, with the governor or lieutenant governor in attendance. Areas 01 and 04 have held a combined meeting each year since 2001 and Area 05 members travelled from Tasmania to attend this joint meeting in the years 2010 to 2013.

Governors of District 23

- **1990–1992: Governor Elizabeth Harris from Adelaide**
 - Elizabeth Harris, from the Zonta Club of Adelaide, who had been an area director, treasurer and lieutenant governor of District XVI, served as the first governor of District 23, taking office at the Dallas convention in 1990. Her lieutenant governor was Bobbie Porter and Elizabeth Salt was treasurer. Ellen Cox's records show that the district began its financial life with an opening balance of just over AUD\$5,000 and 33

clubs. Governor Elizabeth recalls that her greatest challenge was to consolidate the new district and encourage new clubs. The Zonta clubs of Adelaide East and Dunsborough in Western Australia, were chartered in this biennium.

- The first District 23 Conference was hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth in September 1991, with the first International President from Australia, Leneen Forde from the Zonta Club of Brisbane, as guest of honor.
- Elizabeth Harris is no longer a member of Zonta, as of January 2020, was still active in community service, supporting women through MU Australia (Anglican Mothers' Union Australia).
- **1992–1994: Governor Bobbie Porter from Perth**
 - Bobbie Porter was installed as the second governor of District 23 at the 1992 convention in Hong Kong. At this convention, Val Sarah was elected as a Zonta International Director.
 - The second Biennial Conference of District 23 was held at Wrest Point Casino Hotel in Hobart in September 1993 with 186 registrants. At the conference, Past Governor Elizabeth Harris urged Zontians to each pledge USD\$75.00 by Zonta's 75th Anniversary in July 1994, to pay off the mortgage on Zonta's headquarters building at 557 West Randolph Street in Chicago.
 - The district theme for the biennium was literacy. Many clubs took up the Young Women in Public Affairs Award, which had been established by Zonta International in 1990. In this biennium the Zonta clubs of Gawler and surrounding areas and Peel Region were chartered but the Zonta Club of Darling Ranges disbanded. At the end of the biennium there were 35 clubs in District 23.
 - When the Zonta Club of South of Perth closed in the 1996-1998 biennium, Bobbie joined the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs. Bobbie (Porter) Craig died in 2016.
- **1994–1996: Governor Naomi Arnold from Gawler**
 - Governor Naomi Arnold was installed at the 1994 convention in Detroit and Val Sarah was elected Vice President of Zonta International. In this biennium, Margaret Medcalf from the Zonta Club of Perth began her long involvement in the International Archives and History Committee.
 - Naomi chaired the third District Conference at the Novatel Melbourne on Collins, in October 1995. The conference theme was "Achieving and Serving Together". Three new clubs were welcomed at the conference: The Zonta clubs of Berwick and Kyneton in Victoria and the Zonta Club of Port Lincoln in South Australia. The club in Devonport, Tasmania was chartered the following year. Lieutenant Governor Kay Poustie set a target of 1,000 members for the district, and this seemed achievable.
 - The idea of a district service project was first proposed at this conference and accepted by delegates. From three options, delegates agreed that, where possible, clubs would offer holistic defense classes to young women in the next biennium. This project was implemented widely in South Australia but not consistently across other Areas. While not a formal district project, clubs also made donations to support the "Vote 1 for Women" exhibition that celebrated the centenary of women's suffrage in South Australia and the Northern Territory.
 - At the national level, Districts 23 and 24 were represented at round table meetings with NGOs in Canberra. District 23 joined the Australian Women's Research Centre in Geelong and the National Foundation for Australian women. Members expressed their views at the national and international level regarding proposed French nuclear tests in the Pacific and supported proposals for action on women's health issues with the Office of the Status of Women in Canberra. This was also the period in which the

Fourth World Conference on women was held in Beijing, where Zonta was represented by then-International President 'Folake Solanke.

- Naomi (Arnold) Reschke was initially a member of the Zonta Club of Para Districts before joining the Zonta Club of Gawler as the charter president. Naomi has held a number of senior roles at the International level of Zonta, including chairman of the 2006 Convention Committee. In 2019, she chaired the Combined Australia and New Zealand Conference Committee.
- **1996–1998: Governor Kay Poustie OAM from Perth Northern Suburbs**
 - Kay Poustie took office as governor at the 1996 convention in St. Louis, Missouri. At the convention, Naomi Arnold was elected as a Zonta International Director and Val Sarah was elected Zonta International President-Elect.
 - The fourth Biennial District 23 Conference was held at the Plaza Hotel in Alice Springs in September 1997 with the theme “Centred on Service and Growth”. Outstanding speakers included Lowitja O’Donoghue CBE AM, inaugural chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. Another highlight was the charter presentation to the Alice Springs Z Club, the first to be established in District 23. The club is made up of students at Anzac Hill High School.
 - The host club, the Zonta Club of Alice Springs, proposed that funding to support Family News, a publication for remote Aboriginal communities for whom English is a second language, be adopted as the district project for the 1998–2000 Biennium. This was accepted by delegates, who agreed that funding of AUD\$4,000 would come from accumulated district funds. Clubs were also urged to continue to support self-defense programs for young women in their own communities, a project initiated at the 1995 Conference.
 - Kay Poustie was keen to encourage clubs to support Zonta’s International Relations program. In this biennium, District 23 was paired with District 18, and many clubs initiated contact with clubs in Africa. A District 23 President’s Manual was developed in this biennium and distributed to club presidents, along with a database listing the members of each club in the district.
 - New clubs chartered in this biennium were the Zonta clubs of Melton in Victoria and Storm Bay in Tasmania, but three clubs disbanded the Zonta clubs of Berwick and Shepparton in Victoria and South of Perth.
 - Kay Poustie was honored with the award of Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2008. She died in 2009.
- **1998–2000: Governor Margaret Rowland from Adelaide West**
 - Margaret Rowland was installed as the governor from 1998 to 2000 at the Paris convention. A highlight of this convention was Val Sarah’s installation as Zonta International President, the second Australian to hold the position. District 23 Zontians were reminded that while they are a long way from Zonta International Headquarters in Chicago, they can still play an active part in the organization.
 - Zonta gained publicity in February 1999 when the Zonta Club of Geelong had a stall at the Australian International Airshow to promote the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. Contacts were made in the aviation industry and aviation educational sectors and expressions of interest were forwarded to clubs around the world.
 - Margaret’s District Conference was held at the Hilton Hotel in Adelaide in September 1999. The theme was “ATTITUDE: the Essential Difference in Zonta.” At the conference, two new clubs were welcomed: the Zonta clubs of Swan Hills in Western Australia and Queenborough in Tasmania. Tasmania now had six clubs and

delegates voted to establish an Area 05. Grace Seed was then elected as the first Area 05 director. In Victoria, the Zonta clubs of Berwick and Latrobe Valley had closed but a new club, the Zonta Club of Melbourne CBD, the first District 23 breakfast club, was chartered early in 2000. Lieutenant Governor Julie Wiltshire's report in the June 2000 issue of the District Newsflash noted that in February there were 864 club members in the district.

- A new district project was adopted at the 1999 Conference. The Zonta Club of Footscray proposed that clubs in District 23 support the SoundHouse program during the 2000–2002 Biennium, providing specialized equipment to enable students with a disability to make music. The suggested contribution was up to AUD\$500.00 per club.
- Margaret is now a member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders and during the 2018–2020 Biennium, chairs the District 23 Centennial Anniversary Committee.
- **2000–2002: Governor Julie Wiltshire from Storm Bay**
 - Margaret Rowland's term as Governor and Val Sarah's term as International President concluded at the 2000 convention in Honolulu. This convention celebrated the installations of Julie Wiltshire as District 23 Governor from 2000 to 2002 and Mary Magee from District 24 as International President. Mary was the third Australian to hold this position. Val Sarah was elected Chairman of the International Nominating Committee. Val's service to women through Zonta International was recognized with the award of AM, Member of the Order of Australia, in 2001.
 - Governor Julie Wiltshire presided at the sixth District 23 Conference, held in Geelong in September 2001, just three weeks after the terrorist attacks in the U.S. Those present admired the bravery of Zonta International Representative and ZI Treasurer Betty Jane Bourdon, who flew to Australia for the Conference when flights resumed. Betty Jane, known to all as BJ, took back with her a book of condolence messages from District 23 clubs and individual members.
 - Attendance at Conference was impacted by the collapse of Ansett Airlines. Seats on Australia's remaining domestic airline were expensive and limited because it was also the Australian Rules Football Grand Final weekend in Melbourne. A group of determined West Australians braved the long train journey, living up to the Conference theme of "Commitment – our Challenge".
 - At the Conference, delegates accepted a proposal from the Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales to adopt a hands-on project. Club members would make and supply breast care cushions for women undergoing breast surgery. A few clubs in South Australia and Victoria had already been making these cushions, inspired by the Zonta Club of Botany Bay in District 24.
 - Under Julie Wiltshire's leadership, the District Board had submitted a bid to host the 2006 Zonta International Convention in Melbourne. BJ Bourdon stayed in Melbourne for a few days after the conference to evaluate District 23's bid to host convention. This was ultimately accepted by the Zonta International Board.
 - In May 2001 the district had 881 members in 40 clubs, getting closer to Kay Poustie's target of 1,000. However, Governor Julie Wiltshire reported to the conference her concern that 23 clubs had fewer than 20 members.
 - During Julie's term in office, a second Z Club was established, at Clonard College in Geelong. New Zonta clubs were formed in Clare in South Australia and Geelong in Victoria. Geelong Central was the District's second Breakfast Club and first paperless club, disseminating all information electronically. Sadly, that club disbanded in 2007 as did Melbourne CBD in 2008.
 - Julie's conference report recognized that across the district, clubs were demonstrating strong support for local projects with substantial fundraising and many hours of

hands-on work. Clubs were supporting the Zonta International Foundation too, with most clubs contributing one-third of their service dollars to the Foundation. Raising awareness of the legislative process and how to advocate for change was a district goal in this biennium and Julie noted that an advocacy information kit had been prepared by Marilyn Piper from the Zonta Club of Perth and distributed to all clubs.

- The Australian Women's Coalition (AWC) was formed in 2002. Girl Guides, National Council of Women, Soroptimist International Australia, UNIFEM Australia, Australian Medical Women and Zonta International Districts 23 and 24 were among the founding members. It was agreed that the District 24 Governor would represent Zonta at AWC meetings with the District 23 Governor serving as an alternate delegate. AWC was one of five women's organizations that reported to the Federal Government's Office for Women. The districts association with AWC continued until 2014.
 - Developments in information technology were taken up by clubs across the district. A webmaster was appointed, and a district website established. Many clubs set up their own websites and members became more proficient at electronic communication. All but three clubs could be contacted by email. During the next biennium, an electronic Newsflash was introduced and, by 2004, had replaced hard copy newsletters; a significant saving in printing and postage.
 - Julie Wiltshire is now a member of the Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent.
- **2002–2004 Governor Liz Woodgate from Peel**
 - Liz was inducted as District 23 Governor at the Zonta International Convention in Gothenburg in Sweden. During this biennium, the district received confirmation that the 2006 convention would be held in Melbourne. President-Elect Mary Ellen Bittner appointed the Convention Committee with Naomi Arnold as chairman and Alison Martin as secretary. The first meeting of the committee was held early in 2003.
 - Governor Liz presided at the seventh District Conference in Bunbury in Western Australia in September 2003; the conference theme was "Zonta: Our Vision in Focus". District 23 records show 896 members in 40 clubs by March 2003. However, there was a negative trend in mid-2003 and seven clubs had fewer than 15 members. At the conference, the Z Club coordinator reported that with the addition of clubs organized by Melbourne Yarra at Presentation Convent and by Melbourne's West, at Mount St Joseph Girls' College, there were now four Z Clubs in the district.
 - The District Breast Cushion Project coordinators reported that 5,604 cushions had been made since the last conference and delegates voted to continue the project. Delegates also agreed to begin a new district project, the Zonta Birthing Kit project, coordinated by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills. In this project, club members would assemble kits made up of the bare essentials for a clean birth: a groundsheet, gloves, string, gauze, soap and a sterile blade. Kits would then be sent to developing countries with high rates of maternal and neonatal deaths. This had been a successful club project since 1999, when the first 100 kits were sent to Papua New Guinea.
 - Following the lead of Zonta International, District 23 promoted the link between advocacy and service in workshops at all Area meetings and the District Advocacy booklet was updated and distributed to clubs. Preventing trafficking of women for sexual servitude was addressed in a ZISVAW project and Districts 23 and 24 took up this issue at the local level. A series of seminars with visiting expert Brian Islen was hosted by District 23, lawyer Georgi Costello spoke at the District Conference and support was given to Project Respect. The District Board also wrote to the then-Attorney General of Australia to advocate for a victim threatened with deportation.
 - At the 2005 District Conference, Governor Ronda Walker noted that in the 2002–2004 Biennium, every club had contributed to the total district donation of AUD\$89,649.

- A strong contingent of District 23 members attended the 2004 convention in New York City, not just because of the attraction of that city, but in order to understand all of the details for which they would be responsible in 2006.
- **2004–2006 Governor Ronda Walker OAM from Kyneton**
 - At the 2004 convention, held at the Marriott Hotel in Times Square, New York, Liz Woodgate passed on the Governor's pin to Ronda Walker and Dawn Newman began her term as Chairman of the International Public Relations and Communication committee. Most of the incoming Board members attended convention and an informal Board meeting was held in New York, allowing early planning for a busy biennium.
 - The eighth District Conference was held at the Stamford Grand Hotel, on the beachfront at Glenelg in South Australia in 2005. As the two district projects were being well supported, conference delegates voted to continue the breast cushion and birthing kit projects. A third proposal, to provide homemaking kits for women in isolated regions of Afghanistan, was not supported.
 - During this biennium, clubs voted to proceed with an application for incorporation of the district in the State of Victoria. The Constitution of District 23 Inc. was adopted by conference delegates and the subsequent application to Consumer Affairs Victoria was accepted.
 - In her report to the conference, Lieutenant Governor Beryl McMillan noted Zonta International membership figures for the district in May of each year from 1998 to 2003. The peak was 881 in 2001, the lowest 836 in 2003. However, in her district newsletter report of October 2004, Beryl reported the even lower figure of 798, as of 31 August that year.
 - There were no new Zonta clubs formed in the district in the 2004–2006 Biennium but two Golden Z Clubs began, both supported by the Zonta Club of Melbourne CBD. There was great concern that the Zonta Club of Melbourne, established in 1966, had only 14 members and the club it had sponsored in 1973, the Zonta Club of Melbourne Yarra, was at risk of closure. After careful discussion over many months, it was agreed that the clubs would amalgamate, retaining the club number from the Zonta Club of Melbourne, number 555, and blending their names to form the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra. This was approved by the District Board in September 2004.
 - The challenge of hosting the 2006 convention was embraced with enthusiasm by District 23 Zontians. Committee members, team leaders and volunteers were drawn from all Areas of the district. The Convention Committee was chaired by Naomi Arnold from Gawler, the secretary was Alison Martin from Perth Northern Suburbs and Pauline Burton from South Australia was treasurer. Members of the clubs closest to Melbourne provided hands-on support during convention, while event management company ICMS managed registration and accommodation.
 - The 2006 convention, with Mary Ellen Bittner presiding, was a tremendous success. Melbourne's winter weather was benign and registrations totaled 1,923. Convention business was conducted calmly and effectively, social events were marvelous and pre- and post-convention tours were successful. To the delight of the members of the district, Zontians from around the world still comment on how much they enjoyed the Melbourne convention. All the hard work and attention to detail proved worthwhile.
 - Ronda's service to women and to the community was recognized with the award of OAM (Order of Australia Medal) in 2018.

- **2006–2008 Governor Beryl McMillan OAM, from Melbourne**
 - At the Melbourne convention, Beryl McMillan was installed as Governor. Conference Chairman Naomi Arnold was elected to the International Nominating Committee and chaired the committee. As expected, a record number of District 23 members attended the 2006 convention and gained a greater appreciation of the internationality of Zonta. This may also have encouraged increased support for the Zonta International Foundation. ZIF Ambassador Ronda Walker reported in the district Newsflash in January 2007 that clubs and individuals had contributed USD\$79,475 during the 2004–2006 Biennium. All but one club had made a donation and there were many individual contributions.
 - At this time, District 23 began to concentrate on local issues, particularly membership. In her report to the District Conference in 2007, Lieutenant Governor Pauline Glover reported district membership of 767 members in July 2007. She also reported a concern that four clubs had fewer than 10 members. With energies focused on convention, no new clubs had been formed since the Zonta Club of Clare & Districts in May 2002. On a positive note, a new Z Club was established at Girton College in Bendigo in 2007 and the two district service projects were well established. Both projects had display booths at the Melbourne convention and attracted considerable interest from other countries.
 - During this biennium, Governor Beryl McMillan created a History and Archives Committee. District archives were already well managed by Archivist Margaret Medcalf OAM, and safely held in the WA State Archives in Perth. The committee supported Margaret in encouraging clubs to better manage their own records and to record their histories. The committee was also asked to begin discussion of how the district and clubs might celebrate the district's 50th Anniversary in 2016.
 - The ninth Biennial District Conference was held at Wrest Point Conference Centre in Hobart in September 2007, with the theme "Zonta: Making a Difference". Area Directors reported that clubs were applying the Zonta Project Test to local service projects and that these were now more closely aligned with Zonta's mission. The PR committee reported updates to the district website and preparation of a new district brochure.
 - At this conference, delegates voted to create a category of "ongoing district project" and resolved that the breast cushion and birthing kit projects would continue as such... Delegates then adopted a new project for the 2008–2010 Biennium: the "Yarri Wada: Strong for Country Puppet Project". This was proposed by the Zonta Club of Perth at the request of senior women in indigenous communities in the Western Kimberley area of Western Australia. A contribution of AUD\$500.00 per club was suggested.
 - Beryl McMillan was honored with the award of OAM (Order of Australia Medal) in 2016 for service to the community and to women. During the 2018–2020 Biennium, Beryl chairs Zonta's Centennial Anniversary Committee. When the Zonta Club of Melbourne CBD closed in 2009, Beryl joined the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra. In retirement, she has transferred to the Zonta Club of Geelong, where she began her Zonta journey in 1998.

- **2008–2010 Governor Alison Martin from Perth Northern Suburbs**
 - Zontians from District 23 enjoyed the 2008 convention in Rotterdam and members from the district were able to relax and enjoy convention activities after their hard work preparing for the Melbourne convention. Alison Martin succeeded Beryl McMillan as Governor and Beryl was elected as a Zonta International Director for 2009 to 2012.

Past Governors Liz Woodgate and Ronda Walker were elected to the International Nominating Committee.

- Governor Alison Martin chaired the tenth District Conference in Ballarat, Victoria in September 2009. The theme was “Successful Teamwork Advocating Women’s Rights through Zonta”. A detailed report of the Yarri Wada project showed that while delivery had changed from the original concept of a puppet show, senior women had developed leadership and teaching skills and messages of health were reaching girls aged eight through 18. The project had attracted sponsorship and coordinators expected that it would continue when Zonta’s seed funding ended.
 - District 23 UN Chairman reported good news: the Australian Government had signed the CEDAW Agreement in November 2008, a commitment to promote the elimination of discrimination against women. To support advocacy action by clubs, the District 23 Advocacy and Legislative Awareness booklet was updated and distributed to all members in March 2009 and clubs were encouraged to check that all local service projects supported Zonta’s mission.
 - At the conference, Lieutenant Governor Jane Smith reported concern that membership in May 2009 was just 709, the lowest number for ten years. In June 2010, a new Z Club was chartered at Matthew Flinders Girls College in Geelong, but by this date two other Victorian Z Clubs, Mt St Joseph Girls’ College and Clonard College, had disbanded. The two Golden Z Clubs sponsored by Melbourne CBD also closed during this biennium.
- **2010–2012 Governor Jane Smith from Port Lincoln**
 - The 2010 Zonta International Convention was held in San Antonio, Texas, where Jane Smith was inducted as Governor and Alison Martin was elected to the International Nominating Committee. The Centennial Anniversary Committee was established soon after convention. International President Dianne Curtis appointed PIP Val Sarah as chairman and Past Governor Ronda Walker as vice chairman.
 - In May 2011, then Governor-General of Australia, Quentin Bryce AC, was inducted as an Honorary Member of Zonta International at a ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth Club in Sydney. The presentation was made by International President Lynn McKenzie and supported by PIP Val Sarah and Director Beryl McMillan. Zontians from across Australia were present at this special event, which was held in the same week as the 100th anniversary of International Women’s Day.
 - Governor Jane Smith chaired the eleventh District Conference in Melbourne in October 2011. The theme was “Raising the Stakes” in reference to the approaching Spring racing carnival, including the celebrated Melbourne Cup. A district award, the Heide Taylor Honour Roll was announced during the conference, recognizing District 23 Zontians who have made an outstanding contribution at the club level. (See “District Awards” below.)
 - At the conference, after much discussion, delegates agreed to a significant rise in the district membership fee to AUD\$40.00.
 - In her 2011 conference report, Lieutenant Governor Cintra Amos noted that membership numbers had dropped to 671. The Zonta clubs of Hobart East (previously the Zonta Club of Storm Bay) and Queenborough had amalgamated earlier in 2011 to form the Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent, retaining the Zonta Club of Storm Bay charter number 1569. This left Area 05 with four clubs but by the end of the biennium, the Zonta Club of Launceston was in recess and the district board discussed the viability of maintaining a fifth Area.
 - Involvement with the Australian Women’s Coalition continued in this biennium, with Sharyl Scott from District 24 as representative of both Districts. District 23 also had

some contact with the Australian Women against Violence Alliance through Jean Walker in Tasmania.

- When the Zonta Club of Lower Eyre was chartered in 2015, Jane transferred to that club.
- **2012–2014 Governor Ann Horrocks from Bendigo**
 - District 23 was well represented at the 2012 convention in Torino, Italy where Ann Horrocks was inducted as Governor and Liz Woodgate elected as an International Director. PIP Val Sarah continued as chairman of the Centennial Anniversary Committee with Ronda Walker as the vice chairman.
 - District 23 contributions to the Foundation in the previous biennium were recognized at convention and it was noted that, again, every club in the district had made a contribution to the Foundation.
 - In August 2012, Zontians across Australia celebrated the assembly of one million birthing kits, a milestone that was marked with special events in several cities. This project was started by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills in 1999 and subsequently adopted by clubs throughout Australia.
 - In November 2012, Zonta International began the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and this was promptly taken up by most clubs in District 23. Many clubs already supported the White Ribbon Campaign and were able to incorporate the Zonta Says NO message into established programs. The district board funded pull-up banners for each of the five areas and these were made available for clubs to display at special events.
 - Governor Ann chaired the 12th District Conference in Scarborough, Western Australia in September 2013. The theme was “Zonta Shows the Way: Credible and Visible”. Alice Springs had just disbanded, but conference attendees welcomed members of the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields and celebrated a new Z Club at Kyneton Secondary College, both in Area 04. Members of a new Golden Z Club at Saint Catherine’s College at the University of Western Australia helped at the conference. It was also announced that a new club was being formed in Area 02.
 - In the District newsletter of June 2014, Lieutenant Governor Erica Majba reported a significant increase in member numbers: from 721 members in April 2012 to 786 members in April 2014. The Zonta Club of Mt Barker, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, was officially chartered in May 2014, bringing the number of clubs to 36 and the number of members at the end of May to 825.
 - At the 2014 convention in Orlando, Florida, District 23 was commended for one of the largest net increases in membership numbers, 14.42 per cent. Outgoing Governor Ann Horrocks was delighted that District 23 service projects were also recognized at convention. The district was awarded Best District Service Project for birthing kits and the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills was recognized for their Expect Respect project. It was also acknowledged that, again, all clubs had made a contribution to the Foundation and that six clubs had forwarded individual contributions from every member.
- **2014–2016 Governor Erica Majba from Adelaide**
 - At the 2016 convention in Orlando, Florida, Erica Majba was installed as the thirteenth Governor of District 23. Past Governor Beryl McMillan was elected to the International Nominating Committee and PIP Val Sarah was appointed to continue as chairman of the Centennial Anniversary Committee with Beryl McMillan as co-chairman.

- In 2014, District 23 joined the Equality Rights Alliance (ERA), one of five national women's alliances funded through the Federal Office for Women. ERA is the largest of these groups, representing 62 organizations with an interest in advocating for women's equality, leadership and recognition of women's diversity. With this new link in place, District 23 withdrew membership from the Australian Women's Coalition.
 - In this biennium, advances in technology enabled better communication across the Zonta world. Extra meetings of the district board were held by teleconference and online training sessions were offered by Zonta International. District 23 clubs recognized that advocacy was of equal importance to service and the Zonta Says NO campaign was embraced by all clubs.
 - Through much of 2014, the Zonta Club of Darwin was in recess and likely to close. A determined effort to rebuild the club culminated in a re-launch at Parliament House in Darwin in March 2015.
 - For the 13th District Conference in Adelaide in October 2015, the theme was "Embracing change through Conviction, Commitment and Courage". There was a mood of optimism: the Zonta Club of Darwin had been re-launched, the Zonta Club of Lower Eyre had chartered in Area 02, and a Z Club had been formed at Ogilvie High School in Hobart in Area 05. The 208 conference registrations included 82 first-timers. The Lieutenant Governor's conference report noted that in March 2015, there were 829 members in 36 clubs. In the June 2016 district newsletter, Governor Erica reported that membership had reached 834 in March 2016.
- **2016–2018 Governor Judy Gorton from Perth**
 - Judy Gorton began her term as governor at the 2016 convention in Nice. At convention, Ann Horrocks was elected to the International Nominating Committee and became vice chairman of that committee. Zonta International appointments for the new biennium included Alison Martin as chairman of the ZI Service Committee and Beryl McMillan as chairman of the Centennial Anniversary Committee, with PIP Val Sarah as co-chairman. Val was also appointed to the Foundation's Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign.
 - Governor Judy welcomed 189 attendees, including 55 first-timers to the 14th District 23 Conference in Geelong in Victoria. The conference theme was "Leading the Way".
 - The re-launched Zonta Club of Darwin was short-lived and had now disbanded. However, the Zonta Club of Launceston in Tasmania was active again and a new club, the Zonta Club of Mitchell, in Area 04, received a special welcome to the conference. In her report, Z Club Coordinator Judy Rothe announced the charter of a new Z Club at Kingston High School in Area 05, and noted that a Z Club was being established at Shenton College in Area 03.
 - Conference reports showed that clubs were effectively linking advocacy action with service projects. A new district award was presented at the conference, recognizing outstanding club projects that incorporated both service and advocacy. The Zonta Club of Perth received the award for their service and advocacy with women in the project Unresolved Visas and Domestic Violence.
 - A new district project was adopted at the 2017 Conference: the Women's Safety Project. This project was designed to generate resources to support and coordinate club action for the Zonta Says NO campaign.
 - At the conference, Lieutenant Governor Jane Adornetto recognized long-term members with badges celebrating years of service. The badges were given recognizing service in five-year increments over 20 years. Combined, these members represented an estimated 1,485 years of service.

- District 23's membership target for the 2016–2018 Biennium was five per cent growth. While 11 clubs achieved this, the district target was not met.
- **2018–2020 Governor Jane Adornetto from Geelong**
 - Governor Jane Adornetto was installed at the Yokohama convention in July 2018 and, to the delight of District 23 attendees, immediate Past Governor Judy Gorton was elected as an International Director. Beryl McMillan was re-appointed chairman of the Centennial Anniversary Committee and Val Sarah as a member of that committee and of the Anniversary Endowment Committee. Ann Horrocks was appointed to the International Service Committee.
 - One of Jane's first duties was to officiate at the charter presentation of the new Golden Z Club, at the Caulfield campus of Monash University. This gave the district a total of two Golden Z Clubs. A potential new Golden Z Club at Latrobe University in Bendigo was also explored.
 - In November 2018, Governor Jane Adornetto attended the charter presentation celebration for the Zonta Club of Cradle Coast, in the north-west of Tasmania. Area 05 once again had five active clubs. At the Area 01 and Area 04 meeting, in March 2019, Jane reported that District 23 had 812 members in 38 clubs. Membership growth remained a goal for the district.
 - In June 2019, District 23 Z Club Coordinator Judy Rothe was delighted to welcome a new Z Club, giving the district five active Z Clubs. The new club, at Busselton Senior High School, was organized by the Zonta Club of Dunsborough in Western Australia.
 - Addressing Zonta International goals at a local level is a priority for the District Board. In the 2018–2020 Biennium, District 23 has collaborated with Districts 22 and District 24 to address Zonta's signature project, preventing child marriage. The three governors have agreed to work together to advocate nationally for the prevention of violence against women and children, including prevention of child marriage.

A Time to Celebrate

While the year 2019 marked the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the formation of Zonta International, it was also a time of significant anniversaries for many District 23 clubs. A number of 40-year anniversaries were celebrated in 2018, including the Zonta clubs of Ballarat and Melbourne's East in Victoria and Fleurieu Peninsula and Para District in South Australia. Significant club anniversaries in 2019 included the Zonta Club of Adelaide at 50 years, the Zonta Club of Geelong at 40 years, the Zonta clubs of Mornington Peninsula and Noarlunga Southern Vales at 35 years, and 25-year anniversaries of the Zonta clubs of Kyneton and Port Lincoln. Celebrations of these anniversaries also included the celebration of 100 years of Zonta International.

The 15th District 23 Conference was held in September 2019 in Brisbane, Australia as part of the Zonta Australia and New Zealand Centennial Conference. The theme was "Honor and Empower". The combined conference linked the original District XVI Areas in a joyous celebration of Zonta's centennial year.

Membership of District 23

In 1990, when District XVI was divided, District 23 had 33 clubs. Some of these clubs have closed, others have amalgamated and there have been name changes. The number of members has also fluctuated. When the late Kay Poustie was lieutenant governor from 1994 to 1996, she reported that "the grand total of members in the district ... is now 939. Can we aim to

lift it to 1,000 by District Conference?"² Sadly, that elusive 1,000 members has never been attained. At the Area 01 and Area 04 meetings in March 2019, it was reported that District 23 had 812 members in 38 clubs.

Z and Golden Z Clubs in District 23

The first Z Club in District 23 was at Anzac Hill High School in Alice Springs, with Constance Price, staff member as well as Zonta Club member, as organizer. The charter was presented to Z Club members at the 1997 District Conference in Alice Springs. The club closed in 2014.

Over the years, eleven Z Clubs and four Golden Z Clubs have been established in District 23, although some have been short-lived. At present, there are five active Z Clubs, with the most recent chartered in June 2019 at Busselton Senior High School in Western Australia. As at January 2020, there were two active Golden Z Clubs and members of the Zonta Club of Bendigo remained hopeful that a club might be chartered at Latrobe University in Bendigo.

Shenton College Z Club was recognized with the 2019 Emma L. Conlon Service Award in the category for clubs that have been chartered for less than two years.

District 23 service projects

The first District 23 service project was accepted by delegates at the 1995 Conference. The level of support for each project has varied from club to club but two projects have been so successful that they are now ongoing projects.

- 1996–1998: Self-defense courses for girls; adopted at the 1995 Conference.
- 1998–2000: Publication of an issue of Family News for remote Aboriginal families; adopted at the 1997 Conference.
- 2000–2002: SoundHouse Project, providing equipment to encourage students with a disability to make music; adopted at the 1999 Conference.
- 2002–present: Breast care cushions project; first adopted at the 2001 Conference, following the model created by members of the Zonta Club of Botany Bay in District 24. Members at subsequent conferences voted to continue the project and at the 2007 Conference, members agreed that this would be an ongoing project for District 23.
- 2004–present: Birthing kit assembly; first adopted at the 2003 Conference and members at subsequent conferences voted to continue the project. Members at the 2007 Conference agreed that this would be an ongoing project for District 23.
- 2008–2012: Yarri Wada: Strong for country puppet project; adopted at the 2007 Conference.
- 2018–2020: Women's Safety Project to coordinate and support club action for the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. This project was adopted at the 2019 Conference.
- 2020–2022: Proposed for discussion at 2019 Conference is the Mental Health First Aid Project.

Birthing Kit Project

The first 100 birthing kits were made by six Zontians from the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills on a Sunday afternoon in 1999. Thirteen years later, Zontians across Australia celebrated the

² Governor's Newsletter June 1995 p.2

assembly of one million kits. In June 2018, the assembly of two million kits was celebrated at an event hosted by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, the club where the project began.³

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills initiated the project and managed it on a volunteer basis for many years. The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia was established in 2006 and since that date, most of the Board members have been Zontians who have been involved in the program from the start. The project has now grown to include education programs for birth attendants and, where possible, assembly of kits in the countries where they will be used.

District awards

District 23 has a long-established program of PR and Communication Awards, with a number of different categories presented at each conference. In addition, an Advocacy Award was established in 2017, recognizing projects that include elements of both service and advocacy.

The Heide Taylor Award was established in 2011 by past Governor Jane Smith to recognize outstanding service by individual members at the club level. The inaugural award was presented to Heide Taylor at a meeting of her own club, the Zonta Club of Adelaide. Nominations are given to the governor of the biennium and awards are presented at each district conference.

Advocacy

As Zonta International placed increasing emphasis on advocacy, District 23 responded. The district had an Advocacy/Legislative Awareness Coordinator from 2000 to 2008 and a dedicated Advocacy Committee has been in place since 2008. Clubs across the district are prioritizing advocacy action, including strong support for the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and the 16 Days of Activism beginning on 25 November each year. Some clubs also have a long-established link to the White Ribbon Campaign. Combined club advocacy groups in South Australia and Victoria enable sharing of information and coordinated action.

In 2001, the Zonta Club of Perth published the Advocacy and Legislative Awareness Information Kit. This was updated as a district publication in 2003, with new editions in 2009 and 2011.

While clubs advocate for change in their own communities, advocacy action at the district level since 1994 has included members doing the following:

- 1994–1996
 - Establishing membership with the Australian Women’s Research Centre in Geelong, the National Foundation for Australian Women and the National Women’s Justice Coalition.
 - Sharing their views of French nuclear testing at national and international levels.
 - Supporting proposals addressing women’s health issues with the Office of the Status of Women in Canberra.
 - Supporting the touring exhibition Women with Attitude.
- 1996–1998
 - Representing the district at the Australian Women’s Round Table with women’s NGOs in Canberra.
 - Supporting the Federal Government’s Business against Domestic Violence campaign.
- 1998–2000
 - Showcasing the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards to a huge audience with a promotional at the Australian International Airshow at Avalon in Victoria.

³ District 23 Newsflash, March 2018 p. 22 and September 2012 p. 7

- Organizing breakfast seminars in four states for the Federal government's Business Against Domestic Violence program.
- 2000–2002
 - Updating the Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Kit to assist members of District 23.
 - A founding member of Australian Women's Coalition (along with District 24).
- 2002–2004
 - Running sessions at Area meetings on how to advocate in a responsible manner.
 - Updating the District 23 advocacy booklet and included it in the President's Handbook.
 - Presenting anti-trafficking seminars in Melbourne and Perth with speakers Brian Iselin, an international authority, and Kathleen Maltzhan from Project Respect.
- 2004–2006
 - Writing to the Federal Attorney General advocating for a woman trafficked to Australia.
 - Responding to statements by Federal Minister for Health regarding abortion.
 - Writing to the Federal Minister for Health advocating for access to RU48D.
 - Disseminating information to clubs regarding umbilical cord blood and stem cells.
- 2008–2010
 - Updating the District 23 advocacy booklet and distributing a copy to every member.
 - Producing pull-up banners on birthing kit and breast cushion projects for each Area.
 - Encouraging Area Directors to discuss ZI position papers at presidents' meetings and to educate clubs on how to advocate in their communities.
- 2010–2011
 - Representing the district at the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance.
 - Encouraging all clubs to use the ZI Scorecard to evaluate local service projects.
- 2012–2014
 - Promoting a greater understanding of what advocacy is and how many service projects already include an advocacy component.
- 2014–2016:
 - Embracing the Zonta Says NO campaign with almost all clubs actively involved.
 - Sharing effective projects such as the Walk in My Shoes, initiated by the Zonta Club of Adelaide. It was divided into several travelling exhibitions that were displayed by clubs across the district.
 - Collaborating with District 22 and District 24 to join the Equality Rights Alliance, providing a voice at the national level.
- 2016–2018:
 - Initiating a new award presented at the conference to recognize club projects that incorporate components of both service and advocacy. The Zonta Club of Perth received the award for their project, Unresolved Visas and Domestic Violence, which was managed in partnership with ISHAR Multicultural Women's Health Centre.

District 23's support of the Zonta International Foundation

Clubs in District 23 have been great supporters of the Zonta International Foundation, with most clubs donating a third of funds raised every year. In recent years the goal of 100 per cent of clubs making donations has been reached. The number of members making individual donations is growing and several clubs have recorded 100 per cent of members making an annual donation.

The ZIF report of 30 April 2012 showed total contributions from District 23 in the 2010–2012 Biennium at US\$126,601.95, with all clubs making a contribution and 12 per cent of members making an individual donation. In the 2012–2014 Biennium, the district continued to be recognized for all clubs giving to ZIF and at the Orlando convention, seven clubs received certificates recognizing that all members had given as individuals.⁴

In June 2016, Ann Horrocks congratulated district clubs by saying the following: “District 23 has once again achieved a perfect score with all clubs donating to the Foundation. In addition, we have five clubs with all members making individual donations”.⁵

Many clubs participate in the Young Women in Public Affairs Award program every year and a number of clubs also nominate candidates for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. District conferences always include presentations by past awardees, encouraging clubs to participate in these programs. It is always encouraging when district winners are successful at the International level. Dedicated Amelia Earhart celebrations and fundraising events are held annually by many clubs and current and past fellows have spoken at district conferences, club meetings and special events.

District participation in ZISVAW projects

ZISVAW funding to clubs in District 23 has included:

- 2000: A project from the Zonta Club of Melbourne Yarra, in conjunction with the Ardoch Foundation: Respecting Ourselves Respecting Others. This was a three-year program for primary school students.
- 2002: The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs, in partnership with Patricia Giles Centre’s domestic violence unit, held camps for mothers and children impacted by domestic violence.
- 2002: The Zonta Club of Bendigo’s Team Jigsaw project, a two-year program to eliminate violent behavior of young students in order to break the cycle of violence.

Club development in District 23

The early development of clubs in District 23 was largely due to the leadership skills of Heidi Taylor in Area 02 and Elizabeth Lucas in Area 04, who followed Dorothy Thompson’s lead and dedicated a great deal of time and energy to organizing new clubs. Elizabeth Lucas is credited with organizing ten clubs in Victoria while Heide Taylor is credited with organizing eight clubs in South Australia and the Northern Territory. Heide went on to serve with distinction as co-chairman and then chairman of Zonta International Organization and Extension committee from 1986 to 1990.⁶

Zonta International Conventions in District 23

2006: District 23 hosted the Zonta International Convention in Melbourne.

District 23 members serving at the International level

- International President: Val Sarah (1998–2000)
- Zonta International Director: Naomi Arnold Reschke, Beryl McMillan and Elizabeth Woodgate.

⁴ District 23 Newsflash, Sept. 2014 p. 3

⁵ District 23 Newsflash, June 2016 p. 3

⁶ Ronda Walker, District 23 History in Brief 2018

- Zonta International Nominating Committee: Val Sarah, Naomi Arnold, Ronda Walker, Elizabeth Woodgate, Alison Martin, Beryl McMillan and Ann Horrocks.
- ZI Committee Chairman: Heidi Taylor, Neila Foggo, Diane Leggo, Dawn Newman, Val Sarah, Naomi Arnold Reschke, Beryl McMillan and Alison Martin.
- Zonta International Archivist: Margaret Medcalf.

Timeline of district history highlights.

The early Australian clubs were non-districted and as of 1970, managed as part of Zonta International Area III, the Asia-Pacific Area.

1972: In April, 13 Australian and New Zealand Zonta clubs met in Sydney for the first Area 03 Workshop and advised International President-Elect Harriette Yeckel that they were ready to form a district.

Area III Asia Pacific became Region III Asia Pacific at the Portland convention and on 2 July 1972, the Zonta International Board agreed that Region III was to be granted district status.

1974: The 18 clubs in Region III became District XVI. The Zonta International Board granted District status to Region III, and District XVI for clubs in New Zealand and Australia was effective from 20 July 1974. .

1990: At the Zonta International Convention in Dallas, a great re-districting took place, including the division of District XVI, which encompassed 90 clubs, into Districts 16, 23 and 24.

- District 16 took the clubs from New Zealand.
- District 23 took the clubs from Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia, the Northern Territory and one club on the border of Victoria and New South Wales (club number 1227, the Zonta Club of Albury Wodonga).
- District 24 took the clubs from Queensland, New South Wales, and the Australian Capital Territory.

In September there were 925 members in 32 clubs.

1996: 908 members in 39 clubs.

2001: 963 members in 40 clubs. However, 23 clubs had fewer than 20 members.

2003: 896 members in 40 clubs. Seven clubs had fewer than 15 members.

2004: 871 members in 39 clubs.

2007: 767 members. Four clubs had fewer than ten members.

2009: 709 members.

2011: Membership had dropped to 671 members.

2014: 825 members in 36 clubs, organized in five areas.

2016: Ronda Walker, the District 23 historian, described the areas in the following way: Area boundaries generally followed state boundaries and were numbered in the sequence in which clubs were founded. Thus:

- Area 01 was for Metropolitan and Eastern Victoria and Tasmania, with a Vice Area Director until 2000.
- Area 02 was for South Australia and Northern Territory, with a Vice Area Director from 2006.
- Area 03 was for Western Australia.
- Area 04 was for Western and Northern Victoria.
- Area 05 was for Tasmania. It was established in 2000.

37 clubs organized in five areas:

- Area 01 had five clubs.
- Area 02 had 14 clubs.
- Area 03 had six clubs.
- Area 04 had eight clubs.
- Area 05 had four clubs.

2018: 823 members in 38 clubs.

2019: 771 members, as of July.

History of formation of District 23 clubs

Northern Territory

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1983	1059	Zonta Club of Alice Springs Inc.		2013
1983	1060	Zonta Club of Darwin Inc.		2017

South Australia

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1969	0627	Zonta Club of Adelaide Inc.	02	
1978	0821	Zonta Club of Para District Area In	02	
1978	0837	Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula Inc.	02	
1981	0983	Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens Inc.	02	
1981	0993	Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders Inc.	02	
1984	1087	Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales Inc.	02	
1985	1116	Zonta Club of The Riverland Inc.	02	
1987	1180	Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Inc.	02	
1988	1193	Zonta Club of Adelaide West Area		2003
1990	1306	Zonta Club of Adelaide East		2002
1993	1410	Zonta Club of Gawler Inc.	02	
1994	1500	Zonta Club of Port Lincoln Inc.	02	
2002	1717	Zonta Club of Clare & Districts	02	2019

2014	1926	Zonta Club of Mt Barker	02	
2015	1944	Zonta Club of Lower Eyre	02	

Tasmania

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1971	0682	Zonta Club of Hobart Inc.	05	
1977	0809	Zonta Club of Launceston Inc.	05	
1980	0934	Zonta Club of Glenorchy Derwent		2007
1996	1528	Zonta Club of Devonport Inc.	05	
1997	1569	Zonta Club of Storm Bay/ Hobart East Inc.*		2011
1999	1637	Zonta Club of Queenborough Inc.*		2011
2011	1569	Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent Inc.	05	
2018	1980	Zonta Club of Cradle-Coast	05	

* In 2011, club number 1569, the Zonta Club of Storm Bay, and club number 1637, the Zonta Club of Queenborough Inc., amalgamated to form the Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent, retaining the charter number from the Zonta Club of Storm Bay, number 1569.

Victoria

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1996	0555	Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Inc.*	01	
1973	0724	Zonta Club of Melbourne Yarra Inc.*		2004
1978	0861	Zonta Club of Waverly Inc.**	01	
1978	0863	Zonta Club of Ballarat Inc.	04	
1979	0879	Zonta Club of Geelong Inc.	04	
1980	0913	Zonta Club of Frankston Inc.***	01	
1980	0954	Zonta Club of Bendigo Inc.	04	
1981	0989	Zonta Club of Melbourne's West Inc.***	01	
1983	1064	Zonta Club of Latrobe Valley Area		1999
1984	1096	Zonta Club of Mornington Peninsula Inc.	01	
1985	1134	Zonta Club of Shepparton		1996
1988	1196	Zonta Club of Wangaratta Inc.	04	
1988	1200	Zonta Club of Sale Area		1992
1994	1489	Zonta Club of Kyneton Inc.	04	
1994	1490	Zonta Club of Berwick		1997
1997	1568	Zonta Club of Melton Inc.	04	
2000	1661	Zonta Club of Melbourne CBD Inc.		2008
2001	1697	Zonta Club of Geelong Central		2007
2012	1904	Zonta Club of Central Goldfields Inc.	04	
2016	1959	Zonta Club of Mitchell	04	

* Club numbers 555, the Zonta Club of Melbourne, and 724, the Zonta Club of Melbourne Yarra, merged in 2004 to form the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra with the club number 555.

**In 2014, the Zonta Club of Waverly Inc. changed their name to Melbourne's East Inc.

*** The Zonta Club of Frankston Inc. changed their name to the Zonta Club of Melbourne's South East. Date unknown.

** In 2000, the Zonta Club of Footscray changed their name to the Zonta Club of Melbourne's West Inc., in order to reflect the changing nature of Melbourne's western suburbs.

Victoria/ New South Wales Border

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1988	1227	Zonta Club of Albury-Wodonga Inc.	04	

Western Australia

Year Chartered	Club Number	Club Name	Area as of 2018	Closed
1972	0685	Zonta Club of Perth Inc.		
1979	0891	Zonta Club of South of Perth		1997
1981	0979	Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc.	03	
1984	1068	Zonta Club of Darling Rangers		1993
1988	1194	Zonta Club of Bunbury Inc.	03	
1991	1319	Zonta Club of Dunsborough Inc.	03	
1993	1412	Zonta Club of Peel Inc.	03	
1999	1627	Zonta Club of Swan Hills Inc.	03	

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