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EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

# Zontalong

May 2016

## What's On ....

**Dinner Meeting and AGM**  
Wednesday 4 May 2016  
6pm for 6.30pm start

**Special Guest Speaker**  
**Patti Manoli**  
CEO Geelong Regional Library Service,  
International Women's Day 2016 Honour  
Roll Inductee

## TRIVIA NIGHT

TIME: 7PM

DATE: SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2016

VENUE: GEELONG UMPIRES ROOMS  
KARDINIA PARK GEELONG

DRINKS AVAILABE AT THE BAR

SILENT AUCTION

PRIZES INCLUDE BEST DECORATED TABLE

FOR FURTHER DETAILS VISIT THE WEBSITE

## Inside this issue.....

### Addressing Family Violence

#### State government

Source: [www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-13/victorian-government-commits-\\$572m-to-tackle-family-violence/7322116](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-13/victorian-government-commits-$572m-to-tackle-family-violence/7322116)

Family Violence: Victorian Government commits \$572m following royal commission. [It delivers on 65 of the commission's 227 recommendations](#) See page 2 for further details

#### Australian Government

Source: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/women>

A new website and service has been established by the Australian Government Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner. **eSafetyWomen**. This initiative forms part of the Australian Government's [Women's Safety Package to Stop the Violence](#).

The **eSafetyWomen** resources aim to help women manage technology risks and abuse by giving women the tools they need to be confident when online.

The Commonwealth Government has also made available free workshops delivered by expert trainers aimed at frontline and specialist staff, mainstream professionals and those volunteering in the domestic violence field. See page 2 for further details .

### International

See how Zonta International Foundation empowers women and girls worldwide. Page 3.

### Upcoming Activities...

**ZI Conference**—2-6 July, Nice France

**Christmas in July**—6 July

**Fundraiser Bunning BBQ**— Sunday 10 July Bunnings North Geelong.

**Movie Night**—Wednesday August 24



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# Governments responses to violence against family violence

## Australian Government

### eSafety for Women—empowering women to take control online

Millions of women and girls experience violence daily because of their gender. 73 per cent of women report experiencing abuse online, with women 27 times more likely to be abused online than men.

Most women who are abused offline by current and former partners, will also be subject to violence online. \*

Online violence includes abusive text messages and phone calls, offensive online posts, stalking, threats, hate messages, and the encouragement of self harm.

**eSafety** planning will help all women use technology to manage online abuse and to prevent abusers locating them through social media and devices.

A newly established service **eSafetyWomen** is designed to empower Australian women to take control of their online experiences. This initiative of the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner forms part of the Australian Government's [Women's Safety Package to Stop the Violence](#).

The site provides advise on

- eSafety tips
- Collecting evidence
- Securing your accounts and devices
- Establishing an eSafety Checklist—for someone else.

The initiative also includes **fully funded workshop aimed at frontline and specialist staff, mainstream professionals and those volunteering in the domestic violence field**. It will equip participants with the skills and knowledge to support women and families experiencing or recovering from technology facilitated abuse, helping empower them to take control online. Participants will access Australian produced videos and interactive learning tools to reinforce learnings from the workshop. Find out more about [eSafety for Women](#).

## State Government

More than half a billion dollars will be committed to tackle family violence in Victoria's upcoming state budget, in the wake of the final report of the landmark Royal Commission into Family Violence.

[It delivers on 65 of the commission's 227 recommendations](#), in what the Government says is a "first step" towards addressing the problem.

Funding breakdown:

- \$152.5 million to go to crisis housing
- \$122 million to support children affected by family violence
- \$103.9 million for specialist family violence services
- \$61.6 million to promote respect for women in the community and in schools

Zonta Club of Geelong through service and advocacy continue to raising awareness of the issues of domestic violence.

We continue to

- support Salvo Connect
- Partner with Minerva Community Services
- Members of regional group for National Council of Women
- Barwon Month of Action Network

## May 2016 marks 50 years of Zonta in Australia

**Members, past members, family and friends are cordially invited to the celebratory luncheon** held to mark this 50th anniversary of Zonta in Australia and of the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra.

When: 12noon Saturday 28 May 2016

Where: Amora Riverwalk Melbourne, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond 3121

Guest Speaker: Past International President of Zonta, Val Sarah AM DSJ,

Cost: \$63 pp - includes a welcome drink on arrival

RSVP: [Trybooking](#) by Friday 13 May 2016.

Gifts to Zonta International Foundation empower women. Below are a couple of examples how your contributions are improving the lives of women worldwide.

### **Sarah Shamu, fistula survivor**

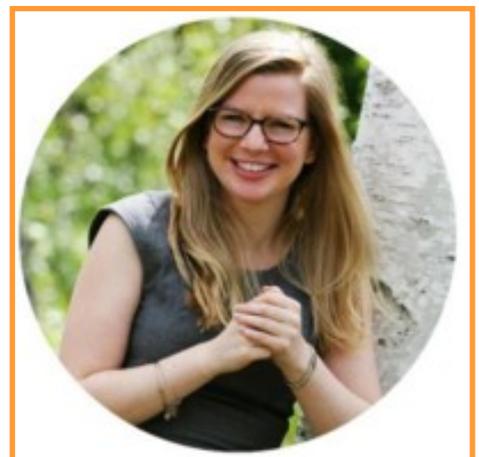
"I was successfully treated by the Liberia Fistula Program, which also provided me with the opportunity to turn my life around. I took that opportunity to learn soap-making, cosmetology, hair plaiting and embroidery. I am now free from fistula and empowered to earn my own money."

### **Aichatou Boubacar, 19, a Niger program participant**

"I decided to return to school because from attending the program, I became aware that it was better for my future rather than to stay put and do nothing. I would like to become a surgeon."

### **Lyssa Jackson, 2015 JMK Women in Business Scholarship recipient**

"I will not only become the first person in my family to receive a college degree, but I will also be set on track to achieve future educational goals, excel at a career of my choosing, and most importantly, be given the opportunity to continue embodying the spirit of Jane M. Klausman by empowering women in business, in the classroom, at work and in the world."



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