

BENDIGO ZONTA'S NEWEST MEMBERS.

In the late 2010s Bendigo Zonta welcomed a group of young vibrant women into our club. In 2018 Ashleigh, Sarah C and Sarah G all joined and our two newest young professional members Jess and Lucy joined this year.

Ashleigh Colquhoun now a member of Zonta for 2 years, is a passionate advocate for women. With strong leadership skills, she is making a difference; see her story below:

“I joined Zonta in 2018 with the goal of making a difference to the lives of women in Bendigo. My current role with Zonta is sitting on the service and advocacy committee and the Area 4 Advocacy Network. With 16 Days of Activism beginning in November, Zonta has collaboratively worked with communities to participate in activities for the prevention of violence against women. Maintaining a presence in networks and action groups provides Zonta with the information necessary to actively contribute.

Through my employment, I aim to look for opportunities for Zonta to participate in the gender equality work that is taking place in Bendigo. The Area 4 Advocacy Network is still evolving as a relatively new network; however, I am excited to see what opportunities arise for advocacy and collective action. I believe that gender inequality negatively impacts everyone and that we all have a role in creating a gender equal world. Not all women experience inequality in the same ways, and it is vital to remember intersecting levels of privilege and power. As a Zontian, I hope that efforts in advocacy will have positive impacts for all members of the community and that no one is left behind. I am the youngest member of the Zonta Club of Bendigo, and I hope that I don't hold that title for much longer! Zonta is not age exclusive, and the life of this club will be sustained by new and young members.”