

The Journey of Zonta International District 16 Kakahu, Tohu Aroha

2008 - Present

This record will be updated at the conclusion of each District 16 Governor's term, documenting every occasion the Kakahu is worn.



The District 16 Kakahu

TOHU AROHA



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The Commencement of the Kakahu's Journey with District 16

17 May 2008 The kakahu (Tohu Aroha) was brought to Dunedin by Ranui Ngarimu and Te Aue Davis and presented to the Governor and District 16 board for the 2006-2008 biennium.

17 May 2008 District 16 Governor, Lynette Grave, wore the kakahu for the first time to her End of Biennium Celebration dinner to celebrate the huge commitment by her to the commissioning of the kakahu.

18 May 2008 District 16 Governor, Lynette Grave, took the kakahu to the Area 5 Forum in Dunedin where it was displayed on a static mannequin to allow the members of her district, Area 5, to see the kakahu for the first time.

21 May 2008 District 16 Governor, Lynette Grave, took the kakahu to the newly chartered club of Oamaru and wore it while presenting the charter members with their Zonta membership badges.

27 May 2008 The kakahu was worn by District 16 Governor Lynette Grave, as a member of the official party at the Zonta Club of Wellington Science Awards at Government House.

16 June 2008 The kakahu left New Zealand for the first time, travelling to Stockholm and Estonia on the way to the Zonta 2008 Convention in Rotterdam.

28 June 2008 Governor Lynette Grave proudly wore the kakahu while carrying the New Zealand flag on behalf of her club, Metropolitan Dunedin, who had been asked to carry the flag at the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Convention in Rotterdam. Tohu Aroha was very much admired and Governor Lynette Grave reports she had many Zontians attending the Rotterdam Convention request that she have her photo taken with them. She proudly acceded to their request.



Governor Lynette Grave wearing Tohu Aroha at the Zonta Club of Wellington Science Awards at Government House, Wellington May 2008. With Her Excellency Susan Satyanand.

Governor 2009-2011 Lynette Grave wearing the Tohu Aroha at the opening ceremony for the 2009 Zonta Convention in Hamilton for the Zonta Club of Metropolitan Districts.



Governor 2006-2008 Lynette Grave carrying the New Zealand Flag at the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Zonta Convention in Rotterdam for the Zonta Club of Metropolitan Dunedin.

22nd August 2008 – Tohu Aroha was couriered from Lynette Grave (Past District Governor) to Anne Walker (Governor 2006-2010) in Palmerston North, and delivered to Massey University, Palmerston North, where it was greatly admired by co-workers.

15th September 2008 – Anne Walker District 16 Governor wore the kakahu to officiate at the Charter of the Z Club of Corran School, Auckland, held during the Awards Presentation Evening at the Zonta Club of Auckland.

15th October 2008 – Anne Walker District 16 Governor wore the kakahu to officiate at the Charter of the Z Club of Carmel College, Auckland.

22nd October 2008 – Anne Walker District 16 Governor wore the kakahu when presenting the District 16 Jane M Klausman Award to 2008 recipient, and later Zonta International scholarship winner, Genevieve Cooper

28th March 2009 – The kakahu was worn by Anne Walker for the opening of the Area 1 District meeting (forum) held at the Howick Historic Village, Pakuranga, Auckland

1st October 2009 – Anne Walker wore the kakahu during the Official Opening Ceremony of the 10th District 16 Conference held in the Banquet Hall of Parliament Buildings, and hosted by the Minister of Womans Affair, Hon. Pansy Wong.



Anne Walker, Governor 2008-2010, at the Charter of the Zonta Club of Mangawahi, With Liz Holstead, Charter President.

15th May 2010 - Tohu Aroha travelled to Christchurch and was worn during the Governors presentation at the Area 3 Forum, and later was made available for viewing by Club members.

15th May 2010 – Anne Walker District 16 Governor wore the kakahu to officiate at the Charter of the Zonta Club of Mangawhai, in Northland

22nd June 2010 – Tohu Aroha left New Zealand with the Governor to travel to the USA to attend the Zonta International Convention held in San Antonio, Texas.

25th June 2010 – Tohu Aroha was worn by Anne Walker, when carrying the New Zealand flag at the Official Opening Ceremony of the Zonta International Convention. As always the kakahu received many admiring comments, not only from international visitors, who recognised the cloak as a special indigenous artform, but also from expatriate kiwis who came to touch the kakahu and ask of about about its history.

24th July 2010 – Tohu Aroha returned to Christchurch New Zealand in the care of the past District Governor, Anne Walker, and was passed formally to care and trust of Anne McMurtrie, District Governor 2010-2012 during the induction of the incoming 2010-2012 District 16 Board of Directors.



Anne Walker Governor 2008-2012 wearing Tohu Aroha at the Zonta international Convention, June 2010.
Pictured here at the Opening Ceremony with the New Zealand Contingent



24th July 2010 - Tohu Aroha formally handed over to Anne McMurtrie in the presence of the newly inducted board of District 16.



24th November 2010 – The Kakhu was worn at Massey University, Palmerston North by Anne McMurtrie at the presentation to Hannah Broederlow, International winner of the Jane M Klausman Award.

August 15th 2011- Tohu Aroha travelled to Auckland and was worn by Anne McMurtrie at the presentation of the Zonta Club of Auckland Awards.

At the same event Anne McMurtrie presented the presidents badge to the inaugural president of the Z Club of Auckland International College.



25th August 2011- Tohu Aroha worn by Anne McMurtrie at the Zonta Club Hibiscus Coast Awarding of their Scholarship Education Award .

2nd November 2011- The Kakahu was worn by Governor Anne McMurtrie at the opening of the Zonta District 16 biennial conference at Waipuna Auckland .





17th June 2012 - Tohu Aroha left New Zealand to travel to Italy to attend the International Convention in Torino

9th July 2012 -

Tohu Aroha was worn by Governor Anne McMurtrie when carrying the New Zealand flag at the official opening ceremony of the Zonta International Convention.

August 18th 2012-

Tohu Aroha returned to New Zealand and was passed formally to Maureen Heine Governor 2012-2014 at her inaugural dinner in Auckland

2012 – 2014 Biennium

18 August 2012

At the Celebration Dinner held in Auckland, Tohu Aroha was passed over to Maureen Heine, District 16 Governor, by outgoing Governor Anne McMurtrie.

28 August 2012

Governor Maureen Heine wore Tohu Aroha at the presentation ceremony for the recipient of the Zonta Club of Hibiscus Coast's Second Chance Award in Orewa, Auckland.

18 March 2013

Tohu Aroha was again worn by Governor Maureen Heine at the presentation of Zonta International District 16's Jane M Klausman Scholarship to recipient Nupur Upadhyay at an evening hosted by the Zonta Club of Auckland.

17 April 2013

At the Charter of the Rutherford College Z Club, Auckland, Governor Maureen Heine in her official capacity, wore the Kakahu which was greatly admired by the Z Club members.

21 April 2013

Tohu Aroha travelled from Auckland to Rotorua with Lt Governor, Janette Irvine for repairs to be carried out by weaver Ranui Ngarimu who was at the time visiting Rotorua.

25 August 2013

Tohu Aroha travelled to Auckland from Rotorua with Governor Maureen Heine. The Kakahu had now been repaired but there were still feathers to be replaced.



Past District Governor Anne McMurtrie formally passing over the Kakahu to Governor Maureen Heine at the Celebration Dinner 18 August 2012



Governor Maureen Heine wearing the Kakahu after her opening address at the Celebration Dinner 18 August 2012

24 September 2013

Governor Maureen Heine travelled to Queenstown with the Kakahu for the 12th Biennial Zonta International Conference.

27 September 2013

At the Official Opening Ceremony of the 12th Biennial Zonta International District 16's Conference, held in Queenstown, Governor Maureen Heine wore the Kakahu with pride.

29 September 2013

Tohu Aroha was worn again two days later by Governor Maureen Heine at the presentation of Zonta International District 16's certificate to Young Women in Public Affairs recipient Isobel Fergusson. It then travelled back to Auckland on 2 October 2013.

9 November 2013

Governor Maureen Heine wore the Kakahu at the presentation of the certificate to Zonta International District 16's Jane M Klausman Scholarship recipient Alana Scott at an event hosted by the Zonta Club of Hamilton-Waikato in Hamilton.

4 May 2014

The Kakahu travelled to Rotorua with Lt Governor, Janette Irvine, and then onto Christchurch on 16 May 2014 for weaver Ranui Ngarimu to replace the missing feathers.

17 May 2014

Tohu Aroha was exhibited to attendees at the Christchurch Area 3 Forum, and a brief history of the garment was given by Governor Maureen Heine. It was transported back to Auckland that same day.



Official Opening Ceremony at the 12th biennial Zonta International District 16 Conference held in Queenstown 27 - 29 September 2013



Governor Maureen with Zonta International District 16's 2013 Young Women in Public Affairs recipient Isobel Fergusson of Ashburton 29 September 2013

21 June 2014

Governor Maureen travelled to Los Angeles and then on to Orlando, Florida with the Tohu Aroha for the Zonta International's 62nd Convention.

27 June 2014

Tohu Aroha was proudly worn by Governor Maureen Heine carrying the New Zealand flag at the Official Opening Ceremony of the 62nd Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida. The Kakahu was admired and commented on by those that recognised the significance of this special indigenous garment and the honour bestowed on whoever wears it.

4 July 2014

Tohu Aroha travelled from Orlando, Florida back to Auckland, New Zealand with past District Governor Maureen Heine.

1 August 2014

Past District Governor travelled with Tohu Aroha to Rotorua for the Celebration of the New Biennium Dinner and the passing of the garment to District Governor Janette Irvine.

2 August 2014

At the Celebration of the New Biennium Dinner in honour of 2014-2016 Zonta International District 16 Governor, Janette Irvine, Tohu Aroha was passed over formally to her care and trust.



Zonta International District 16's recipient of the Jane M Klausman Scholarship Alana Scott receiving her certificate 9 November 2013



Governor Maureen at the Official Opening Ceremony at the 62nd Zonta International Convention in Florida, Orlando 27 June 2014

2014 - 2016 BIENNIUM

2 August 2014

At the Celebration of the New Biennium Dinner Tohu Aroha was entrusted to the care of District Governor Janette Irvine. The story of Tohu Aroha was told by Past Governor Maureen Heine, before the formal handing-over ceremony.



Past District Governor, Maureen Heine, telling the story of Tohu Aroha at the Celebration of the New Biennium Dinner August 2nd 2014



Past Governor, Maureen Heine, passing Tohu Aroha to District Governor 2014-2016, Janette Irvine



16 August 2014

Tohu Aroha travelled to Whangarei for the presentation of the District 16 and Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Awards to Danielle Newton. Danielle was supported by the Whangarei Club. It returned to Rotorua on 19 August.



Danielle Newton and Governor Janette Irvine

17 November 2014

Kate McCaw was presented with the Zonta International and District 16 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Awards in Auckland. Kate was sponsored by the Zonta Club of Auckland North Shore. Tohu Aroha was taken up from Rotorua and returned on 18 November.



Governor Janette, D16 JMK Committee Chair Anne McMurtrie, Kate McCaw, Auckland North Shore President Gail Pianta

22 December 2014

Tohu Aroha was taken to Manaaki Pene, Collection Manager for the Rotorua Museum. She had arranged a roll to put the kakahu onto for storage, with acid-free paper covering, and showed Governor Janette how to store it correctly.

26 July 2015

The Charter Ceremony was held for the Z Club of Macleans College, in Howick, Auckland. Tohu Aroha travelled to Auckland and was worn for the official part of the ceremony, then returned to Rotorua.



Alina Lin and Erin Shen, Co-Presidents, with Governor Janette

02 September 2015

Tohu Aroha travelled to the Hibiscus Coast for the Second Chance Scholarship Award presentation to Vera Diaz-Sieckel.



From left Governor Janette, Vera Diaz-Sieckel, Hibiscus Coast Club President, Linda Braithwaite

18 September 2016

Opening Ceremony of 13th Biennial District 16 Conference in Rotorua.



From left Mayor Hon. Steve Chadwick, Zonta International Representative Winnie Teoh, Governor Janette, Kaumatua Monty Morrison

20 September 2016

Tohu Aroha was worn again at conference for the presentation of the District 16 YWPA award to Gauri Prabhakar.



From left District 16 YWPA Chair Sue Poynter, awardee Gauri Prabhakar, Governor Janette

19 October 2015

Tohu Aroha travelled to Auckland for the Auckland Club's 50th birthday and awards dinner. Katie Keir was presented with her District 16 and Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Scholarship certificates.



Katie Keir with JMK Chair, Anne McMurtrie and Gov. Janette

28 May 2016

In Rotorua, PIP Lynn McKenzie presented Tohu Aroha to Governor Janette to be worn for her last speech at the end of biennium dinner, acknowledging the District 16 Board, District Chairs, Past Governors, Rotorua Club and all the members in New Zealand for support through the biennium.



From Left: PGs Anne McMurtrie, Maxelyn Tudman, Lynette Grave, Gov Janette, PGs Maureen Heine, Anne Walker, PIP Lynn McKenzie

27 June 2016

Tohu Aroha departed New Zealand with Governor Janette, stopped in Singapore for 2 days and then on to Nice, France, for the 63rd Zonta International Convention.

03 July 2016

Tohu Aroha was proudly worn by Governor Janette at the Opening Ceremony of the 63rd Zonta International Convention in Nice.



07 July 2016

Tohu Aroha was entrusted to the care of 2016-18 Governor Janet Hope to be transported back to New Zealand, to be officially passed over to her at the celebration dinner for the new biennium on 20 August 2016.

2016-2018 Biennium

20 August 2016

At the celebration of the new biennium dinner Tohu Aroha was formally handed over to the care of District Governor Janet Hope. The story of Tohu Aroha was told by Past District Governor Janette Irvine, before the handing over ceremony.



Past District Governor Janette Irvine passing Tohu Aroha to District Governor 2016-2018 Janet Hope

3 September 2016

Tohu Aroha travelled to Rotorua for the presentation of the District 16 Young Woman in Public Affairs Award to Loren Skudder-Hill. Loren was supported by the Rotorua Club. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



5 October 2016

Tohu Aroha travelled to Papakura for the Zonta Club of South Auckland Awards Dinner where three club awards were presented: Young Woman in Public Affairs Award to Amandeep Kaur, Trades Award to Jane Halifonua-Walmsley and Study Award to Candice Ellery. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



17 October 2016

Tohu Aroha travelled to Parnell for the Zonta Club of Auckland Awards Dinner where three club awards were presented: Young Woman in Public Affairs Award to Tamkeen Saeid; Jane M Klausman scholarship to Hannah Bartley and Cherry Raymond (Auckland Club) award to Michelle Kidd. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



6 February 2017

Tohu Aroha travelled to Thames to celebrate the 25th birthday of the Zonta Club of Thames Valley. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



30th April 2017

Tohu Aroha travelled to Hamilton for the Area 4 meeting where the 2016 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship District and International recipient Sarah-Michell Washer was presented with her District 16 award. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



15th May 2017

Tohu Aroha travelled to North Shore, Auckland to present the Zonta Club of Auckland North Shore YWPA recipient Emily Fann her club award. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



2nd July 2017

Tohu Aroha travelled to Karaka for the Zonta Club of South Auckland's 40th birthday celebrations. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



24th August 2017

Tohu Aroha attended the Zonta Club of Hibiscus Coast Second Chance Scholarship Award Presentation to Meagan Ranby.



20th September 2017

Tohu Aroha travelled to Christchurch for the 13th District 16 Biennial Conference. It returned to Orewa on 25th September.



District Governor Janet with International Representative Hsin-hsin Yang



With 2017 International and District 16 YWPA Awardee Emily Fan

4th October 2017

Tohu Aroha travelled to Takanini for the Zonta Club of South Auckland Awards night. It returned to Orewa on the same day.



AD1 Irene McPherson, Study Award winner Danielle Potae, Club President Iris Durney, Governor Janet and YWPA awardee Galuafa Panuauga.

16th October 2017

Tohu Aroha travelled to Parnell for the Zonta Club of Auckland Awards night. It returned on the same day.



With Zonta NZ Woman of the Biennium, Mai Chen and Rotorua Club Vice President Chris Stevens.

16th October 2017



With Irene King, Club JMK winner, Kanika Solanki and Club President Lyn Amos

5th April 2018

Tohu Aroha travelled to Rotorua for the charter of the Z Club of Rotorua Girls High School. It returned to Orewa on 6th April.



Members of the Z Club with Area 4 Director Vivienne Stephens, and members of the Zonta Club of Rotorua

23rd April 2018

Tohu Aroha travelled to Christchurch for the charter of the Golden Z Club of Lincoln University. It returned to Orewa on 24th April.



Members of the Golden Z Club with Z Club Chair Gay Gallagher, Lt Governor Souella Cumming, Area 3 Director Sue Grainger, Jan Fortune (Chch South) and Mayor of Selwyn Sam Broughton

26th May 2018

Tohu Aroha travelled to Mt Wellington for End of Biennium celebration dinner. It Then travelled to Wellington with Lt Governor Souella Cumming.



Tohu Aroha was entrusted to the care of 2018-2020 Governor Souella Cumming, to be transported to Japan and back to New Zealand, and then to be officially passed over to her at the start of biennium dinner on 8th September 2017

25th June 2018

Tohu Aroha travelled to Japan with Lt Governor Souella Cumming for the 64th Zonta International Convention. It was worn by Governor Janet Hope at the opening ceremony Tohu Aroha returned to New Zealand on 15th July.



2018 – 2020 Biennium

Tohu Aroha left the 2018 Convention in Yokohama, Japan and travelled to Kyoto and Tokyo before returning to New Zealand in mid July 2018.

8 September 2018

2018 – 2020 Biennium Dinner

Need picture of Janet Hope

handing over the kakahu

Janet Hope, 2016 – 2018 District 16 Governor formally presented the kakahu to Souella Cumming, 2018 – 2020 District 16 Governor at the start of the biennium dinner held in Wellington on 8th September 2018.

Tohu Aroha then began its journey throughout New Zealand over the centennial biennium, attending many Club celebrations and District events and meetings.

30 September 2018

Tohu Aroha worn at the 30th Anniversary of the Tauranga Club.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta Club of Tauranga Charter member Diane Ellacott (joined 1988) and Yasmin Rwan (joined 2018).

3 October 2018

Tohu Aroha was worn at the South Auckland Awards evening.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta Club of South Auckland 2018 Young Women in Public Affairs award winner, Kaushal Prasad with her proud mother.

26 October 2018

Tohu Aroha was worn at the East Auckland Awards evening.



Governor Souella Cumming presenting the Zonta International District 16 Young Women in Public Affairs award to Sara Khatau, 2018 winner.

25 January 2019

Tohu Aroha was worn at the 25th Anniversary of the Ashburton Club.

24 March 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Palmerston North to the Area 2 Meeting held in March 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta members from the Area 2 Clubs – Hawkes Bay, Whanganui, Manawatu, Mana and Wellington

6 April 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Dunedin to the 2019 Area 5 Meeting.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta members from the Area 5 Clubs – Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin-Otago, Metropolitan Dunedin and soon to be chartered, Invercargill.

4 May 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Auckland West to the Area 1 Meeting held in May 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta members from the Area 1 Clubs – Auckland, Auckland West, South Auckland, East Auckland, North Shore, Hibiscus Coast, Mangawhai, Hatea-Whangarei and Whangarei.

18 May 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Christchurch to the Area 3 Meeting.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta members from the Area 3 Clubs – Christchurch-Canterbury, Christchurch North, Christchurch South and Waimakariri.

19 May 2019

Zonta Club of Wellington celebrated its 50th Anniversary in May 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with one of the early members of the Zonta Club of Wellington, Kate Coolahan.

26 May 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Tauranga to the Area 4 Meeting held in May 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta members from the Area 4 Clubs – Hamilton-Waikato, Thames, Tauranga, Rotorua, and soon to be chartered Whakatane.

1 July 2019

Tohu Aroha worn at the 40th birthday celebrations for the Zonta Club of Mana meeting on 1 July 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with 2019 Mana Club President, Pat Liddell and Charter President, Shirley Gay.

6 July 2019

Tohu Aroha worn at the 30th Anniversary of the Timaru Club in July 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta Timaru Club Presidents, past and present.

26 July 2019

Tohu Aroha worn at the chartering of the Howick College Z Club in July 2019.



3 August 2019

A very special occasion was the chartering of the Zonta Club of Invercargill, seen here at the charter dinner in August 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta Club of Invercargill Charter President, Carla Werder and Past District Governor Lynette Grave, chair of the SOM Committee for the new Invercargill club.

24 August 2019

This was followed by the charter dinner for the Zonta Club of Whakatane held in August 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta Club of Whakatane Charter President, Deb Woollett and Lt. Governor Desirae Kirby, chair of the SOM Committee for the new Whakatane club.

6 September 2019

The District 16 Conference was held in Brisbane on 6 September 2019 as part of the Inter-District Conference held 6 – 8 September 2019 with Districts 22, 23 and 24 as part of the centenary celebrations. Tohu Aroha travelled to Brisbane as part of these celebrations.



Governor Souella Cumming with Lieutenant Governor Desirae Kirby at the District 16 Conference.



Governor Souella Cumming with Dame Therese Walsh, keynote speaker at the conference.

17 October 2019

Tohu Aroha also travelled to the Hibiscus Coast to be part of the Awards Night and 30th Anniversary celebrations for the Club.



Governor Souella Cumming with Past District Governor and Hibiscus Coast Club President, Janet Hope, Area 1 Director Margaret Coe and '100 for 100 Club' new members.

21 October 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Auckland to be part of the Auckland Club awards evening to present the Zonta Club of Auckland 2019 Cherry Raymond Award and the District 16 Young Women in Public Affairs award.



Governor Souella Cumming with Zonta Club of Auckland 2019 Cherry Raymond Award winner, Lizzie Marvelley, and District 16 2019 Young Woman in Public Affairs winner, Olivia Luxon.

7 November 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Christchurch for the Area 3 celebration of the centenary in November 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Area 3 Director Phillippa Jacobs.

23 November 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Whangarei for a celebration of the two recipients of the District 16 Centennial Women of Achievement Awards.



Governor Souella Cumming with Dr Edna Tait and Dr Lauren Roche.

25 November 2019

Tohu Aroha travelled to Auckland for the final centennial celebration and Paint the Bridge Orange on 25 November 2019.



Governor Souella Cumming with Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy and District 16 Women of Achievement Award winners.



Governor Souella Cumming with Past District Governor Janet Hope and Chair of the District 16 Centennial Committee, Barbara Pope.



Governor Souella Cumming with the Auckland Harbour Bridge lit in orange to acknowledge the 100 centenary celebration and the start of the 2019 Zonta Days No Campaign.

19 February 2020

Tohu Aroha travelled to Hamilton in February 2020 to present the 2019 Women of Achievement Award to the family of the late Eva Rickard



Governor Souella Cumming with members of the late Eva Rickard's family including her three daughters, granddaughter and great granddaughter.

15 March 2020

Tohu Aroha travelled to Rotorua in March 2020 as part of the Area 4 meeting. This was to be the last official wearing in a face-to-face setting in the 2018 – 2020 biennium as in-person activities were curtailed due to the coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19.



Governor Souella Cumming with District 16 Jane M. Klausman Award winner, Quin Leong.

The other 2020 Area Meetings were cancelled, and the remainder of activities were held via zoom or other virtually technology.

23 May 2020

Tohu Aroha was worn during the last formal board meetings of the 2018-2020 biennium – a new experience for the kakahu, where adaptation was called for due to the coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19.



2018 – 2020

The 2018 – 2020 was a very special biennium because of the celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of Zonta International being established in Buffalo New York on 8 November 1919. Tohu Aroha travelled throughout the country and attended many special events at a Club and District 16 level. The end of the biennium was impacted by the affects of COVID-19, including the cancellation of the end of biennium handover from one governor to another. 2018 – 2020 Governor Souella Cumming wore Tohu Aroha for the last time on 17 July 2020 and formally handed over the kakahu to 2020 – 2022 District 16 Governor Desirae Kirby on 19 September 2020.



2020 – 2022 Biennium

18 July 2020 Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic the Zonta International Convention in Chicago (3rd to 8th July 2020) was cancelled. This was to be the 100th anniversary celebration for Zonta International. Tohu Aroha therefore did not leave New Zealand.

The formal international biennium changeover was delayed until 18 July 2020 and took place as a Zoom event with the 2020-22 Governors and Zonta International Officers being sworn in on-line. Outgoing Governor Souella Cumming conducted a short virtual handover of Tohu Aroha and other D16 badges of office to Incoming Governor Desirae Kirby. The physical handover of Tohu Aroha into Governor Desirae's care took place on the 19th of September 2020.



19 September 2020

Some images from the physical handover of Tohu Aroha from 2018-20 District 16 Governor Souella Cumming to 2020-22 District 16 Governor Desirae Kirby. As the August 2020 Changeover Dinner in Rotorua had been cancelled due to COVID-19 the handover of Tohu Aroha was for the first time in D16 history, a private ceremony between Governors with only Governor Desirae's husband (Neale Kent) in attendance to take photos. Undertaken on the shores of Lake Rotorua with Mokoia Island in the background, the 19th of September date was chosen as it coincided with Suffrage Day in New Zealand.

Governor Desirae also took the opportunity to congratulate outgoing Governor Souella Cumming on her election to the Zonta International Board as a Director for the 2020-22 biennium. Governor Desirae presented Souella with her Past Governor's Pin and a print designed by Rotorua member and D16 PR & Digital Communications Chair Sierra de la Croix. The print was designed around a quote by New Zealand Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern, who also personally signed the print.





28 September 2020

Following the physical handover of Tohu Aroha to Governor Desirae, the first opportunity to wear the kākahu to an event was on 28 September when the Zonta Club of Mangawhai celebrated their 10th birthday. Governor Desirae is pictured with Club President Helen White (left) and club founder and D16 Service Chairman Liz Holsted.



8 November 2020

The Zonta Club of Hamilton – Waikato celebrated their 50th Birthday on 8 November 2020 and also marked Zonta's 101st birthday. Tohu Aroha was worn by Governor Desirae when she addressed the attendees and cut the birthday cake with long-standing Hamilton-Waikato member – Jill Hobden.



7 December 2020

Another club 50th birthday was marked on 7 December 2020 when Governor Desirae attended the Zonta Club Of Christchurch-Canterbury's celebration. Tohu Aroha was worn when Governor Desirae addressed the attendees and cut the 50th birthday cake along with longest serving current member Dame Adrienne Stewart and youngest club member Cassidy McMillan.



7 December 2020

Continuing the tradition of the Governor's role as kaitiaki (guardian and protector) of Tohu Aroha – Governor Desirae organised for Ranui Ngarimu to refurbish the kākahu. It had last been refurbished in the 2014-16 biennium by Ranui, at the request of 2014-16 District 16 Governor – Dr Janette Irvine.

Governor Desirae transported the kākahu on the 7 December to Christchurch (see previous page) and it was handed into Ranui's care on 8 December 2020. The first image shows the areas on Tohu Aroha that Ranui marked for repair. The second image shows the finished work on 18 December 2020. Ranui remarked to Governor-Desirae that it was wonderful to have Tohu Aroha visit her for a while.

District 16 Secretary Wendy Almond took temporary custody of Tohu Aroha from Ranui, until Governor Desirae was able to return to Christchurch to collect our precious taonga.



13 March 2021

Area Meetings were able to be held in 2021 despite cancellations of many other club events due to COVID-19. Governor Desirae wore Tohu Aroha on 13 March 2021 at the Area 1 Meeting in Auckland to present Cecilia Wang with the 2020 Zonta District 16 award for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. [The 2020 Young Women in Public Affairs Award winner E Wen Wong was presented with her Zonta District 16 Award and also a Zonta International YWPA Award by Lt Governor Phillippa-Jacobs in Christchurch on 12 October 2020].



1 May 2021

Tohu Aroha travelled to Ashburton where Governor Desirae addressed the Zonta Club of Ashburton's International Women's Day breakfast attended by over 300 women. Governor Desirae elected to wear the kākahu in honour of the presence of Zonta International Honorary Member, Dame Marilyn Waring, who was the keynote speaker at the event.



L to R: Ashburton President Tiffany McRae, Dame Marilyn Waring, D16 Governor Desirae Kirby, Area 5 Director Alison Grant

25-26 September 2021

The 16th Biennial Zonta International District 16 Conference had been scheduled to take place in Rotorua. Five weeks prior to the Conference, New Zealand went into a second nation-wide lockdown due to the arrival of the Delta variant of COVID-19. With 180 Zontians booked to attend, Governor Desirae & Conference Chairman Karen Hunt took the difficult decision to move the entire conference online via Zoom. Despite the challenges of reworking the format in a very tight timeline, the Conference was a great success. Key speakers included: The Hon. Jan Tinetti (Minister for Women); The Hon. Steve Chadwick (Mayor of Rotorua); Kate Bundle (CEO of District 16 Project organisation – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust NZ); and the Zonta Young Women Leaders Forum speakers (Maisy Bentley, Hana Halalele, Sierra de la Croix & Kathleen Cole).

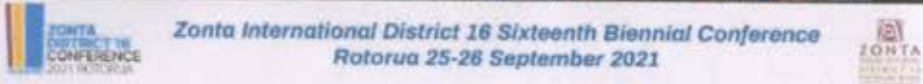
Tohu Aroha was worn for the Governor's Opening Address, Closing Ceremony and for the presentation of the District 16 2021 Young Woman in Public Affairs Award to Carmen Holdaway. Governor Desirae was also honoured to wear the kākahu when presenting Ha Tran with a 2021 Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship – a rare win for District 16. Both awardees also presented to the virtual conference audience. Souella Cumming was the Zonta International Representative to Conference.



Governor Desirae Kirby during her Opening Address



Governor Desirae presents the D16 2021 YWPA Award to Carmen Holdaway



Collage of some of the Conference attendees



Minister Tinetti



Ha Tran – 2021 Amelia Earhart Fellow

Post District Conference to End of the Biennium (28 June 2022)

For the remaining nine months of the biennium, various parts of the country went in and out of lockdown and many planned club events were cancelled or conducted online, or as hybrid events. The 2022 Area Meetings were all conducted via Zoom. Across the biennium, the District 16 Board meetings were evenly split with four held in person and four ending up via Zoom. The 2021 District 16 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship winner (Rachael Aroha Bright) was unable to be presented with her award during the biennium and finally received her award in person in October 2022 from then Past Governor Desirae Kirby.

Given the limited number of in person events, Tohu Aroha was not worn again after the D16 Conference, until the end of the biennium at the Zonta International Convention in Hamburg, Germany (25 – 28 June 2022). Governor Desirae proudly carried the New Zealand flag at the Opening Ceremony of Convention. Past Governor Souella Cumming was elected Zonta International Treasurer for the 2022-24 biennium.



20 August 2022 – Changeover Dinner

Tohu Aroha travelled back from Hamburg with 2020-22 Governor Desirae Kirby, who presented it to 2022-24 District 16 Governor Phillippa Jacobs-Lory at a Changeover Dinner in Christchurch on 20 August 2022. We were honoured to have weaver Ranui Ngarimu in attendance.



Top – 2022-24 Governor Phillippa Jacobs-Lory with past D16 Governors.
Bottom – 2020-22 District 16 Board (missing A2 Director Sarah Barclay).

Governor Changeover Dinner August 16th 2022

The long awaited "Official Photos" of The Zonta International District 16 Biennium Changeover Dinner, August 20th 2022, The Tannery, Christchurch. It was a truly wonderful evening. Enjoyed by many from all around the country.

Thank you to those that travelled near & far to celebrate Governor Desirae's work for her Biennium 2020-2022. And to welcome Governor Phillippa to her 2022-2024 Biennium. Thank you to the outgoing and incoming boards.



2022-2024 Board.

Left to right: Area 5 Director Caeleen Tregrove, Area 1 Director Janine Williams, Treasurer Jenny Phillipson, Area 2 Director Rizwaana Latif, Area 3 Director Anna Arps, Governor Phillippa Jacobs Lory, Parliamentarian Barbara Astill, Lieutenant Governor Jen McKinlay-Birkin, Area 2 Director Leigh Murdock and Secretary Kay Collingwood.

Zonta D16 Kakahu 2022 -2024

Kakahu that the Zonta Governor wears in honour.

We thought it would be wonderful for you all to know the story of our Kakahu that the Zonta Governor wears in honour. I recently interviewed Ranui Ngariumu ONZM. She is the weaver of our Kakahu.

The name is called Kakahi Aroha, this is named for Zonta with the love that we give to our community. The diamond pattern along the bottom weaving - the red is the bark and the black was the mud to get close to our Zonta colours as could be done. The Diamonds are representing you, our Zonta members, protected by the small teeth along the top and the bottom of the diamonds, they are called - Niho, shape (triangles) representing the Taniwha (the Taniwha can be for good, not just for bad) which are protecting Zonta (the diamonds). The feathers on the Kakahu are pheasant feathers which were sourced from the North Island.

She designed and then was the weaver of this beautiful kakahu which has been sourced from the land itself by Ranui. Completely from scratch. It is called a Kakahu, not a Korowai. What is the difference you may ask? This is named from what it is made from. For example if it was a Korowai it would have the tassels all over the garment, because it has them only at each end/sides, it is called a Kakahu. Another example, if it was made of Kiwi feathers it could be called a Kakahu Kiwi. All have equal prestige and are to be worn as often as possible, you are welcome to touch it when you see myself or future Governors wear it, Ranui said she is to be seen and loved. We must wear it, wear it, wear it! Ranui said to take it to Area Meetings so you all can see it and touch it. It is not to be worn while eating - only due to keeping it clean - as it can not be cleaned as other clothes can, the not eating in it has nothing to do with a cultural respect reason. And yes it can be sat in.

I hope you have enjoyed hearing about it. When I wore it for the first time at the Governors Changeover Dinner, I was quite overwhelmed, it is extremely special, and now knowing all of this information, I felt you would all like to hear this too, so it is not just special to myself, but to have me wear it with pride for our whole District to enjoy.



Zonta D16 Kakahu 2022 -2024

March 7th 2023

Zonta International Jane M Klausman Award

Kate Sheppard House Christchurch

It is only fitting that Lauren Thomas got presented her Zonta International Certificate for being a successful winner of the Zonta International Jane M Klausman Award at Kate Sheppard House in Christchurch - the week of International Women's Day.

Lauren was one of the successful 37 awardees out of 62 countries to achieve this. Along side winning the prestigious Zonta International Award of \$5000USD. She is also our recipient of the JMK District 16 Award which is generously sponsored from Craigs Investment Partners (our Sponsor for 5 years) for an additional 2x \$1000 NZD.

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Christchurch-Canterbury who selected Lauren to go through for this award. Lauren has graduated and is one of only a few women in the Colliers International Commercial Valuations team in Christchurch. Congratulations on your success.

And on the same occasion we also congratulate McKenzie Butler. A student from Darfield High School who is the Zonta Club of Christchurch-Canterbury winner of their local club award for the YWPA (Young Women in Public Affairs), she now goes on to D16 and ZI for the next steps in judging.

Both these young women show huge dedication to building a better world for women and girls. We celebrate with them, and like all are proud they had the courage to apply. Their speeches to their families and supporters and thank you to Zonta were truly wonderful and we wish them well for their futures. Governor Phillipa Jacobs-Lory was also very proud, for this occasion was her first time wearing the D16 Governors Kakahu. She wore it with pride.



Jane M Klausman Award - Lauren Thomas



YWPA Award - McKenzie Butler

Zonta D16 Kakahu 2022 -2024

Area 2 Meeting 2023

Host Club, Manawatu
March 27th 2023

An amazing weekend with Governor Phillipa who travelled with Lt Governor Jen to Palmerston North for the Area 2 day hosted by the Zonta Club of Manawatu.

It was truly heartening to see members from Zonta Club of Wellington Zonta Club of Mana and the Zonta Club of Hawke's Bay travelling to join in the day. Thank you all for making this day special! Let's continue building a better world for women and girls together!



Area 5 Meeting 2023

Host Club, Invercargill
April 15th 2023

Thank you to the fabulous Zonta Club of Invercargill and Cailleen, Area 5 Director for hosting a fabulous Area 5 Meeting. You not only turned on incredible weather, but a perfect weekend of presentations and Zonta spirit of friendship and support for all.

Excellent for the D16 Kakahu to make it to Invercargill. Governor Phillipa always so grateful when members of our District get to see the Kakahu in person.

Thank you for all who travelled from Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru and Dunedin. Top effort!



Area 3 Meeting 2023

Host Club, Marlborough
April 29th 2023

Always a proud moment to wear the D16 Kakahu Governor Phillipa and Lt Governor Jen thanked the Zonta Club of Marlborough and Area Director Anna Arps for their fine hosting of our fabulous Area 3 Meeting in Blenheim, Marlborough.

Excellent attendance. Inspirational speakers and empowering presentations. We thank you all who travelled. The afternoon ended up with a simple delicious wine tasting at Whitehaven or a walk in the gardens. Then on for a dinner out together at a local restaurant.



Area 1 Meeting 2023.

Host Club, East Auckland.
May 15th 2023

What a fabulous Area 1 Meeting! Thank you to the members from Zonta Clubs of Auckland, East Auckland, South Auckland, Hibiscus Coast, Hatea Whangarei, Whangarei and Mangawhai.

The room was full of FUN & PURPOSE! Thank you for the presentations, your participation and laughter! Their Guest Speaker Greissen Leslie from Rocket Lab was truly wonderful. One of her jobs she said was like Uber into space ie: putting satellites into space. Just shows you how 10 mins of someone inspirational and empowering can help someone in their career path, as it did with Greissen.



Zonta club of Oamaru 15th Anniversary

31st May 2023.
Oamaru.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Zonta Club of Oamaru for celebrating their 15 year Anniversary. A marvellous achievement. A wonderful healthy club full of care for each other and their local, national and international communities. A true pleasure for Governor Philippa Jacobs-Lory as she inducted the new Club Board and also give a talk on Zonta International projects and the lives we are changing for so many Women and Girls. #alwaysbettertogether

After dinner was followed by a heartfelt, very special guest speaker, Ele Ludemann, share her journey on how finding the strength to power on though loss and grief and how love and laughter always helps.

Thank you to those from Timaru & Dunedin Zonta Clubs who came to help celebrate. Oamaru have won the Cherry Raymond Award in 2019 and 2023. A fabulous achievement for a fairly young club.



Zonta Club of Whangarei on your 50th Anniversary

Whangarei
June 10th 2023.

Congratulations to Zonta Whangarei on their 50th Anniversary! It was wonderful to celebrate with so many, incredible Guest Speakers, David White MNZM, GRG; Tusha Penny NZ Police & Oranga Tamariki.

A reminder of why we are in Zonta, as we are needed more than ever. Governor Philippa Jacobs-Lory congratulated Whangarei and supporters for all the difference they've made to thousands of lives of women and girls.

Thank you to all who travelled! It was a truly special night. Thank you President Jenny and Irene MC, for a wonderful evening. Thank you Zonta Club of Whangarei for a wonderful evening celebration.



Zonta Club of Rotorua 50th Birthday

Rotorua
August 12th 2023

Thank you to the Zonta Club of Rotorua for their 50 years of dedication to Zonta and our cause of Building a Better World for Women and Girls.

The Zonta Club of Rotorua not only has completed 50 years of service, advocacy, scholarships and fundraising to our community, they also know how to put on a beautiful, fitting, celebration of a High Tea at the Regent of Rotorua.

Governor Phillippa was thrilled to be with you all and what an honour having the Charter President of your club, Cecilie Rushton and charter member Jill Nicholas QSM, there. Cecilie articulately revisited a multitude of memories, highlighting the significant strides she and her Zonta friends had taken to enhance the lives of countless women over the past 50 years. It was truly inspiring to hear about the remarkable impact they had made through their collective efforts.

Thank you to June Campbell for a wonderful video (She could not be there due to celebrating her 90th Birthday with family and friends). Whata difference these charter women have made, and so humble. A true honour to have Her Worship Mayor Tania Tapsell speak to all. We thank you all, from the organisers, Wendy Mitchell MC, Cassandra Howes, Barbara Hock and all members for a memorable celebration.

Wishing them the very best success as they Build a Better World for Women and Girls over the next 50 years.



Zonta Club of Tauranga celebrated its 35th Birthday

September 10th 2023
Tauranga

Thank you to all who shared in this weekend as the Zonta Club of Tauranga celebrated its 35th Birthday.

Totally fabulous to have Charter members Felicity Turner and Lorna Box with us. Governor Phillippa Jacobs-Lory and Lt Governor Jen McKinley-Birkin travelled from Christchurch & Wellington to share in the festivities.

Excellent that many travelled, PDG Desirae, Fi, president from Whakatane and more! An honour to also have Past D16 Governor Janette Irvine who was on the SOM Committee from Rotorua who helped them charter 35 years ago. Well done to your organising committee. For all their passion and dedication. Just think of all the lives you've helped and change over 35 years. Incredible.

We thank you all from D16 Board, Members and the Women & Girls locally, nationally and internationally!



Zonta D16 Conference 2023

23rd-25th September 2023
Christchurch Town Hall

173 members of District 16 attending Conference. Governor Phillippa stood proud with our Zonta International Director and Liaison Teresa Lin from Hong Kong had a few days with us all.

A truly incredible Conference - thank you to the Committee. Marie Kyle-Stevenson (front left) Conference Chair, Kay Collingwood, D16 Secretary and Conference Secretary too. An incredible team. Wonderful to be back in the Town Hall after it was restored from the Earthquakes 2010-2011.



Presenting the 2023 YWPA Awardee Wei Tian Teo

September 25th 2023
Christchurch Town Hall

Zonta International and District 16 winner for 2023 YWPA (Young Women in Public Affairs) Awardee Wei Tian Teo with Teresa Lin, Zonta International Director and representative and Zonta International District 16 Governor Phillippa Jacobs-Lory.

Fabulous to present this in person. Wei Tian Teo was also a speaker at the Conference with 3 others on a panel discussion.



Zonta club of Ashburton 30th Birthday

28th January 2024.
Ashburton.

Governor Phillipa was honoured to attend Ashburton Zonta Club's 30th Birthday. A wonderful celebration.

Without action, it is only hope, Ashburton Club have shown their community just how much they care and how much action they have in their community. It was truly wonderful also to have charter members and past members celebrate with them. Nice to hear the stories of how they started.

Thank you to Zonta Club of Christchurch South and Timaru Club for helping the Zonta Club of Ashburton charter. A pleasure for Governor Phillipa Jacobs-Lory to thank you all and talk on our D16 updates and Zonta International.



Presentation of the Amelia Earhart Wings and Certificate 2023.

February 24th 2024
Area 1 Meeting
Mangawhai
Northland.

D16 Governor Phillipa Jacobs-Lory was very proud to present Minduli Wijayatunga with her Amelia Earhart Wings & Certificate, on Zoom, at the Zonta Area 1 Meeting in Mangawhai, on behalf of Zonta International and Zonta District 16.

Minduli was in California working at NASA when Governor Phillipa presented her online. Club of Ashburton charter. A pleasure for Governor Phillipa Jacobs-Lory to thank you all and talk on our D16 updates and Zonta International.



Chartering of the Z Club Columba College

March 5th 2024
Columba College
Dunedin

Governor Philippa Jacobs-Lory congratulated the Zonta Club of Metropolitan Dunedin for sponsoring the new Z Club Columba College! It was a true pleasure for Governor Philippa Jacobs-Lory to charter the new Z Club, on 5th March 2024. Congratulations to you all!

Thank you to the Zonta Club of Metropolitan Dunedin on an incredible job sponsoring this new club along with the Golden Z Club of Otago University and St Hilda's Collegiate Z Club too - Building a better world for Women & Girls locally, nationally and internationally! Thank you to all who have helped make this happen!



March 23rd 2024

Area 5 Meeting
Timaru

Always a pleasure for Governor Philippa to wear the D16 Kakahu to Area Meetings, so members of the district can see it. The Zonta Club of Timaru hosted, along with the Area 5 Director Cailleen Trengrove, your Area 5 Meeting.

There was a fabulous vibe in the room and your welcoming personalities were so appreciated. Guest Speaker, Amy Robertson, "A Woman's Journey in a Male Field" was perfect for this occasion. Thank you to you all who travelled from around Area 5, Invercargill - Ashburton.



Area 3 Meeting

May 4th 2024.
Merivale, Christchurch

A wonderful day, hosted by Zonta Club of Christchurch North. Photograph, members of Area 3 at the meeting. Lt Governor Jen Mckinlay-Birkin and Governor Phillipa Jacobs-Lory.



May 18th 2024

Oxford Terrace.
Tree Planting and rededication of 1999 Plaque.

Governor Phillipa cutting the ribbon on this special afternoon. A very special time to get together with our current D16 Board present to rededicate this new plaque and tree.

Earthquakes. Something that we never thought could or would happen to us. And the lives lost, the lives changed and the world that literally got turned upside down for so many of us. It is special that we can be together today to honour the past Zontians and the future.

A thank you to Jennifer Laughton for her organising this with the Christchurch City Council who paid for the plaque and tree.

Wording on the plaque...

Zonta International
1919 - 2024
105th Anniversary
The Zonta Clubs of Canterbury
Building a Better World for Women and Girls
This replaces the 80th Anniversary plaque
from 1999.



Combination of the 2022-2024 Board, committee chairs and some members from the four Christchurch Clubs.

June 7th 2024

**YWPA Award 2024
Mackenzie Wills.
Rolleston College**

Governor Phillippa was thrilled to present Mackenzie Wills with her Zonta International District 16 Certificate at Rolleston College Senior Assembly. With a warm welcome from the school, it was a true pleasure to present Mackenzie, a standout application for the Young Women in Public Affairs YWPA award.

Mackenzie has won not only at Club level from the Zonta Club of Christchurch North, Mackenzie was also the District 16 YWPA Award winner and is one of only 37 winners globally from 63 countries, out of many entries throughout the world. She received \$1,000 NZD from Zonta District 16, (New Zealand) and \$5,000 USD from Zonta International towards her studies in at Canterbury University in 2025.

Mackenzie has shown exceptional leadership and commitment to public service through her work on the Selwyn Youth Council, and a new group of future leaders on part of the council, she has given many hours to the Student Volunteer Army and continues with her involvement in the Girl Boss network. As she finishes high school, she plans to study law, political science, and psychology at university, aiming to make a difference in the world through her continued involvement in community organisations.



Zonta D16 Kakahu 2022 -2024

June 7th 2024

**Avonside Girls High School Z-Club 30th Birthday
At Avonside Girls High School.**

Happy 30th Birthday/Anniversary to the Zonta Z Club AGHS at Avonside Girls' High School and thank you to sponsoring Zonta club of Christchurch Canterbury.

In 1994 when AGHS Z Club started there were the only Z Club for the first 12 years! We now in 2024 have inspired 10 Z Clubs (high school) and 2 Golden Z Clubs (university) around New Zealand to start!

Think of all the Z Club members who have helped so many charities and empowered each other! Such great memories!!!

They had a fine celebration 7th June 3:15pm at the school. Speeches from Janet Messervy the founding Z Club, Zonta

member, Zarah a past Z Club member and now Police Women, Governor Phillippa Jacobs-Lory who for 17 years has helped run the Z Club, Anna Arps, D16 Area 3 Director, Principal Cathrine Law and Past Principal Sue Hume.

Thank you Jan Suckling for all you do as D16 Z and Golden Z Chair and AGHS Z Club Chair who cut the cake with Milly current Z club President.

These inspiring speeches and reminiscing was followed by an afternoon tea! 30 years of inspiring magic!



Zonta D16 Kakahu 2022 -2024

May 18th 2024



Thank you dinner to Governor Phillipa-Jacobs-Lory, D16 Governor 2022-2024 at Mira Restaurant, Christchurch. Governor Phillipa was "surprised" with a lovely intimate dinner with her/our D16 Board and 2023 Conference committee. Past traditions had two separate events, a thank you to the Governor grand dinner and the Governor Change Over Dinner. In today's challenging climate, Governor Phillipa asked us not to have two events.

It was a special intimate evening thanking her board with lovely stories of Phillipa's 17 years in Zonta International.

The actual Changeover Dinner to Thank 2022-2024 Governor Phillipa Jacobs-Lory and Welcome incoming 2024-2026 Governor Jen MicKinlay-Birkin is to take place in Wellington Sept 14th 2024.

June 26-29th 2024

Zonta International 66th Convention in Brisbane

Phillippa Jacobs-Lory proudly carrying in the New Zealand Flag at the opening ceremony for the Zonta International 66th Convention in Brisbane June 26-29th 2024. This ending her term as Governor for District 16.

Words from Phillipa - Thank you to all my D16 Board, my D16 Committee chairs, and the members of D16, what a truly empowering and special biennium it has been. I am so grateful for this experience. And have thoroughly appreciated everything part, the learnings, the improvements we've made and the friendships for life. Thank you all.

