

58th Zonta International Convention



'Australia went above and beyond the call of duty with nothing left to chance'

BERYL MCMILLIAN, DISTRICT GOVERNOR, ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



The Image of Success

Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre Melbourne, Victoria



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Highlights:

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“Delegates were amazed at how warm and friendly the people were. There was even a welcome by Milton the Koala from Ballarat Wildlife Park, who in turn was treated like a celebrity”, says Ms McMillan

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Featuring a cast of high profile speakers, the conference was opened by Dame Silvia Cartwright, New Zealand’s 18th Governor-General

Zonta International is a service organisation of executives and professionals, with 33,000 members in 67 countries who work together to advance the status of women.

The convention attracted 2000 delegates and was held in Australia from 24–26 June 2006.

Australia has set the standard for international conventions, which Zonta International believes other cities will struggle to match.

“Australia went above and beyond its call of duty to welcome Zontians,” said Beryl McMillan, Vice Chairman, Zonta Convention Committee.

As the delegates arrived, gardeners were putting the finishing touches on a 12-metre flower bed filled with 6,000 white and burgundy violas and silver cineraria in honour of the women and their event.

A civic reception was also held at the Town Hall to pay tribute to the work done by Zonta International. Traditional aboriginal land owners, the Wunrundjeri People, welcomed Zontians to their country, conveying their message both verbally and through the haunting sounds of the didgeridoo.

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