

## Women's Climate Conversations online 2022

#2 March

*Changing the Climate: Equality today for a sustainable tomorrow*

With guests Victoria McKenzie-McHarg and Dr Zohl de Ishstar

(112 registered; 57 participants)

### Links and resources

Women's Environmental Leadership Australia: [www.wela.org.au](http://www.wela.org.au)

Victoria's articles:

<https://womensagenda.com.au/author/victoriamakenzie/>

<https://womensagenda.com.au/latest/soapbox/women-in-decision-making-positions-improve-outcomes-for-all-of-us/>

Zohl's books:

*Daughters of the Pacific* (1994)

*Holding Yawulyu: White Culture and Black Women's Law* (2005)

Both Published by Spinifex Press (Australia)

Zohl de Ishstar's Cultural Collaborations: *Writings from Five Years in the Desert*. (2012-2017). Zohl lived with the Women Elders on the Edge of the Great Sandy Desert for 20 years (1999-2019)

<https://zohldeishtar.wordpress.com/about/>

Zohl de Ishstar reads from two of her books: *Daughters of the Pacific* (1994) and *Holding Yawulyu: White Culture and Black Women's Law*. You'll also meet three of the Women Elders who Zohl lived with for 20 years. This was recorded to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Spinifex Press. Make sure you watch from 9.15 mins to 28.00 mins. The whole 1.15 hour video covers several women authors of merit and is well worth watching.

Click here: <https://www.spinifexpress.com.au/events/welcome-to-country>

Zohl dé Ishtar is interviewed by a journalist (The Stuff) about her experiences at Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp (1983-1988) and the importance of women-only spaces. The interview centres around the film Mothers of the Revolution (Universal) in which Zohl appears several times.

Click here: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/stuff-to-watch/300495049/more-than-20-years-on-from-one-of-the-longest-protests-in-history-a-kiwi-filmmaker-asks-what-have-we-really-learnt>

<https://www.kj.org.au/meet-the-martu>

[https://funceji.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/bell\\_hooks\\_feminist\\_theory\\_from\\_margin\\_to\\_centebo\\_0kzz-org\\_.pdf](https://funceji.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/bell_hooks_feminist_theory_from_margin_to_centebo_0kzz-org_.pdf)

Mothers of the Revolution on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LkRuEo4I94>

## **Greetings**

honoured to join from Gaymaraigal land (Sydney Northern Beaches).

Gundangurra Land here in the Southern Highlands NSW

Wurundjeri Country

from Wulgurukaba Country (Townsville). Pleased to be here to listen to this conversation.

from Menang Pibbulmun country south coast of WA. Lead facilitator Women's Environmental Leadership Australia national program - appreciate all of you here.

Joining today from the land and waters of the Boon Wurrong people of the Kulin Nation

Good morning from Quandamooka country. Lead Researcher for the Australian Literature Online on Climate Changes Narratives in Australian Fiction.

## **Comments**

Breaking news: Judge decides Environment Minister Sussan Ley does not have a duty of care to protect young people from climate change impacts.

Let us hope too some respect for aboriginal women to live lives free from violence

Can feel daunting: so many issues affecting and damaging women and children. Also the pervasive effect of the pandemic socially and psychologically.

'Women's Charter'/governance gives us all an agreed on thing to hold onto

I think there is something in communication too. Picking up on what you said at the beginning Victoria about recognising climate change as the overarching issue that makes other issues harder to resolve. I had a similar journey. I think there is a role for all of us to help communicate what climate

change means for everyone. Not to discount others work and issues they are passionate about, but to help them strengthen their own narratives and work. If people can't see climate impacts and how that relates in their own lives it will be hard for them to accept good governance structures.

Plenty of strong women in Extinction Rebellion.

In preparing the Charter, important to recognise and be inclusive for women of different cultures, experiences, personalities and ways of 'doing'.

I love that reversal - hands, heart, head.

The ONLY way we can do something in time before Hot House Hell destroys us is vote for a strong 3rd Party (Greens) that has 75% reduction in GHGs policy by 2030.

That provides a focus - go out and campaign for the Greens or the Independents!

I vote and belong to Animal Justice Party. They stand for Animals. People. Planet.

Here's a useful thought from Rudolf Steiner: The healthy social life is found when in the mirror of each human soul the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the community the virtue of each one is living.

Vote for a party that is addressing climate change.

Add to that by joining the local ones' campaigns

## **Farewells**

thank you I have to leave to get back to work. See you from Dharawal Country

Thanks, excellent chat!

Thank you all for a great session.

Thank you very much Zohl and Victoria for sharing your wisdoms.

Thanks so much for this excellent session!

Feeling enriched and energised by this conversation. Fresh air amongst the stale repetitiveness of the patriarchal same-old-same-old spiralling into destruction. Hands - hearts - heads - women together. Our way out of this mess

From Victoria McKenzie-McHarg : It's wonderful to be here with you all. Thank you for the discussion, and Zohl I loved hearing about your experience at Greenham. So much for us to learn from this. Thanks to the WCC for creating and holding this space. I'm excited to see where you get to with the Charter.

## **Women's Climate Congress links**

WCC Vision and values statement

[https://www.womensclimatecongress.com/uploads/3/0/2/0/30206683/wcc-vision-final\\_19sept20 .pdf](https://www.womensclimatecongress.com/uploads/3/0/2/0/30206683/wcc-vision-final_19sept20.pdf)

National Congress of Women: <https://www.nationalcongressofwomen.com/>

The next Women's Climate Conversations #3

How can we work together across difference to restore climate balance?

Tuesday 12 April 12noon to 1pm AEDST

Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BYAOU>

We would love your feedback about today's Women's Climate Conversation:

<https://forms.gle/1mV1NUN9ycCSVkiTA>