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Zonta Club of Botany Bay Inc.

Annual Report

2023-2024

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About Zonta

The word Zonta comes from a Lakota Sioux Indian word that means "honest and trustworthy".

Zonta International is a global organisation of more than 30,000 members in 1,200 Zonta clubs in 67 countries.

Administratively, it is divided into 31 districts and one region worldwide. In Australia there are three Zonta International Districts. The Zonta Club of Botany Bay (ZCBB) is one of 24 Clubs and eight Z clubs in District 24.

The 2022-2024 goals remain aligned with Zonta's mission and vision and are centred under three pillars:

1. Zonta Says YES to Gender Equality
2. Zonta Says NO to Gender based violence
3. Zonta Says NOW to Gender Equal Climate Action

Mission

Zonta International is a leading global organisation of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls.

Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

President's Report

An elevator pitch describing Zonta comes from ZC Brisbane Breakfast and I believe it fits our club perfectly:

Imagine a world where women and girls are not exploited, and have equal opportunities to be educated, work, and simply walk down the street. Well, that's what Zonta is. We do this through advising the UN, and working with local and global communities, through hands on volunteering, fundraising, and advocacy. And... doing it all with a lot of fun and inspiration with an amazing group of women and friends.

This year ZCBB has grown with an increase in membership, and more opportunities for fundraising and service activities.

A new and exciting highlight was the chartering of our first Z Club at St Ursula's College, Kingsgrove. Therese Abela-King along with Steven Baker from the College led the venture which will enable the students to develop awareness and understanding through service.

The Vintage and Collectables Fairs produced significant income and provided an opportunity to advertise the Club's service projects. Two fairs were held, in July 2023 and February 2024.

The Fairs have become very sought-after by traders who regularly compliment ZCBB on the great organisation. Compliments were also received from visitors about the variety of items for sale, the on-site ATM, as well as great rock'n'roll music and delicious café fare.

A barbeque at Bunnings and a Trivia night also contributed funds.

Members packed toiletry bags for eleven Kookaburra Kids camps.

Birthing Kit assembly days were held at Sylvania High School, at Bankstown Senior College and, in conjunction with the Z Club, at St Ursulas college, Kingsgrove.

In September members and friends celebrated the Woman of Achievement (WoA), and Young Woman in Public Affairs (YWPA) Awards at a dinner at Gardens on Forest, Peakhurst. The WoA winner was Annette Brodie from The Reconnect Project and Clare McGuire from The Jannali High School won the YWPA award. Mikayla Lawson from Sylvania High School was a finalist in the Young Indigenous Woman Award.

NSW ClubGRANTS were received from Club Central Hurstville, Taren Point Bowling Club, Ramsgate Memorial RSL Club and Kingsgrove RSL Club. The grants enabled ZCBB to assist others through service projects.

In kind donations for room hire were received from Club Central, for rooms at Menai and Hurstville. Venue hire grants were received from Georges River Council for the fairs in Marana Hall.

Ongoing Projects include:

- Breast Care Cushion Project: St George Public, St George Private, Sutherland, St Vincent's and the Royal Hospital for Women at Randwick received cushions for distribution to women following breast cancer surgery;

- Platform 9: Exit baskets and new linen packs were provided to women leaving the facility;
- Moving Forward: Vouchers were provided for women;
- Awards: WoA, YWPA and Young Indigenous Woman;
- Tertiary Student Scholarships;
- Smith Family Student Sponsorship.

New projects:

- Formation of the Z Club at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove;
- Support for the Miranda Project.

I would like to thank the Board members who gave me so much assistance and support, and were always willing to take on new challenges. Thanks also to all the members for their continuing enthusiastic involvement, and to the Honorary Zontians, husbands and partners, sons and others for their fantastic assistance at the Bunnings BBQ, and the Vintage Fairs.

Ann Selle OAM

Treasurer's Report

Funds in the bank at the end of the Zonta Financial Year 28/2/2024 are composed of discretionary service funds, monies held in trust for grants and prior commitments and, general Club administration funds.

A summary of Club fundraising and expenditure of discretionary service funds is outlined below. Funding from NSW ClubGRANTS from Georges River, Sutherland Shire and Bayside LGAs enabled ZCBB to provide a wide range of ongoing services to the community.

Club Central Hurstville, Georges River LGA provided \$3,600.00 for Breast Care Cushions; \$6,000.00 for Platform 9; and a donation of \$1,000.00 for the 2023 Zonta Woman of Achievement Award.

Ramsgate Memorial RSL Club, Bayside LGA provided \$6,000.00 for Platform 9.

Kingsgrove RSL Club, Bayside LGA provided \$4,000.00 for Moving Forward.

Taren Point Bowling Club, Sutherland LGA provided \$6,000.00 for Platform 9.

Club Central provided ongoing 'in kind' support by waiving the room hire charge for monthly dinner meetings at Club Menai, and for an Area 1 workshop at Club Central Hurstville.

Net Service Funds Raised in Club Fundraising Events, Zonta Financial Year March 2023 - Feb 2024

Bunnings BBQ Kirrawee	\$1,819.00
Breast Care Cushions Donations	\$1,600.00
Antique and Collectable Fair July 2023	\$13,132.00
Antique and Collectable Fair February 2024	\$12,796.00
Cronulla Theatre Evening	\$1,710.00
Trivia Night	\$1,515.00
General donations and logo sales	\$1,730.00

Expenditure of Discretionary Service Funds, Zonta Financial Year, March 2023 – Feb 2024

Donations to Zonta International Service Foundation	\$4,949.00
Refugee Support	\$1,132.00
Women of Achievement Award	\$500.00
YWPA and Young Indigenous Achievement Awards	\$1,894.00
Tertiary Student Scholarships	\$4,500.00
Smith Family Student Sponsorship	\$1,430.00
Days for Girls	\$600.00
Dandelion Support Network	\$602.00
Project Youth	\$5,500.00
Kookaburra Kids	\$500.00
Z Club	\$560.00
Platform 9	\$3,000.00

Membership

Membership has increased to 40 members, including one Honorary member and five Young Professional members. The commitment of members has ensured a dynamic club, and as membership grows, so too will service, advocacy and fundraising. Long time member Marie Collins resigned due to ill health. Two members transferred from other Zonta Clubs and we welcomed their Zonta expertise. Following District 24 precedent, the Vice President assumed the role of Membership Coordinator in 2023.

Board 2023-2024

Thana Akkari	Pam Lohse
Judy Bendl	Marilyn Lowder
Elaine Brus	Bronlyn Schoer
Robyn Fague	Ann Selle OAM
Kathy Jamieson	

Members 2023-2024

Therese Abela-King	Pam Lohse
Thana Akkari	Marilyn Lowder
Beverley Barrett	Sue Lowe
June Beattie	Daniella Luchi
Judy Bendl	Wendy Matheson
Joanne Brandley	Margaret McDonald
Elaine Brus	Diane McInerney
Gayle Cale	Nadia McMaster
Robyn Cameron	Diana Milford-Smith
Sandra Coogan	Daniella Mraovic
Susan Culley	Sue Munro
Pamela Davidson	Kerry Parsons
Robyn Fague	Sue Richards
Sonia Fenton	Athena Savvas
Amanda Gibson	Bronlyn Schoer
Silvana Hourcade	Ann Selle
Kathy Jamieson	Winola Su
Jayde Jensen	Cheryl Tyrrell
Dorothy Koukari	Jeannette Werda
Pam Lancaster	Sharna Wiblen

Z Club

In September, after long collaboration with outgoing Principal, Mary Leask, and with the support of teacher, Steven Baker of St Ursula's College Kingsgrove, ZCBB was delighted to induct 22 Year ten students into the new Z Club.

The Z Club members learned to stuff breast care cushions, held a birthing kit workshop, and a Girls Night In. ZCBB and Z club members spent time assembling toiletry packs while chatting about Zonta International and what the students hope to achieve in their Z Club. As they learn more about Zonta and discover ways of using

their social justice ethos to improve the status of women and girls locally and internationally, the Club looks forward to achieving great things together.

On International Women's Day Therese accepted an invitation to address the school to inform all students and teachers about Zonta.

Therese Abela-King

Meetings

Club dinner meetings were held at Club Central Menai. Guest speakers explored a variety of topics:

2023

- March: **Bernadette Mills**, St George & Sutherland Community College;
- May: **Karen Tsoumbaras** and **Tash**, Project Youth;
- September: **Beverly Baker**, The Older Women's Network;
- October: **Ashleigh Daines**, The Family Co.;
- November: **Farhat Kohistani**, Afghani Refugee and Refugee Supporter;

2024

- February: **Marisa Moliterno**, Miranda Project;
- March: **Lisa Havilah**, Power House Museum.

Gayle Cale

Social Activities

Members enjoyed a variety of social activities throughout the year. On the fifteenth of each month a coffee morning at Café Y, Menai was added to the activities calendar.

- March 2023: Lunch at Sea Breeze Cafe, St George Motor Boat Club;
- May 2023: Visit to the Chau Chak Museum at Sydney University, followed by lunch;
- June 2023: Walk from Oatley across the bridge to Como for coffee;
- July 2023: Visit to the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW, followed by lunch;
- December 2024: Christmas Lunch at Cronulla Golf Club;
- March 2024: Visit to Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Gympie to see the HSC Art Express exhibition.

Wendy Matheson and Kerry Parsons

Fundraising

Vintage and Collectable Fairs

Two Vintage and Collectable Fairs were held, in July 2023, and February 2024. The one day events were held at Marana Auditorium, Hurstville. At each fair, around 40 traders hired tables, and between 900 and 1,000 visitors paid an entry fee to attend.

The fairs were advertised on the radio, social media and on street posters as well as flyers placed in antique centres and shops.

The hiring of tables, entry fees, raffles, and takings from Café Zonta contributed to the profit at each fair. Georges River Council provided venue Hire Grants for Marana Hall and the kitchen which enabled the funds raised to be maximised. Following each fair, a significant donation was made to Project Educate, and funds were also given to other service projects.

Ann Selle OAM

Theatre Party

The Cronulla Arts Theatre invited ZCBB to host an evening preview performance. Members and friends enjoyed the lighthearted play, "The Fox on the Fairway".

Tickets included drinks, canapes on arrival, and supper, which were provided by members. The Theatre donated a percentage of tickets sales to ZCBB.

Sue Richards

Trivia night

What better night to hold a trivia night than Friday 13th. Ninety people attended the 2023 Zonta Trivia Night with many teams dressing up for the evening in their best black outfits and/or decorating their tables with some very spooky and odd decorations.

The competition was fierce from the outset with no team reaching an unassailable lead until the final round, as the audience wrestled with questions about music from the 80s; movies; sports ball brands; food; boats and famous faces to name but a few. Along the way there were plenty of laughs with some very entertaining but wrong answers.

The evening raised approximately \$1,750.00, assisted by the efforts of one of the "witches" using his large witch's hat to gather additional donations at the end of the evening.

Elaine Brus

Bunnings

In April 2023, 17 ZCBB members and partners held a Bunnings barbeque at Kirrawee.

As a result of a review after the 2022 BBQ, changes to the operation were implemented. The BBQ committee considered the staffing arrangements and looked at alternatives to maximise the outcomes of this event.

Jeannette Werda

Advocacy

Advocating to improve the status of women and girls is a central to Zonta International. In turn, ZCBB members work together to advocate for change in attitudes, actions and laws that discriminate against women and girls.

ZCCB raised awareness within the NSW State Government. Members met the Premier, Chris Minns to publicise the issue of Domestic and Family Violence. Members also met the Member for Heathcote, Maryanne Stuart. They introduced Maryanne to the work of Zonta and discussed a range of women's issues, including older homeless women.

Gayle Cale represented ZCBB at a roundtable meeting to discuss homelessness, organised by Rose Jackson, MLC.

During the ZI 16 Days of Activism members attended a vigil and joined walks against Domestic Violence in Cronulla, Kogarah and across the Harbour bridge.

Pam Davidson

Zonta International Project

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA)

YWPA is a Zonta International Award which recognises young women, aged 16 to 19, who demonstrate leadership and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

ZCBB recognised the achievements of young women attending secondary schools in the St. George and Sutherland Shire areas.

Information about the application procedures and deadlines was sent to all schools. Online applications were received from 12 applicants from eight schools. Each applicant described the initiatives they had introduced, and the challenges and successes they had experienced through their leadership in their school and community.

Applications were reviewed by a panel of three members and six applicants were selected as ZCBB finalists. Then the winner was selected.

The winners of the YWPA award and the WoA award were announced at a Presentation Dinner at Gardens on Forest, Peakhurst, with over 90 people attending, including special guests, students, teachers, school principals, parents, and members. Monetary prizes and Certificates were presented to the finalists.

The 2023 ZCBB YWPA award winner was Claire McGuire from The Jannali High School. Claire will represent ZCBB at District level.

Thana Akkari

District 24 Endorsed Projects

Breast Care Cushions

The Zonta Breast Care Cushion Project has been an endorsed Service project in all Zonta Districts in Australia since 2001. The cushions are delivered to hospital Breast Care Nurses for distribution to patients after breast cancer surgery. They aid recovery by allowing the patient to sit, sleep and rest comfortably, as well as by preventing pain from bumps while walking and discomfort from wearing a seat belt.

Grants from Club Central Hurstville funded the project. The cushion cases were sewn by many volunteers and completed at a community cushion stuffing day at Woollooware Shores in June 2023, and at Club Central Sandringham in March 2024.

ZCBB supplied over 650 cushions to St George Public, and Private Hospitals, and Sutherland Hospital. The cushions were delivered to the hospitals weekly by members.

ZCBB was fortunate to receive 250 cushions from Sri Sathya Sai International Organisation of Australia & PNG as their community project. This enabled the Club to supply extra cushions to Breast Care Nurses for distribution at St Vincent's Public Hospital at Darlinghurst and the Royal Hospital for Women at Randwick. Cushions are also posted, when requested, to women throughout NSW.

When patients are diagnosed they are also given a list of local resources and information booklets which are compiled by Breast Care Nurses and printed by ZCBB using Club Central grant funds.

Ann Selle OAM

Birthing Kits

The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) is a humanitarian organisation that provides birthing kits and education in clean birthing practices to women who give birth in remote regions of the world. BKFA works in partnership with global organisations and health providers to offer the birthing kits to women in an effort to prevent maternal and newborn deaths. In support of BKFA, ZCBB holds birthing kit assembly days in a number of local high schools.

Three ZCBB Birthing Kit Assembly days were held in 2023, at Beverly Hills Girls High School, Sylvania High School and Bankstown Senior College. The Z club conducted their own birthing kit assembly day in December.

ZCBB member Kathy, a midwife, spoke to the students about the importance of the kits in ensuring a safe and hygienic birth for women in developing countries.

Members folded the plastic in advance and assisted the students on the assembly days. Every group of students devised their own method of production, enabling 600 kits to be packed at each of the schools in good time.

The Beverly Hills assembly day coincided with the school's International Women's Day event. Two ex-students, one of whom won the YWPA in 2016 and is now a lawyer, were guest speakers who recounted their journey since leaving school.

Kerry Parsons and Wendy Matheson

District 24 Achievement Award for a Young Indigenous Woman

This District 24 Award is in its 13th year, having been initiated by Bronlyn Schoer who has co-ordinated the implementation of the Award across NSW and the ACT. The award was established to create a constructive connection between young Indigenous women completing their final year of secondary school and Zonta clubs of District 24. It celebrates the achievements of young indigenous women as they contribute to their school and community through leadership and service, but most importantly, successfully complete their secondary education. The applicants are asked to articulate their post school goals and aspirations, to share their pride in their indigenous heritage and to acknowledge the support they have received from a special person or persons who has encouraged them to pursue and complete their formal education.

Bronlyn has been assisted in the selection process by some fellow Zontians and importantly, by some young Indigenous women who give generously of their time to consider the applications which arrive from schools across the state, many of which are far from any Zonta club.

The Award winner for 2023 was Taylah Iverach from Melville High School, Kempsey. The Department of Education media unit as well as metropolitan and local newspapers published articles about the award, providing good promotion for Zonta.

Bronlyn attended the award presentation at Kempsey. Taylah has accepted an invitation to speak at the International Conference in Brisbane this year.

Bronlyn Schoer, (Co-ordinator, District 24)

KWOOP

The purpose of KWOOP is to influence NSW systems, policy and practice in order to reduce the number of women in prison. The District 24 project enables clubs to adopt projects which support KWOOP, including the Miranda Project. This is a gender specific program providing support to women when attending court or exiting prison, or who are on community orders. Services include casework, group activities, victims counselling and connecting to services to develop alternative pathways within the community.

Marisa Moliterno from the Miranda Project was guest speaker at ZCBB's February meeting. The meeting voted to make a \$500.00 donation to the Project, and advised Marisa that the Club will consider supporting a woman to undertake a literacy course.

Margaret McDonald

Club Projects

Woman of Achievement Award (WoA)

ZCBB acknowledges and rewards the outstanding achievements of women whose actions make their communities in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Council areas better places to live.

The third annual award was held in 2023 and the Awards Committee was heartened by the increase in nominations this year. Sponsorship from Club Central enabled a second prize to be offered.

The winner of the second prize was Ashleigh Daines from the Family Co, an organisation which provides support, counselling and training to local families and youth.

The WoA winner was Annette Brodie, Founder and CEO of the Reconnect Project. Annette's organisation reduces e-waste by repairing donated mobile devices and distributing them to people in need.

The winners received their awards at the dinner at Gardens on Forest, Peakhurst, in September.

Jeannette Werda and Marilyn Lowder

Zonta Club of Botany Bay Tertiary Student Scholarship

This Award was established in 2022 to provide financial support to a YWPA applicant to enable her to pursue tertiary education.

The Award recipient is identified by the ZCBB YWPA selection panel after confirmation from her school principal, that she met the following criteria:

- had been an applicant for the YWPA award through ZCBB;
- demonstrated commitment to her learning;
- was experiencing financial hardship.

The award provides \$2,000.00 in the first year of study and, contingent upon successful completion of her course of study, \$1,500.00 in second year and \$1,000.00 in third year.

The 2022 Recipient, Roaa Ahmed, and the 2023 Recipient, Ola Gafour achieved great results in their courses at university, which enabled the continuance of their awards.

2024 Recipient, Ranya Mousselamani

Ranya, vice-captain from Kogarah High School, was a finalist in 2023 YWPA. Her School Principal described Ranya as a young lady with remarkable leadership skills, who is an excellent Student Leader and Mentor dedicated to her responsibilities.

In her community and at school, Ranya raised money for Men's Health week, the Leukaemia Foundation, and Ronald McDonald House. She was selected to welcome students from Ukraine to assist them to find their way, and she organised a multicultural program for young women from surrounding high schools. She volunteered at the Lakemba Mosque, and coached young children in Oztag in the St. George area.

Ranya commenced University tertiary teaching studies this year.

Ann Selle OAM and Thana Akkari

Community Partnership Projects

Platform 9

Platform 9 is a refuge for women/families in the St. George and Sutherland areas. It operates under the auspices of KingswayCare. run through Kingsway Community Church Community Outreach Program. Platform 9 assists women who are homeless, and many are also victims of domestic violence.

ZCBB provided over 40 care packages of items which are expensive for those on a tight budget. On arrival guests receive linen packs and, on departure, exit baskets of cleaning products, kitchen appliances as well as personal care items.

Feedback from the Program on-site Manager, Steph Allen, indicated that such practical support was invaluable. Guests were always grateful to receive these items.

Gayle Cale and Jeanette Werda

Moving Forward

Moving Forward is a specialist case management service that assists women and children who have escaped domestic violence to move forward with their lives.

ZCBB has supported Moving Forward since its establishment, and throughout this year the Project Co-ordinators were in frequent contact with the staff. ZCBB members regularly visited MF's offices in Hurstville. Four members attended the AGM on 23 November.

The Practical support ZCBB offers helps to alleviate the extra financial stress experienced by Moving Forward clients. This year, \$4,000.00 was received from Kingsgrove RSL Club through the NSW ClubGRANTS Scheme. The funds were used for vouchers, and by April 2024, 55 \$50 vouchers had been purchased and presented to MF staff at various times throughout the year. The remaining Grant money, will be spent before the end of the grant period.

Vouchers from Big W and Woolworths empower women to make their own choices when purchasing items for the home or clothes for themselves or their children.

Pam Lancaster and Pam Davidson

Dandelion Support Network

Dandelion Support Network is a charity which accepts donations of preloved and new nursery equipment, children's clothes, linen and toys from the community. The goods are distributed to families in need via a referral process.

In July 2023, ZCBB donated \$600.00 to buy tracksuits, pyjamas, and other warm clothes for children aged eight to 16. Members and friends also donated items including beautifully stitched cot quilts. A small group of ZCBB members regularly volunteered at the Network's site in Taren Point.

Robyn Cameron, Sue Richards and Sue Munro

Kookaburra Kids

ZCBB donates toiletry bags for all girls and boys attending Kookaburra Kids camps in NSW. Children who attend have been referred for respite and assistance as one or more parents have been affected by mental illness. The children are mentored, given contacts

and practical assistance and enjoy a weekend of fun and contact with others in similar positions.

ZCBB supplied toiletry bags for eleven camps in this financial year, with numbers rising sharply in the second half of 2023.

In January 2024, members packed 240 bags for the first six camps of the year and will supply another 240 bags for six camps to be run in May, June and July.

The KK packing days are an enjoyable social occasion where members sort and pack items into colourful fabric bags which are sewn by members and friends and are designed to make each child feel special.

Regular purchases of toothpaste, deodorant, combs and tissues have, in the past, been supplemented by donations from travellers' hotel toiletries. However, more items have been purchased this year following the introduction of bulk pump packs in many hotel rooms.

Judy Bendl

Days for Girls

The Days for Girls (DFG) organisation provides washable, reusable menstrual management kits for impoverished and refugee girls and women. Over 45,445 women and girls in 45 countries received period products and menstrual health education from DFG Australia in 2023. DFG has assisted local women in several countries to set up a small business to enable them to make and sell the kits.

Since 2015 when ZCBB adopted DFG as a Service project, Marilyn has represented the club as an active volunteer team leader. ZCBB provides financial aid to purchase essential items. This year fabrics for the sewn components: drawstring carry bag, waterproof transport bag, two waterproof shields, four regular liners and four heavy-flow liners, were purchased.

Volunteers hold monthly working bees to prepare the kits for distribution. This year members of Marilyn's team took kits to Bhutan, where they were distributed free to the women and girls who attended an information session about the use and care of their kit and reproductive health. Kits were also sent to Burundi and Papua New Guinea.

Marilyn Lowder

Smith Family Student Sponsorship Program

For the third year ZCBB sponsored Ariella, a ten-year-old school student from Queensland who is in year four.

The Club sent Ariella a birthday gift in July, and another at Christmas. The Smith Family Student Sponsorship Program Coordinator sent us a letter and a drawing from Ariella at the end of 2023.

Through the sponsorship Ariella received:

- financial support to pay for school essentials such as a uniform, appropriate shoes, textbooks, and excursions;
- targeted support to her family from a Learning for Life Coordinator to understand their unique circumstances, and to link Ariella to local learning opportunities;

- access to a range of educational opportunities including Smith Family out-of-school learning and mentoring programs to help boost confidence.

Ariella's family undertook the following:

- ensured Ariella attended school;
- completed a student profile (The Smith Family provided a written update to ZCBB);
- provided a copy of her end of year school reports to the Smith Family (not shared with ZCBB);
- kept receipts of educational expenses to be provided upon request.

Her family reported significant improvement in Ariella's confidence and social skills since ZCBB's sponsorship.

Marilyn Lowder

Project Youth

Project Youth supports young people aged 12-24 across Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside LGAs, offering programs that enable young people to become connected, safe and pursuing education.

ZCBB's Interactions with Project Youth have highlighted the reality of the diverse needs of youth in our community. Project Youth staff work to alleviate issues around homelessness and education. Most importantly they focus on education and skill training, and over the last 12 months they have worked with over 160 young people helping them to learn and achieve.

ZCBB provided financial support for their Project Educate program in Hurstville which is an alternative education school where disadvantaged young people are engaged through flexible learning programs, practical skills, trauma informed support, employment and training. Annually they support up to ten young people aged under 17 who have disengaged from the education system, usually through no fault of their own. The success of Project Educate was evident at their graduation presentation at the end of 2023.

Robyn Fague

Communications

Electronic, Social and Print Media

ZCBB's Website and Facebook were updated to ensure that the information remained current. QR codes or Bitly links enabled direct access to online application forms for the YWPA and WoA Awards. A QR code was added to the Club's brochure to facilitate access to the website.

This year ZCBB began using Canva, a graphic design tool to create Club certificates. Dropbox remains the cloud-based file storage system.

The Club's Newsletter, Volume 21 was issued in August 2023. The newsletters are circulated via email as well as uploaded to the ZCBB and District 24 websites, and Facebook. The trifold promotional brochure advertising the Clubs' activities was updated in September.

Robyn Cameron

The Voice

ZCBB contributed to the District 24 quarterly publication, "The Voice", which was distributed to members via email. It is a tool for Zonta Clubs to summarise activities and projects. ZCBB is proud to be the only Club to have contributed to every issue this year.

Gayle Cale

Appendix

Audit

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO MEMBERS OF ZONTA CLUB OF BOTANY BAY INCORPORATED.
ABN 23 605 031 194**

I have been engaged to audit the special purpose financial report of ZONTA Club of Botany Bay Inc. comprising Statement by Members of the Committee, Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and for such internal controls as the Committee determines are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on conducting the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

Independence

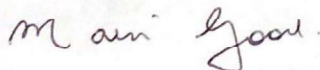
In conducting my audit, I have followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Basis for Opinion

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable to maintain an effective system of internal control over cash donations, fund raising activities and certain other income until their initial entry in the accounting records.

The Committee has advised that the procedure for accounting for revenue from cash donations and fund raising activities is verified by two or more members; and that the authorisation procedures for payments have always been consistently and completely applied as per the rules of the Club.

In my opinion, the financial report of ZONTA Club of Botany Bay Inc. presents fairly the financial position of the organisation as at 29 February 2024 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



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