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**Annual Report**

**2021-2022**

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## **President's Report**

Zonta Club of Botany Bay (ZCBB) was severely affected by COVID-19 restrictions for the since March 2020. While some projects had to be cancelled, others continued. Membership interactions were restricted, however overall, many positives have come out of the negative situation.

The Annual Golf Day and the Annual Vintage and Collectables Fair were cancelled which reduced the opportunity to raise funds. Kookaburra Kids resumed camps in 2022 after suspending them in 2021. Unfortunately, the planned birthing kit assembly day at Sylvania High School in March 2022 was postponed, however Bankstown Senior College went ahead in June 2021.

Funding from NSW ClubGRANTS were received from Club Central, Taren Point Bowling Club, as well as Brighton Le Sands, Ramsgate, and Kingsgrove RSL clubs, and private donors which enabled ZCBB to assist others through Service projects. Grants from Georges River Council and the Australian Government Department of Social Security will fund projects for young women and the upskilling of members this year.

Continuing Projects included:

- Breast care cushions were provided to St George Public, St George Private, Sutherland and St Vincent's Hospitals as well as the Royal Hospital for Women at Randwick;
- Exit baskets and new linen Packs were provided to Platform 9 refuges;
- Support packs and gift vouchers were provided to Moving Forward;
- Awards, including Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) and Young Indigenous Woman;
- Young Women's Networking event for YWPA Alumni and other young women.

New Projects:

- Behind Closed Doors, initially in the Cronulla area, and funded for the Georges River Local Government Area (LGA);
- A grant to upskill members in IT skills;
- Woman of Achievement (WoA) Award;
- Tertiary Student Scholarship;
- Year 12 Student Scholarship;
- Smith Family Student Sponsorship;

This year ZCBB extended the use of communication technology. Dinner meetings and Board meetings continued via Zoom during COVID-19 lockdowns. Planning and Committee meetings via Zoom provided the opportunity for Young Professional members to organise a Young Women's Networking Event which was held on 6 March 2022. During lockdown throughout much of the winter, members used Zoom for contact and fellowship including a regular 'get to know the members spot' as part of the online meetings. Thank you to our younger members who increased ZBCC's presence on social media.

In November, when members were finally able to meet together, a planning workshop was held to reinvigorate members and plan for new projects in in 2022. Kathy Jamieson was welcomed as new member at this workshop.

I would like to thank the Board members who gave me so much assistance and supported the changes that had to be made during the COVID-19 restrictions. Thanks also go to all the members for their continuing enthusiastic involvement.

Ann Selle OAM.

## **Club Members**

**Board:** Ann Selle, Thana Akkari, Judy Bendl, Marilyn Lowder, Pam Davidson, Sue Lowe, Bronlyn Schoer.

**Members:** June Beattie, Beverley Barrett, Elaine Brus, Gayle Cale, Robyn Cameron, Marie Collins, Susan Culley, Robyn Fague, Amanda Gibson, Silvana Hourcade, Kathy Jamieson, Dorothy Koukari, Pam Lancaster, Daniella Luchi, Wendy Matheson, Diana Milford-Smith, Daniella Mraovic, Sue Munro, Kerry Parsons, Sue Richards, Athena Savvas, Winola Su, Jeannette Werda.

**Honorary member:** Sandra Coogan.

All members have been involved in a range of Committees, Service and Fundraising projects.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Funds in the bank at the end of the Zonta Financial Year (28/2/2022)**

Discretionary service funds	\$14,800.87
Monies held in trust from grants and prior payments	\$30,233.18
General administration funds	\$8,795.90

ZCBB is proud of the results for the year given the forced cancellation of major fundraising opportunities because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Funding from NSW ClubGRANTS and grants from Georges River, Bayside and Sutherland Shire Councils enabled ZCBB to provide a range of ongoing services to the community, and we thank them for their generous support.

**Club Central, Hurstville** provided \$3,600 for the Breast Care Cushion project and the printing of an information booklet for Breast Cancer patients. They also provided \$6,000 for Platform 9 in the Georges River LGA.

**Kingsgrove RSL** provided \$4,000 for Platform 9 through the Bayside LGA grants program.

**Ramsgate RSL** provided \$1,400.00 and **Brighton-le-Sands RSL** \$3,000 for the supply of gift cards and utility bags containing hygiene and cleaning products for Moving Forward.

**Taren Point Bowling Club** provided \$6,000 for Platform 9 at Sutherland to provide exit baskets for guests.

**Georges River Council** also generously provided \$4,850 through their Community Grants Program for the 2022 Young Women event.

**David Coleman MP**, the Federal Member for Banks, provided \$2,448.00 through the 'Stronger Communities' Program, to upskill the ZCBB members in IT and digital technology.

#### **Net Funds Raised, Club Fundraising Events, Zonta 2021-22 Financial Year**

Sale of logos for breast care cushions and donations	\$445.00
Bunnings BBQ, Taren Point	\$1,796.77
General donations	\$4,776.00
Cronulla Theatre night	\$1,160.00

#### **Discretionary Service Expenditure, March 2021 – Feb 2022**

Donations to Zonta International service projects	\$2,044.09
Smith Family Student Sponsorship Program	\$1,248.00
ZCBB Tertiary Student Scholarship	\$2,000.00
ZCBB Year 12 Student Scholarship	\$500.00
Dandelion Support Network	\$290.00
ZCBB Woman of Achievement Award	\$1,000.00
Behind Closed Doors Project	\$1,081.31
Days for Girls Project	\$600.00
Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Program	\$1,045.00
Birthing Kits	\$45.00

The full financial statement will be issued separately.

Bronlyn Schoer

## **Committee Reports**

### **Service**

Zonta aims to empower women to reach their full potential through service and advocacy. With regard to service, ZCBB's application of this aim is reflected in the Service projects outlined in this report which support vulnerable women and children and raise awareness of the needs of women in the community.

The Service projects also recognise the achievements of local women and girls, providing mentoring and financial assistance to help young women achieve their potential.

### **Awards**

#### **Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA)**

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

In spite of COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time, ZCBB continued to support this Award in 2021, to recognise the achievements of young women in St. George and Sutherland Shire secondary schools.

Letters, application procedures and deadlines were updated and modified as normal contact was not always possible in 2021. All applications were accessed via a special link, completed and submitted online.

Online written applications were received from 14 students attending eight schools in the St. George and Sutherland Shire areas. In their applications students described the challenges and successes they had experienced through their leadership roles in their schools and communities.

A panel of four members reviewed the applications and, on the basis of their written responses six applicants were selected as ZCBB Finalists. One of these was then selected as the winner of the 2021 ZCBB YWPA award.

Once again, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the traditional YWPA Award Dinner for students, teachers, parents and members was not possible. Instead, the finalists, accompanied by one guest, were invited to the Award presentation via Zoom. All members of ZCBB attended the presentation where the finalists outlined the challenges of their final year and their plans for the future. Paris Alcorn, from Jannali High School was announced the 2021 ZCBB YWPA award winner, and Monetary prizes and Certificates were presented to the finalists. Paris will represent the ZCBB at Zonta District 24 Level.

The communication between ZCBB and schools and students in the area remained effective despite the continued disruptions associated with COVID-19, including extended periods of online learning. It was heartening for members to understand what students had achieved, despite the challenges they faced.

Thana Akkari

### **District 24 Achievement Award for a Young Indigenous Woman**

This District 24 Award is in its 11th year, having been initiated by Bronlyn Schoer who has continued to co-ordinate the implementation of the Award across NSW and the ACT. 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.

It was established to create a constructive connection between Zonta clubs of District 24 and young Indigenous women completing their final year of secondary school. The Award recognises and 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.

ZCBB is committed to recognising the achievements of young women of senior high school age and actively promotes this District 24 Award in all local schools, and has welcomed applications from several young women each year. The Award winner in 2019, Sarita Singh, was a student at Heathcote High School, and has maintained her connection to the program by her generous contribution as a member of the 2020 to 2022 selection panels.

Sue Lowe, has assisted with the implementation of this District 24 initiative since its inception, which is deeply appreciated.

Bronlyn Schoer, (Co-ordinator, District 24)

## **Local Projects Supporting Women**

### **Smith Family Student Sponsorship Program**

After the sponsorship of Rukia in Tanzania ended with her tertiary graduation, members voted to support an Australian schoolgirl living in poverty through the Smith Family Student Sponsorship Program. The initial donation of \$1,248 has been paid.

Ariella from Queensland has been assigned to ZCBB. She is 8 years old, her birthday is in July and she is in year 2 at school.

She will receive support in three vital areas:

- financial support to pay for school essentials such as a uniform, appropriate shoes, text books, and excursions;
- targeted support from a Learning for Life Coordinator who will liaise with the family to understand their unique circumstances, and link the schoolgirl to local learning opportunities to help her to fully participate in her education;
- access to a range of educational opportunities including Smith Family out-of-school learning and mentoring programs to help boost confidence.

Ariella's family has agreed to:

- show a commitment to her education by ensuring she attends school;
- complete a student profile each year. (The Smith Family will then send a written update to ZCBB);
- provide a copy of her end of year school reports to the Smith Family (not shared with ZCBB);
- keep receipts of educational expenses to be provided upon request.

Marilyn Lowder

### **Zonta Club of Botany Bay Year 12 Student Scholarship**

The ZCBB Year 12 Student Scholarship was established in 2022 to provide financial support to a Year 12 student, to assist her to complete her final year of secondary schooling. The scholarship of \$500 is designed to offset educational costs and is awarded at the beginning of Year 12 following the recommendation of the school principal, based upon the following criteria:

- a demonstrated commitment to her learning;
- financial hardship;
- demonstrated qualities of good citizenship; and,
- a commitment to applying for the YWPA in her scholarship year.

#### **2022 Recipient, Khanh Linh Nguyen**

Khanh Linh enrolled at Beverly Hills Girls High School in Year 8 as an international student from Vietnam. Since then, she has approached her education with a love for learning and demonstrated full commitment towards her studies. As a senior student, Khanh Linh has continued to excel in her chosen courses of study which include Advanced English, Mathematics Extension, Chemistry, Physics and Music. She hopes to pursue a career in teaching and finds satisfaction in teaching through tutoring other students in English and Mathematics. This has in turn, helped to consolidate her English language skills.



Khanh Linh has also immersed herself on the School Student Representative Council and within the wider community by working in Youth Leadership for Sutherland and Georges River Councils to support immigrants and refugees upon their arrival in Australia.

Bronlyn Schoer

### **Zonta Club of Botany Bay 2022 Tertiary Student Scholarship**

This Award was established in 2022 to provide financial support to a YWPA applicant who is experiencing financial hardship, to enable her to pursue her tertiary education. The award provides \$2,000 in the first year of study and will continue in the second and third years, contingent upon successful completion of her course of study each year.

The Award recipient was 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;
- demonstrated qualities of leadership in her school and wider community.

### **2022 Recipient, Roaa Ahmed**

Roaa Ahmed arrived in Australia from Egypt in 2018 and completed her HSC in 2021 at Beverly Hills Girls High. Through her diligence and determination not only did she master the English language, but also earned first place in HSC Arabic Extension, while meeting the challenge of two years of interrupted schooling due to the COVID-19 lockdowns.

When interviewed by the Sydney Morning Herald after her excellent exam results, she commented, "I live in Bankstown so we were in full lockdowns, I wasn't leaving the house at all, even for shopping. But I think we just had to get through it."

ZCBB is proud to celebrate the achievement and resilience of such a committed young woman.

Sue Lowe and Thana Akkari

### **Woman of Achievement Award (WoA)**

The inaugural Woman of Achievement Award was held in 2021, to recognise a woman residing within the Sutherland Shire, Georges River or Bayside Council areas whose work enhanced and improved the quality of life in her community. The award was promoted online and via social media and applicants were invited to submit their nomination electronically, between May and July. A panel of three members, two from ZCBB and one independent, ranked the nominees.

### **2021 Recipient, Emily Brown**

The winner, Emily Brown, demonstrated a passion for mentoring young people through an outreach program in her local community which involved two separate programs held after school and on the weekend. During COVID-19, Emily visited families within her community to provide support, encouragement and help in dealing with the challenges of those difficult times.



In November, 2021 Emily was presented with a cash prize and certificate by ZCBB president Ann Selle. At the Dinner meeting Emily was presented with an impressive glass plaque to mark the award and occasion.

Jeannette Werda, Marilyn Lowder

### **Young Women's Networking Event**

In celebration of International Women's Day, 2022, ZCBB hosted the Networking Event, #Break the Bias, created by young women for young women.

The Event was tailored to past finalists of the YWPA award and other interested young women in the 17 to 25 age range. It was organised and presented by Athena Savvas, ably assisted by Daniella Luchi, Winola Su and Daniella Mravoic, ZCBB's four Young Professional members.

The day included a workshop on gaining confidence, presented by former YWPA winner, Dr. Sharna Wiblen, followed by a group discussion on making connections and 'breaking the bias'. The Keynote guest speaker, Alexia Dobbin, a young talent agent, gave an insight into how she has achieved success in a male dominated industry. The event concluded with a question and answer session between the attendees and a panel of four women from diverse professions and backgrounds.

The day was a huge success as it provided an opportunity for the 42 young women to not only listen to, and interact with the speakers, but also to socialise with peers to develop their own networks. The majority of attendees chose to be notified of any future events.

Ann Selle OAM.

### **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.

Generous grants from Club Central Hurstville provided funding for the project. Cushions were prepared at a community cushion stuffing day at Club Menai in April, 2021 and at small group gatherings in members' homes which enabled social distancing as well as ensuring stock was always available.

Despite restrictions due to COVID-19 this year, ZCBB supplied cushions to St George Public, and Private Hospitals, and Sutherland Hospital. During lockdown a travel exemption permitted weekly deliveries outside the George's River LGA.

Fifteen cushions were delivered weekly, when requested, to the Breast Care Nurses at St George Hospital with a yearly total of 580 cushions. Two hundred cushions were provided to Breast Care Nurses at St Vincent's Public Hospital at Darlinghurst and to the Royal Hospital for Women at Randwick. Patients and nurses were extremely grateful to receive cushions on a regular basis throughout the year.

Amanda Gibson and Ann Selle, OAM

### **Kookaburra Kids**

ZCBB toiletry bags were not required in 2021 as no Kookaburra Kids camps were held due to COVID-19. In order to maintain contact and provide support, KK staff organised activities for small groups of children, such as bowling and movie outings.

Camps resumed in 2022 and on 9 February ZCBB members packed toiletry bags for the first two held at Stanwell Tops and Toukley. Bags will be packed in late April for other scheduled camps.

Judy Bendl

### **Moving Forward**

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

ZCBB supported Moving Forward by providing 24 homemaker packages and \$2,640 worth of gift vouchers from Big W or Woolworths, as requested by Jan Christie, the Manager of Moving Forward.

The purchases were funded through the NSW ClubGRANTS scheme with grants from Ramsgate and Brighton Le Sands RSL Clubs. The grants have made it possible for ZCBB to continue to support Moving Forward. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the need to protect ZCBB members, the majority of grant money was spent on vouchers.

As COVID-19 continued to challenge lives in 2021-2022, the number of women and children impacted by domestic violence increased. Moving Forward staff continued to stress the practical value of the packages and the contribution that the donations make to their clients' healing.

Pam Lancaster, Pam Davidson

### **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 guests are usually homeless and are victims of domestic violence.

ZCBB fundraising was severely curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions. In 2021 ZCBB was fortunate to receive grants through the NSW ClubGRANTS scheme from Kingsgrove RSL and Club Central, Hurstville (Bayside and Georges River Councils) and from Taren Point Bowling Club (Sutherland Shire Council)

During 2021 and into 2022, ZCBB continued to partner with Platform 9, providing care packs of items which are expensive for those on a tight budget. Linen packs including sheet sets, doona covers, pillows and towels were given to guests on arrival and then taken with them as they transition to new housing. Exit baskets of cleaning products and personal care items were also provided to guests.

In the period April 2021 to March 2022, ZCBB supplied more than 40 exit packs for guests and families in need, and a similar number of linen packs. The Program on-site Manager, Steph Allen, informed the Club when stocks ran low so they could be restocked. Five exit baskets were available at any given time, and linen was

provided upon request. Steph indicated that such practical support was invaluable, and that ZCBB is one of the few benefactors that give in such a practical manner. Guests were always grateful to receive useful items which are essential when setting up a new home.

Gayle Cale, Jeanette Werda

### **Dandelion Support Network**

A small group of ZCBB members regularly volunteered at the Dandelion Support Network site in Caringbah.

During the year, the need to support social workers in the community increased at the same time as COVID-19 safety requirements restricted the ability of Dandelion to function.

Volunteers sorted clothing and accessories for children from newborn to 16. Other members donated pre-loved clothing, toys, books, and knitted items such as beanies and stuffed toys, and Marilyn Lowder created beautiful quilts. All items were gratefully received.

The Board approved a donation of \$300 to be used for girls' underwear and socks. These items are always in high demand and must be brand new.

Robyn Cameron

### **International Projects Supporting Women**

#### **Birthing Kits**

The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) partners with health service providers around the world to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths. BKFA provides Clean Birth Kits to mothers and birth attendants. ZCBB supports BKFA by conducting kit assembly days in association with local high schools.

In June 2021 ZCBB members, assisted by Years 10, 11 and 12 students, assembled 800 birthing kits at Bankstown Senior College. As always, there was an opportunity for members to hear the students' stories. Most of them are mature-aged, from multicultural backgrounds who are studying for the HSC in order to progress to tertiary studies. Many stories related to refugee journeys involving significant challenges over many years.

Unfortunately, the planned birthing kit assembly day at Sylvania High School on International Women's Day, 8 March 2022 was postponed but members hope that it will take place in the near future.

Judy Bendl

#### **Days for Girls**

The Days for Girls (DFG) organisation provides washable, reusable menstrual management kits for impoverished and refugee girls and women. In 2021 they distributed the 2,500,000th kit. DFG began in 2008 and now works in more than 120 countries. They have set up many local enterprises with equipment and supplies to enable local women to begin making the kits.

An active member of the Project, Marilyn represented ZCBB as a volunteer with the Strathfield DFG team. In January 2015 ZCBB adopted DFG as a Service project. Since then, ZCBB has provided financial aid for the purchase of materials for the sewn components of the kits (drawstring carry bag, waterproof transport bag, two waterproof shields, four regular liners and four heavy-flow liners per kit). This year ZCBB donated 500 pairs of underpants to DFG Strathfield. Two pairs were included in each kit.

Volunteers hold monthly working bees to prepare the kits for distribution. The underwear, a calendar, soap and a washer are added to the sewn items. The kits will last more than three years.

This year the kits were sent to refugee women in Burundi through World Vision Canada. They were distributed free to the women and girls who attended an information session about the use and care of their kit. At the session volunteers also taught about the reproductive health of women and girls, to provide correct information as well as dispel harmful myths, and improve self-esteem.

Marilyn Lowder

## **Membership**

Current ZCBB membership is 30, comprising 26 General members, four Young Professional members and one Honorary member. There are a number of Friends of Botany Bay who volunteered their time to support key projects.

The Membership Committee has two teams: Recruitment and Retention. The Recruitment team is responsible for contacting potential members, inductions, mentoring new members as needed and contacting friends of Zonta. Organising name badges, ZCBB yellow T-shirts and business cards are minor responsibilities.

The Retention team planned Fun and Friendship social activities. ZCBB believes that an inclusive atmosphere and a sense of belonging and purpose is fundamental to sustaining club membership and fellowship. The Membership Committee sought to ensure that members had many opportunities to build strong relationships.

ZCBB responded to COVID-19 during 2021 by conducting Zoom meetings as well as strengthening connections with each other through small, safe gatherings.

ZCBB membership grew in 2021-2022 and members continued to enjoy strong fellowship and commitment to the goals of the Club and Zonta International.

Sue Lowe

## **Social Activities**

COVID-19 notwithstanding, ZCBB members enjoyed a few social outings. In March, a delightful walk in Oatley Park followed by morning tea enabled members to catch up on the latest news and share interesting life stories. In May, an interesting walk in the Royal Botanic Garden was led by our very knowledgeable science guru, Amanda Gibson, who gave members a great insight into the workings of the Garden and its wonderful plant species. In December, after a break in activities, members finally got together for lunch at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Port Hacking in Burraneer to

celebrate Christmas and the end of a very challenging year. Hopefully there will be more activities to come in 2022.

Wendy Matheson and Kerry Parsons

## **Advocacy**

Zonta aims to empower women to reach their full potential through advocacy. ZCBB acknowledges that it can be difficult to measure the outcomes of advocacy, and continues to strive toward that goal.

Examples of ZCBB's advocacy include the choice of expert speakers at meetings, participating at District meetings and events and making contact with political representatives in an effort to influence laws which affect women. Members also raise awareness by actively posting on social media.

District 24 participation included the Zonta District 24 Conference 2021 in September 2021 which was conducted on Zoom.

ZCBB participated in the Zonta International advocacy campaign "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women", including attendance at the District 24 Zoom meeting to prepare for this year's campaign. ZCBB initiated the Behind Closed Doors project during this 2021 campaign.

Other Zoom events attended by members included the District 24 leadership Zoom sessions and the Housing and Women's Safety Summit conducted by Everybody's Home on 6 September 2021. Members met with David Coleman, the Federal Member for Banks on Zoom to discuss issues such as homelessness and the lack of affordable housing in the area especially for older women.

### **Behind Closed Doors Project**

Inspired by Zonta Clubs in Queensland, ZCBB adopted a new project "Behind Closed Doors". Members created "Zonta Says No to Violence" posters which listed the 24 hour emergency phone numbers and QR codes of services which are available to those experiencing domestic and family violence. Fifty A4 posters were framed and then installed by Sutherland Shire Council in toilets along the beachfront. Southgate Shopping Centre also placed the posters on toilet doors in their premises. It was pleasing that ZCBB's campaign was supported by the Sutherland Shire Domestic Violence Committee on its website.

ZCBB has received a grant from Georges River Council which will fund 180 framed posters to be placed in women's toilets throughout the Georges River Local Government Area during 2022-2023.

Pam Davidson

## **Fundraising**

ZCBB's funds are raised primarily from Bunnings BBQs, the Annual Vintage and Collectables Fair and the Annual Golf Day. Unfortunately, these events had to be cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions.

## **Communications**

### **Electronic, Social and Print Media**

In 2021-2022 ZCBB continued to increase the use of electronic communications. Zoom was essential for the Club's meetings. The ZCBB letterhead was changed to be more aligned with current business styles.

The website, [www.zontabotanybay.org](http://www.zontabotanybay.org), as well as the Facebook page became more the norm as a means of building awareness of the Club's activities. Several members attended a QR Code training course held via Zoom by District 24.

The newsletter was published twice-yearly and is circulated via email as well as uploaded to the ZCBB and District 24 websites, and Facebook. ZCBB contributes a summary of activities to the District 24 quarterly newsletter, 'The Voice'.

Storage capacity on ZCBB's repository Dropbox was increased. The most recent two years of activities are retained in Dropbox and prior years are archived to a hard-drive.

Print material such as Club brochures continued to be undertaken by Minuteman Press at Caringbah, who provided a competitive, efficient service.

ZCBB advertised the Vintage and Collectables Fair on online media publications such as Weekend Notes.

As demonstrated in this report, and to ensure continued operational success, ZCBB is moving towards more technology-based Communications. A Community grant has been received from Federal MP, David Coleman which will be used to upskill members in IT and digital technology, for Club Communications, and to enable members to become comfortable with their day-to-day use of applications.

Robyn Cameron

### **The Voice**

ZCBB continued to contribute to the District 24 quarterly publication "The Voice". It is a valuable tool for Zonta Clubs to encapsulate what they have done, the projects they have undertaken, and how these were managed. It is uplifting to read how Zonta works in other areas, and to see how ZCBB contributes in so many ways. It is a very interesting read when it arrives in our "In Boxes"!

Gayle Cale

### **Dinner Meeting Guest speakers**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, some Dinner meetings were conducted via Zoom instead of face to face. Members enjoyed presentations from a range of guest speakers who explored a variety of topics.

Speakers and their topics:

#### **2021**

- May: **Andrea Turner-Boys**, Women with Altitude;
- July: **Emily Brown**, Inaugural Winner of ZCBB Woman of Achievement Award;

- August: **Greg Atwells**, CEO of Creatable; Motto: - “Leave No one Behind”;
- September: **Nicole Watkins**, Community Refugee Sponsorship Committee;
- November: **Jules Dwyer**, Principal, and **Bronwen Conn**, Senior Policy Officer Sexual Violence, from Women NSW, an agency within the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

## 2022

- February: **Alison Duff**, Teacher, Celebrant, Artist, Hazelhurst advocate;
- March: **Finalists** from YWPA 2021.



## **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 28 February 2022.

#### **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 28 February 2022 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

*Maria Good*

Certified Practising Accountant  
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**Zonta Club of Botany Bay Incorporated**

**ABN: 23 605 031 194**

**Statement by Members of The Management Committee**

**For the year ended 28 February 2022**


The Committee has determined that the Club is not a reporting entity. The special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of complying with the Club's Bylaws which require the accounting records to be audited.

Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have not been specifically applied. In the opinion of the Committee, compliance with these standards would place an unreasonable burden on the Club for comparably minor benefit.

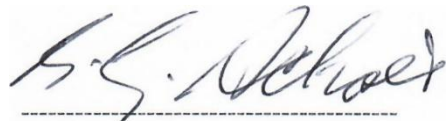
In the opinion of the Committee the Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet:

1. Present fairly the financial position of ZONTA Club of Botany Bay Incorporated as at 28 February 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

  
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**ANN SELLE**

  
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**BRONLYN SCHOER**