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The end of another year is almost here and to start review of our activities since April, I'd like to acknowledge those individuals, companies, and organisations who have generously contributed to our Club's activities. Without these contributions, our ability to support our various causes would not be nearly as successful as it is.

- ◇ **Taren Point Bowling Club**—use of Board room for our dinner meetings
- ◇ **Kareela Golf Club**—use of meeting room for YWPA selections
- ◇ **MARS** - Masterfoods BBQ, Tomato and Mustard Sauces
- ◇ **Blue Illusion, Miranda**— Donation of a percentage of fashion show sales
- ◇ **Minuteman Press, Caringbah**— Graphic design - advertising materials for upcoming 2018 Vintage Fair
- ◇ **Beverly Hills & Moorefield Girls High Schools**—both schools raise half the cost of the purchase of 1000 birthing kits for the packing days at their respective schools. Sadly Moorefield Girls High are unable to continue with this program in 2018.
- ◇ **Engadine Central Probus Club**—Toiletries and knitted beannies
- ◇ **Gardens on Forest**—whose continuing support for our various activities is invaluable.

GRANTS— Grant applications were successful the following service projects -



Gayle C donating to Platform 9

- ◇ **Platform 9**—\$5000 from **Club on East**, Sutherland



Ann, Sandra Coogan and Sue M

- ◇ **Breast Cushions & Breast Care Nurses' Booklet**—\$3000 from **Club Central**



Pam D & Pam L receiving grant

- ◇ **Moving Forward**—\$2100 from **Earlwood Bardwell Park RSL**

- ◇ **2018 Vintage Fair**—Room Hire charges for Marana Hall have been waived. This grant equates to approximately \$3000 from **Georges River Council**.

Thank you to those members who so successfully lodged the above grant applications.



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WHY HAS 2017 GONE SO FAST??

Suffice to say our Club has continued on its busy path for service and fundraising activities with some notable highlights.

◆ Rukia Shabani Graduation from St. Judes

During the last week of May, Ann, Amanda and Elaine Brus (who was recently inducted into the Club) travelled to Arusha, Tanzania to be present for the graduation of our Club's sponsored student Rukia Shabani at St. Judes on 27th May.



How different does Rukia look out of uniform! And what a beautiful young lady she has become. After graduating, along with other students she commenced her 3 month mandatory national service before returning to the school to be a part of the "Beyond St. Judes" program. Rukia is now travelling daily by bus to the school she is volunteering/teaching at as a part of this program. Our Club will continue with our

sponsorship of Rukia for at least the next 12 months at which time her situation will be reviewed.

◆ Annual Golf Day

On 29th July our postponed annual golf event took place at Calderwood Golf Course with 86 golfers teeing off at 8AM. The weather was perfect and the club, once again, enjoyed a very successful outcome to the day. Platform 9 benefitted from funds raised.



This year's event was significant as we were able to say a very special 'THANK YOU' to June, our golf organizer for 20 years!!

June has decided to "retire" from this role for 2018, but in the ever present spirit of Zonta and working together, Elaine Brus has volunteered to keep the golf ball rolling for our club.



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◆ **YWPA:**

Our annual dinner and award presentation night was held on 12th September at Gardens on Forest. We had a total of 11 applications with 8 applicants from 5 schools reaching interview. The winner this year was **Mia Castagnone** from Beverly Hills Girls High School, second place was awarded to **Evie Knight** from Woollooware High School. Highly Commended awards went to **Jenny Ngo** (Beverly Hill GHS), **Danah Abdel Khaleq** (Beverly Hills GHS) and **Winola Su** (Kogarah HS).



Our inspirational guest speakers were Dr. Dharmica Mistry (breast cancer scientist) and Dr. Sharna Wiblen, former YWPA winner (1996), Talent Management and IT professional.

We had a record number of people (98) attending this year's dinner to support these wonderful young ladies. Our thanks go to the organizing committee and the interview panel (members Robyn F, Marie, Bronlyn, Pam D and Sue S, prior YWPA participant and young professional member Medina Krcic, as well as Lorraine Manning, a very long time friend of Zonta).

The staff of Gardens on Forest continued with their high standard of professionalism that we have become so used to and enjoyed each year.



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◆ Breast Cushions

On Thursday, 12th October, a cushion stuffing day took place at Club Central Menai and an article was published in The Leader helping to increase awareness of the work we do. The following is an incomplete extract



*“Giving back: Zonta Club Botany Bay members and Club Menai staff will be stuffing cushions for breast cancer survivors as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Picture: John Veage
“Club Central Menai staff lent a helping hand this week—working to raise recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Several staff gave up their free time to work with Zonta Club Botany Bay members on Thursday to help create breast care cushions.”*

We have provided 460 cushions this year.

◆ Kookaburra Kids

Our last packing day to support KK took place on Friday, October 13. In total this year, we have created 700 toiletries bags to be used by recipients at 14 camps. Additionally we have given another 140 as “thankyou” gifts to the girls at Beverly Hills and Moorefield Girls High Schools on birthing kit assembly days and another 10 for Marion Villa. What a massive effort this is.

◆ Birthing Kit Assembly

The last assembly day for 2017 was held on 14th November at Beverly Hills Girls High School. Club members, Lorraine Manning and Medina Krcic, along with 82 year 9 girls assembled 1000 kits.





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Still there's more:



ZCBB members & district members

- ◆ **Zonta District 24 conference** was held in Newcastle from 15-17th September. Our Club was well represented and received awards for :
Membership—the Club with the highest number of young professional members; and
PR—our Newsletter.
- ◆ Another **Bunnings BBQ** day was held on Sunday, 12th November at Taren Point. This is a temporary store whilst Bunning's new Taren Point site is developed. Not as many sausages required, however, a warm thank you again to our HonZon hubbies who are always on hand on these days and Marie Featherstone for her willing assistance on the day.
- ◆ Our thanks to Marilyn, Sue M and Patricia Harrison who volunteered to be models at the **Blue Illusion** fashion parade held at Miranda Fair on 18th November.
- ◆ **STEM & Community Awards** at local high schools – This has been a new initiative this year. Schools were invited to nominate a year 11 or 12 girl for a STEM (Science, technology, Engineering or Mathematics) Award or a Year 10 girls for a Community Award. The response has been positive with STEM nominations received from Heathcote, Lucas Heights Community School, Sylvania, Port Hacking, Jannali and Kirrawee High Schools. Community Award nominations were received from Endeavour, Heathcote and Kirrawee High Schools. Club members have attended presentation days at the various schools.
- ◆ **White Ribbon Day**— As Advocacy Chair, Robyn F presented WRD certificates to students at Kirrawee, Woolooware and Engadine High Schools. She reported the certificates were well-received.





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COMMUNITY AWARDS

Not only do we give awards, but another two of our members have received recognition for a job well done.



June received a St. George Community Award for outstanding individual volunteer work. June's commitment to the Club's annual golf day since its inception and the funds raised as a result of its continued success was the basis for our recommendation for this award.

Sonia received a Community Volunteer Award, Red Cross and acknowledgement at the D24 Conference for 15 years of continuous Zonta membership.



Congratulations to both these members for their years of dedication.

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year we have had some amazing speakers at our dinner meetings. To name a few:

- November— Christine Bird, Co-ordinator of the Crossroads community Care Organization
- September— Danielle Lucas, the founder of Care for Kids in the Sutherland Shire
- July - Karen Tromp;, ZI Foundation Ambassador
- June - Jennifer Thommeny, Former Chief Inspector, Police Fraud Squad
- May - Ruth Lewis-Jones, Founder & MD of Choose Real Campaign, School Chaplain at Alford's Point PS and Young Achiever of the Year, ACT.

Thank you to Gayle Cale and other members who have made this possible.



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Administrative Activities:

- ◆ We have welcomed the following new members this year:



Thana Akkari and Rachel Ridge—April meeting

- ◆ Elaine Brus and Medina Krcic—November meeting.



- ◆ And finally, on 12th December, we held our year-end Christmas dinner at Croydon Lane Café/Bar at Cronulla. The evening was a huge success. Our thanks to Sue R for organizing this venue.

Our 2018 calendar is filling fast so we will be hitting the ground running early in the new year.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyous festive season and a happy, healthy 2018.



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What is coming up!

- ⇒ 9/1/2018—Board Meeting,
- ⇒ 13/1/2018—Planning Day, Gardens on Forest
- ⇒ 23/1/2018—Dinner Meeting, TPBC
- ⇒ 29/1/2018—KK Packing Day,
- ⇒ 11/2/2018—Bunnings BBQ, Kirrawee
- ⇒ 27/2/2018—Jannali HS STEM Award
- ⇒ 27/2/2018—Dinner Meeting
- ⇒ 17/3/2018—Golf Day, Calderwood
- ⇒ 24/3/2018—Area 1 Meeting—TBC
- ⇒ 27/3/2018—Dinner Meeting
- ⇒ 24/4/2018—Dinner Meeting
- ⇒ 9/5/2018—Cronulla Arts Theatre Production
- ⇒ 23/6/2018—Antiques & Collectables Fair, Hurstville
- ⇒ 29/6-3/7/2018—ZI 64th International Convention,
Yokohama Japan

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Board & Dinner Meetings held on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month respectively at Taren Point Bowling Club unless otherwise advised.

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Hurstville

Vintage MID WINTER
 &
Collectables



FAIR

Marana Auditorium
 16 MacMahon St Hurstville

Saturday 23rd, June 2018

9am - 4pm

Entry \$5.00

- + Art glass
- + Books & Records
- + Cameras
- + Ceramics
- + Jewellery
- + Linen
- + Toys
- + Watches
- + Vintage fashion
- + And Much More...

- + Meet with quality dealers
- + Valuations
- + Discover great collectables
- + Bargains galore
- + Refreshments available



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