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SERVICE PROJECT SUMMARY —October 2021-February 2022

Moving Forward:

Twenty \$50 gift cards were purchased from Big W as Christmas gifts for Moving Forward clients. Grants from Ramsgate RSL & Brighton Le Sands RSL enabled us to assemble Moving Out bags over the last quarter of 2021. Thanks to Pam D and Pam L for their shopping, preparation and delivery of these lovely bags.



Behind Closed Doors:

We were excited that Sutherland Shire Council came on board to support this 16 Days of Activism project in November. The Club purchased frames and had the poster printed. Council placed approx. 50 posters in the ladies' changerooms at Oak Park, Shelley, South Cronulla, North Cronulla, Elouera and Wanda beaches, as well as in toilets at Don Lucas Reserve, Gunnamatta Park, Darook Park and the Cronulla Mall.

Our thanks to Sutherland Council's James Jackson, Team Leader Community Services and the DV Committee of Sutherland Shire for their assistance.

STOP PRESS

A grant from Georges River Council will facilitate the placement of 180 similar framed posters to be put in all public toilets in Georges River Local Government Area. A big thank you to the Council for this grant.



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Cushion Stuffing Days:

COVID safe stuffing days were held for the Sutherland Shire at Judy’s home on 5th November and for the St. George area on 10th November at Ann’s home. A total of 250 cushions were completed.

These days are always enjoyable and we look forward to having a “whole of Club” day on Thursday 10th March at Gardens on Forest at Peakhurst.

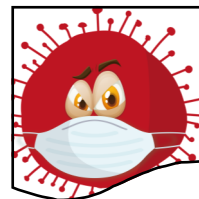
Kookaburra Kids:

Judy reported that KK is working towards the resumption of camps this year. A working bee was held at Judy’s house on 9th February to sort, remove out of date products and pack toiletry bags. A lot of work combined with great teamwork, morning tea and lunch.



Forced Cancellations

- ⊗ Cushion stuffing day planned to be held on 17th January at Club Central, Hurstville
- ⊗ Vintage Fair planned for January 30th— the fourth cancellation?? We look forward to 17TH JULY!!!!





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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

Roaa Ahmed (BHGHS) received our newly-created Tertiary Scholarship Award. Roaa arrived in Australia 4 years ago and spoke very little English but with great determination she has gained an ATAR of 94.5.

This scholarship was created to assist a YWPA Award applicant who needs financial support to further her studies. It will assist Roaa, over the next 3 years, with necessary educational expenses. Continuing support each year is dependent on successful completion of the prior year's studies.



Khanh Linh Nguyen, also from BHGHS, received another new Club award, Year 12 Award, which will provide Khanh with financial support to assist with educational expenses associated with HSC studies.





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DINNER MEETINGS

Each month it was necessary for our President, Ann, to potentially make a last minute decision on whether the meeting would be conducted via Zoom or "in person". What a great job she's done!



The October meeting was held via Zoom but, for the first time in several months, we held a face to face meeting in November.

Our October Guest speaker was *Eliza Clark*, NSW Woman of the Year for Heathcote Electorate, co-founder of "Engadine/Heathcote & Surrounds New Mum Village"

Eliza established the Village when she realized that, during lockdown, pregnant women were anxious about having a baby without the usual support. Pandemic ingenuity surfaced and the Engadine-Heathcote and Surrounds New Mum Village was set up on Facebook in March 2020. They now have 670 members and is open to parents with children up to 2 years of age. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/668418550613182>).

Our November Guest Speakers were from WomenNSW. Department of Communities and Justice . *Jules Dwyer*, is Principal, WomenNSW, and *Bronwen Conn* is Senior Policy Officer Sexual Violence

Bronwen explained that WomenNSW was the lead government body on policy for women. They aim to improve the quality of life and gender equity for women in the state

Jules explained that the WomenNSW strategy was launched in 2018 to improve the economic, social and physical well-being of women.

Thank you to October and November speakers for exceptionally interesting presentations.



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WORKSHOP - NOVEMBER, 2021



Gardens on Forest was the venue for our Workshop held on 15th November. The object of the workshop was to plan the future direction of our club in 2022. Proposed projects including refugee mentoring, Smith Family Learning for Life schoolgirl sponsorship, Tertiary and Year 12 Awards were fully discussed.

As noted, the Tertiary and Year 12 Award programs were unanimously approved and have been initiated; the Smith Family sponsorship has been approved.

A group of members will undertake training in relation to the refugee mentoring program through Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia and will assist with further decisions with this program.

Our thanks to Sonia Fenton and her staff for once again providing a wonderful venue.



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OUR MEMBERSHIP:

* We welcomed Kathy Jamieson to our Club, who was inducted at the November 2021 Workshop.



* Sue L received her certificate for 10 years of Zonta Membership.

* Marilyn L was nominated for a Sutherland Shire Community Award.



* Our Club was nominated for the Sutherland Shire Australia Day Awards which Judy and Thana attended.

* A Grant to upgrade our members' technology skills during 2022 has been received from David Coleman MP for Banks.

* The Club has won a Community award from Mark Coure, MP for Oatley, which Thana and Sue L attended on behalf of the club.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Christmas Luncheon - Held for the second time at the Royal Motor Yacht Club, Burraneer. Perfect weather and a great venue enabled members to get together to celebrate the year that was. A big Thankyou to Wendy and Kerry for once again organizing a truly enjoyable Christmas get together.





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Ramsgate RSL & Brighton Le Sands
RSL Clubs— For Moving Forward.



Club Central— For Breast care cushions and information booklets

- For Platform 9 Exit bags and linen
- For Waiver of room hire for meetings and Young Womens Event.



Kingsgrove RSL — For Platform 9 - linen.



Taren Point Bowling Club— For Platform 9 for linen and bedding.

We are also grateful to:



- For Behind Closed Doors project in GRC area.
- For Young Womens Networking Event.

These grants allow our Club to continue supporting our various service projects, particularly whilst our fundraising activities are restricted.

Thankyou and congratulations to members who lodged these grant applications.



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ADMIN TIDBITS:

The Communications team met after the November workshop, and

- * Letterhead has been updated. The new version should replace prior
- * versions members may be using.
- * Stay tuned for further discussions concerning the grant for members to strengthen their technology skills.
- * We welcomed Beverley to our team. She has volunteered to review our publications including the Annual Report, the newsletter, standard letters, etc. prior to finalization. A big thanks to Beverley as it is always nice to have fresh eyes.

CALENDAR UPDATES - 2022

- ⇒ **Dinner Meetings:** Location—Club Menai or Zoom
22/2/2022, 22/3/2022, 26/4/2022, 24/5/2022, 28/6/2022, 26/7/2022, 23/8/2022, 27/9/2022, 25/10/2022, 22/11/2022
- ⇒ **Board Meetings:** Held 2nd Tuesday of month. Location TBA
- ⇒ **Sunday, 6 March** Young Women Event
Club Central, Hurstville
- ⇒ **Thursday, 10 March** Cushion Stuffing Day at Gardens on Forest, Peakhurst
- ⇒ **Saturday, 19 March** Zonta Area 1 Workshop
Epping Club, Epping
- ⇒ **Sunday, 26 March** Bunnings BBQ, Koonya Cct, Caringbah
- ⇒ **Saturday, 25 June** Golf Day
Calderwood Golf Course
- ⇒ **Sunday, 17 July** Vintage & Collectable Fair,
Marana Hall, Hurstville

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

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