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**2022 In Review**

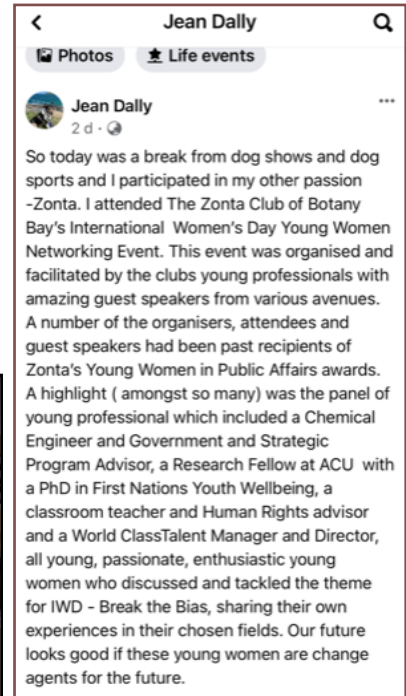
After two years of restrictions, our club resumed the fundraising events which support our nominated service projects and enjoyed social catchups.

A month by month review of 2022 follows:

**MARCH —**

- ◆ **Young Women's Event - “Break the Bias”** = Held on 6th March at Club Central, Hurstville.

A great success with 42 young women participating, including girls from Beverly Hills Girls HS and Birrong HS where former ZCBB member Zena Dabaja is now principal. The Zonta District Governor, Karen Tromp and Lieutenant Governor Jean Dally also attended and were highly impressed with the event which was organised and orchestrated by our group of young professional members—Daniella Mraovic, Daniella Luchi, Athena Savvas (who travelled from Queensland) and Winola Su.



- ◆ **Cushion Stuffing**—Held at Gardens on Forest, 10th March



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◆ **Bunnings BBQ** at Taren Point, 27th March

Members enjoyed catching up and promoting our Club, however the profits made were disappointing, due largely to increased costs of supplies. A couple of our members relaxed afterwards in quite different fashions.



An anonymous foot enjoying a sauna

**APRIL -**

◆ **Kookaburra Kids** packing day at Judy B's on 4th April

Camps resumed with 7 held to date. Two hundred bags were completed for camps to be held in Queensland and at Teen Ranch.



◆ **New Member Inductions**, Dinner meeting on 26th April



Dr Sharna Wiblen was inducted and welcomed to our Club. Sharna has had an intermittent very long association with our Club, being YWPA winner in 1998.

Sharna was the main motivational speaker at the Young Women's event and is keen to support this program in future years.

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◆ **Annual AGM, 26th April**

Election of new club officers for 2022-2023 took place. The following members were unanimously elected:

President	Ann Selle
Vice President	Thana Akkari
Treasurer	Bronlyn Schoer
Secretary	Marilyn Lowder
Board members	Pam Davidson, Judy Bendl, Kathy Jamieson, Elaine Brus.
Public Officer	Bronlyn Schoer
Immediate Past President	Robyn Fague



Our sincere thanks to the Board members. They are a special group of ladies without whose energy our Club would not function as profitably, effectively and successfully.

**MAY -**

◆ **Birthing Kit Day, Sylvania High School, 3rd May.**

600 kits were efficiently packed at the school.

◆ **Cronulla Arts Theatre, Wednesday 4th May—“Exit Laughing”**

Always a success, these fun nights are a great catchup opportunity and raises some easy money for the Club.

Thanks to the Sue R for organising this preview night with the theatre.





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### JUNE -

- ◆ **Birthing Kit Assembly Day**, 28th June at Bankstown Senior College.

In preparation for this day a small group came together to fold black plastic sheets at Pam L's in the complex community room.

At the College, 600 Kits were assembled by the mature age students who came as refugees Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and several African countries. Club members who were able to participate spoke highly of the students, their enthusiasm and their desire to do well with their studies.



### JULY -

- ◆ **Vintage & Collectables Fair**, 17th July at Marana Hall, Hurstville

After so many forced cancellations, the Fair took place and was, again, a resounding success. Dealers love our Fair and provide a tempting range of items to the steady flow of customers. An ATM installed in the lobby contributed to that success.



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What would we, and the dealers, do without the HonZon hubbies who work tirelessly unloading vans in the early hours of the morning and then being available at the end of a long day to help the dealers dismantle their stalls.

Our thanks are also extended to Georges River Council for their continued support by way of grant for the hall hire.

Platform 9 received funding from the proceeds of this Fair.



◆ **New Member Inductions** at July dinner meeting

Pam Lohse, Diane McInerney and Jayde Jensen were inducted and welcomed to our Club. Jayde is an addition to our Young Professional membership group.

**AUGUST -**

◆ **Cushion Stuffing Day**, at Gardens on Forest, 1st August.

As always, mass production of cushions achieved, whilst enjoying members' company, morning tea and lunch.

Our thanks are again extended to Sonia for her generosity with the use of the room at Gardens.



◆ **Kookaburra Kids Packing Day**, 26th August at Judy's - Sufficient toiletries bags were completed to support Kookaburra Kids needs.



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## SEPTEMBER -

- ◆ **YWPA and Woman of Achievement Awards** held at Gardens on Forest on 6th September.

These two Awards are highlights of our busy year and recognise both high-achieving senior high school girls and the women who work quietly and tirelessly in much needed community service positions. The calibre of the students who participate has never failed to amaze over many years and now, with our relatively new Woman of Achievement Award, we are discovering another layer of remarkable quiet achievers.



After reviewing applications and intensive discussions, the YWPA Committee selected Darcy Blades from Caringbah High School as the YWPA winner.

Darcy is School Captain and has many achievements to her name already and plans to commence a double degree—Bachelor of Science (Medical) and Bachelor of Law.

Other finalists were from Beverly Hills Girls HS, Endeavour Sports High School, Jannali High, Woolooware High and St. Ursula's College



The Woman of Achievement Award, 2022 winner was Gabrielle Humphries who is a Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Genetics. Her nomination related to her work at Dandelion Support Network which she joined as a volunteer in 2012 and has gone on to become the General Manager. Gaby has been instrumental in expanding this service outside of the Sutherland Shire, benefitting families in need who are supported by social workers.

Our thanks to Club Central for their generosity in funding the first prize for the Woman of Achievement Award.



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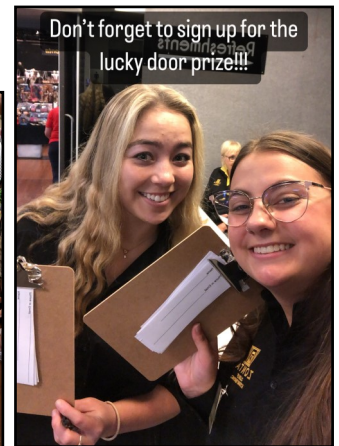
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## SEPTEMBER -

- ◆ **Vintage & Collectables Fair**, Mark II, 25th September, Marana Hall, Hurstville.



What a month! With the Club's two biggest events at the beginning and the end!! Following two years of forced cancellations, our 'fearless leader' decide to hold a second Fair in 2022. Once again, this proved a great success with a very positive financial outcome. Sincere thanks again to Georges River Council.



Front and centre again—thanks guys!!





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## OCTOBER -

### ◆ Trivia Night, Georges River 16' Sailing Club, 21st October

In lieu of the traditional Calderwood Golf Day which had to be cancelled due to poor weather and ground conditions, Elaine B arranged a Trivia Night. What a great night this turned out to be with general consensus that it was so enjoyable, a return event is a must. Thank you Elaine for orchestrating and to other club members for their backup support.



### ◆ New Member Induction— Dinner Meeting 25th October Nadia McMaster was inducted and welcomed to our Club.





**NOVEMBER -**

◆ **November Dinner Meeting**, 22nd November.

In order to hear from our guests, the meeting dispensed with most business items. Roaa Ahmed and her sister Mariam, Ola Gafour, and guest speaker, Anyier Yuol were welcomed to the meeting.

Anyier, who born in a Kenyan refugee camp, spoke about her life experiences since arriving in Australia as a refugee. It is impossible to encapsulate this amazing young lady's story. Suffice to say she is an incredible example of a person rising above unimaginable hardships, whilst being passionate about helping others. Anyier is currently undertaking her PhD research at Western Sydney University.

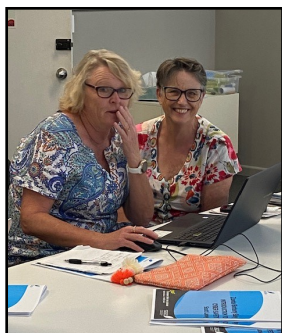


Roaa Ahmed received the Club's Tertiary Scholarship Award for 2022. She reported on the first year of her tertiary scholarship as she studies Psychology and Media Studies at Sydney University. exams now. She was awarded a university memorial prize after first semester and has completed her end of year exams.

Ola Gafour, who was a YWPA finalist this year, is the recipient of the Tertiary Scholarship Award for 2023. Ola has aspirations of eventually becoming a brain surgeon and is hoping to start her tertiary studies in neuroscience or physiotherapy.



◆ **Members' IT Upskilling**



As a result of Federal grant received from David Coleman MP, an upskilling program in conjunction with Jannali College was undertaken on two Tuesdays in November. Thanks to Dianne McInerney who enabled contact with the CEO of the college.

Thanks also to Bernadette Mills and her team at the college who developed the program to suit multiple skill levels.



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◆ The Club's Christmas lunch was held at the Royal Motor Yacht Club at Burraneer. Our thanks to Wendy and Kerry, our social organisers, for arranging this venue again. It is a great spot to celebrate.



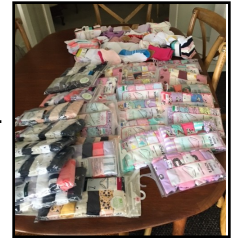
It would also be remiss not to thank Wendy and Kerry for organizing "Walks & Talks" in March and October.

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**AND STILL THERE IS MORE** that isn't attributed to a specific month:

- ◆ **Refugee Sponsorship Program**— After participating in online training, a small group of members lead by Kerry P and Kathy J committed to supporting two young Afghani women. The membership unanimously agreed to financial support to assist these girls with settling in. Kerry and Kathy have reported on their activities and progress.
- ◆ **Behind Closed Doors**— Georges River Council has been very supportive of this activity. Signs were installed in all public ladies' restrooms in the Council area. Signs were installed in the women's restrooms at Southgate, Sylvania shopping centre in support of 16 Days of Activism. Sonia F, being a member of Georges River Licensed Premises Accord Group, advised this group has agreed to support signage in their premises.
- ◆ **Smith Family Appeal**—Support of 9 year old Ariella.
- ◆ **Dandelion Support Network**—Supply of various sized children's underwear and socks. Thank you to Sue Munro who shopped for these items.



## DINNER MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS:

Thank you to Gayle for organising some very interesting speakers, including:

- ◆ Allison Duff—Sing Australia Co-ordinator, pre-school director, celebrant, and artist who is involved with Hazelhurst Cottage volunteers
- ◆ David Roberts—Angel Flight
- ◆ Annette Mayne—Reconnect Project
- ◆ Lillian Che—Stroke Foundation Volunteer

Other activities that various members participated in throughout the year :

- ◆ Area 1 Workshop
- ◆ D24 Zonta online training programs
- ◆ D24 Gala Dinner
- ◆ Platform 9 Gala Dinner

And we took pride in high points in our Young Professionals lives:

Daniella Mraovic graduated in Radiography



Winola Su graduated International Business



Daniella Luchi married in April



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**GRANTS:**

We are very fortunate that applications lodged with Clubs NSW for Grants have been successful for our service projects:

**RamsgateRSL** **Ramsgate RSL Club**—Grants for Platform 9 exit baskets & linen supplies



**Club Central**—Grants for Breast care cushions and information booklets  
Grant for Platform 9 Exit bags and linen  
Waiver of room hire for meetings and Young Women's Event.



**Georges River Council**—  
Grant for Behind Closed Doors project in GRC area  
Grant for Young Women's Networking Event 2023  
Grant for Venue Hire, 2023 Vintage & Collectable Fairs



**Taren Point Bowling Club**—Grant for Platform 9 for linen and bedding



**Sutherland Shire Council** -  
Grant for Platform9 Hospital Grade Mattresses

**Federal Grant** from David Coleman—Upskilling members' IT skills



**Earlwood-Bardwell Park RSL**—Grant for Moving Forward household supplies

Thank you and congratulations to members who lodged these grant applications.



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As we look back on 2022 and move into 2023, we reflect on our great membership which enabled the successful outcomes to our objective to empower women through service and advocacy.

Thankyou to our various Club Committees, and to all for "pitching in" when called upon.



## CALENDAR UPDATES - 2023

- ⇒ **Dinner Meetings:** Location—Club Menai
- ⇒ 4th Tuesday of the Month at 6.30pm for 7pm start
- ⇒ **Board Meetings:** Locations to be advised
- ⇒ 2nd Tuesday of the month
- ⇒ **Sunday, 12/2/2023** Vintage & Collectable Fair
- ⇒ Marana Hall, Hurstville
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 8/3/2023** IWD & Birthing Kits at BHGHS
- ⇒ **Sunday, 12/3/2023** Young Women's Event
- ⇒ Club Central, 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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