



# Newsletter

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## August-December, 2018—In Review.....

After the busy first half of the year, it was somewhat of a relief not to have such a full on last half. Having said that, we didn't exactly stand still.

### Young Women in Public Affairs

Our annual dinner was held on Tuesday, 18th September at Gardens on Forest. We had a record 114 people attending, which speaks volumes of the interest that this program is attracting in the local school communities and the wider St. George & Sutherland Shire communities. There were 14 applicants from 8 schools—Engadine, Port Hacking, Endeavour, Kirrawee, Woolooware, Kogarah, Beverly Hills and Danebank.—with an end result of Winola Su from Kogarah High School submitting the winning application.



2019 Winner & Finalists with Guest Speakers  
Marina Sara & Anyier Youl



Winola Su



Sharyl Scott, ZI Awardee Jorga Attard, past winners  
Athena Savvas, Daniella Luchi and  
Sharna Wiblen

In addition, we were privileged to have D24 Governor, Sharyl Scott in attendance to present a cheque to Jorga Attard, who was a Zonta International YWPA Awardee in 2018.

The Club extends its thanks to our guest speakers, representatives from Georges River Council, Club Central and Menai, and members of Sydney West and Sydney East Clubs for supporting this event. A big thank you also to Daniella Luchi who gave her time to be on the selection panel and the HonZons who provide us with photographic records of the night.



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## Service Activities

- ◆ A further **Kookaburra Kids Packing Day** was held on 16th October where we packed for the last two camps of the year, making a total of 13 camps in all. As always these days are not only rewarding, but give members and friends the chance to socialize over morning tea and lunch. A big thank you to those members who sew the toiletry bags—they are beautiful—and Kookaburra Org is delighted to receive them.



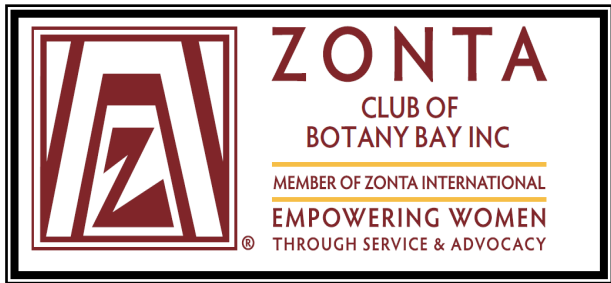
- ◆ **Birthing Kit Assembly Day**— Beverly Hills Girls High School enthusiastically supported this activity yet again on Tuesday, 20th November. Four tables of students worked with the Zonta team to complete 1000 kits.



The Club's thanks are extended to BHGHS for their continuing support of this program.

- ◆ **Moving Forward**— Purchased 4 Queen size quilts, 4 x Queen size quilt cover sets, 4 single size quilts and 4 single quilt cover sets with funds provided by the Club.





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◆ **STEM & Community Awards Program**

We received 12 applications consisting of 7 STEM and 5 Community Service Awards. The schools that participated in this program were Caringbah, Endeavour, Kirrawee, Heathcote, St. Ursula's College, Kingsgrove, Danebank, Lucas Heights, and Bankstown Senior College.



Robyn F with St. Ursula's College Awardee



Robyn F & Thana with Kirrawee HS Awardees

This is 3 more than 2017 which validates our decision to continue this program in 2018. Not only do talented young girls benefit from this program, but it gives us an opportunity to further develop awareness of our Club's work and expand our network in the community.

**Fundraising**

◆ We never say no to an opportunity to add to the bank account, EVEN when the date is Saturday, December 1 and Christmas is looming. At the end of the day, the Bunnings BBQ at Kirrawee turned out to be so worth the effort. Consensus of those who could volunteer on the day, was that it was possibly THE BUSIEST BBQ we've ever done and our amazing, incredible, wonderful HonZons were front and centre again..... What would we do



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without them!!  
Thankyou,  
Thankyou



## *Other Activities....*

Throughout 2018, our members have worked hard and we have raised money either via grants or our fundraising activities. So, how have these funds been utilized? In addition to our regular service activities, namely Breast Care Cushions, YWPA, Kookaburra Kids, Women's Refuge Support, Birthing Kits, ongoing educational support of Rukia Shabani in Tanzania, the STEM & Community Award program, and a Young Indigenous Women's Achievement Award (being an extension of the District Program), we have also :

- ◆ Provided funds for the supply of fabric for one of our members, Marilyn Lowder, to sew kits for **Days for Girls**. Marilyn has stitched 100 kits in 2018.



- ◆ **Supported Drought Relief**— Through communication with the Orange Zonta Club, our Board recommended we make a one-off donation to support the Condobolin Womens Wellness Expo.



- ◆ Provided one-off funding to **Dandelion Support Network** for the purchase of heavy duty plastic carry bags. These bags are used to create the children's clothing kits supplied to the social workers.





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## *And to close out the year....*

- ◆ **Zi Centennial Anniversary Grants**—We worked with the admin staff from Dandelion Support Network to lodge a grant application with ZI for much needed recurring clothing pack supplies.
- ◆ Six members attended the D24 workshop and AGM on Sunday, 25th November.
- ◆ **St. George Community Awards**—Our Club received an award in the Community Group Achievement category in recognition of our first Vintage & Collectables Fair.



- ◆ **Our Ann S is on a mission again!** And, as always, its an extraordinarily worthy mission. She has confirmed that the work she has been doing in 2018 is coming to fruition. This has been in conjunction with the Breast Care Nurses at Westmead Breast Clinic and Zonta in Sri Lanka (Zonta Club of Colombo 11) — within the specialist area of breast cancer. However, help is needed to fund air travel expenses for 2 nurse-trainers from Westmead. Here's a link to support Ann and make it possible for 38 Sri Lankan nurses to receive this incredible training opportunity.

<https://www.givenow.com.au/zontabotanybayhotmailcom>

- ◆ **Our year-end Christmas dinner** took place at Croydon Lane Tapas Bar, Cronulla. For those of us who were able to make it, what a great night we had. Our thanks to Sue R for organizing the venue, thus making it possible for us to celebrate another successful year.





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In ushering in 2019, there are a few thankyou's for help received in 2018. To:

**Our HonZons and Friends of Zonta Club of Botany Bay** who offer their help in so many ways.

**Engadine Probus** for toiletries.

**The Sharkies Ladies Golf Club** for drought relief toiletries

**Dorothy Koukari** who has so generously donated a coffee percolator for our events and sourced tooth-paste/toothbrushes for Kookaburra Kids.

**And our entire ZCBB membership**—for being the team that makes our Club the success it is.



**And to kick off 2019**, we're including our very successful cushion stuffing and stitching day that took place on Tuesday (8/1) at Club Menai. Club Menai staff, Friends of Zonta and those members who could make it, completed 200 cushions. Club Menai generously provided morning tea/coffee and cakes and the staff enthusiastically engaged in the cushion making. In particular, the determination of two young men



was wonderful.



Yay! A quick lesson from a pro' and stitching that puts me to shame



Our thanks also to Sandra, a local Menai resident who turned up to volunteer because she saw a sign Club Menai had posted.



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## What's coming up in 2019

- ⇒ **Tuesday, 22/1/2019** First 2019 dinner meeting at Club Menai
- ⇒ **Friday, 8/2/2019** Bundeena Ferry & Lunch
- ⇒ **Fri-Sat, 22-23/2/2019** BC Nurse training in Sri Lanka
- ⇒ **Saturday, 16/3/2019** Annual Golf Day, Calderwood Golf Course
- ⇒ **Saturday, 27/4/2019** Bunnings BBQ, Caringbah
- ⇒ **Sunday, 30/6/2019** Vintage & Collectable Fair Marana Hall, Hurstville
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 2/7/2019** Birthing Kit Day, Bankstown Senior College
- ⇒ **Fri-Sun, 6-8/9/2019** International Conference, Aust & NZ, Brisbane
- ⇒ **Friday, 8/11/2019** D24 Centenary Lunch, Parliament House—TBC
- ⇒ **Saturday, 9/11/2019** Celebrate ZCBB 25th Anniversary & ZI Centenary.  
Lunch at 16ft Sailing Club, Sanoni St., Sandringham

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