



# Newsletter

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## 2018 to date.....

Following on from the success of our initial planning day in 2017, a **Planning Day/ Workshop** was held on Saturday, 13th January. The day is considered by membership to be of value to all and sets a good foundation for our activities throughout the year. The program for the day was organized by Bronlyn, Sue L and Robyn F and, with their usual precision, managed to cover a range of topics from Fundraising to Fellowship as well as the mandatory allotment of time for enjoying coffee and lunch break. Our thanks to these members for arranging this great start to the year. **Gardens on Forest** was, once again, the venue and our thanks are extended to Sonia and her staff who gave their time for this event.

## On to Fundraising.....

### Inaugural Vintage & Collectibles Fair—23rd June

It would be safe to say that the planning and execution of this fundraiser was, possibly, the most challenging and complex effort our Club has undertaken. Was it worth it? Absolutely!!! How well did we do?? Oh my, just a mere **\$10K** was raised.

First accolade must surely go to the inimitable Ann Selle. Her vision, drive and passion was absolutely instrumental in such a successful outcome. Ultimately, however, our Club as a whole united



yet again on the day AS WELL AS those wonderful HonZon hubbies who were front and centre on a cold Saturday morning at 6AM to assist in many ways, including helping the dealers unload their vehicles to set up displays and again at the end of the day. This assistance was, apparently, something dealers were not used to, they voiced their appreciation and plan to return again next year. HonZons THANK YOU, BUT be forewarned — no sleep-ins on Sunday, June 30, 2019.



Our sincere thanks are also extended to :

- Georges River Council - Grant to cover the cost of Marana Hall hire for the day
- Club Central - Grant for advertising/printing expenses
- IGA, Sth Hurstville - Donation of groceries for our Café

And all those friends of Zonta who contributed in some way enabling such a successful outcome.



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With the enormity of the Vintage Fair, the thought occurred - ever so briefly—that perhaps we were taking on too much to have our **Annual Golf Day**. Quickly discounted, Elaine Brus lead the organization of this event. The “Zonta Gods” looked over us and ensured another beautiful day for (65) golfers and non-golfing helpers at **Calderwood Golf Course** on Saturday, 17th March. A number of golfers were first-timers to our event and Elaine received very positive feedback, with promises to return again in 2019.



In the spirit of St.Pat's Day

Prior to our Golf Day, a **Bunning Sausage Sizzle** on 11th February kept members busy. We see these “sizzle” days as another opportunity to elevate public awareness of Zonta’s work in the community. Our thanks to Sue S for continuing to keep the ball rolling with this activity.

Our next fundraiser on Wednesday, 9th May was a return visit to the newly-refurbished **Cronulla Arts Theatre** for a very enjoyable production of ‘**Coup de Grace**’. Thanks to Thana and Sue R for their organization of the night, proceeds from which were to assist our continuing support of Rukia Shabani ‘s tertiary education.



For anyone who could attend, Sonia Fenton opened her apartment in the city on Wednesday, 30th May, to view ‘**VIVID**’. The forecast weather was looking a bit grim, but the rain held off long enough for us to walk the Botanical Gardens and Circular Quay to enjoy the lighting displays, before returning to Sonia’s apartment for a lovely dinner. A big thank you to Sonia and her friend, Patricia, for such wonderful hospitality

***Our Service Activities so far this year.....***

◆ **Kookaburra Kids Packing Days** were held on 29th January and 4th June where we packed a total of 500 toiletry bags for distribution at 11 planned camps.



◆ **Cushion Stuffing Days** on 8th April and 6th August “stuffed & stitched” another 550 cushions for distribution to the local hospitals. It would be wonderful to not have this need, but while there is, our

Club’s work is very much appreciated by recipients and our lunch break always leaves nothing to be desired.



◆ **Birthing Kit Day**— Because Moorefield Girls’ High was unable to be involved with this program, an interesting variation happened. Through Bronlyn’s volunteering and mentoring association with **Bankstown Senior College**, a packing day was organized and took place on Tuesday, 3rd July. The students at this college are mature age and both men and women participated and showed great interest in the program’s objective. The school sent their thanks to the Club and have indicated an interest in participating again. Those Club members who could attend felt it was a great experience for all involved.



The Club’s thanks are extended to all the **Friends of Zonta** who join us on all the above activities.





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◆ **Moving Forward**

Pam L and Sue S presented a cheque to this Organisation in July to assist them with the purchase of much-needed linen. At the same time, they delivered bags of household items and baby requisites. This is made possible by the 2017 Grant our Club received.



◆ **STEM & Community Awards Program**

The last of the 2017 awards was presented at Jannali High School on 27th February. A very positive response to both these awards has been received from schools and, as a result, the Club has decided to continue this program for another year. Thank you to Judy and Bronlyn for taking the lead with this initiative.



Sylvania HS—Ashleigh Lorenz & Judy

◆ **Young Indigenous Women’s Achievement Award**

Third place this year was achieved by a participant from St. Ursula’s College, Kingsgrove, Olivia Denis. Robyn F presented the award on behalf of the District.



◆ **International Women’s Day, Kogarah High School**

Our Club was contacted by the school, inviting a member to attend its IWD Assembly to speak about Zonta Botany Bay. Sue L and Robyn F attended and felt that this time was well spent, giving the work we do good exposure. Linda Burney, Member for Barton was also in attendance.





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Through networking opportunities, awareness is being raised within the broader community of our Club and we have received generous donations to support our service activities.

- ◆ Thank you to **Simba Global**, Taren Point, who recently contacted Thana and we filled the back of 3 cars with beautiful quality linen, doonas, pillows and towels for distribution to the women's refuges we support.



- ◆ Thank you to **Bargain Upholstery Fabrics** for donating fabric for our stitchers and sewers. Thanks also to **Lorraine Manning** one of our tireless Friends of Zonta who enabled this opportunity.

## Other Activities...

- ◆ **Grants** - Our applications for funding through the Clubs' Grant Scheme in 2018 has been successful with Grants from:



**Club on East**—\$5000.00 (for allocation to Platform9)

**RamsgateRSL**

**Ramsgate RSL**—\$2400.00 (for allocation to Moving Forward)



**Club Central/Menai**—\$2795.00 (for allocation to Kookaburra Kids)

**Club Central**—\$3000.00 (for allocation to breastcare cushions)

**Club Central**—\$1129 (for allocation to Vintage Fair advertising)

Congratulations to our members, Ann, Gayle, Judy and Pam L who persevered with submitting these applications, thus enabling this outcome!





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## ◆ ZI International Convention —

Amanda represented our Club at this Convention which was held in Yokohama, Japan from 29th June—3rd July. On her return Amanda said....

*“It was a great experience and very enjoyable being part of the world wide Zonta Community. Meeting and mixing with people from Clubs from all over the world and being part of the decision making process for the next two years was very rewarding. The women who have positions on the ZI Board are outstanding. Most come from high profile backgrounds and many are still working full time and raising families as well.*

*We should be proud of being part of such a well respected international organisation however remember that the heart of Zonta is in the individual Club’s world wide our local hardworking Clubs.”*

## ◆ Dinner meeting speakers for the first half of this year were:

(February) - Mrs. Rainbow Savvas (Athena’s mum)

(March) - Marina Sara—Chemical Engineering Graduate employed at Ansto

(May) - Brenda Bradbery, Area 1 Director

(July) - Steph Allen - Manager of Platform 9; and

Jenny White, Snr. Pastor of Kingsway Church and team member of Kingsway Community Care



Thank you to Gayle Cale and other members for arranging these interesting and diverse speakers.



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## **Administrative Activities.....**

- ◆ Following our planning day, a Dropbox training day was conducted at Taren Point Bowling Club to help members better understand how to access the Club Dropbox account.
- ◆ **Our AGM** held was held in April. Cyclic changes were voted on and effected. Our 2018-19 Board members are:  
**President** - Robyn Fague                      **Vice-President** - Judy Bendl  
**Treasurer**- Ann Selle                      **Secretary** - Marilyn Lowder  
**Directors** - Sue Smith, Sue Richards, Elaine Brus & Thana Akkari  
**Past President** - Amanda Gibson  
Amanda has accepted the role of D24 Service Chair. This means that we now have two members, Bronlyn and Amanda actively involved at a District level of Zonta.  
It is exciting to welcome Elaine and Thana as “first-timer” Board members.

- ◆ As our membership has grown, a decision was taken to relocate our dinner meetings to **Club Menai**, which has a larger meeting room. Our thanks are extended to that club. At the same time, our thanks are extended to **Taren Point Bowling Club** for accommodating us for many years.



- ◆ Our Facebook page continues to be updated. Thank you to one of our young, technologically switched on members, Daniella, who has taken on a support role to assist Amanda with this activity.

<https://www.facebook.com/zontabb>



Daniella has also helped Ann set up a page specifically for the Vintage Fair.

[facebook](#) @HurstvilleVintageAndCollectableFair

What a fulfilling first half of 2018! A closing quote I liked.....

**“No one has ever become poor by giving.”**

— [Anne Frank, diary of Anne Frank:](#)



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## What is coming up!

- ⇒ **Monday, 27/8/2018**      **YWPA Interviews, Kareela Sporties Club**
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 28/8/2018**      **Dinner Meeting, Club Menai**
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 18/9/2018**      **YWPA Dinner at Gardens on Forest**
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 25/9/2018**      **Dinner Meeting, Club Menai**
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 23/10/2018**      **Dinner Meeting, Club Menai**
- ⇒ **Tuesday 20/11/2018**      **BK Assembly Day at BHGHS**
- ⇒ **Tuesday 27/11/2018**      **Dinner Meeting, Club Menai**
- ⇒ **2019—**      **Proposed YWPA Alumni Centenary Function— TBA**
- ⇒ **Saturday, 16/3/2019**      **Annual Golf Day, Calderwood Golf Course**
- ⇒ **Sunday, 30/6/2019**      **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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