



# Newsletter

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As I collect my thoughts about 2019 to date, I realise how the year has got away, and once again, is jam-packed with activities.....

## Service Projects:

- ◆ Our annual **YWPA Awards Night** at Gardens on Forest was held on Tuesday night. The 10 candidates proved to be an outstanding group of young ladies from Beverly Hills, Blakehurst, Danebank, Endeavour, Port Hacking, Sylvania and Woollooware High Schools. The interview/selection panel had, once again, a very difficult task. This year's winner is Emma Gaston from Port Hacking High School. Our congratulations are extended to this wonderful young lady. Our thanks are extended to :  
 Our inspirational guest speaker— Saba Vasili, Assoc. Lecturer at Macquarie University, poet, filmmaker, human rights activist;  
 Sarita Singh— School Captain, Heathcote High School;  
 Daniella Luchi, past YWPA winner and panel member;  
 Gardens on Forest; and  
 YWPA committee members for their management of this event to ensure a successful outcome.



Saba Vasili



Thana Akkari & Daniella Luchi

2019 YWPA Finalists—  
 Emma Gaston far right



As an aside, you may recall that Emma Gaston volunteered at our Vintage and Collectable Fair this year. Additionally, she arranged for students at Port Hacking to pack 200 birthing kits on Friday 30th August—another upcoming powerhouse for advancing the status of women!

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- ◆ Two **Cushion Stuffing Days** have been in January and July. January newsletter published that month's activity. July 8 - Dr. Meaghan Brennan (Sri Lanka, Zonta Cares) and her daughter participated on this day.



- ◆ Two **Kookaburra Kids Packing Days** have been held on 11th February and 7th May this year. To date, approx. 650-700 toiletries bags have been packed and delivered KK for distribution at their camps.



- ◆ **Birthing Kit Assembly Day**— Tuesday, July 2 packing day at Bankstown Senior College where 1000 kits were packed. We hope to continue this project with BSC but all future BK assemblies will depend on obtaining funding from community sources.



- ◆ **Moving Forward**— Our shoppers for home-makers packs funded by a grant received from Ramsgate RSL have been able to create approximately 60 bags with last year's grant. On 26th August Robyn F, Pam L and Pam D attended a presentation to receive a further grant for the upcoming year. Well done and thank you to all members who are involved in this project.



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## ◆ STEM & Community Awards Program

A total of 8 nominees - 3 STEM and 5 Community Service—have been received from the schools this year. Caringbah HS were first to name an assembly date for their Community Award presentation to a year 10 student—Luiza Knijnik. Ann S and Robyn D attended the school on 2nd Sept. Luiza is an impressive young woman. She is anxious to apply for YWPA next year as she was too young this year.



- ◆ **D24 Achievement Award for a Young Indigenous Woman**—The co-winner for the D24 award is Sarita Singh, Captain of Heathcote High School. Judy B to do presentation on 27th September.

## Fundraising

- ◆ Our **Annual Golf Day** at Calderwood Golf Course scheduled for 16th March was thwarted by the heavens opening. The early-start members described the drive as awful and it quickly became evident, on arrival, that the day could not proceed. Golfers were given the option of a refund or participating on the rescheduled date of 27th July. The “Zonta Gods” looked down on us on this occasion and a beautiful day allowed for a very successful outcome.



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- ◆ We returned to Marana Hall, Hurstville on Sunday, June 30th for our second **Vintage & Collectable Fair**. The committee had the usual nervous anticipation—what had we forgotten? The preparation for the Fair this year ran almost too smoothly and, seemingly, without as much work as our first year. We came to the conclusion that it was because we had last year’s experience and were able to update and re-use printed matter—and crossed our fingers that this was the case. Well, it was!! The day proved to be a success beyond our expectations. From the moment the doors opened until closing there was an almost continuous flow of people. To our delight, shoppers opened their wallets because, by the end of the day, dealers were promising to return next year. Our café was busy and visitors passed positive comments. The financial outcome—>\$12,000 net.



Our thanks are extend to:

- √ Georges River Council for the grant which covered a large percentage of the hall hire cost and their events team who met with us and worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of our Fair;
- √ Our HonZon hubbies who are front and centre at an early hour to assist the dealers with their display setup;
- √ Daniella Mraovic—for social media advertising which increased our visitors by 40%
- √ Our YWPA girls, Winola and Emma, who were our “runners” for the day, taking lunch orders from dealer and club members busy at the front desk;
- √ Lorraine and Karen who continue to tirelessly support for our Club.

GRC has also advised that hall hire for next year’s fair will be a 100% grant—how great is that!



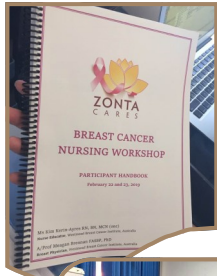
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- ◆ Our “old faithful” fundraiser, **Bunnings BBQ**, was held on April 27 at the new Caringbah site. Despite the space not being quite as user-friendly and our food purchase costs increasing, a profit was still achieved. Thanks to all who volunteered on the day, including our HonZons.
- ◆ **Vivid**—Sonia F kindly opened her home on two evenings in June—6th and 12th—where members and friends were treated to the Vivid spectacle. This fundraiser was an opportunity to relax, enjoy conversation, food and drink. Thanks are extended to Sonia and to Patricia Harrison who was Sonia’s super backup



A special project initiated by the tireless, Ann Selle. The trip to Sri Lanka with breast physician Assoc. Prof. Meagan Brennan and Breastcare Nurse Educator, Kim Kerin-Ayres was so very successful that Ann is now working on raising funds for a return trip to reinforce the training received by Sri Lankan nurses.



At our recent International/D24 conference in Brisbane Ann presented a 5 minute video. If you haven’t seen it, recommend you do. Our Botany Bay club is recognized through Ann’s breastcare cushion and **Zonta Cares** initiatives!

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



## Other Activities....

- ◆ As mentioned previously, a group of 7 members from the Club attended the recent **International/District Conference** held in Brisbane. Overall, a very interesting 3 days with some amazing speakers. Of note to our Club was a Women of Achievement Award received by Anyier Youl.



Amanda, Anyier, Carol Harding (Sydney Hills), Sharyl Scott D24 Gov, Susanne von Bassewitz, CEO & Pres, ZI & ZIF

No prize for guessing this group of slick chics



- ◆ **Our social organizers, Kerry and Wendy,** have done a wonderful job this year offering some great days out for members. It's almost impossible to arrange a date suitable for all, but throughout the year they have arranged some really cool outings—a ferry to Bundeena then lunch, a visit to the White Rabbit Gallery and lunch after at Spice Alley, a movie—and still there is more to come. It's an opportunity for those who can attend to relax and enjoy everyone's company away from fundraising, meetings, etc.





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## Grants:



We have received grants from:

**Georges River Council** - Marana Hall hire for our Vintage & Collectable Fair.  
- Civic Theatre hire for our SLAM Movie Night

**Georges River Councillor Leesha Payor**— Special Discretionary Funds of \$800 — allocated to Moving Forward and purchasing card reader

**Ramsgate RSL**—Moving Forward Homemaker Packs

**Club Central, Hurstville**— To fund fabric and tontine for breast care cushions and the printing of booklets for the breast care nurses.  
- Kookaburra Kids toiletry bags.

We were not successful this year with our application for grants from Sutherland Shire Council in support of Dandelion and Platform 9.

Our grant application for a Zonta Centennial Anniversary Grant for Dandelion was also unsuccessful.

Thank you to club members who submitted applications for these grants.. The value of successful outcomes cannot be under-estimated.





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*To:*

\* **Our HonZons and Friends of Zonta Club of Botany Bay** who offer their help in so many ways. The workload would be so much harder without you all.

\* **MARS Australia** who continue to supply our BBQ sauces.

\* **Bunnings Kirrawee Community Involvement Co-ordinator** for electing to donate a BBQ and stand for the Club to use as a raffle prize at our Vintage Fair.

\* **Helen Bain and June Zorzetti** - both of whom provide beautiful art and craft work for the Club to use as raffle prizes.

\* **Marilyn Lowder**— our super secretary whose stitching skills boggle the mind, the beneficiaries being Days for Girls, Dandelion and our Club.

\* **Wendy Vermelun** - Marilyn's sister who does about 75% of our cushion sewing.....the talent obviously runs in the family!



**And our entire ZCBB membership**—a pat on the back to all—the success of the club = the sum of the whole.







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## Update your calendars for Qtr4, 2019

- ⇒ **Tuesday, 24/9/2019** Dinner Meeting
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 8/10/2019** Board Meeting
- ⇒ **Sunday, 13/10/2019** Bunnings BBQ, Kirrawee
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 22/10/2019** Dinner Meeting
- ⇒ **Friday, 1/11/2019** SLAM, the movie. Civic Theatre, 16 McMahon St, Hurstville
- ⇒ **Friday, 8/11/2019** D24 Centenary Lunch, Parliament House
- ⇒ **Saturday, 9/11/2019** ZCBB 25th Anniversary & ZI Centenary Lunch at 16ft Sailing Club, Sanoni St., Sandringham
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 12/11/2019** Board Meeting
- ⇒ **Friday, 22/11/2019** Camellia Gardens Outing, Caringbah
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 26/11/2019** Dinner Meeting
- ⇒ **Tuesday, 10/12/2019** Christmas Get Together (TBC)

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Board & Dinner Meetings held on 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month respectively.  
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## Movie night --SLAM



A young Muslim woman disappears without trace, after performing at a SLAM poetry night. Her brother, Ricky is a young Australian whose peaceful suburban life turns to hell. In a climate of distrust and xenophobia Ricky is forced to denounce her as an extremist.

### Brilliant movie - a must see

Friday 1st November at 7pm


Civic Theatre 16 MacMahon St, Hurstville

Tickets - <https://www.trybooking.com/BFGWS>

\$20 adults \$15 concession (not suitable for under 15yrs)

Proceeds go to Zonta Botany Bay service projects in the local community


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**ZONTA CLUB OF BOTANY BAY**

Cordially invites you to attend our Club's  
*25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.*  
The lunch will also celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Zonta International.

RSVP: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to [zontabotanybay@hotmail.com](mailto:zontabotanybay@hotmail.com)  
Attention: Elaine Brus  
Details regarding payment will be provided upon RSVP



Venue: Georges River 16' Sailing Club  
Sanoni St, Sandringham

When: Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
12:00pm - 5:00pm

Cost: \$50pp - 2 Course Lunch

Please advise special dietary requirements at time of RSVP.

