

# Newsletter

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## What's New at Zonta Club of Botany Bay



We are about to form our first [Z Club at St Ursula's College](#) at Kingsgrove. The Charter of this club is planned for **Tuesday 5th September at 2pm** at the school.

We are also about to announce our winner of the [Woman of Achievement and Young Woman of Public Affairs Award](#)

This will be held at **Gardens on Forest, 764 Forest Rd Peakhurst** On **Tuesday 5th September at 7pm**

**Anyone wishing to attend either or both of these events please email [zontabotanybay@hotmail.com](mailto:zontabotanybay@hotmail.com) for details and bookings.**

In October we have our [Trivia night](#) on **Friday 13th October at 7.30** at **Southern Districts Rugby club—Sylvania Waters**

Following that, our annual [Theatre night](#) on **Wednesday 25th October** at **Arts Theatre Cronulla** for another fabulous play. **Guaranteed a fun night.**





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## OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### ◆ VINTAGE FAIRS.

The two Fairs held during 2023 have been very successful with about 40 traders booking out all 65 tables each fair.

From vintage clothing, telephones, books, china and Bakelite items were sold. The traders love coming to our Fairs because we have our Hon Zons (partners) helping them unload their cars and load them back up again in the afternoon. This service plus the free coffee and raisin toast for all traders makes our fair stand out. The other stand out is fabulous retro music that pumps all day and the customers are seen bopping and singing to the hits of the past. Thank you Paul Lowder for supply of all things musical! Our Café Zonta is renowned for its home baked goods—thanks to all our members who have slaved over the stove to do that.

Social media, and posters on poles have attracted over 1000 visitors to each fair.

Funds raised have boosted our service funds and allowed Zonta to provide much needed funds to both Platform Nine refuge and Project Youth's Project Educate program.

**Look out for our next Fair on 4th Feb 2024**



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◆ **Bunnings BBQ** at Kirrawee,



After a time away from participating in Bunnings BBQ days, we took the step to try again now that Bunnings have increased the prices that can be charged and it made a big difference to the funds raised by the club.

A big thank you to Jeannette Werda for her organisation of this fundraiser and all those who donned the apron for a good cause.

**SERVICE PROJECTS**

◆ **Young Women’s Networking Event**

The Young Professional Members again produced a wonderful mentoring program for young women which was held at Club Central, Hurstville as part of International Womens Day celebrations.

Guest speakers, Taylah Spivoski, Rider Arwti, Georgia Durmush and member Sharna Wible led interactive workshops for the participants. The event also included a panel discussion led by Daniella Luchi and focused on many topics. The panel included our member Jayde Jensen who spoke about women in elite sports .





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## ◆ Kookaburra Kids

With the resumption of the camps, a further packing day was held at Judy B's. 600 bags were completed for camps to be held in NSW and Queensland. Fifteen camps have been provided for to date this year.



Thank you to all friends and members who have provided toiletry items that can be used in these bags.

The miniature size toiletries are perfect for the children who receive these when on the KK camps.

Kookaburra Kids runs camps for children who are living with parents with mental illness. The camps provide a safe place for children to learn about coping and receiving the help that they need.

## ◆ A New Project - Share the Dignity

One project we have decided to ramp up support for is "Share the Dignity". Our transferring member, Therese, has been a STD "Shero" since its inception and collects sanitary items all year round for their two Dignity Drives- one in March and one in August. Period Poverty is an issue which affects both young and older women and the need to make sanitary items available Australia-wide is staggering. Some campaigns can be up to 50,000 items short of the demand.

Could we encourage you to purchase an item when doing your groceries? Imagine the impact we could have!

New and near new handbags are also collected all year, along with ladies toiletries and gift items suitable for "It's in the Bag" campaign in November.



**sharethe**dignity

◆ **Platform Nine**

Funding for Exit baskets are provided through Club NSW Grants and these baskets are distributed to the women's refuge, Platform Nine. Baskets are provided to women leaving the refuge which contain essential items for setting up house.

These baskets are delivered throughout the year when they are required by those setting up their new home.



◆ **Moving Forward**

Our 3 Pams and Beverley (wanting to be a Pam) visited Moving Forward a DV support service that Zonta Botany Bay has assisted for many years of successfully obtaining Club Grants.

Zonta supports Moving forward clients with bags of household goods, linen packs and vouchers for their shopping. The vouchers were very worthwhile and the organisers requested more vouchers to assist their clients to pay bills and petrol etc.





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## ◆ Birthing Kit Assembly Day,

3 Birthing Kit Assembly days have been held this year at Beverley Hills Girls High School; Sylvania High School Bankstown Senior College.

In preparation for each day, the members of Zonta fold plastic to put in the kit bags so that it takes less time at the school.

At each school, 600 Kits were assembled by the students. Each school provides different groups to assemble the packs, Year 9 girls at BHGHS; Student Rep council at Sylvania and Year 11 & Y12 at BSC.



◆ **Cushion Stuffing Day**, at Club Central and Woollooware Shores

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

Our thanks are again extended to Club Central who have provided funding for this project over many years and to the sewers and those that deliver the cushions each week and month to all the hospitals including St George, Sutherland, Royal Womens at Randwick and St Vincents Public in Darlinghurst. Over 900 cushion are made each year for patients at these hospitals.

We also acknowledge the wonderful work of the women in Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organisation who have provided our club with 250 cushions this year to supplement our production.



◆ **MEMBER NEWS**

We have 2 new members and a transferring member who have joined our club.

We welcome Joanne Brandley and Cheryl Tyrrell to our Membership.

We welcome Therese Abela-King complete with broken finger to match the Presidents broken foot...



Congratulations to Judy Bendl who has been announced as a Birthing Kit Champion as she has led Botany Bays BK project for many years and steered our count to over 26,000 birthing kits that have been assembled.



◆ **Botany Bay Board Members for 2023-2024**

President  
 Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Directors

Ann Selle  
 Thana Akkari  
 Marilyn Lowder  
 Bronlyn Schoer  
 Judy Bendl  
 Elaine Brus  
 Kathy Jamieson  
 Pam Lohse

Membership of Zonta Botany Bay now stands at 38 members and 1 honorary member.

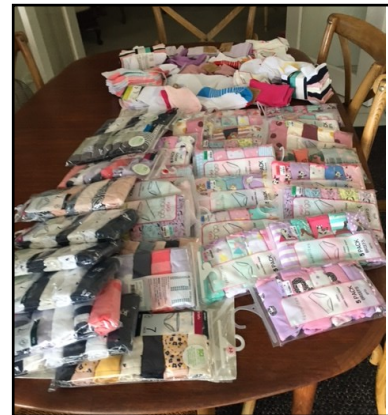


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**AND THERE IS STILL MORE:**

- ◆ **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 with shopping for these items



**DINNER MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS:**

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

- ◆ Pam Brown & Kathryn Lord from SGSMRF
- ◆ Bernadette Mills from SGSSCC
- ◆ Karen Tsoumbalas & Tash from Project Youth

Other activities that various members participated in throughout the year :

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

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

These have been organised by Wendy and Kerry and are always enjoyable:

- ◆ Lunch at St George Motor Boat Club
- ◆ Chau Chuk Museum at Sydney University
- ◆ Walk & Talk across Como Bridge
- ◆ Visit to NSW Art Gallery for the Archibald Prize.

**MEET THE POLITICIANS**

Six of our members met with their new local member of NSW Parliament—Maryanne Stuart—the Member for Heathcote.



They introduced Maryanne to the work of Zonta and discussed our concerns about women’s issues, particularly older homeless women.

**GRANTS:**

We consider ourselves very fortunate that applications lodged with Clubs NSW for Grants have had success 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  
Platform 9 Exit bags and linen  
Waiver of room hire for meetings and Young Women's Event.



**Georges River Council**—  
Grant for Venue Hire, 2023 Vintage & Collectable Fairs



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



**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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## CALENDAR UPDATES - 2023

- ⇒ **Dinner Meetings: Location—Club Menai**
- ⇒ 4th Tuesday of the Month at 6.30pm for 7.15pm start
- ⇒ **Board Meetings: Locations to be advised**
- ⇒ 2nd Tuesday of the month
- ⇒ **Tuesday 5th September 2pm** Charter of Z Club St Ursula's Kingsgrove
- ⇒ **Tuesday 5th September 7pm Awards presentation** for Woman of Achievement and YWPA at Gardens on Forest at Peakhurst.
- ⇒ **Friday 13th October Trivia night** at Southern District Rugby Club—Sylvania Waters
- ⇒ **Wednesday 25th October—Theatre night** at Arts Theatre Cronulla

As we look back on 2023 what a great membership we have. Thankyou to our various Club Committees, whose work throughout the year enables successful outcomes with our objective and to all for “pitching in” when called upon.



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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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