



## BOND UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S NETWORK

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# 2018 ACTIVITY REPORT







## OUR MISSION

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The Bond University Women's Network (BUWN) seeks to be an inclusive network of women and those who value and respect women, from the Bond community. We aim to empower the women of the Bond community to connect and make a difference, instilling a sense of compassion, care and community as respected and valued members of the University. BUWN endeavours to achieve this by supporting and assisting Bond women with their own development, as well as providing a forum to promote all causes for the betterment of women and families. Most importantly, we celebrate women for all that they are and all that they do.

We know that women of the Bond Community already understand the importance of education as a means of empowering women, so a significant part of our agenda is the provision of awareness raising and networking opportunities which enable our women to better accomplish their full potential.

BUWN endeavours to support and inspire each other by sharing our journeys, education and experiences. We encourage all members of the Bond community to join our membership.

Our website and Facebook site will provide a hub for the sharing of all the interests of women from the Bond community, including local community events. We encourage you to provide us with feedback and forward information about any events that you would like to share.

## BUWN THEME FOR 2018

Our 'Gratitude' theme for 2018 was well represented by the vibrant and inspirational women at the various events held throughout the year. Consistent with the theme, our speakers educated, provided insight and inspiration to our BUWN members and the greater community. We witnessed strong women who, despite the challenges they faced, have created successful lives and understand how empowering gratitude can be.

All BUWN events celebrate the women in our lives who have been instrumental to our growth and who have been there to support and encourage us to shine. We take every opportunity to showcase the extraordinary women amongst us, from well known industry leaders to those who quietly work around us effecting change in more subtle ways.



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The members of the 2018 committee are:

Chair	Professor Keitha Dunstan
Academic Staff	Dr Jo Bishop Dr Lisa Gowthorp Dr Amy Bannatyne
Professional Staff	Dr Sarah Long Ms Rhonda Morton Ms Narelle Crew
Students	Ms Sarah White Ms Dani Larkin Ms Sneha Raut Ms Katarina Needham
Alumni / Community	Ms Norma Swain Ms Julie-Anne James Ms Andrea Harris Ms Vesna Bragagnolo
Co-opt member	Mr Garry Nucifora
Secretary	Ms Leanne Stewart



## ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

### BUWN WEBSITE

- A refreshed [BUWN Website](#)
- An updated [BUWN Committee Membership](#)
- An updated [BUWN Events](#) page
- Successful online [BUWN Membership Registration](#) page

### BUWN MEMBERSHIP

- Increased to 777 members
  - 281 Staff
  - 200 Students
  - 65 Alumni
  - 231 Community

### BUWN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- BUUNSA – Do It In a Dress
- RADFLY
- Sporting Wheelies
- Supermax and Bryce
- Supporting the Girls
- Kirrawe Indigenous Corporation
- Animal Welfare League
- Sporting Wheelies
- White Ribbon



## 2018 EVENTS

### MARCH 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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The first event of the year celebrated International Women's Day and introduced our new 2018 Committee. A cocktail reception for BUWN members and community was held at the Princeton Room with 106 attendees. This included staff, students, alumni and community members.

Our speakers included Ms Catherine Palin-Brinkworth and Ms Alison Geale. Ms Karen Phillips from the Australian Institute of Women, a strong Bond supporter and advocate, was the Master of Ceremonies and 'On the Couch' interviewer. Catherine shared her personal journey as a cancer survivor and her battle through significant financial crises - she shared her strategies and mind shifts for resilience and renewal. Alison spoke about her time in senior management roles within the Australian media industry and her struggles of being a mum, wife and high-level executive. Spending over 40 weeks per year traveling for work means being away from home, Alison provided us with an insight on how she made it work.

Bond University United Nations Student Association was our student charity group. The event was a huge success.





## JUNE 7 BREAKFAST SEMINAR – WATCHING THE RIVER FLOW: IS YOUR LIFE IN BALANCE?

At the June breakfast seminar Professor Susan Brandis provided important information on exploring concepts of lifestyle balance in the context of the numerous roles women are expected to fulfil. We are working longer and harder hours, leaving less time for our own self-care and balance. Attendees will hopefully walk away with a practical tool kit and be able to establish a framework to identify priorities, set personal goals for improving their own 'river flow'.

This information was well received and concluded with an informative Q&A session. Our charity was RADFLY (Realise A Difference for Local Youth) a not-for-profit organisation developed by Gold Coast volunteers who are committed to addressing poverty and improving the lives of underprivileged young people on the Gold Coast by supporting existing youth organisations.





## JULY 18 SPEAK UP FORUM – GRATITUDE

The Forum's keynote speakers included Ms Sara Tait – Commonwealth Games Para Athlete, Ms Sally Thibault – Life Coaching Expert, and Professor Sharon Straus – Toronto University. Each speaker provided an insight into their lives and how gratitude was a factor in their personal and professional life. The MC for the event, Professor Nick James conducted the 'On the Couch' interviews and moderated the Q&A. The event included an afternoon of insightful and meaningful presentations, fundraising activities for Sporting Wheelies, Bond Supporting the Girls, and Super Max and Bryce. The forum concluded with a cocktail reception with approximately 99 attendees.





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### **OCTOBER 7 BRUNCH AT THE RUGBY – AON UNI WOMEN’S RUGBY 7’S SERIES 2018**

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Bond University was one of only eight Australian universities to host the 2018 AON Rugby Series. BUWN members were invited to attend brunch at the Fabian Fay Rugby Club house which was scheduled to occur from 10am – 12 noon, during the Women’s Rugby 7’s finals. 66 guests attended this event with many staying for the remainder of the day to watch the competition into the afternoon. Attendees enjoyed morning tea buffet, tea/coffee and a glass of Champaign whilst supporting the rugby men’s and women’s teams as they took to the field. BUWN had three charities to promote: Kirrawe Indigenous Corporation, Animal Welfare League and Sporting Wheelies. No formal speeches or presentation were made, as guests were in the grand stand and in and out to get food and drink as required. This was a casual, relaxed event that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



## OCTOBER 18 WOMEN IN RESEARCH BREAKFAST SEMINAR

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Dr Amy Bannatyne from Faculty of Health Science and Medication talked to us about her thesis topic “Can we fight eating disorder stigma with science?”. The concept of stigma has attracted much attention in recent years among the general population, health professionals and policy makers. For individuals with an eating disorder, stigma is unfortunate and pervasive reality that significantly impacts disclosure and help-seeking. Interventions to reduce stigma may help reduce these barriers and improve rates of treatment seeking. Awareness and education are often the first steps to raise our voices against stigma.

Associate Professor Danielle Ireland-Piper from the Faculty of Law presented her research about ‘Speaking truth to power: Law as a weapon’. Dr Ireland-Pipers presentation focused on Law as a sword which can be used to fight injustice or to enforce oppression. Law is both liberator and oppressor. Law is the language we use to speak truth to power in defence of the weak. Law is also the instrument of the powerful against the powerless. This duality in law arises in a number of contexts, including, for example, in the way governments around the world assert legal power extraterritorially over crimes such as money laundering, terrorist activities, child sex tourism, trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling, and, closer to home, in the regulation of whistle-blowers. Law is the problem, but it is also the solution.

Professor Cynthia D. Fisher is the Professor of Management at Bond University. Prof Fishers analyses why emotions are ubiquitous in human life, though their appearance and impact in the workplace has only been acknowledged relatively recently. She talked about her research on emotions at work over the past 25 years, including both substantive and methodological contributions. She ended with a brief discussion of the emotion of gratitude and its impact on well-being.

This event was hosted by Professor Keitha Dunstan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and attracted 132 attendees.





## NOVEMBER 23 WHITE CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA

Our final event of the year saw approximately 150 members review the year and share personal and professional highlights over a glass (or two) of champagne at the University Club. The focus of the event was to raise funds for White Ribbon Australia with Ambassador Dean Gould giving a very powerful and very personal speech on white ribbon's mission and goals in the community. Pianist Christeen Harth provided lovely background festive piano music throughout the event.

Raffle prizes included a bottle of champagne, Same Sky jewellery pieces, Group fitness and triathlon entry package, indoor plant, photography vouchers and raised \$300 for White Ribbon.





## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

The Revenue and Expenditure for 2018 is as follows:

<b>BUWN Revenue – Sponsorship and Donations</b>	
Bond University Sponsorship	
- Vice-Chancellor	17,000.00
- Office of Research Services	4,000.00
Prizes Donated	
- Same Sky Necklace	195.00
- Same Sky Bracelets	100.00
- Greenhouse Bath House Gift Voucher	50.00
- 400Co, Corporate Wear Gift Voucher	50.00
- Eco Tanning Set	200.00
- Potted Bromeliad, donated by Buick	80.00
- Indigenous Artwork Print	100.00
- Bouquet flowers	60.00
- Group Fitness and triathlon entry package voucher	500.00
- Indoor potted plant	50.00
- Photographic vouchers x 2	500.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22885.00</b>

<b>BUWN Expenditure</b>	
International Women’s Day Cocktail Party	2909.32
June Breakfast Seminar	3029.36
Speak Up Forum	3803.23*
AON Women’s Rugby Brunch	1100.91
Women in Research Breakfast Seminar	5270.34
White Christmas High Tea	6459.00
Prizes Awarded	1885.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$24457.16</b>

\* = cost includes \$1200 wheelchair ramp hire

<b>Funds Raised at BUWN Events and donated to charity</b>	
BUUNSA – Do it in a Dress initiative	1024.00
RADFLY	450.00
Supporting Wheelies	569.00
Bond Student Charity – Supporting the girls – 17 collection bins of goods also donated	125.00
Super Max and Bryce	750.00
Kirrawe Indigenous Corporation	200.00
Animal Welfare League	200.00
White Ribbon Foundation	670.00
<b>Total Funds Donated</b>	<b>\$3988.00</b>



## 2019 PROPOSED EVENTS

Date	Event	Description
8 March	International Women's Day Cocktail Party	<p>A cocktail party will be held at the Princeton Room to launch our 2018 theme – Courage.</p> <p>Guest speakers are currently being confirmed. Prof Derek Carson, Executive Dean Faculty of Society and Design will be the Master of Ceremonies.</p> <p>Proposed Charity: Yet to be determined</p>
TBA	Corrigan Art Walk	<p>Ms Narelle Urquhart will conduct a tour of the magnificent indigenous artwork housed at Bond University. The tour will provide insight into the artists and their community. Morning tea will be provided.</p> <p>Proposed Charity: Bond Indigenous Awareness Society (BIAS)</p>
12 June	Breakfast Seminar	<p>This event provides a practical and skill based presentation and is a strong drawcard for community members to attend.</p> <p>Proposed Charity: Yet to be determined</p>
31 July	Speak Up Forum	<p>The Forum will include guest speakers focusing on their careers across a range of fields and their journey to success. Presentations will be followed by a Q&amp;A session and conclude with a cocktail function.</p> <p>Proposed Charity: Yet to be determined</p>
17 October	Women in Research	<p>A breakfast seminar showcasing our female researchers. Presentations generally include an early career researcher/HDR student, mid career researcher and a senior career researcher from the Bond research pool.</p>
22 November	White Christmas High Tea	<p>Our final event will be a High Tea where members can reflect on the year and share their visions for 2020.</p> <p>Proposed Charity: White Ribbon Australia</p>



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

BUWN activities are coordinated by a Steering Committee including corporate and appointed members.

#### Corporate

- Vice-Chancellor's Representative (Liaison with VC and UMC)

#### Appointed

- Three Academic Staff members
- Three General Staff members
- Four Students (Postgraduate and Undergraduate students) representing Bond University Young Women's Network
- Two Alumni members
- Two Community/Friends of Bond members

The Committee is able to co-opt others as required.

### TERM

When a vacancy arises BUWN will ask for expressions of interest. Where there is more than one nominee, committee members will vote on the appointment. Each member will be appointed for a period of two years.

### WORKING GROUPS

Will be formed on a project basis and will consist of members drawn from the Bond University Community. Makeup of the working groups will be determined by the nature of the project at hand.

### PROCEDURES

Membership	Members to be recorded and maintained.
Terms of Reference	To be reviewed regularly.
BUWN Report	Reports to be tabled at UMC every twelve months.
Business Plan	An annual action plan is to be prepared detailing network activities.
Finance	An annual revenue and expenditure statement will be prepared in accordance with the Bond University policies and procedures.