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ZONTA AWARD TO MINDARIE STUDENT

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School Year 12 student Simran Vyas has won the 2019 Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs' \$1,000 'Young Women in Public Affairs Award'. A cheque and certificate were presented at a lavish dinner for 129 guests at 'Ambrose Estate' Wembley on 14 August. Finalists for the Award were Georgia Brice (St Mary's Anglican Girls' School) and Keeley Sermon (Perth College).

This Award was initiated by Zonta International in 1990 to recognise young women - who will become tomorrow's policy-makers and world leaders - for their—

- Commitment to volunteerism;
- Volunteer leadership achievements; and
- Dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

Simran has already shown these virtues. She is a Year 12 Prefect, school Anglicare Ambassador and raised over \$600 for Street-Connect, a homeless youth organisation, participating in the annual Perth Stadium sleep-out. She has also created a small organisation called "Our Blue Earth" which involves a group collecting rubbish off various beaches.

Aspiring to become a veterinary doctor, Simran wishes to volunteer for "Women for Women International" (a non-profit humanitarian organization that provides practical and moral support to women survivors of war).

As well as the award, the Zonta Club also celebrated Zonta International's and Kott Gunning Lawyers' (event partner) 100-year anniversaries.

Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

For more information about the organisation, refer to websites: www.zonta.org, or www.zontaperthns.org.au, or contact the Club via secretary@zontaperthns.org.au.

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Three Finalists of the Award – L-R: Keeley Sermon (Perth College), Simran Vyas (Award Winner from Peter Moyes Anglican Community School) and Georgia Brice (St Mary's Anglican Girls' School)



Award Winner Simran Vyas with Zonta Club President, Linda Tinning.



Cutting the Centenary cake – L-R: Emma Leys (Managing Partner Kott Gunning Lawyers), Linda Tinning (Zonta Club President), and Judy Gorton (Zonta International Director)