



# Media Release

**CLUB TAREE**

## **“Club Taree supports International Women’s Day 2018”**

**For Immediate Release**

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Club Taree was the host venue and presenting partner of the 2018 International Women’s Day Luncheon, held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Ronald McDonald House Northern NSW (RMHNNSW), one of Club Taree’s premium community partners, was the co presenter of the Luncheon, and the recipient of the funds raised on the day.

2018 was the second year that both Club Taree and RMHNNSW have partnered to celebrate, encourage and applaud the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Just on 200 local women, and men attended the event, which raised \$8000 to support the work of RMHNNSW.

International Women’s Day is a day for recognition of how far we have come as a society in the rightful recognition of women, as well as an opportunity to acknowledge that we still have a long way to go to achieve gender equality.

This year’s event saw three guest speakers present content to inspire, encourage and acknowledge the individual and joint achievements of women and to share their personal content.

Amy Mills represented Ronald McDonald House Charities and engaged the audience with her ability to overcome numerous health challenges. Amy has managed a full circle, having accessed many RMHC programs throughout her illness and recuperation as a child, and now to work for the same organisation as a project manager for the national organisation.

Jada McNeil, a local success story, having used her childhood travel experiences to Indonesia to inspire her successful design business, Nusa Indah. Her business specialises in creating beautiful surfboards for women, and are featured in hotels, cafes and businesses throughout the world. Jada is currently working with VOGUE in the US on a project.

Jennifer Wendtman explored the concepts and challenges of self-compassion. Jennifer related to the audience as she shared personal stories of self-compassion and acknowledged how it can be a game changer in the workplace, with family and in your relationship with yourself.

Club Taree was proud to co present the event with RMHNNSW. Club Taree formed a partnership with RMHNNSW in 2015 when the Club Taree Community Team developed a community fundraiser to assist the organisation in the maintenance of the various programs. To date Club Taree has supported RMHNNSW financially through \$74,000 in donations, practically through 2312 volunteer hours, genuinely through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, taking Club Taree’s commitment through until 2020, and holistically by raising awareness, and actively engaging our community.

Of the event, Rhiannon Curtis, Community Engagement Officer for Ronald McDonald House stated “our speakers this year have engaged the audience with their stories of encouragement and inspiration to a point where every attendee is walking away with something that they can adopt or encourage on either a personal or professional level. Our International Women’s Day event is one of our favourite events of the years, combining the opportunities to celebrate the achievements of all women, to raise funds for our programs and facilities, and to partner with Club Taree”.



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Morgan Stewart, CEO of Club Taree added “We are proud to partner with RMHNNSW on this event. In the room today there were so many local women who have personal stories of success and they deserve to be congratulated, respected and applauded. Some stories involve immense courage, personally or professionally, others show strength and determination, others celebrate the powerful sisterhood of women in our community. Our community, of which Club Taree is a great supporter, has been enriched by the commitment and achievements of women, and today is a great opportunity to not only say thank you, but more importantly to also offer our support in trying to achieve gender equality. RMHNNSW is a valued community partner, who we always enjoy supporting, and are proud to be recognised as their largest corporate supporter in the Northern Region”.

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## **Media Opportunities**

Photographs available on request

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