

Soroptimist International of Northern Highlands

The Trish Noonan Travel Award

Northern Highlands Soroptimists have initiated a new award in 2014 to support young women from the Jamestown district who wish to travel to volunteer/assist women and children in a particular project. We have young women in our community who have the foresight to participate in these types of volunteer projects and we wish to support them in their endeavours.

We have finally been able to begin such an award with the money our club won through the Premier's Community Services award and the generous donation by Michael Noonan and family. This award is named after one of our former members who sadly passed away in 2013. Trish was a great advocate for working with the disadvantaged and had been a tireless worker for Caritas. Michael and the family were agreeable to this award being named after Trish, as they agreed with us that it would be a rewarding project and a worthy honour for Trish. We will also continue to support this award through a fundraising event we nominate each year.

In the past the club has not had the money available to assist young women who have wanted to travel to volunteer to support projects overseas. This award now makes this possible. An amount of up to \$500 will be available and a young woman, aged 17 -25 years can complete an application. A sub-committee from the Soroptimist club will assess the application according to criteria.

This award was formally launched at our International Women's Day breakfast on 7 March 2014.

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