



**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMENS CLUB
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THE BPW ROSLYN ANAKAPU MEMORAL AWARD

This award came about in memory of Roslyn Anakapu who was a founder member of the BPW Club in Port Moresby and who died in 1985.

Roslyn was a talented young lawyer who had an extremely promising career ahead of her. In addition to her legal skills and her academic achievement she gave her time to issues relating to the improvement of education for women. She was a founder member of BPW in Port Moresby and worked to establish the group to support scholarships for young girls who would otherwise miss out on education. She had worked closely with colleagues from the Law Reform Commission on the first major campaign to draw attention to the problems of violence against women in PNG. The information leaflets and the video *Stap Isi* are still in use today and the research done by the Law Reform Commission at that time still provides useful information about attitudes and prevalence.

Roslyn's career was cut tragically short when she died of cancer at the age of 34. At the time of her death, Roslyn was the Director of the Legal Training Institute and the main hall is now named after her.

BPW established a scholarship in her memory in support of the training of one woman in the Law Faculty. This has varied over the years depending on the personnel at the club but in recent times has become an annual book prize for a student at the completion of the years' training at the Legal Training Institute. It was decided that the prize should be awarded to not necessarily the most talented academically but the student who had overcome the greatest odds to complete her legal training. This seemed to be in line with the thinking for BPW that our sponsored young women do make the most of their talents and achieve "*against the odds*".

We hope by providing a prize at the start of their career that they will become involved with BPW and become a role model for other students and scholarship recipients.

Judith Bona

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