## BPW Australia 2018 Jean Arnot Award

In 1994 BPW Australia honoured the life and commitment of Miss Jean Arnot M.B.E., F.L.A.A., past National President and pioneer of the fight for equal pay in Australia, by establishing an award in her name. The award seeks to recognise outstanding commitment and service to women through BPW.

Jean Arnot was a BPW member and librarian in the 1950s. Her father had been wounded in WW11 and as a result Jean had to support her family. She was highly qualified and held a senior position. Junior to her in the Library was a less qualified young man who also had a (young) family to support. Despite her seniority and higher qualifications, she was paid less than the man. When she asked the reason for the disparity she was told that the man had a family to support so should be paid more.

This started Jean’s campaign for equal pay for all women. Although pay still isn’t yet “equal” and BPW continues to advocate for pay equity, we can all appreciate the impact of this inspiring woman’s determination on the working lives of us all.

BPW Clubs are invited to nominate members for this Award that will be presented at the BPW Australia National Conference. The Award seeks to recognise members who have made a significant contribution to BPW Australia and BPW International.

**Eligibility**:

* nominee must be a current member of BPW and length of BPW membership must exceed 5 years
* nominee must have held a BPW position at a national or international level.

**Nomination Details**

* Name and address
* Club to which nominee belongs
* Date on which member joined BPW
* Record of any lapses in membership and reason why
* Offices held in BPW, past or current at national or international level
* Statement demonstrating her significant contribution to BPW Australia or BPW International

The nomination is to be supported by two clubs who can verify the contribution, or parts of it, for which the Award is to be cited.

The nomination is to be signed by two Club Presidents or a delegated elected officer from the Club.

The nomination is to be submitted to the BPW Australia Secretary at [secretary@bpw.com.au](mailto:secretary@bpw.com.au) by the closing date in the Call to Conference.

## BPW Australia 2018 Jean Arnot Award Nomination Form

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Member of BPW Club:**

**Date on which member joined BPW:**

**Record of any lapses in membership and reason why:**

**Offices held in BPW**: (past or current at national or international level)

**Statement demonstrating her significant contribution to BPW Australia or BPW International:** *(up to 1 page only either complete below or attach a separate sheet)*

**Nominated by BPW Club:**

**Please sign**

**Contact Name: Contact Email:**

**Seconded by BPW Club:**

**Please sign**

**Contact Name: Contact Email:**