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GW(WA) SUNDOWNER – BBQ

Wednesday December 8th



St Catherine's College, Nedlands

Join us for our end-of-year event!

Guests welcome!

(Details last page.)

GW(WA) COMMITTEE

The newly elected committee members for Graduate Women (WA 2010-2011)

Committee

President	Margaret Giles
Vice-Presidents	Jenni Antulov, Felicity Farrelly
Honorary Treasurer	Alison Hayden
Committee Members	Wendy McCallum, Lalani Weddikkara, Evelyne Deplazes
Newsletter Editor	Susan Dunn
Immediate Past-President	Lynda Roberts-Hall

Conveners

International Relations	Kathy Mumford
Peace and Human Security	Lalani Weddikkara
Status of Women	Barbara Taylor
Education (Bursary Coordinator)	Liz Flatters
Education (Advocacy)	Judy Eastham

Representatives, Coordinators & Other Roles

Education Trust Chair	Robyn Carroll
Events Organiser	Hilary Silbert
St Catherine's College Council AFUWWA Representative	Hilary Silbert
Centenary Trust for Women Representative	Mary Dineen
National Council of Women AFUWWA Representatives	Lesley Cala & Margaret Giles

History Project Competition **Name our History!**

The second volume of the AFUWWA History is moving swiftly along as Lynda Roberts-Hall, Wendy McCallum and Barbara Hale continue their research and writing. The History which covers 1973 to 2010 combines historical narrative as well as a wealth of reminiscences and comments from many members who have participated in interviews to date. As we are working towards completion of the first draft, we are very conscious that our History has yet to have a name.

Members are invited to email/write or fax their suggested name to Karen Bothwell, Executive Officer, AFUW WA Inc **by 31 December 2010**. The Winning Entry will be revealed early in 2011 and the Winner notified. The winner will receive an annual membership as part of the Prize Pack.



Good Luck!

Lynda Roberts-Hall, Project Manager, History Project Group

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are now Graduate Women (WA) Inc.!

Whilst the name change has been confirmed by the WA Department of Commerce and endorsed at the recent AFGW Council meeting, it will take some time to roll out new letterheads, banners, badges, etc. Hence, this is the last newsletter with the AFUW(WA) Inc. page 1 heading.

This is the second time in the history of the WA Association that we have had a name change. Formed in 1923 we were first called the Western Australian Association of University Women (WAAUW). It wasn't until we considered the purchase of premises that we considered also becoming an incorporated body. As a result documentation relating to incorporation was finalised in 1972 and since 1974 we became AFUW WA (Inc). This time it specifically reflects how our membership base has broadened in line with changes in membership criteria instituted by our international body, IFUW, and national body, AFGW.

Our recent Annual General Meeting was extremely well attended. The 2010 scholarship winners were presented with their cheques and congratulated on behalf of both the Education Trust (represented by Robyn Carroll and Barbara Hale) who were funding three of the scholarships and AFUW(WA) Inc. (represented by Liz Flatters, Education Convenor, and myself) who were funding the other three scholarships. These winners were:

AFUW(WA) Scholarship (\$5,000): Marian Patrick, PhD, Edith Cowan University

Jill Bradshaw Scholarship (\$3,500): Katie Brocx, PhD, Murdoch University

Mary Walters Scholarship (\$3,000): Ann-Maree Vallence, PhD, The University of Western Australia

Mary and Elsie Stevens Scholarship (\$3,000): Clara Huixia Loi, PhD, Curtin University of Technology

First Joyce Riley Scholarship (\$1,500): Rebecca Rey, PhD, The University of Western Australia

Second Joyce Riley Scholarship (\$1,500), Alka Sabharwal, PhD, The University of Western Australia

Over \$35,000 was awarded for scholarships and education support to women in 2009/2010. Many thanks to the hard working volunteers who enable our gown hire business to provide this level of net profits.

Also at the AGM, nominations for the committee positions were received and all elected. Your new committee is shown on page 3. Many thanks to Dorothy Ransom and Mary Dineen who served on committee for many years. Dorothy has been the driving force behind the current history project. She has also for many years looked after issues to do with the property, both the upstairs flat and the office. Mary was newsletter editor for many years and has now taken on the role of our representative to the Centenary Trust for Women. Immediate Past President Lynda Roberts-Hall and her husband Raymond are expecting their first child later this month and we wish them both well at this exciting time.

Thank you to our Executive Officer, Karen Bothwell, and Felicity Farrelly, Vice President, for holding the fort during my work-related travel overseas and interstate in the last few months.

Dr Margaret Giles, President

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Wendy McCallum on being recognised as a life member of AFUW(WA) / GW(WA).

Photo: Wendy McCallum (right) is congratulated by AFUW(WA) President, Margaret Giles.

At an extraordinary Committee Meeting on 26 October 2010 all members present and voting unanimously endorsed a proposal by Lynda Roberts-Hall that Wendy McCallum be recommended to the AGM for Life Membership for her extraordinary services to AFUWWA. Consequently, at the AGM on 26 October 2010, the nomination was put to the meeting as a special item of business, in accordance with the Constitution.

The nomination outlined that Wendy McCallum had provided extraordinary service to the Association on a number of grounds:

1. Academic Dress Activities: Wendy as Academic Dress Convenor and in close collaboration with Karen Bothwell has largely project managed the activities of Academic Dress for approximately the last ten years. Under her management, Academic Dress income has grown by approximately 50%. Stocks have increased by 20-30%, been regularly replaced. Regular audits take place. She worked in conjunction with Lynda Roberts-Hall to prepare an Academic Dress Manual which identified and articulated the procedures for Academic Dress activities. On average Wendy work more than 50 hours per graduation week. This is on an unpaid basis and has at times been at the detriment of her own health. Funds raised from Academic Dress go towards bursaries, scholarships and sponsorships.
2. Deputy Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, 28th IFUW Conference in Perth. This involved working closely with the Chair to ensure smooth arrangements were in place for the conference. Wendy organised and ran the registration process (including satchel stuffing), ensured a volunteer desk was manned, undertook to acquire stationary and other supplies, attended an IFUW Board meeting with the Chair, Lynda Roberts-Hall to report to the IFUW Board in 2004. This was largely at Wendy's own expense.
3. Deputy Chair and Contributing Producer - History Project, AFUW WA: 2010: Wendy is working with a small group to write and produce the second volume of the History of the Association. This involves researching past documents, interviewing members and writing chapters. This is a time consuming project. This is being conducted on a volunteer basis as no remuneration, other than reimbursement of expenses, is being given.
4. House Committee: ensures garden is maintained, house repairs made after March 2010 storm. She has been on this for approximately the last 6 years and been

mainly responsible for ensuring repairs are done in conjunction with the executive officer.

5. Committee Membership: Ordinary Committee Member for the last 5 years, AFUWWA Proxy to Council for the last 6 years, previously a St Catherine's College Representative and AFUW ACT proxy to Council for approximately 6 years.
6. National Registrar of AFUW: 2006-2009
7. Apart from regularly attending many of the Special, General and Annual General Meetings, Wendy has been an active contributor to many of the initiatives over the past few years: Sri Lankan lunch for Galle Primary School, Collection of pyjamas for Children at Refuges, High Tea with Felicity Bradshaw, Literary Afternoon in August to just name a few.
8. Conference Delegate representing AFUWWA: AFUW Triennial Conferences 2009 (Co-Presenter of paper), attended 2006 at her own expense
9. Hosted visits by Elizabeth Fong and Lily Vesikula from Fiji Association, Romey Scott-Woods, IFUW, Sonja Hostman (Finland University Women) plus other members of AFUW, for example, Rosemary Everett, then President of AFUW.
10. Volunteer Office Support – when the Executive Officer is absent, Wendy has regularly volunteered to collect, open and action mail, monitor the email account, and take care of office requirements.
11. Wendy has been a member of AFUWWA since the mid-1980's; prior to that she was a member of AFUW –ACT since the early 1970's.
12. Book Club Convenor: Wendy organises and runs the Thursday night Book Club (originally started by Kate Sullivan) which meets regularly on the third Thursday of every month and involves approximately 10-12 members. Wendy organises and hosts the regular meetings. This is a long running social attraction of the association and much enjoyed by the members.

The Life Membership motion proposed by Lynda Roberts-Hall was seconded and unanimously endorsed by the 25 members who attended the AGM. Wendy joins a select group of seven current Life Members who still keenly and actively support the association. Several were attendees on the night: Barbara Hale, Dorothy Collin and Lesley Cala.

Lynda Roberts-Hall, Immediate Past President



Congratulations to AFUW(WA) member Evelyne Deplazes who has been awarded a Convocation Travel Award that will be presented to her at UWA on Friday November 19th, 2010

Evelyne, who is studying in the School of Bimolecular, Biomedical and Chemical Sciences, UWA, won the Ken and Julie Michael Postgraduate Research Travel Award. She is investigating the structure and function of mechanosensitive ion channels using spectroscopy and computer simulations. Evelyne is a past winner of AFGW's Beryl Henderson Award and is a current (young) member on our committee.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2010

On Tuesday 26 October, 2010 the following recipients of the AFUW(WA) Scholarships were presented with cheques.

AFUW(WA) Scholarship (\$5,000)

Marian Patrick
PhD, Edith Cowan University

Photo: Marian Patrick (right) with Liz Flatters



Research topic: This is a research degree that is focussing on understanding the decision making process regarding water allocation /entitlement; the aim of the research is to uncover how the justice principles used in decision making processes change between different levels of governance - what is just at one level (eg federal level) might not be just at another (eg local user level).

What influences which justice principles are used and which are not is a fundamental question of this research project. The study area for this research is the Murray-Darling Basin, Australia,

Special Purpose: The special purpose of this scholarship will be to contribute to the tuition fees of two short courses run by UNESCO, called Negotiation for Water Conflict Management I and II. Each course runs for 3 weeks in Feb/March 2011 and costs 2250 Euros. Additional expenses including flights (the course is held in The Netherlands), accommodation and food will be sourced from ECU and CSIRO. The benefits of this course are two-fold - firstly the content: conflict negotiation is a major component of water management especially across international and state/province boundaries and would be invaluable and complementary to the learning of my PhD research; secondly, the course would expose me to an international network of water scientists and colleagues that would be beneficial to my career development and would expose me to international trends in this field that could be pertinent to Australian water management approaches.

Marian intends to expend her scholarship on tuition fees for both courses which amounts to 4500 Euros (which is approximately \$6500).

Jill Bradshaw Scholarship (\$3,500)

Katie Brocx
PhD, Murdoch University

Photo: Katie Brocx (centre) was presented with her cheque by Barbara Hale, Education Trust member and Robyn Carroll, Chair of the Education Trust.



Research Topic: I am investigating relaxation as a treatment for eczema. Stress has been found to play a significant role in the onset and exacerbation of eczema; hence, relaxation has the potential to aid in the management of the condition. However, as little research has been conducted in this area, the appropriate role of relaxation is not yet understood.

Special Purpose: I am currently in the initial stages of collecting data, and funding is required to continue conducting the experiments and to analyse samples once they are collected.

Itemised budget of how the money would be spent:

As indicated above, the scholarship would be used to continue running experiments and analyse the data, which would allow me to complete my PhD. Specifically, the scholarship would be used in the following way:

Essential laboratory supplies to run experiments:

- Chemicals \$500
- Allergy testing \$300
- Other supplies \$100

Analysis of blood, blister, and saliva samples:

- Assays to prepare samples \$3600
- Use of machine to analyse samples \$500

The total cost of the experiments and sample analysis is estimated to be \$5000. Scholarship amounts less than this would be used to first conduct the experiments to ensure all of the necessary data is collected, and analyse the data from the first experiments.

Mary Walters Scholarship (\$3,000)

Ann-Maree Vallence

PhD, The University of Western Australia



Photo: Ann-Maree Vallence with Barbara Hale and Robyn Carroll

Research Topic: I am currently undertaking a PhD in the School of Psychology at the University of Western Australia. My research examines reorganisation in motor areas of the brain associated with the restriction of sensory input to the brain. This research will enhance our understanding of the changes that occur in motor areas of the brain following amputation.

Special Purpose: I am seeking funds to visit and conduct research with my co-supervisor Dr. Karen Reilly, based at the Cognitive Neuroscience Centre, in Lyon, France. Based upon previous research investigating the reorganisation in motor areas of the brain following amputation and during the short-term restriction of sensory input to the brain, it is assumed that all muscles groups in a given body part (e.g. the upper-limb) undergo the same reorganisational changes. A novel and interesting finding from the initial experiments of my PhD demonstrates rapid reorganisation of forearm flexor muscles but not forearm extensor muscles during the restriction of sensory input from the hand to the brain. This finding suggests, contrary to the common view, that the motor representations of different muscle groups might be more-or-less “plastic”. It is important to further investigate this novel and interesting finding not only with surface muscle activity recordings, as has been done in my previous experiments, but with the more specific recording technique of intramuscular electromyographic recordings to obtain a complete understanding of the differential effect of the restriction of sensory input on the reorganisation of motor areas in the brain. The opportunity to visit Dr. Reilly’s laboratory would allow me to receive training in intramuscular recording techniques and to test a hypothesis, using intramuscular recordings, that emerged from my already-completed experiments. In addition, I would have the opportunity to discuss the data and interpretations from my initial experiments conducted at UWA and work on manuscripts for these completed experiments with Dr. Reilly in person.

Itemised budget of how the money would be spent:

Return flights to Lyon, France: \$1983.13

Accommodation for six weeks in Lyon, France: \$2080.75

Living expenses for six weeks in Lyon, France: \$936.12+.

Further details of special purpose:

Dr. Reilly is a leading young researcher in the field of motor control and brain reorganisation and is part of an active Neuroscience community that consists of more than ten laboratories all situated in Lyon. She has recently published in the journals *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* and *Science*. While Dr. Reilly continues to educate me about conducting empirically sound, ethical, scientific research remotely, her experience in the techniques of intramuscular electromyographic and movement kinematic recordings mean that in person she can provide me with the training necessary to ensure I can perform these

techniques independently. This training will enhance the quality of my PhD by allowing further investigation of my novel finding with these sophisticated techniques.

The opportunity to visit Dr. Reilly's laboratory would be invaluable for me to discuss with her in person the data and interpretations from my initial experiments. Dr. Reilly recently visited UWA and we made significant progress on the manuscript of my first two experiments which resulted in a recent manuscript submission to Clinical Neurophysiology. In addition, we discussed the data and interpretations of a third experiment and finalised the design of a fourth experiment. I believe that a six-week stay in Lyon will enable me to make progress on the manuscripts for my completed experiments, which will significantly increase the chances of these manuscripts being published before I submit my thesis.

Mary and Elsie Stevens Scholarship (\$3,000)

Clara Huixia Loi - PhD Curtin University of Technology

Research topic: My project focuses on two classes of micropollutants, benzotriazoles and benzothiazoles, found in the aquatic environment and toxic to aquatic organisms, though not yet studied in Australia. The aim of this project is to develop a detection method for these compounds, conduct an occurrence survey across Perth, investigate the degradation/removal of these compounds through kinetic studies, and determine oxidation by-products formed.

Special Purpose: To visit and conduct kinetic experiments under the mentorship of Professor Urs von Gunten, director of the Drinking Water Chemistry Department at the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag). Professor von Gunten is a world expert in advanced oxidation processes and reaction rates in water treatment, and has extensively studied reaction mechanisms.

I have been awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) and Water Quality Research Australia (WQRA) PhD top-up scholarship. However the APA is a stipend based scholarship and the WQRA scholarship is limited to funding consumables and conferences preferred by WQRA. Therefore, I have insufficient funds to visit Professor von Gunten.

This research project will be of local and national significance as it is running in conjunction with the Groundwater Replenishment Trial (GWRT), the largest advance treated wastewater replenishment scheme in Australia, commencing in late 2010 by the Water Corporation of Western Australia.

Itemised budget of how the money would be spent:

- Air ticket (return) Perth to Zurich Departing 30 Jun 2011-30 Dec 2011 - \$2,850 (estimated cost by STA Travel Curtin)
- STA Travel Comprehensive Travel Insurance by Covermore (30 Jun-30 Dec 2011) - \$963
- Phenomenex Synergi-Hydro column (\$1,015.30) and security guard column (\$194.70) - \$1,210 (to use at Eawag, as currently I am using a shared column)
- Total of above items = \$5,023

Further details of special purpose:

As part of my PhD project, I am planning to conduct degradation experiments to measure the rates of reaction of BTris and BTs, and to determine the final by-products formed. These experiments will provide knowledge on how quickly and which oxidation processes would be the most ideal method for the removal of BTris and BTs. The degradation experiments will also be of interest to the GWRT, as the replenishment trial will implement ultraviolet (UV) light exposure as the final treatment process in recycling wastewater.

Hence, it will be useful to know if BTris and BTs are degradable by UV processes. Therefore, to be able to visit and conduct these degradation experiments under the mentorship of Professor Urs von Gunten at Eawag (a world-leading aquatic research institute) would be highly beneficial to the progress of my project.

Currently, I am unable to fund my visit to Professor von Gunten. Although I have been awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) and Water Quality Research Australia (WQRA) PhD top-up scholarship, the APA only provides a stipend, and I only have a small amount a year (\$3300/year) for consumables from the WQRA scholarship, of which, a large percentage of this has been used to purchase a low-pressure UV reactor which is essential for my degradation/kinetic studies. The WQRA top-up scholarship does allocate for travel funds, though it limited to conference travels preferred by WQRA.

Joyce Riley Scholarship

In 2010 two recipients shared the Joyce Riley Scholarship.

Rebecca Rey (\$1500)

PhD, The University of Western Australia

Research Topic: I am exploring the theatrical works of New York novelist Don DeLillo, focusing particularly on his movements between the genres of fiction and theatre, and the themes that run through his oeuvre. To date there has been no significant criticism on this topic so I intend to publish my thesis as a monograph and begin scholarship in this area.

Special Purpose: I would use the funds first, to attend two conferences in North America, gain feedback on my papers presented, and submit them for publication in 2011. Second, in the interim between the conferences, I will visit local universities in New York and Toronto to search for DeLillo resources unavailable in Australia.

Sum Requested: \$1,500

Itemised budget of how the money would be spent:

The money would be spent entirely on accommodation in the US and Canada during and between the two conferences (see attachments):

Budget hostel accommodation approx. \$35+/night for 40 days: approx. \$1500

Plane flights to New York will be covered by the UWA's School of Social and Cultural Studies postgraduate travel allowance, of which I have \$1800 remaining, and my own funds.

Further details of special purpose:

It is vital to present ideas at conferences to gain feedback from international scholars in the area before submitting them for publication in the form of articles or books. My purpose is especially to liaise with North American scholars in contemporary American literature in order to improve my work and send the resulting articles to A-rated journals like *Critical Quarterly*, *Text and Performance Quarterly*, and *Textual Practice*. I have previously used the UWA Graduate Research School's grant for overseas travel, and part of the School of Social and Cultural Studies travel allowance for my June–July 2009 research trip to use the Don DeLillo Collection in the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas, Austin. Since I have approximately \$1800 of School funds for use on flights, and my own personal savings, I am applying for only \$1500 to supplement my remaining available funds for accommodation. In the time between the two conferences, I plan on visiting the English departments at the

University of Toronto, Rutgers University, NYU and CUNY, and use their libraries to search for DeLillo resources unavailable in Australia.

This project would benefit the academic and general community by essentially plugging a hole in the critical literature of what may be one of the greatest living writers. Don DeLillo's themes of language, death, and everyday life lay at the very heart of what makes us human, and I believe further insight into his playwriting will bring to light vital commentary on this slice of late-20th and early-21st century American life.

Joyce Riley Scholarship

Alka Sabharwal (\$1500)

PhD The University of Western Australia

Research Topic: Natural Resource Conflicts through the Lens of Cultural Politics: The Case of the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary in Eastern Ladakh, India.

This study plans to extend the current understanding of natural resource conflicts through using the perspective of cultural politics, which includes a new analytical method for synthesising the focus on the 'material' and 'symbolic' dimensions of how natural resources are imagined, appropriated and contested.

Special Purpose: The AFUW(WA) funding will necessarily be used to subsidise my field based research and assist me to strengthen the outcomes of my research in India. This will also help me to improve my skills as a researcher through innovation and expansion.

Itemised budget of how the money would be spent:

Field work in Leh including accommodation and local travels: \$1,000

Field work in Delhi including accommodation and travel: \$2,500

The conference costs including accommodation and travel: \$1,500

Further details of special purpose:

Changpas, the pastoral nomadic community I am studying are on the verge of transitioning into a more settled lifestyle and also a life which is not entirely they are confident of. Agriculture which is not possible at such high altitudes made them left with only commercial activities like tourism, army labour or to outmigrate to towns like Leh and live an alienated life. This research is not directly looking at any direct avenues to support the traditional lifestyle of Changpas but a study which comments on the Indian state conservation attempts and a perception of eventual conflicts. Ladakh is a cold desert region and that means a skewed arable land be it pastures or agriculture and which also becomes a basis of my research argument against a straight jacketed state conservation policy and outlook of conflicts which dichotomize state and society. Therefore, my research will produce supporting policy document for the state and various non-governmental organisations active in the region and

also an advocacy tool which many changpas look forward to.



Scholarship Winners 2010

AFUW(WA) DONATION to THIMUN Representative



Photo: Poppy Damon receives her cheque from Margaret Giles, President

Poppy Damon, Head Girl at Shenton College High School for 2010, has been selected to represent Australia at THIMUN – The Hague International Model United Nations, and AFUW(WA) have donated \$500 towards her costs.

THIMUN attracts over 4,000 students from all over the world to take part in a simulation of the various organisations of the United Nations. The Australian delegation of 17 students take on the role of a foreign member state of the UN and every student is assigned to a committee,

commission or council of a UN Body. (eg The

Security Council and the General Assembly). They then write resolutions on issues of international concern which are then debated within the various commissions.

Poppy has been a member of UNYA – the United Nations Youth Association in Perth for three years

On her return to Perth Poppy will come along and speak to members of AFUW(WA) to tell us all about her trip to the Netherlands.

CONVENOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Kathy Mumford

PENCILS FOR PAKISTAN



Photo: <http://www.ifuw.org/priorities/pakistan/appeal.html>

The IFUW Board of Officer and the Pakistan Federation of University Women (PFUW) are appealing to all IFUW members to help provide educational materials for girls in areas devastated by the recent floods in Pakistan. A donation of US\$10 (approx AUS\$10) can provide three schoolgirls with writing supplies for one school year, thus easing the financial burden of education on their families and helping to keep

these girls in school.



Donations may be made at the December BBQ (which will be forwarded to the appeal or directly by credit card payment or bank transfer. Full details, including the project guidelines, are available on the special appeal website:



<http://www.ifuw.org/priorities/pakistan/appeal.html>.



AFUW(WA) AGM 2010 BUFFET

Members enjoy a pre-meeting buffet in the gardens of St Catherine's College.



AFUW(WA) AGM REPORTS

For the record, the following reports presented at the AFUW(WA) AGM on 26th October 2010 were not previously published in the November newsletter.

President's Report to Annual General Meeting 26 October 2010

On behalf of our Committee, I thank you for your support and involvement over the 2009-2010 year. In particular many thanks to all the volunteers (members and friends) who have so generously supported our activities especially academic dress. We have had many challenges in the last 12 months and these have been ably dealt with by our Executive Officer, Karen Bothwell, and our Committee. I have had a busy work schedule in 2010 which has meant much travel interstate and overseas so I am very grateful to Karen for dealing with office matters and our Committee for progressing our busy agenda during my frequent absences.

Membership Matters: We have 72 members.

Constitution changes: We have a new Constitution and a new name. These have been accepted by the WA Department of Commerce (as at 23 Sep 10). However, we have further changes to make to be consistent with the Act. A sub-committee is being set up to look into these.

Scholarships and education support: Our scholarships sub-committee, with Vice President, Felicity Farrelly, as Chair, continues to meet. New scholarships are to be awarded at the AGM. A meeting with the Trust, the sub-committee and interested members to provide more detailed information on the status of scholarships and scholarship funding and to encourage feedback will be announced soon.

History project: A sub-committee has been working on updating our history. Members Lynda Roberts-Hall (Project Manager), Wendy McCallum, Barbara Hale and Wendy Grace have been delving into old paperwork (such as President and Secretary AGM Reports from 1973 – 2009) and interviewing past and current members. It is expected that the document will be ready for launch in August/September 2011.

Premises: It is now been found that the big storm in March that damaged our office and the upstairs flat also damaged the roof so further repairs have been underway. Our insurers have been very attentive. The new curtains and blinds for the office were installed last week.

Events: Once again we had a very enjoyable Annual Dinner which was held at Matilda Bay Restaurant with guest speaker, Marilyn Phillips. In addition to scholarships information sessions at the universities, our May event included hearing from past winners. Our August event had a very moving poetry reading by Rachel Petridis and a lively talk by Karen Wood. Write-ups of these and other events can be found in our Newsletters.

Newsletters and E-News: Susan Dunn has continued to produce stunning newsletters and I thank her for her attention to detail. Our weekly E-News, compiled by Karen and supported by Barbara Taylor, Hope Alexander and other convenors and members, continues to report on local, national and international events and news that relate to the broader community of professional women in WA.

AFGW: I attended the March 2010 AFGW Council meeting and, with Felicity, attended the July 2010 teleconference AFGW Council meeting. Issues of declining membership and changes in relationships and representation with the federal government as well as input to the recent IFUW conference in Mexico have dominated the agenda for these meetings this year. The next AFGW conference is in Brisbane in 2012.

Margaret Giles, President

Education Trust Annual Report

I have pleasure in presenting this report on behalf of the Trustees. The Trustees are Lyn Abbott, Jocelyne Boujos, Robyn Carroll (Chair), Dorothy Collin, Kerry Evans (Trust Secretary), Loreena Gillon, Barbara Hale, Jennifer Mills and Dorothy Ransom.

1. Trustees and Trust Meetings

Following the 2009 AGM, the following members took up their appointment as Trustees: Lyn Abbott, Kerry Evans and Loreena Gillon. At the first meeting of the year by the Trustees the Trustees appointed Robyn Carroll to take over as Chair from Jenny Mills. The Trustees expressed their appreciation to Jenny and for her leadership as Chair of the Trust in 2008 and 2009.

The Trustees have met four times since the 2009 AGM and also resolved a number of matters by email including resolutions relating to the management of fixed term deposits with Unicredit. Meetings were held on 19 Jan, 2 March, 24 June and 5 October. The AFUW (WA) Committee Treasurer, Alison Hayden attended a number of the Trust meetings and is a key link between the Trust and the Committee. Various Trustees attended AFUW(WA) committee and sub-committee meetings during the year to discuss and exchange information on Trust and Scholarship matters. Robyn Carroll and Kerry Evans attended meetings of the Committee's Scholarships sub-committee.

Five of the Trustees' appointments of three years expire at this AGM: Robyn Carroll, Dorothy Collin, Barbara Hale, Jennifer Mills and Dorothy Ransom. The renominating Trustees need to be appointed by the Members at the meeting if they are to continue as Trustees. Trustees whose term has not expired have indicated that they are willing to continue in that role.

2. 2010 Activities

The principal activities during the year have been:

- a. To promote the activities of AFUW(WA) and the Trust through an article in UWA News.
- b. to investigate the best way to manage the Trust Funds in the aftermath of the global economic downturn. This has involved discussions with UWA financial services staff;
- c. to investigate the potential for payment of bursaries in 2011 and future years; and
- d. to consider how the Trust funds might be structured and managed in the coming years now that we have a separate Scholarship Fund and a Bursary Fund.

3. Invested Funds

The majority of the Bursary Funds are invested with UWA. Subsequent to the global economic downturn donations to the Bursary Fund and to the Scholarship Fund, opened in June 2009, have been placed on term deposit with the University Credit Union in accordance with advice received from Financial Services, UWA, that UWA was not likely to better the interest available with Unicredit. (This has taken into account that UWA was paying for insurance as its investments were too great to qualify for the government guarantee against bank failures, whereas our small funds qualified for the guarantee.)

The Trustees receive a statement annually from UWA in January that refers to the previous calendar year. There has been some improvement on the return of funds in both UWA investment pools (Long Term and Short Term) but the full extent of our losses during the global economic downturn had not been regained. In the year to 31 December 2009 the Short Term Pool earned 3% interest; the value of the Long Term Pool and of the Leah Cohen Bursary fund which is held in UWA's Long Term Pool recovered by 18.15% capital and interest. Funds invested in the University Credit Union are capital stable.

In summary, Bursary Funds invested with UWA and with Unicredit increased in value during the calendar year 2009 from \$247,371 to \$272,471. This remains approximately \$20,000 less than at the end of 2007.

All funds received for the Scholarship Fund have been paid into a separate account held with Unicredit. The balance on 30 June 2010 was \$29,171, which included \$17,500 reserved for 2010 Scholarships.

The Trustees are currently considering whether or not some or all of the donations to the Scholarship Fund would best be capitalised and whether or not some or all should be deposited into the UWA Pools or elsewhere.

Audited copies of the Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements will be available at the AGM.

4. Payment of Bursaries in 2010

Members will recall that as a consequence of the negative impact of the global economic downturn in 2008 on the Trusts assets held in the UWA Long Term and Short Term Pools the Trustees did not recommend any disbursement from Trust Funds in 2010.

Fortunately, as the Scholarship Fund was established with tax deductible status on 26 June 2009, the AFUW(WA) Committee transferred a total of \$27,500 to the Trustees during 2009 and 2010. These funds were placed in the Scholarship Fund and have been available for disbursement to the 2010 Scholarship winners. Five Scholarships that comply with the Australian Taxation Office requirements were advertised in 2010. A special thanks go to Liz Flatters who stepped in as Bursary Convener to advertise the new Scholarships.

The operation of the Scholarship Fund has required close attention to purposes for which the funds may be used in order to comply with the Australian Taxation Office requirements. The Trustees have taken a conservative view of what constitute acceptable purposes and following discussions with the Treasurer and the Chair of Assessors the Trustees resolved to make available funds to the value of \$9,500 for the 2010 Scholarships. The \$8,000 balance this year has come from funds held by AFUW(WA).

5. Bursaries and Scholarships in 2011

After payment of the five 2010 Scholarships there will be funds remaining in the Scholarship Fund sufficient to allow for the payment of one or more Scholarships in 2011. There are also funds in the Bursary Fund which can be used to fund some or all of the original bursaries. The Trustees therefore expect to recommend a similar number of Scholarships and Bursaries be advertised in 2011.

In the past the Trustees have made recommendations at the AGM for the number of Bursaries to be awarded in the following years and the value of each. The Trustees are not well placed

to make those recommendations at this time of year however, because the information from UWA as to the value of our funds in the short term and long term pool is not known until the New Year.

The Trustees recommend that they advise what funds are available for the payment of Scholarships and Bursaries in March each year, beginning in March 2011.

6. Future Management of the Scholarship Fund and the Bursary Fund

The new Scholarship Fund was created as a separate fund within the Education Trust. Funds received by the Trustees for disbursement from the Scholarship Fund are accounted for separately from the funds held in the original Education Trust Fund.

Funds held by the Education Trust other than the funds paid into the Scholarship Fund are referred to generally as the Bursary Fund. Other than the Leah Jane Cohen Fund which is payable for purposes specific to that bequest, the Bursary Funds are not subject to the same restrictions as the Scholarship Funds. However, donations to the Bursary Funds are not tax deductible. Consideration needs to be given to what proportion of funds generated by Academic dress hire will be paid into the tax deductible Scholarship Fund and what options are available to maintain some or all of the original bursaries within the changed environment of the Trust.

There are clear advantages to retaining the Bursary Fund. We can continue to offer the original Bursaries which are available to a wider category of women and for broader purposes than is allowed under the ATO requirements for use of the Scholarship Funds. In order to retain these Bursaries we will need to consider what funds are to be paid into the Bursary Fund.

The Trustees recommend that AFUW(WA) offer in the future a combination of bursaries and scholarships from the Bursary Fund and the Scholarship Fund.

Specifically the Trustees recommend to the Members that the Association look at ways to maintain the value of the original Bursaries as well as new Scholarships to ensure that a wide range of educational and research endeavours by graduate women are retained.

Issues under consideration by the Trustees in relation to funds to support future bursaries and scholarships include:

1. capitalisation of money paid into the Trust
2. proportion of funds held in short term versus long term pool with UWA
3. processes to ensure that use of Scholarship Fund remains ATO compliant
4. allocation of donated funds to original Bursary Fund (donations or bequests for which no tax deduction is sought)
5. proportion of funds in original Bursary Fund to be applied to non-ATO compliant Bursaries in the future.

Although these matters are under consideration by the Trustees, at this point in time the Trustees are not in a position to make any recommendations in relation to the issues of future financial management.

Professor Robyn Carroll, Chair AFUW(WA) Inc. Education Trust, 26 October 2010

GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2011

There will be ten Autumn (March/April) 2011 Graduation Ceremonies - Dates and Configurations are as follows:

Tuesday, 22 March 2011

- Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (*All Arts Courses*)

Wednesday, 23 March 2011

- Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (*All Music and Social Work Courses*)
- Faculty of Business (*BCom (Surnames A-L only) and All BEc Courses*)

Thursday, 24 March 2011

- Faculty of Business (*BCom (Surnames M-Z only); All BCom with Honours and All Postgraduate Courses*)

Tuesday, 29 March 2011

- Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences (*BSc and BSc with Honours and Discipline Specific Postgraduate Courses*)

Wednesday, 30 March 2011

- Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences (*All BSc (Programs) and Specialist Undergraduate Courses; and All Other Science Postgraduate Courses*)

Thursday, 31 March 2011

- Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts
- Faculty of Education

Tuesday, 5 April 2011

- Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (*Bachelor of Health Science Courses and All Dentistry Courses only*)
- Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Wednesday, 6 April 2011

-Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics (*All Computing and Mathematics Courses and All Engineering Postgraduate Courses*)
-Faculty of Law

Thursday, 7 April 2011

Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics (*Bachelor of Engineering Courses only*)

Monday, 11 April 2011

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (*All Other Courses*)

The proposed dates for the Spring (September) 2011 ceremonies (Faculty configurations to be advised in late July) **are as follows –**

Tuesday, 13 September 2011

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

Thursday, 15 September 2011

Monday, 19 September 2011

Tuesday, 20 September 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GW(WA) POETRY CLUB MEETINGS 2011

(Second Tuesday of each month)

Meetings are held at the GW(WA) House, 4 Park Rd, Nedlands.

February	9th	10.30am	 <p style="color: blue; font-style: italic;">New members always welcome!</p>	July	12th	10.30am
March	9th	10.30am		August	9th	10.30am
April	12th	10.30am		September	13th	10.30am
May	10th	10.30am		October	11th	10.30am
June	14th	10.30am		November	8th	10.30am

GW(WA) BOOK CLUBS 2011

(Each Book Club meets once a month)

Meetings are held at GW(WA) House, 4 Park Rd, Nedlands.

New members are always welcome!

February Thursday 17th and Saturday 26th	July Thursday 22nd and Saturday 24th
March Thursday 17th and Saturday 26th	August Thursday 18th and Saturday 27th
April Thursday 14th and Saturday 23rd	September Thursday 15th and Saturday 24th
May Thursday 19th and Saturday 28th	October Thursday 20th and Saturday 22nd
June Thursday 16th and Saturday 25th	November Thursday 17th and Saturday 26th

GW(WA) COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2011



Venue: GW(WA) House, 4 Park Rd, Nedlands @ 6:00pm for 6:15pm start

January Sunday 16 th	
February Wednesday 2 nd	July Wednesday 6 th
March Wednesday 2 nd	August Wednesday 3 rd
April Wednesday 6 th	September Wednesday 7 th
May Wednesday 4 th	October Wednesday 5 th
June Wednesday 1 st	November Wednesday 2 nd

GW(WA) EVENTS and MEETINGS

2011

JANUARY

Sunday, January 16th

Committee Planning Meeting

MARCH

March

Special General Meeting with Education Trust

Monday, March 7th

International Women's Day

Friday March 11th

IWD Breakfast

Monday, March 21st

Harmony Day

Sri Lankan Dinner (to be confirmed)

APRIL

Friday, April 22nd

Good Friday

Monday, April 25th

Easter Monday / ANZAC Day

MAY

Tuesday May 17th

Bursary Presentations by 2010 winners and St Catherine's Honour Board unveiling

JUNE

June/July

Combined Annual Dinner and Celebration of 40th year of awarding bursaries

JULY

July/August

Proposed rip to Sri Lanka

AUGUST

August/September

Launch of the History of AFUW(WA)

DECEMBER

Wednesday, 7th December, 2011

Sundowner-BBQ



GW(WA)

**END- OF- YEAR
SUNDOWNER - BBQ**

Wednesday 8th December, 2010

Roberta Jull Common Room and Gardens

St Catherine's College, Nedlands

6:00 pm ~ 8:00pm



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BBQ meal includes drinks and wine

\$35 members

\$40 non-members

PLEASE RSVP TO KAREN BY FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2010

Tel/Fax: (08) 9386 3570

Email: afuwwa@westnet.com.au

I _____ (name) will be attending

the Sundowner-Barbeque and bringing _____ (guests).

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I enclose a cheque for a total of \$_____ made payable to AFUW(WA),
or please charge my credit card (please circle): MasterCard / Visa

Cardholder's name _____

Card No: _____

Expiry date: ___ / ___

Cardholder's signature: _____