



Chloe Dempsey and fellow travellers at the Berlin Wall. (Read about Chloe's trip to the Hague page 3)

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AFUWWA COMMITTEE FOR 2010

President: Margaret Giles

Vice-Presidents: Jenni Antulov and Felicity Farrelly

Honorary Treasurer: Alison Hayden

Committee Members: Wendy McCallum, Lalani Weddikkara, Dorothy Ransom, Mary Dinneen, Evelyne Deplazes (graduated within past ten years)

CIR: Kathy Mumford

Newsletter Editor: Susan Dunn

Immediate Past-President: Lynda Roberts-Hall

The positions of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Assistant Treasurer remain vacant.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2010

Welcome to another great year ahead!

There are familiar as well as new faces on Committee. Many thanks for this support. Thanks also to Karen Bothwell who continues to juggle many hats to provide AFUWWA with secretarial and management support as well as a cheerful and gracious presence in the office.

I am extremely grateful to outgoing President, Lynda Roberts-Hall, for her encouragement and availability as I learn this new role, and a big thank you to Alison Hayden who has taken over the role of Treasurer. Felicity Farrelly and Jennifer Antulov are our Vice Presidents and I welcome their help as I juggle my family commitments, my day job and AFUWWA needs as well as my role as Vice President of national council. Wendy McCallum, Lalani Weddikkara, Mary Dinneen and Dorothy Ransom are welcomed as returning committee members and we have Susan Dunn and Evelyne Deplazes as new and energetic committee members. Susan will be editing our newsletter and Evelyne will be representing our young members. Welcome also to Kathy Mumford as our CIR.

Committee had its first meeting for 2010 recently at which we planned a year of networking events and process changes. In particular, we are organising a visit to the McCubbin exhibition at the art gallery and a group outing to an arthouse movie. Some of us will be attending the International Women's Day breakfast organized by Unifem on 8 March at the Hyatt. Our annual dinner will be held this year at Matilda Bay Restaurant on 17 June. Any other suggestions for events can be directed to Hilary Silbert (hilarysilbert@westnet.com.au) who is continuing as our events co-ordinator.

Our newly convened scholarships subcommittee, chaired by Felicity Farrelly, is reviewing past practices of awarding scholarships, bursaries and subsidies with a view to establishing some workable criteria for future awards.

The office environment has recently been assessed by an Occupational Health and Safety consultant, Melissa Trend, resulting in a number of changes to improve Karen's work station as well as to address general safety issues on the premises. In addition, Lynda is reviewing Karen's contract to ensure that it reflects changes in industrial and workplace law.

Changes at the international and national level in relation to our name (at the national level, we are now Australian Federation of Graduate Women, AFGW) and to our membership criteria (broadened to include university, TAFE and other categories of graduates) have prompted consideration of changes to our local rules. Resolutions related to these will be proposed at a General Meeting later in the year.

Our first General Meeting is to be held at St Catherine's on Tuesday 16 February. This is a great opportunity to meet other AFUW WA members and to hear from Lynda Roberts-Hall regarding her attendance at the 2009 AFUW Triennial Conference in Sydney in November and Virginia Scott will speak on "Women in Local Government: Towards a Strong and Sustainable Sector".

I am heading to Sydney for the 2nd national council meeting on 13 March. I attend as President of AFUWWA and as Vice President AFGW. The agenda includes deliberations related to the Australian contribution to the IFUW conference in August 2010 in Mexico. Kathy Mumford, WA's Convenor of International Relations, will be attending as convenor of interdisciplinary seminars and as a workshop presenter.

I wish us all a very healthy, happy and productive 2010.

Dr Margaret Giles

President

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 16th February 2010 – (i) Virginia Scott – Women in Local Government.
(ii) Report on AFUW Triennial Conference – Lynda Roberts-Hall

TITLE: Women in Local Government: Towards a Strong and Sustainable Sector

Virginia works in the Strategic Policy and Structural Reform Division of the State Department of Local Government.



This includes work with the Advisory Committee on Women in Local Government which provides advice to the Minister for Local Government on ways of encouraging women to seek and progress their careers in the local government sector.

With only 7% of CEO positions held by women and less than a third of councilors being women nationally, there are some challenges ahead.

Virginia will talk about the business case for women in local government and some of the substantial State and National initiatives which are under way to address these challenges.

SPONSORSHIP

Chloe Dempsey was sponsored by AFUWWA last year to assist her in representing Australia at *The Hague International Model United Nations* in the Netherlands.

Chloe Dempsey here reporting post-Hague!

“AFUW WA ... was kind enough to sponsor \$500 of my trip to the Hague for the Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN). ... I wanted to give you a few lines about my trip, although I am compiling some more in-depth info for a report...
... My week in Hague was spent with 4,000 other young people from over 100 countries. Considering this, it was an absolute shambles to organise; I would vouch for the whole Australian delegation in saying that this didn't make the experience any less amazing! The layout of the conference was that bodies of the UN, such as the Security Council, the Human Rights Council, and the sub-committees of the General Assembly, were in mock session with student delegates. With debate on issues as wide-ranging as 'independence and authority of judicial systems' to 'social isolation and discrimination against the disabled', delegates wrote resolutions and then debated them in groups of about 150. Aside from this, the Australian delegation visited the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, but more importantly, prior to the conference, we toured Europe for two weeks! With twelve countries, including the Czech Republic, Paris, France, Hungary and Switzerland, we met Australian diplomats, including the Australian ambassador to Germany, and diplomats working at the official Australian Mission to the UN in Geneva, however



still fitted in the Eiffel Tower, a sampling of Belgian fruit beer, European Parliament (with an appearance from neo-fascist Nick Griffin of the British National Party), Dachau. All this would not have been possible without the fantastic support of all my sponsors, one of the largest which was AFUW WA.

Please stress my strong appreciation for AFUW WA's support. I hope to get involved or at least speak at a meeting in the future!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The UWA Graduations are fast approaching and this is a **call for volunteers** to help with the Hire of Academic Dress during February and March. With 10 graduations (beginning on 9 March) we expect to receive approximately 1000 applications in the next few weeks, and really would appreciate your help in the office prior to the ceremonies beginning.

If you can help out with any of the following small jobs in the office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, between now and Friday 5th March please contact Karen me in the office (9386 3570):

- Opening envelopes and writing receipts,
- Sending confirmation details to all students – either by mail or email,
- Processing credit card detail (electronically) – very simple,
- Some filing of the application forms,
- Checking phone messages.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DIARY NOW TO SEE IF YOU CAN COMMIT TO HELPING IN THE AFUW(WA) OFFICE. Even if you can only help for an hour, it will be much appreciated.

Then from **Tuesday 9th March to Thursday 25th March** we will need volunteers to:

- ❖ Help Wendy between 10.30am and 12 noon to put name tags on the gowns
- ❖ Help give out the gowns to the students between 12 noon and 6.30pm
- ❖ Collect the gowns in the evening at UWA (approx 9pm to 10.30 pm)
- ❖ Help iron the 1000 hoods!

All offers of help will be much appreciated – you may even like to bring a friend with you.

Karen Bothwell, Office Manager, AFUW(WA), Ph/Fax: 9386 3570

CONGRATULATIONS to AFUW(WA) MEMBERS

Karin MARGOLIUS was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to clinical forensic medicine, to education, and through support for people with cancer, in the 2010 Australia Day Honours.

Congratulations to **Margaret GILES**, winner of the Edith Cowan University, Faculty of Business and Law Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning in 2009. Here she is presented with her plaque by Associate Professor Hadrian Djajadikerta. With the Award, Margaret received a Myer gift voucher and funding for teaching and learning related activities. She will use this funding to attend the 2010 Australasian Teaching Economics Conference in Hamilton, New Zealand in June.



EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY INAUGURAL SCHOLARSHIP



On Friday the 10th of December history was witnessed as the inaugural winner of the AFUW WA scholarship received her certificate from Immediate Past President Hilary Silbert. Both the staff at ECU and the winner Jennifer Shipley were pleased to be part of this new relationship. Hilary, who was part of the proposal and negotiations, was honoured to represent AFUW WA and enjoy the hospitality of ECU. Jennifer's thanks are below:

I am honoured and thankful to have received this inaugural scholarship from AFUW(WA).

Teaching has always felt like a vocation to me, especially since I came into it, after much searching,

when I was in my early thirties. I've been fortunate to have had a diverse range of teaching experiences – state schools, private colleges, local and international students, and as my teaching experiences changed so did my focus on further studies.

Teaching international students led me to complete a Graduate Certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Students of Other Language) which was put to good use while I taught Economics and English to overseas students preparing for university entrance examinations.

A move back into mainstream secondary teaching, where I still teach Economics and Humanities, made me acutely aware of the difficulties many students face in accessing the curriculum due to learning difficulties, attributable to either intellectual disabilities or a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, as well as the dearth of support and programs specifically designed for adolescents. Driven by a need to see what could be done to change the situation, and not wanting these young women to be destined for low-paying jobs, meant

that I returned to university to complete a Graduate Certificate in Learning Difficulties which I have now converted to a Masters in Education, specialising in Learning Difficulties. The scholarship from AFUW(WA) goes toward the last two units!

I have been fortunate enough also to have been given responsibility for coordinating the area of learning differences (learning difficulties and, gifted and talented) in secondary school at St Brigid's College in Lesmurdie. This means that I can directly apply what I learn, be up to date with latest research, implement programs that are effective, and hopefully help young women overcome some obstacles and achieve their potential. I feel now that I have found the place in education that gives me the greatest fulfilment and joy.

Jennifer Shipley

CERTIFICATES, AWARDS AND DONATIONS

Congratulations! At the close of AGM held in December the following presentations were made.

Cheques were presented to:

Evelyne Deplazes who has been awarded the AFUW Beryl Henderson Award for 2009 and

Jen Bradley, representing the Western Australian Science & Engineering Summer School (WASESS), received a \$600 cheque donation from AFUW(WA). WASESS will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2010.

Certificates were presented to members of AFUW(WA) who have been members for longer than 20 years:

Dorothy Ransom	1939
Dorothy Collin	1954
Margaret Ellis	1956
Barbara Hale	1961
Cheryl Praeger	1977
Alison Kennedy	1978
Jenny Mills	1988
Rose Carter	1988 (following long membership of BFUW)

The following members were also acknowledged and will be presented with certificates at a later date:

Mary Pusenjak	1947
Margaret Medcalf	1961
Lyn Abbott	1982
Wendy McCallum	1988

L-R: Margaret Ellis, Dorothy Ransom, Cheryl Praeger (standing), Barbara Hale, Alison Kennedy who are some of our long standing members recognised with presentations of certificates.



WASESS

I attended the keynote talk on Science in Science Fiction on the Monday evening. It was presented by two speakers- a librarian from Murdoch Uni, Grant Stone and a Biologist, Prof David Macey. Together they delivered a racy and entertaining conversation about the relationship between science and fiction in films and TV shows that ranged from the fabulous Star Wars and 2001: A Space Odyssey to Frankenstein and Battlestar Galactica, just to name a few. Short extracts from several of the films were shown and discussed.

I enjoyed the enthusiasm for science fiction that these men revealed- also their depth of knowledge. They had the interest level just right for bright, articulate students of Year 11 and 12. The students laughed repeatedly at the jokes that peppered the talking and the clips.

I was privileged to meet the four scholarship winners and I enjoyed the talk, knowing that AFUW (WA) had enabled four female students to have a wonderful opportunity and experience.

Jenni Antulov

AFUW(WA) Vice-President

My name is Fatin Asyqin Tukijan. I am 18 years old. I go to Year 12 at Langford Islamic College, Perth this year. The subjects that I am doing in Year 12 are Human Biology, Chemistry, Math, English and Psychology.

There are many reasons why I wanted to join **WASESS**. Actually, I've been searching and looking forward to getting involved in any science activities or programmes that are held for WA science students, so when I found the WASESS poster in my school I quickly grabbed the application form and signed my name in. I knew this opportunity is very rare to find. I am planning to learn forensic science and toxicology course as I get into the university. This camp really helped me to figure out how it feels when you get into university. I also applied for the scholarship together with the application form. I didn't put a high expectation to get it, but I was so glad when I was informed that my name was selected. Thank you to the Australian Federation of University Women (WA) for the scholarship. I know I'm just too lucky!

The areas of science that I like the most are forensics and toxicology. I like it because I'm hoping to work and cooperate with the Malaysian Health/ Forensic Department in the future. Again thank you so much for the scholarship. I really appreciate it and my parents do too.

Fatin

My name is Georgia Hay and this year I have been fortunate enough to not only attend the Murdoch Summer School, but to receive a scholarship from the Australian Federation of University Women (WA). I live in Dampier (1600kms north of Perth) and attend St Luke's College in Karratha. I love living in a small town and have learned to cherish and appreciate the wonderful environment and community proximity it offers. When the opportunity arose to get a taste of 'uni life' and to increase my understanding of science and engineering, I could not have been more eager. The past six days have been a whirlwind of fun, from smoking beakers to oblong turtles to learning to brush our teeth like a robot (demonstrating the importance of algorithms). I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would definitely recommend it to any student aspiring to have a science and/or engineering career. I am very grateful to Jen Bradley and the numerous tutors for all their efforts they have made in making the 2010 Summer School an educational and enjoyable experience for all. I am also grateful

to the Australian Federation of University Women (WA) Inc for being generous and providing me with the scholarship.

Georgia Hay

My name is Hannah and I live in Karratha. I have always had an interest in pursuing a future career in working with animals or the environment. When my science teacher told me I could apply for a Science and Engineering Summer School at Murdoch for a week, I thought it would be a great opportunity. It was really interesting to see what university life is like and to participate in various activities and lectures. I also thought it would be a great chance to meet new and interesting people. And it has!

Going to places such as the vet museum and learning about the anatomy of animals by being able to see inside them, and going to the wetlands and using various tests to see if it was a suitable habitat for turtles was a great experience. There were also a few memorable moments such as learning how to fight like a Jedi knight with light-sabers and having to evacuate the lecture theatre after the fire alarm went off. Luckily it was a false alarm.

I am grateful to the Australian Federation of University Women (WA) Inc for the scholarship and to Jen Bradley for organising it and the tutors for watching over us and most of all entertaining us.

Hannah

As a recipient of one of the four scholarships, I would like to sincerely thank its sponsors, the Australian Federation of University Women (WA) Inc. They helped me, as a remote student, to experience life at Murdoch University first-hand. The WASESS program was an eye-opening experience! It involved many lectures and lab sessions based on science and engineering and helped to broaden my knowledge of possible career paths in these areas. The sessions were both educational and fun, allowing us to associate with people working in the science and engineering fields. The advice and information they provided will help me when making future career decisions. I would like to thank them for that.

Another great part of the summer school was that I was surrounded by people my own age who have the same interests as me, and I found that very encouraging. The WASESS would not have been possible without Jen Bradley and the tutors, who all made sure we had an awesome time. Thank you to everyone who put this school together. I recommend that anyone who is going into years 11 and 12 and is interested in science or engineering should participate in this program.

Jaquelyn McCaskie Year 11

HARMONY DAY ☺

“Harmony Day is celebrated on 21st March each year. It is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity. DIAC supports a range of community events and activities held to celebrate Harmony Day by providing promotional products. The message of Harmon Day is ‘*Everyone Belongs*’ it is about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The 2010 theme is ‘*Express Yourself*.’” (Source: www.harmony.gov.au/harmony-day/)

Further details of AFUW WA’s Harmony Day event will be sent to members via e-news.

McCUBBIN EXHIBITION – AFUW(WA) CONNECTIONS

Dr Anna Gray, Head of Australian Art at the National Gallery of Australia, has curated the travelling exhibition of McCubbin's work, which she encourages members to visit. Before she left Perth to pursue her research she was a member of AFUW(WA) and was awarded the IFUW Winifred Cullis Award in 1973 to study at London University.

Membership of AFUW gives access to many Australian awards and to the Fellowships and Grants awarded by IFUW.

Anna's mother, Kit Gray, a Sydney graduate, was a lifelong and active member of AFUW(WA) serving as President and as Treasurer of the appeal to raise money for a headquarters.

Anna writes: McCUBBIN: LAST IMPRESSIONS 1907–17

For the first time, a focussed exhibition of the late works of one of the foremost Australian Impressionists, Frederick McCubbin. Featuring some 70 works, McCubbin: Last Impressions traces the radical changes in the artist's work—after viewing the works of JMW Turner and Claude Monet in London and Paris in 1907. Most well known for his evocative bush scenes, in his later period McCubbin continued to paint powerful images of the bush around his home at Mount Macedon as well as lyrical landscapes around South Yarra. McCubbin was one of the first artists to depict the modern world – in his images of city life, factories and docks. Discover McCubbin's free and expressive style, and the varying effects of light he conveyed through a striking use of colour.

The exhibition will be on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia until 28 March 2010 - don't miss out!

Members and friends are invited to view the Exhibition on Sunday 21st February 2010. Meet at 2:00pm in the Art Gallery Lobby. RSVP: Karen Bothwell, Office Manager, afuwwa@westnet.com.au.

If you can't find us in the lobby contact Margaret on 0432662101 (on the day only please).

UWA CONVOCATION ELECTIONS

"Members are advised that ballot papers for UWA Convocation elections will be distributed with the February issue of Uniview and all eligible Members of AFUW (WA), Inc. are encouraged to exercise their right to vote by March 9th.

Lesley Cala will complete her term on Senate which must not exceed 12 years, after which a recess must occur but has nominated for the positions of Warden and Deputy Warden. Hilary Silbert and Pauline Tremlett have both nominated for one of the 3 vacancies on Senate. "

Lesley Cala

AFUW WA PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE 2009

AFUW WA: A Triennium of Projects and awareness raising

Presented: Wendy McCallum, Lynda Roberts-Hall, Lalani Weddikkara

Our presentation outlines some of the projects and awareness raising which AFUW WA has been involved in over the past triennium. These directly support our Advocacy and Action Strategy, AFUW and IFUW resolutions and strategic directions. Each year in January we focus on these at our annual planning meeting so that we may be strategic in what we do as well as utilising our resources in an optimum manner.

Advocacy and Action Strategy

We

- provide input into relevant submissions at a local and national level;
- use our media (electronic and print) to provide opportunities for members to be involved in advocacy and action;
- use our meetings as opportunities to promote advocacy and action to our members;
- direct the profits of our academic dress activities to funding specific causes, bursaries etc;
- take opportunities to promote ourselves and what we do; and
- work on specific projects in accordance with our strategy.

Our Project Strategy

- our strategy has been to look at projects that are achievable, increase awareness about us, provide tangible benefits to others as well as us (ie capacity build), and are time efficient for those involved;
- the projects are in accordance with our objectives or specific resolutions; and
- where possible we like to work with other like minded organisations and associations.

Increasing Public Awareness

- Is a key component of our strategy as this enables us to attract members and to increase our reach through other organisations as they become aware of who and what it is that we do.
- Participation in a Women's Expo for International Women's Day. This involved putting together a stall which displayed our promotional materials, examples of our projects and membership applications.
- Promoting the association when we hire academic regalia. As regalia is collected we distribute membership application forms and use this as a prime opportunity to promote our association. Funding from this activity is integral to the provision of bursaries, scholarships and funding project. This led to an article in the University of

Western Australia's magazine which promoted our association.



(i) Margaret Giles and Lalani Weddikkara in academic gowns for hire and (ii) Wendy McCallum, Academic Dress Convenor fits a graduand with his gown

- Being visible when giving out prizes. We ensure that we personally hand out our prizes at university prize giving ceremonies and that all associated documents mention our sponsorship.
- Events Strategy: Our events are varied and designed to attract and retain new members. Over the past triennium we have had very successful events such as afternoon teas, General Meetings with invited speakers, Scholarship Presentations, Annual Dinner, Sundowners and other social events, such as book clubs and movie nights.
- Facebook: Entering the brave new world of modern technology and creating a facebook page in which to attract and retain younger members.
- Working in collaboration with other like minded organisations.

We collaborate with the WA branches of Zonta, Soroptomists, Business and Professional Women and the National Council of Women to hold annual events. For example:

- 2008 Say No to Violence – Breakfast with Dixie Marshall
- 2009 Mental Health Awareness – evening seminar with drinks

We are currently collaborating with a number of associations to hold an International Women's Day Breakfast for 400 women in 2010.

Samples of our work

We have worked on several projects. Some are small and involve collections of goods for specific purposes, such as:

1. Pyjamas for Children at refuges (victims of domestic abuse): We ran a new pyjamas collection drive amongst the membership to provide pyjamas to children who were disadvantaged either socially or economically. Pyjamas were given to children in Women's shelters in Perth, foster care children, rural and regional aboriginal communities in Western Australia and to children in Burma and Ecuador.
2. Sponsorship of the United Nations Association of Australia (WA) Model United Nations program for university students, which assisted in holding three Model UN Forums. Students replicated the General Assembly of the United Nations, adopting the rules and procedures, and the students represented the position of different countries.

3. As a result of supporting the UNAA Model United Nations, we then provided financial support to Isabel Hughes, a high school student, to attend the international forum in Amsterdam.

Our Key Project of 2008 and 2009: Re-building Capacity in Sri Lanka

This has been a major activity and was inspired by the personal experiences of one of our members Lalani Weddikara, our Peace and Human Rights Convenor, who was present in Sri Lanka when the Tsunami struck with such devastation on Boxing Day 2004. Her family focussed on helping the people from the Galle region where the family lives and where 4,214 people lost their lives. As Lalani says:

“Please shut your eyes for a moment and imagine your home, your family, your neighbours, your street, your town/city just got washed away by a 30ft wave. Your familiar places are no more.

This is what happened when the tsunami hit Sri Lanka 5 years ago on Boxing Day (26th December), early morning in 2004. My husband Ranjith & I were holidaying in Sri Lanka at that time. The tsunami is the worst tragedy to hit Sri Lanka, which left many dead, missing and tens of thousands homeless and displaced. It is reported to be the most powerful earthquake, and it triggered massive tidal waves that slammed into seven different countries, villages and seaside resorts across Asia and East Africa.”

With massive unemployment through the destruction of local industries, large scale loss of life and everything that was familiar gone, Lalani’s family were touched and inspired to make a difference. They took an holistic approach that was designed to help boost the local economy and improve the status of the lives that were left. Much of their inspiration came from the actions of the local women who organised those that were left, as they made a makeshift camp at a local temple. All though they slept at the temple, or under the trees or in tents, they organized the households, and saw to it that the children and young women were cared for.

Key activities

- Lalani’s family have coordinated and inspired a group to work on a number of activities that focus on improving women’s livelihoods: replaced fishing boats to generate income for the communities, re-establishing local small scale industries (such as rope making) established a pre-primary school for disadvantaged children in the region, provided after-school care so families can earn incomes and established English Classes for Sinhala/Tamil speaking graduates.
- All done in collaboration with other groups: Focus 21 Relief and Reconstruction, Curtin University of Technology staff, Parish of St Michael in Mt Pleasant, Air Force Retirement Village, Mt Pleasant Primary School.



What was AFUW WA's role?

- A practical component was the collection of pens and pencils which Lalani took over to present to the students.
- Collection of cash donations towards the activities undertaken.
- Promoted the project at cross-campus breakfasts and the International Women's Day Expo.
- Sri Lankan lunch: a lunch was held in March 2009 to raise funds for the re-building of a pre-primary school in Galle. 50 people attended this event which was held at our headquarters and the food was prepared by Lalani and her family.
- Following popular demand, Lalani organised a Sri Lankan Cooking Demonstration in October 2009. This event was done in collaboration with the Parish of St Michael in Mt Pleasant and Library staff at Curtin University of Technology
- The two events raised approximately \$1, 500 which was used to purchase playground equipment, food supplies to give the children one square meal a day (a luxury for some of them!) and materials for the classroom. This helps the 40% of children in Galle who survived the Tsunami.



Margaret Giles

We can make a difference

The Old Woman and the Sea is a great parable about what we can do and is based on a story I heard.

A woman was walking down the beach one morning when she saw something strange. An old woman was bending over and throwing something back to the sea. As she got closer she saw thousands of little crabs running around. As the sun shone brightly they would soon die. The old woman was about to throw a little crab when the other woman said "what's the point, it doesn't make a difference to these crabs?"

"It certainly will make a difference to this one" said the old woman, as she threw the crab into the sea. Each one of us can make a difference however small it may be.

Thus, our actions, that seem so small in comparison to the devastation we are trying to fix, will not improve everybody's lives. But, it will improve someone's life. Who knows what that person may be able to do one day for others as a result?

Where to from here?

AFUW WA is seeking to make a difference as well. We are:

- Concentrating on capacity building activities with a focus on fun for our members;
- Continuing collaboration with other like minded organisations and associations;
- Engaging other members apart from the committee and convenors to participate in activities and projects, such as the project organised by Lalani;
- Identifying and applying for available grants and other monies that could be used for advocacy and action;
- Focussing on a multiple-pronged approach, with clear goals; and
- Embracing technology.

IFUW NEWS

Dear IFUW Members,

The following greetings received at Headquarters were intended for IFUW members throughout the world. As we cannot send individual greetings through this network, we have grouped them into a single message.

Akram Khatoon, President of the Pakistan Federation <akram.khatoon@yahoo.com>

We, all the members of Pakistan Federation of University Women wish you and entire fraternity of IFUW including its all chapters all over the globe a very happy and peaceful new year.

Aquila Islam, CIR of the Pakistan Association <aquilaislam@yahoo.com>

To All Sisters in IFUW. Let us pray for global peace. Let there be understanding between individuals, sects, creeds, nations and countries. Let us hope that the war on terror ends in 2010 and people in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Palestine may have a peaceful existence.

Anne Hennon Harris, CIR of the French Association <ahhennon@orange.fr>

AFFDU is happy to announce that three more of its members have just been awarded the prestigious Legion d'honneur decoration - Marianne Bernheim whom you will know for her work leading the team at UNESCO, and two members of our Moselle group, Nelly Dequidt,

gynaecologist and director of the child protection service of the Moselle Council and Clotilde Boulanger, Professor at the University of Metz. Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy 2010 to all IFUW members.

Dalia Poskiene, President of the Lithuanian Association <dposkiene@gmail.com>

Lithuanian women send the warmest regards for all IFUW committee, for all organizations. We wish success in yours project and work.

Birten Gökyay, President of the Turkish Association <birteng@nurus.com.tr>

Wishing a prosperous new year for all IFUW members with good health and success and happiness.

Dalma Jacobs, CIR of the Australian Federation <dalma@dalmajacobs.com>

The Australian Federation of Graduate Women send best wishes for 2010 and the new decade to all of you in IFUW.

Shyamashree Sen, Hon. Secretary of the Indian Federation

Wishing you and all at International Federation of University Women the very best in 2010.

IFUW RESPONSE TO HAITI

IFUW responds to Haiti crisis by requesting members who have not already contributed, to contribute to their national representatives of

- UNICEF - www.unicef.com.au/Unicef/Donate/tabid/68/Default.aspx,

- International Red Cross and Red Crescent (in Australia combined as Red Cross Australia) www.redcross.org.au/howyoucanhelp_donationopt.htm,

- Doctors without Borders - <http://www.msf.org.au/donate.html>

IFUW CONFERENCE



IFUW Conference information and registration materials for Mexico City, August 2010, is available on at ifuw.org. Registration is now open, with Early Bird Registration closing in March. Please let the AFUW WA office know if you plan to attend and when you register as names and contact details will go the the national office for forming the AFGW team of delegates and members attending.

AFGW nominated workshops for the IFUW Conference have been accepted by IFUW from Kathy Mumford (WA) "Academic English for immigrant/refugee women" and Dr Madeleine Laming (VIC) "Sexualisation of Girls in the media"

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - AFUW WA HISTORY

AFUW WA is compiling a history of the organisation from commencement to today. You are invited to submit an article and/or photographs for inclusion. Submissions are to be sent to the *Office Manager, Karen Bothwell, AFUW(WA), Ph/Fax: 9386 3570 Email: afuwwa@westnet.com.au or posted to AFUW(WA), PO Box 48, Nedlands, WA 6909*

SOCIAL EVENT - MOVIE

“The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo”, Joondalup Vines, Friday 26th March.

A review by The Sydney Morning Herald, February 22nd 2008 stated: *Europe has gone wild for the Swedish answer to War And Peace, the first part of a gripping trilogy.*

Join us with your friends at the outdoor theatre to view the film based on Stieg Larsson’s gripping novel. Meet at the entrance at 6:00pm . Film starts at 7:30pm . BYO Picnic and rug.

RSVP: *Karen Bothwell, Office Manager, AFUW(WA), Ph/Fax: 9386 3570, Email: afuwwa@westnet.com.au.*

SUNDOWNER and BBQ

DECEMBER 2009





Moorditj Yoka Dreaming 2010 Fashion Show Fundraiser



Do you have a dress that hangs in your wardrobe too good to throw away but know you will never wear it again????

YES.....



Well LAA is seeking donations of –
**Evening Dresses (Ball Gowns, Cocktail Dresses) dressy shoes,
evening bags and jewellery**
for our first ever Fashion Show Fundraiser.

We want dresses of ALL sizes for young ladies and women.



Why do we need your donations?

We want to be able to sell these donated items to young ladies and women so they can dress in style at a reasonable cost for their next upcoming ball for school or NAIDOC Week.

You will help raise funds for a very special program LAA is running for Aboriginal women wanting to learn how to get into their own business. In this group we support and empower each other to reach our goals.

We are willing to collect dresses within the metro area or they can be dropped off at a location during or after business hours.

Just give us a call on 9451 1424 or email admin@laalangford.com.au to arrange a suitable time.

Don't forget to ask your female family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. And remember that we are after ALL sizes.



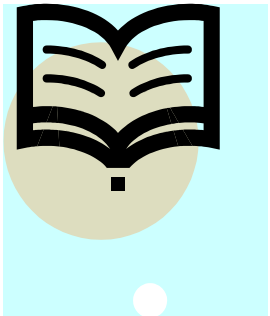
DONATIONS ARE NEEDED BY THURSDAY 15TH APRIL 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVENTS 2010


February Tuesday 16th	Virgina Scott: “Women in Local Government: Towards a Strong and Sustainable Sector” and Lynda Roberts-Hall: ‘Triennial Conference Report’, 7:00pm ME Wood Room, St Catherine’s College, Nedlands
February Sunday 21st	McCubbin Exhibition, WA Art Gallery, 2:00pm
March Monday 8th	UNIFEM Women’s International Day Breakfast, 7:00-9:00am Hyatt Regency, Perth.
March Sunday 21st	Harmony Day
March Friday 26th	Movie Night: “Girl With the Dragon Tattoo”, 6:00pm Joondalup Pines
June Thursday 17th	AFUW WA Annual Dinner - Matilda Bay Restaurant, Nedlands
August Saturday 30th	Literary Function and High Tea (TBC)
May Tuesday 18th	Bursary Winners Presentation 7:00pm (ME Wood Rom St Catherine’s College, Nedlands)
December Wednesday 8th	Sundowner-BBQ 6:00pm ME Wood Room, St Catherine’s College, Nedlands

BOOK CLUB MEETING DATES 2010

February Thursday 18 th and Saturday 27 th		July Thursday 15 th and Saturday 24 th
March Thursday 18 th and Saturday 27 th		August Thursday 19 th and Saturday 28 th
April Thursday 15 th and Saturday 24 th		September Thursday 16 th and Saturday 25 th
May Thursday 20 th and Saturday 22 nd		October Thursday 21 st and Saturday 23 rd
June Thursday 17 th (TBC) and Saturday 26 th		November Thursday 18 th and Saturday 27 th


New members are always welcome to join the Book Club and/or the Poetry Club. Meetings are held at the AFUW WA House, 4 Park Rd, Nedlands.

POETRY CLUB MEETING DATES 2010


February 10.30am Tuesday 9 th		July 10.30am Tuesday 13 th
March 10.30am Tuesday 9 th		August 10.30am Tuesday 10 th
April 10.30am Tuesday 13 th		September 10.30am Tuesday 14 th
May 10.30am Tuesday 11 th		October 10.30am Tuesday 12 th
June 10.30am Tuesday 8 th		November 10.30am Tuesday 9 th

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GENERAL MEETINGS and AGM 2010

<p>February 7:00pm Tuesday 16th (M.E. Wood Room, St Catherine's College, Nedlands)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Virginia Scott - Women in Local Government: Towards a Strong and Sustainable Sector</p> <p>Lynda Roberts-Hall - Triennial Conference Report</p>	<p>August Saturday 30th Literary Function and High Tea (Venue/Time: TBA)</p>  <p>(Source: www.passonapoem.com/re_learningpoetry.htm)</p>
<p>May 7:00pm Tuesday 18th (M.E. Wood Room, St Catherine's College, Nedlands)</p> <p>Bursary Winners</p>	<p>October AGM Tuesday 26th 7:00pm (M.E. Wood Room, St Catherine's College, Nedlands)</p>

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2010

February 6:00pm Wednesday 3 rd		July 6:00pm Wednesday 7 th
March 6:00pm Wednesday 3 rd		August 6:00pm Wednesday 3 rd
April 6:00pm Wednesday 7 th		September 6:00pm Wednesday 1 st
May 6:00pm Wednesday 4 th		October 6:00pm Wednesday 6 th
June 6:00pm Wednesday 2 nd		November 6:00pm Wednesday 3 rd