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Graduate Women WA 2011

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President	Margaret Giles
Vice-Presidents	Jenni Antulov, Felicity Farrelly
Honorary Treasurer	Alison Hayden
Committee Members	Wendy McCallum, Lalani Weddikkara, Evelyne Deplazes
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Conveners

Status of Women	Barbara Taylor
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Education Trust Chair	Robyn Carroll
Events Organiser	Hilary Silbert
St Catherine's College Council Graduate Women WA Representative	Hilary Silbert
National Council of Women Graduate Women WA Representatives	Lesley Cala and Margaret Giles
Centenary Trust for Women Representative	Mary Dineen

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2011 and our new Newsletter title.

Our final function in 2010 was a barbecue at St Catherine's College. This was well attended and we met new born Hayley, daughter of immediate Past President Lynda Roberts-Hall.

Our first official duty in 2011 was the presentation of cheques to girls attending the Murdoch Summer School. Graduate Women WA has been supporting this endeavour for many years which has been ably run by Murdoch University's Jennifer Bradley. Jen retired at the end of January and I sent her best wishes on behalf of Committee and members.

Your committee had a successful planning meeting in January and decided on a range of events during the year. The first of these is a Special General Meeting (SGM) to be held on 15 March. The agenda includes choosing a title for the history and advising members of the scholarship programme for 2011. We are also expecting one past scholarship winner to speak about her research.

Our scholarships sub-committee has been documenting the history of our bursary/scholarship commitments. At its last meeting, which was also attended by other members, some decisions about the future of our bursary and scholarships programme were made and I look forward to announcing these at the SGM Meeting in March.

Another event to look forward to is our May annual bursary evening which, this year, will incorporate the unveiling of the Graduate Women WA – St Catherine's Honour Board. As many of you know, one of our annual scholarships goes to a St Catherine's student, usually a girl from a regional town who is attending UWA and residing at St Catherine's College. Our annual dinner in July has guest speaker, Celia Hammond, Vice Chancellor of the University of Notre Dame and past St Catherine's resident. Later in the year we will be launching a publication of our history. Many thanks to Lynda Roberts-Hall, Wendy McCallum and Barbara Hale for their considerable efforts. Also thanks to member, Wendy Grace, who helped in the early stages of the history project.

As this edition of our newsletter hits your mailbox, I will be attending AFGW Council meeting in Sydney. I was asked to present a summary of strategies for attracting new members and retaining existing members. Following my presentation, WA Covener of International Relations, Kathy Mumford, Kathryn Semour (Qld) and Michelle Imison (NSW) will be running a membership workshop. This workshop aims to discuss strategies to retain and attract membership in line with IFUW's commitment to growing the membership. I will report on this in the next newsletter.

2011 is the Centenary of International Women's Day and there are many events planned for Perth and around the State, particularly in the Week of 8 March. I have been representing us on the organising committee for the IWD Breakfast which is organised annually by UNWomen (formerly UNIFEM). The **IWD breakfast is to be held on Friday 11 March** to bookend a week of centenary events. We are hoping many Graduate Women WA members and friends can attend. Let Karen know if you would like to join our tables.

Dr Margaret Giles, President

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 2011

Tuesday 15th March @ 7:00pm

M.E. Wood Room, St Catherine's College, Nedlands

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. History naming competition
4. Graduate Women WA scholarships for 2011
5. Close.

ALL WELCOME!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dear Members of Graduate Women WA....

The UWA Graduations for 2011 are fast approaching and this is a **call for volunteers** to help out with the Hire of Academic Dress during February, March and April. With 10 graduations (beginning on 22nd 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 the 22nd March please contact me in the office (9386 3570).

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

PLEASE LOOK IN YOUR DIARY NOW TO SEE IF YOU CAN COMMIT TO HELPING IN THE OFFICE.

Even if you can only help for an hour it will be much appreciated.

Then from **Tuesday 22nd March to Thursday 11th April** we will need volunteers to:

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

Our wonderful Wendy McCallum cannot help after the 22nd so we really do need some extra helpers to make sure it all goes smoothly. All offers of help will be much appreciated – you may even like to bring a friend or two with you!

Karen Bothwell, Executive Officer, Graduate Women WA

WASSES – WA SCIENCE EDUCATION SUMMER SCHOOL 2011



From L to R: Hayley Bucktin, Professor Lyn Beazley, Candice Petersen, Lilly Backshell. At Rear: Fiona Gearon

Congratulations to this year's WASSES winners who are from the following schools -
Lilly Backshell from Mount Barker Community who College
Hayley Bucktin from Kununurra DHS
Fiona Gearon from Kununurra DHS
Candice Perersen from Kununurra DHS
Students participated in a stimulating program at Murdoch, in January 2011.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Casual Executive Officer Opportunity Graduate Women (WA) Inc

We are seeking a casual Executive Officer to provide holiday relief during March and September 2011 for approx 18 hours a week during school hours. This is an excellent opportunity for someone with caring responsibilities who wishes to help us make a difference.

Reporting to the President, you will have had relevant experience in supporting Committees and undertaking general administrative duties. A self-starter with a flair for organisation you will also possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

For more information contact Margaret Giles on 0432 662 101.

Applications (two page maximum) consisting of an abbreviated resume and expression of interest and contact details of two (2) professional referees are to be sent to the President, Dr Margaret Giles, m.giles@ecu.edu.au by cob 7 March.

CENTENARY OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Margaret Giles and Jennifer Antulov represented Graduate Women WA at a special morning tea, on January 5th where Anne Banks-McAllister, on behalf of UN Women, supported by Lotterywest, accepted a grant cheque for \$500000 from Robyn McSweeney, Minister for Womens' Interests towards costs associated with celebrating the Centenary of International Women's Day. Pictured from left to right are Vivian Rowney, (CWA), Margaret Giles (President GW(WA)), Carman Morgan (Health Corporate Network, WA) and Jennifer Antulov .

(Photo courtesy of HAVE-A-GO-NEWS, January edition. Photographer: Judith Treby)

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2011 LAUNCH

The photo on the right is of Lesley Cala (right), Hilary Silbert (left) and the MC Wendy Fatin (centre) at the media launch of the Centenary of International Womens Day held at Perth City Council on February 2nd.



Catch up with all the photos taken on Feb 2nd from the Facebook

website <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Int-Womens-Day-WA-IWD/183796711643184>

GRADUATE WOMEN WA COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2011

March	Wednesday	2 nd
April	Wednesday	13 th
May	Wednesday	4 th
June	Wednesday	1 st
 4 Park Rd, Nedlands. 6:00 pm for 6:15 pm start		
July	Wednesday	6 th
August	Wednesday	3 rd
September	Wednesday	7 th
October	Wednesday	5 th
November	Wednesday	2 nd

JILL BRADSHAW BURSARY AWARD WINNER EXPRESSES THANKS

I am writing to convey my heartfelt and long overdue thanks to the Australian Federation of University Women (AFUW (WA)) for the Jill Bradshaw Bursary I was awarded in 2007. The bursary provided a travel grant to Canada to McGill University where I attended the "Challenging Research Pedagogies" conference. One of the main benefits was meeting my international examiner. My PhD ended up getting a Murdoch University School of Education Prize and also being nominated for a national award (details are shown below).

Knowles, Sally. (2007). Getting up close and textual: An interpretive study of feedback practice and social relations in doctoral supervision, Unpublished PhD thesis. Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia.

<http://www.lib.murdoch.edu.au/adt/browse/view/adt-MU20071204.85056>

Awarded School of Education Prize for PhD Studies for the best PhD dissertation over the past two years (Awards Ceremony 5/5/09).

Nominee for Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) 2008 "Award for Doctoral Research in Education".

After over 25 years of working in higher education on casual and fixed term contracts I am much relieved to have now secured a permanent position. I give back to my community by running writing away retreats (on a voluntary basis) for women (*Women Writing Away (WA)*). Four times a year we retreat to the bush to produce a piece of writing for publication, conference presentation, or higher degree dissertation. The objective is to foster collaborative, cooperative models of intellectual generosity, and this project implements those ideals that I/we wish to enact.

Thank you so much for your invaluable support.

Dr Sally Knowles, Research Development Officer, Faculties of Education & Arts (FEA), Business & Law (FBL), Computing, Health & Science (FCHS), Office of Research and Innovation, Edith Cowan University, WA.

MISSING PERSONS!

Missing Persons: Help Wanted

The AFGW website now displays a record of winners of the AFUW/AFGW national Fellowships and Awards, but there are a few gaps we hope members may be able to fill. Does any member have information about the following items:

The winner of the AFUW Fellowship advertised and announced in 2000. Because the awards were often taken up in the following year, the winner, who is not recorded in *Graduate Women*, may be referred to in NFA Newsletters as the holder of the 2001 AFUW Fellowship.

Any winner of the Georgina Sweet Fellowship between its first award in 1963 to Ms G.K. Chew of Singapore for study towards a Masters degree on a survey of education of women and girls in Papua New Guinea and its award in 1983 to Dr Nihal Özdemir of Turkey for a study of microbial utilisation of cellulosic wastes. Alternatively, if you have information indicating that the award was not made in those twenty years (perhaps to accumulate the capital of the fund), that too would be appreciated.

Our Fellowship winners are an impressive and diverse group. Visit the website page and be inspired!

Please send any information to Jennifer Strauss at jstr0036@bigpond.net.au OR 2/12 Tollington Av, Malvern East, VIC 3145

A PRIVATE TOUR TO SRI LANKA

5th to 19th August 2011
14 nights 14 days

Tour highlights:

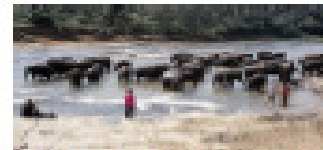
Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage • Sacred City of Anuradhapura • Medieval Capital of Polonnaruwa • Wildlife Jeep Safari Minneriya National Park • Rock Fortress of Sigiriya • Kandy Perahera (Elephant Pageant) • Cultural Performance • Dambulla Cave Temple • Spice Garden Nuwara Eliya • Tea Factory & Plantation • Galle Dutch Fortress, visit supported projects in Sri Lanka supported by the APLW, St Michaels Church, Curtin University Library staff, including the Pre School in Galle.



POLONNARUWA SCULPTURE



RUWANWELISEYA



ELEPHANT BATHING PINNAWELA

Inclusions

Return Airfare from Perth on Malaysian Airlines, Transfers to & from Katunayake Air Port Sri Lanka, All hotel costs (sharing double rooms) A/C Rooms. All meals throughout the Trip including breakfast, lunch and dinner, All travel in air conditioned luxury coach and Entrance Fees to all places of interest that we visit, Bottled water throughout the tour, English Speaking Local Guide, Jeep Safari Minneriya National Park and two dinners at Sri Lankan Homes.

Tour Group will be accompanied by Lalani & Ranjith Weddikera

Cost: \$3,800.00 per person (two per room)

- Single Supplement available for extra \$800.00
- Credit Card Payment will attract 10% surcharge
- Travel Insurance compulsory. Available on request.

Please contact Hilary Silbert for further information.

SEATS ARE LIMITED - FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!

GRADUATE WOMEN WA POETRY CLUB MEETINGS 2011

(Second Tuesday of each month)

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

March	9th	10.30am	 <p><i>New members always welcome!</i></p>	July	12th	10.30am
April	12th	10.30am		August	9th	10.30am
May	10th	10.30am		September	13th	10.30am
June	14th	10.30am		October	11th	10.30am
				November	8th	10.30am

GRADUATE WOMEN WA BOOK CLUBS 2011

(Each Book Club meets once a month)

Meetings are held at Graduate Women WA House, 4 Park Rd, Nedlands.

New members are always welcome!

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

GRADUATE WOMEN WA EVENTS and MEETINGS 2011

MARCH	Monday, March 7 th	International Women's Day
	Friday March 11th	IWD Breakfast
	Tuesday, March 15 th	Special General Meeting with Education Trust
	Monday, March 21 st	Harmony Day
APRIL	Friday, April 22 nd	Good Friday
	Monday, April 25 th	Easter Monday / ANZAC Day
MAY	Saturday May 14 th	Sri Lankan Dinner
	Tuesday May 17 th	Bursary Presentations by 2010 winners and St Catherine's Honour Board unveiling.
JULY	Wednesday 27 th July	Graduate Women WA Annual Dinner and Celebration of 40 th year of awarding bursaries
AUGUST	August 5 th -19th	Trip to Sri Lanka (details p8 with itinerary in separate E-flier)
SEPTEMBER	TBA	Launch of the History of AFUW(WA)
DECEMBER	Wednesday, 7 th December, 2011	Sundowner-BBQ

