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Lynda Roberts-Hall accepted a certificate honouring the induction of Dr Roberta Jull into the Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame. Linda will present the certificate at the Bursary Evening.
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GRADUATE WOMEN (WA) OFFICE BEARERS 2012

Correction and Editor's Note: In the February newsletter, I incorrectly showed that the St Catherine's College Council had no current Graduate Women (WA) delegate. In fact, in February Hilary Silbert was still the Graduate Women (WA) delegate on the St Catherine's Council. Hilary has been our delegate for the past six years, the last as Secretary. She is now handing over to Ruth Taylor. The editor apologizes to Hilary for any embarrassment caused by this error, and Graduate Women (WA) takes this opportunity to thank her for the very important work she has done, and is doing, for the Association. To facilitate the handover, both Hilary and Ruth will attend the next meeting, and Graduate Women (WA) takes this opportunity to thank Ruth Taylor for her offer to represent us, and to wish her well in this new role.

Ruth Taylor has served as a member of the St Catherine's Council before, and is also a past President of Graduate Women (WA). Graduate Women (WA) thank Ruth for taking up this role again.

Committee

President	Felicity Farrelly
Vice-Presidents	Jenni Antulov, Lalani Weddikkara
Honorary Treasurer	Alison Hayden
Immediate Past-President	Margaret Giles
Committee Members	Wendy McCallum, Kate McCallum, Jenny Jones, Esmerelda Rocha
Newsletter Editor	Jenny Jones

Conveners

Education (Advocacy)	Jenny Antolov
Education (Bursary Coordinator)	Liz Flatters
International Relations	Lynda Roberts-Hall
Peace and Human Security	Lalani Weddikkara
Status of Women	Position Vacant

Representatives, Coordinators & Other Roles

Education Trust Chair	Robyn Carroll
Events Organiser	Hilary Silbert
Centenary Trust for Women Representative	Sally Male
National Council of Women Graduate Women (WA) Representatives	Jenni Antulov, Lalani Weddikkara
St Catherine's College Council Graduate Women (WA) Representative	Hilary Silbert/Ruth Taylor

Bursary Evening

7pm, Monday 14th May 2012
M.E.Wood Room, St Catherine's College

Join the committee and fellow members and meet the 2011 Scholarship and Bursary Winners as well as our very special guest, National President of AFGW Jane Baker.

Bursary Winners will give a brief talk about their research and their experiences. It is always a fascinating evening which offers, as well as an eye-opening view of the world of research, the opportunity for us to pat ourselves on the back for the work we do by continuing to provide these scholarships and bursaries.

Please RSVP to the office for catering.
Ph: 9386 3570 or Email: gwwa@westnet.com.au

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Gosh, so much has happened: Wendy and Karen, well done to another well run regalia hire, with 1000 gowns hired out over 3 weeks of graduations at UWA. Graduate Women (WA) owe many thanks to both of you and to all those who helped. This critical activity would not work without you all.

We have also been successful in the nomination of Dr Roberta Jull in the IWD Hall of Fame - to Lynda Roberts-Hall a huge thankyou for your work with the proposal, and also for your enthusiasm in instigating a collaboration of women's groups to address inclusivity in membership, which is ongoing.

Margaret Giles and myself represented Graduate Women WA on the International Women's Day collaboration, culminating in the breakfast and the announcement of additional recipients in the IWD Hall of Fame. To Lalani Weddikkarra and Hilary Silbert, who have been ongoing coordinators of our Sri Lankan pre-school project, and most recently in organising the Butterfly Banquet project, another thankyou. The banquet was a memorable function and a lovely send-off for Asanka. What a great night and well done to all, and to Dawn Butterworth of the National Council of Women.

To all those who represent us on other boards and committees, thank you. To Hilary Silbert many thanks for your time as our representative on the St Catherine's Council and welcome to our new representative, Ruth Taylor.

A reminder, too, that National President Jane Baker will be joining us on the Bursary evening on the 14th May. I hope to see many of you there. One of the winners, Rebecca Adamson, has written to Graduate Women (WA). Her letter gives a wonderful insight to the calibre of candidates, and how they are helped by the receiving of these awards. The letter is published later in this newsletter.

I wish to now discuss the February Council meeting of AFGW and the report by the AFGW President Jane Baker. This report has been emailed to all members.

Firstly, Graduate Women (WA) (represented by myself) went to this Council meeting of the national body with the understanding there was a proposal to continue the AFGW model as it currently is, but with a reduction in the number of face-to-face meetings of Council to one per annum. The Triennial Conference would remain in place, perhaps with sponsorship, and with a look to centralise scholarships nationwide. Graduate Women (WA) conceded that if AFGW were to run twice a year face-to-face Council meetings these could be held on the east coast. It seemed reasonable that this would reduce the financial burden on the other STAs. This scenario of bi-annual meetings was proposed in the context that all STA's and the national body meet at a triennial National Conference, which has always been the decision making body. This largely follows the current model, as shown in the schema as shown below. (Page 7)

Why is change being mooted?

Financial considerations and lack of memberships seem to be forcing these changes.

Why is this particular structure proposed? (Please refer to the schema on page 8).

The Executive was looking for a structure that would reduce the size of the national executive body. Significantly, any STA President could expect to be part of the national executive only one year in

three. However it is the membership (ie individual members) that drives not only this organisation but any not-for-profit or volunteer association. Input from all members must be recognised and acted upon, and so is there a requirement for the inclusion of all the STA presidents as the representative of their members? Currently we have direct reporting back to the states for ratification of decisions. Will this process work effectively without all STAs being represented on an ongoing basis? And there may be other implications of this limited representation when new legislation comes into effect later in the year. I therefore urge members to read the AFGW February 2012 newsletter and to give serious thought to what may be the implications of the changes that have been mooted. (Please contact the office if you would like a copy of this newsletter.)

At this time Graduate Women (WA) is at a cross-road. Like many not-for-profit groups in the community, we need to re-evaluate our purpose, our relevance, and where we are going. Here in Western Australia Graduate Women (WA) are financially secure, but our membership numbers are falling. The proposed AGM of the Australian body does not propose to ever meet in WA – how will this affect your sense of membership, and/or your sense of self-contribution?

Who does the new structure benefit and how will it work?

Can the rank and file members be as well represented within this new national format. Will equivalent links be maintained with the Management Committee, keeping in mind that there may be no representative from WA on the management team, and in only one year in 2 or 3 will there be, in general, the opportunity for a State representative to be on this management committee? With this in mind, the crux of the discussion becomes: will Graduate Women (WA) be represented by the proposed Management Committee as well as it has been under the Current Structure?

Yes or No? What are the unresolved concerns? These are some of questions each of us needs to consider. I hope that each of you *will* consider the proposed changes from the point of view of our Association, as well as from your own personal viewpoint. As President, I need to understand the members' thoughts and concerns. Your input at this stage is very important. Please contact me via the Graduate Women (WA) office with your opinion.

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VALE: many of our members will know and have shared the wonderful work of Dorothy Ransom, a life well fulfilled and a lovely person who we will miss.

I also take this opportunity, on behalf the executive, the members and myself, to extend sympathy to Lynda Roberts-Hall. Lynda's mother passed away recently. We are thinking of you, Lynda, and recognize the sense of loss you are feeling.

Felicity Farrelly

Stop Press:

2012 Graduate Women WA Annual Birthday Dinner
7pm Friday 8th June 2012
St Catherine's College

Speaker: **Associate Professor (Dr) Jaya Earnest** **(PhD, MPHAA)** from Curtin University

Further details available soon

Please save this date

CURRENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

FEDERAL COUNCIL

VOTING MEMBERS

Executive
- President
- Coordinator for International Relations
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Vice-Presidents
- Presidents of each State and Territory Association (STA)

Conveners of Standing Committees
- Education [or Education (Schools) and Education Higher Education)
- Peace and Human Security
- Human Rights
- Resolutions

NON-VOTING MEMBERS
- National Registrar
- Fellowships Office
- Proxies for Vice-Presidents when the relative VP is in attendance

MEETINGS
- Three per annum
  - Formerly all face to face,
  - More recently two face to face and one by teleconference
  - Email votes on urgent matters between meetings
- The executive meets regularly by email or teleconference and prior to each council meeting

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

All constitutional amendments and policy resolutions must be approved by the National Conference

Conferences are held every three years

Voting is by quota by STAs dependent on number of financial full members.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

President
Coordinator for International Relations
Combined Secretary/Treasurer/Registrar,
Communications officer
Each of the above elected for a 3-year term
Two Vice-Presidents
one of whom is the nominated Education Convener
Year 1: Immediate Past President + one STA President or her nominee (a recent STA President)
Year 2: Two other STA Presidents or their nominees
Year 3: Presidents or their nominees from remaining 2 states

The proposal gives Education the highest profile.

This method would ensure each state had close involvement with the Management Group.

This extension to 'nominees' is to cope with the differing terms of office of STA Presidents and the lack of synchronicity of these terms. Recent past Presidents of STAs are likely to have the relevant experience and expertise.

MEETINGS

Electronically every two months

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The authority to make constitutional amendments and policy resolutions would pass from the National Conference to the AGM.

To be held annually hosted by an eastern state in rotation.

Hiring of Academic Regalia

March and early April has been a hectic time with over 1,000 requests for regalia hire being filled. This important part of the work of Graduate Women (WA) provides most of our income, enabling us to continue to provide a range of scholarships and bursaries.

It has all gone smoothly, thanks to on-going co-ordination by Karen in the office, and Wendy McCallum, who as committee Convenor for gowns puts in so much time and effort during every graduation period. However they could not handle the huge volume without the volunteers who cover afternoon, early evening, and late night shifts. Thank you to all the volunteers, Graduate Women (WA) rely on you to make this fundraising activity the success that it is.

A thank you morning tea will be held for volunteers on Monday 23rd April at 10am at the office.

Not yet a volunteer? Please join us if you would like to meet the organizers and helpers, and find out more about what we do.

Graduate Women WA

Invite you to attend a

"THANK YOU" MORNING TEA

For
Academic Dress Volunteers

To be held at

10am on Monday 23rd April 2012
At 4 Park Road, Nedlands

Please RSVP to Karen on 9386 3570 or email gwwa@westnet.com.au

(by Friday 20 April, if possible)

VALE DOROTHY ELLEN RANSOM OAM

1917-2012

Died peacefully on 19th March at Alfred Carson Ledge, Dorothy, beloved wife of Aubrey (dec) and mother and mother-in-law of Jan and David, John (dec) and Jennie and David and Helen. Loving grandmother of Jenny and Steve, James, Jono, Michael, Claire and Sarah and proud great grandmother of Isabella, Lucinda and Imogen (dec). Rest peacefully

Dorothy Ransom

A Life Member of Graduate Women WA who contributed so much for over 50 years.

Photo taken from Christ Church Grammar School Chronicle No 24, November 1998

Dorothy Ransom was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Honours List of 1998. This award was acknowledgement of the huge contribution she made to the Western Australian community, and to education in particular.

In addition to her work on the UWA senate and other university and school committees, she also was a generous provider of financial sponsorship to many projects.

Graduate Women (WA) join with her family in honouring this wonderful supporter of our Association. At Dorothy's funeral, her son and daughter each read a eulogy celebrating their mother's long, productive and remarkable life. The transcript of her daughter's eulogy is sent as an attachment to this newsletter.

Dorothy joined AFUW (WA) in 1945, and was a long-term committee member. She was President in 1969 and 1970, and again in 1986. Honorary Life Membership of the Association was conferred in 1988. In addition to her terms as President, Dorothy was

- Member of the AFUW(WA) Executive Committee and Head of the House Committee.
- Member of the AFUW(WA) Education Trust.
- National Vice-President 1969, 1970 and 1986
- Council Member 1968-1971; 1985-1988
- One of the two Principal Readers of the AFUW(WA) History 1923-1973.
- Member of the Property Committee of the AFUW(WA) when building the current Headquarters.
- Convener of the Christine Morrow Memorial Prize in French.
- Voting Delegate – IFUW Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand 1986
- Active member at meetings and Association events.

Dorothy was a mentor and friend to many and will be remembered for her passion and persistence. Dorothy will be greatly missed.
A fine woman who lived a fine life.

16 May 2006: Australian Federation of University Women WA 35th Anniversary of Awarding Bursaries, St. Catherine's College, Crawley. Sue Walker (standing) with Dorothy Ransom (right) and Fay Power (left).

Roberta Jull Photo Source: The West Australian, December 2006. Liftout: "Western Australia's 100 Most Influential People"

Founder of AFUW (WA)

Inductee into the WA Women's Hall of Fame 2012

Jull, Roberta Henrietta Margaritta (1872–1961)

by Patricia Sholl Church

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Roberta Henrietta Margaritta Jull (1872-1961), medical practitioner, was born on 16 August 1872 in Glasgow, Scotland, second of four children of Robert Stewart, minister of the Free Church in Lisbon, and his wife Isabella Henrietta, née Fergusson. Educated at schools in London and Scotland, Roberta returned to Portugal to nurse her mother (d.1890). Encouraged by her father, a 'follower of John Stuart Mill and believing in equal opportunity for men and women', she realized her ambition to study medicine and with her brother Fergusson began a medical course at Glasgow University, following their elder brother Mitchell. Excluded from lectures for men students, the women attended Queen Margaret College and the Royal Infirmary. Such experiences of discrimination were powerful influences in Roberta's work for women. In 1896, after an extra year studying diseases of the eye, she graduated M.B., C.M. In November 1896 she joined her brothers' practice at Guildford, Western Australia, and was dismayed by the living conditions and high infant mortality among her patients.

In 1897 she joined the Karrakatta Club for Women in Perth and formed lasting friendships with women dedicated to social reform, including Edith Cowan and M. Phoebe Holmes. She set up a practice in Perth, the first woman to do so. In 1898, with Dr H. Horrocks, Roberta initiated moves which established a branch of the British Medical Association in Perth. On 12 November at Guildford Roberta married Martin Edward Jull. Their only child (b.1901), became the writer Henrietta Drake-Brockman. Ill health took her to Britain for treatment in 1910. She was centred at St Andrews, Scotland. Dr Jull increased her medico-social knowledge, studied botany and socialism, and attended a conference in Glasgow of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland. She returned to Western Australia in 1913.

Roberta Jull became a respected force for social reform, with education and health of women and children paramount. From 1909 she was a foundation member of the Children's Protection Society (its honorary medical adviser and parent counsellor) and of the Women's Service Guild; from 1913 a member of the Western Australian National Council of Women (president, and delegate to the International Council of Women in Vienna in 1930). She campaigned effectively for the early closing bill and for conscription in the referenda 1916-17. In 1915, having originally opposed it, she supported legislation for compulsory notification and treatment of venereal diseases, for reasons typically far sighted and informed. An authority on this subject and prostitution, Roberta was adviser to the 1938 royal commission on the administration of Perth City Council; she opposed licensing of brothels. Her association with students had begun in 1896 as local supervisor of public examinations for the University of Adelaide. After the University of Western Australia opened in 1913 she became a member of Convocation (warden 1925-30) and of the Senate (1914-42). Roberta acted to form the Association of University Women in 1923, was its first president and initiator of the prolonged efforts to establish the residential university women's college (St Catherine's); she was a member of its first council in 1946.

After her husband's death she became in 1918 the first medical officer of schools in the Public Health Department. Her reports drew attention for the first time to the widespread health defects of children, especially in outback areas. She took a leading part in the extension of infant health centres of which she was superintendent, and studied child welfare programmes in Britain, New South Wales and New Zealand in 1921 and 1925. Before royal commissions on education (1921) and health (1925) Dr Jull pressed for child endowment and facilities for the mentally defective. She retired from the department in 1928. Her last report recorded significant reductions in infant mortality.

She was devoted to the cause of peace and disarmament, she represented the N.C.W. in the local League of Nations Union. In 1922 she attended a league summer school at the Oxford University and was an alternate delegate for Australia at the 1929 league assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, presenting a paper on traffic in women and children.
Roberta Jull was a prolific writer, lecturer and broadcaster on subjects ranging from ante-natal education and the higher education of women to the promotion of international peace; her influence was widespread over thirty years. Internationalist and practical, she envisaged women as co-workers with men in effecting politico-social reforms, with education as the instrument. In recognition of her work, especially 'in the cause of women', the university conferred an honorary doctorate of laws in 1943, and St Catherine's College its first honorary fellowship in 1951 — its Jull common room has a bronze plaque in her likeness by Edgar Steitz.

From 1945 increasing deafness caused her withdrawal from public affairs. She died at Subiaco on 6 March 1961 and was cremated with Presbyterian forms; her ashes were scattered over her husband's grave.

[Article taken from IFUW update April 4 2012]

Conchita Poncini Jimenez International Human Rights Fellowship

IFUW is pleased to announce that the Conchita Poncini Jimenez International Human Rights Fellowship promoting the use of human rights instruments and agreements for the advancement of women and girls will be awarded in 2012. It is named in honour of Conchita Poncini, IFUW Representative to the United Nations 1994-2011, and a lifelong advocate for women's human rights.

The competition for this special one-time award is open to women human rights activists, scholars, journalists, writers, and social scientists with a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of women and girls and the attainment of their human rights. Both IFUW members and non-members may apply.

The award of CHF 20'000* will cover 8 to 12 months full-time or up to 24 months of part-time work/study during the period 1 September 2012 to 31 December 2014. The winner will also be invited to present her work to IFUW's International Conference in Istanbul in August 2013, with paid travel and accommodation.

Applicants will apply direct to IFUW. No pre-screening by NFAs will be required. A special selection panel appointed by the IFUW Board will review the applications and select the winner. Results of the competition will be announced by the end of August 2012.

IFUW is asking all NFAs to publicize this award to their members and to share the publicity flyer with national higher education institutions and human rights organizations. We also encourage you to share the flyer with your national and local media. It is a good opportunity to raise visibility both of IFUW and your own NFA.

The deadline for application is 30 June 2012 For the application form & instructions, please visit: http://www.ifuw.org/poncini/

*CHF (Swiss Francs) 20,000 ~ AUD 21,000

Members are invited to forward this article to anyone who may be interested in applying, or to let Graduate Women (WA) know of anyone that you think we may be able to assist in applying for this fellowship.

AFGW Conference 2012
22 – 25 November 2012
35th Triennial Conference
The Women's College

About the Conference

The AFGW Triennial Conference is a national meeting of Members and State and Territory Associations that determines AFGW policies for the coming triennium, decides on any changes to the Constitution, and elects the incoming Office Bearers (the Executive). Conference is the chief decision making forum in which all State and Territory Associations which make up the federation participate, members can meet national council members and the International President. As well as conducting the business of AFGW, the conference brings together members from around Australia and overseas, for intellectual stimulation, friendship and networking.

The Public Day, which is open to non - members, features excellent speakers on Women, Work, Education and showcases the work of member associations and branches.

The complete conference brochure, containing full details including the programme and a booking form, can be viewed at:

http://www.afgw.org.au/conferencesFS.html

The New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women invites you to attend its 29th Triennial Conference 2012

Heading for a Hundred – Strong Convictions, Collective Action

Our theme reflects pride in our past and plans for the future as we move towards our centenary.

The conference will be held in the St David Lecture Theatre Complex, University of Otago, Dunedin, from 5 to 7 October 2012.

In an exciting initiative, we shall be working in tandem with the National Council of Women of New Zealand, whose conference will be at the same venue over that weekend. Business sessions will be separate but we shall link up for some high profile speakers and for social occasions.

Please join us.
Details of the programme and accommodation will be available shortly.

NZFGW, P.O Box 6566 Dunedin North, Dunedin 9059, New Zealand.

Email: cathytimps@xtra.co.nz

In conjunction with the family of Dorothy Collin, Graduate Women (WA) offers this fundraising opportunity.

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Any Questions: contact Van Mob:0402010916 from 'viet-coffee.com.au'
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*Conditions Apply. Orders are processed the same working day. If you purchase and request Express parcel delivery, next day delivery in CBD is possible. Regular parcel post takes on average 2 to 3 days for Perth and surrounds.
**Other forms of payment are available; see site for details.

Butterfly Banquet

Delicious food and good company, all in aid of good cause. But like all fundraising, there is a huge amount of hard work going on behind the scenes. So a big thank you to Lalani Weddikkara and Hilary Silbert for the way they brought this event together, and a big thank you, also, to the many helpers and participants. Every small bit that is done by volunteers in terms of time or monetary assistance makes the load lighter for everyone else and makes the fundraiser a bigger success.

Some of you may have realized that the week leading up to the banquet was very stressful for our guest Asanka, whose home, again, seemed to be in danger of being inundated by a tsunami. You can imagine how she felt, being here while her daughter and husband were at home in Sri Lanka. Luckily the very large earthquake was not of the type to generate a huge tidal wave, and the terrified community was spared.

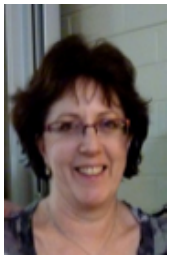
Asanka has now returned to her school, and will be able to put into practice the new skills she has learned. We wish her well, and remember that if you are passing Galle, drop in and say hi from Graduate Women WA. You will be greeted by a wonderful group of wide-eyed children.

On the stage is Asanka singing (left), then Hilary Silbert (MC) and Celinna and Chrystobelle from PNG who had just performed.

Below
President Felicity Farrelly and Treasurer Alison Hayden

Asanka (left) receiving her award from Minister Robyn McSweeney, Minister for Child Protection, Women's Interests, Volunteering and Community Services, at Frazer's, King's Park,

IWD Breakfast and WA Women's Hall of Fame – showing our face



This year our immediate past president Margaret Giles (pictured), was one of the organizers of the International Women's Day breakfast. Money raised by UN Women Australia from this event is being used to make the market places of their home countries safer for those women who use them to sell their produce and artifacts. In many countries, women walk long distances to markets, often needing to sleep in the open without personal protection, adequate sanitation or any food preparation facilities.

The guest speaker was the internationally famous Australian reporter Sally Sara. She gave a revealing and touching, and at times humorous, insight into the role of a war correspondent. Sally used her personal experiences and observations to show how the empowering of women is a key strategy in the fight against poverty.

To further celebrate our involvement in International Women's Day (8th March), our founder Roberta Jull was honoured by her induction into the WA women's Hall of Fame. Lynda Roberts-Hall accepted the award on behalf of Graduate Women (WA). Lynda and Wendy McCallum were responsible for the submission of the successful nomination of Roberta Jull for this recognition.

President Felicity Farrelly(left), and Lynda Roberts-Hall(right). They were talking with Brenda Robbins B.A. Juris Doctor FAICD FAIM GradCertAusMigLaw

Wendy McCallum , Lynda Roberts-Hall, Felicity Farrelly, Barbara Hale

INTERNATIONAL GYN AWARENESS DAY 10TH September 2012 – breaking down barriers

Kath Mazzella OAM is the founder of GAIN Inc (2000) – Gynaecological Awareness Information Network.

She is a survivor of Gyn cancer, and has become a strong advocate for better Gyn health awareness. In seeking support for the establishment of an International Gyn Awareness Day, she received the support of Australia Federation of University Women. The then National President, Jennifer Strauss, and Council members confirmed to Ms Mazzella that they were 'happy to endorse your IGAD to raise the profile of Gyn/Sexual health issues.'

Dr Gwen Gray, PhD Dept. Convenor_Australian Women's Health Network said

> 'The main aim of an [International Gyn Awareness Day] IGAD is to break down cultural barriers re "unmentionable" female body parts i.e to disseminate information about Gyn cancers & raise public awareness of serious health issues, which receive very little publicity outside specialized medical circles. Increased support for an extended research effort would result from wider information and higher profile for gyn cancers. ….. Even [in]… "modern liberated" Western countries, gyn diseases are rarely discussed. Women suffering often feel embarrassed and ashamed. … the suffering by women who develop these diseases [is also increased because] ignorance and lack of reliable information are real barriers to prevention, early detection and treatment.'

For more information go to www.gain.org.au or www.gynaeday.com

Letter from bursary winner Sarah Adamson

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1st February 2012

To the Graduate Women WA Committee and Members,

I am writing to express my gratitude and thanks for all the support that the Graduate Women (WA) Inc gave me in the year of 2011 as the recipient of the St Catherine's College scholarship. Winning this scholarship meant that I could focus on my study while also continuing to volunteer in the community and at College without the worry of a part time job.

As part of my course this year in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy program at the University of Notre Dame, I completed work experience with South Care Physiotherapy, I volunteered to help children with disabilities through Rocky Bay and I completed my first full time clinical placement at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital. This was a great experience which confirmed to me that I have chosen a wonderful career.

College commitments also kept me busy, from teaching dance lessons, organising a massage night, being a health week committee member, organising a beauty pamper for residents and organising a dinner and raffle to raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

Throughout 2011 I was also lucky to be invited to dance as part of the OzScot Highland Dance Company at the Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Canada in June and the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland in July. These were both amazing experiences and I am honoured to have represented Australia in these prestigious events.

Although 2011 proved to be challenging at times, all the hard work and effort was definitely worthwhile in the end. I really enjoyed the opportunity to work in the community and finally put everything I have learnt at uni, including all the study, assignments and exams, to good use. St Catherine's College has provided me with not only a home away from home, but has been great in providing me with a supportive environment and an education and experience that will prepare me for my future.

I have applied for, and have been successful in gaining the position of Program Coordinator at St Catherine's College for 2012 which I am sure will be a rewarding experience. I look forward to returning to St Catherine's in 2012 with an exciting and challenging year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Rebecca Adamson

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2012
At 4 Park Road, Nedlands

1. **Welcome**
   Present: F. Farrelly, M. Giles, W. McCallum, H. Silbert, J. Jones, R. Carroll, D.W. Collin, B. Hale, A. Hayden, J. Mills, J. Antulov, L. Weddikkara (12)
   [Quorum of 8 required (10% of the membership)]

2. **Apologies**: R. Bruinsma, F. Bradshaw, J. van Bockxmeer, S. Dunn, K. Mumford, K. McCallum, H. Charlesworth, F. Power, L. Roberts-Hall, A. Kennedy,

   Minuting: K. Bothwell

   Meeting opened: 6.10pm with welcome from the President

3. **Confirmation of minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2011**
   Moved: M. Giles
   Seconded: D. W. Collin
   Carried

4. **Special Resolution to amend the Constitution**

   Written Notice of Amendment to Article 5.1 of the Constitution having been given to Members at a Special General Meeting held on 7th December 2011

   It was moved as a Special Resolution by J. Jones and seconded by D.W. Collin

   That Article 5.1 ~~Membership shall be open to those women who hold a university degree or equivalent qualification from a university or institution of comparable academic standing in accordance with the requirements of the International Federation of University Women~~ be deleted: and

   that the following be inserted in its place:

   Article 5.1 The academic qualifications for membership shall be study at an institution of higher or tertiary education or institution of comparable academic standing followed by the award of a degree, diploma or equivalent qualification which meets the requirements of AFGW and the provisions of the Australian Qualifications Framework in accordance with the Guidelines of Membership eligibility set out in Annex I to the Rules of AFGW.

   Pro. 12
   Con. Nil.
   Abstentions. Nil.

   The motion having been carried unanimously by a quorate Meeting the Special Resolution was declared *Carried*.

5. **Recommendations of AFUW(WA) Trustees**
   The Trust recommends that one bursary and four scholarships be offered this year as money in bursary fund has been affected by low growth in the funds.
   A.Hayden (Treasurer) attended the Trustees meeting in February and reported back to the committee on matters discussed at that meeting.

5.1 That in 2012 the Mary Walters Bursary be offered as the Mary Walters Scholarship in line with ATO requirements for DGR status.
Moved: H. Silbert
Seconded: M. Giles
Pro. 12
Con. Nil.
Abstentions. Nil.

5.2 That the amounts be awarded in 2012 as follows:
Bursary
Jill Bradshaw Bursary up to $4000
Scholarships
Graduate Women (WA) Foundation Scholarship up to $5000
Joyce Riley Scholarship up to $4000
Mary and Elsie Steven Scholarship up to $4000
Mary Walters Scholarship up to $4000
Moved: B.M. Hale
Seconded: A. Hayden
Pro. 12
Con. Nil.
Abstentions. Nil.

6. **Any other business**

7. **Meeting closed at 6.45pm**