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You are invited to participate in

DONATE A BOOK

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

During our 90th anniversary year

we are planning on making a lasting gift to the children of the pre school in Galle, Sri Lanka

2013 will see the completion of the new building to house the pre school and the children will be in their first permanent location, designed and built with the expertise and generosity of the Weddikkara family and others.

2012 saw GWWA award a travel scholarship to the Head Teacher, Asanka, to spend a month in Western Australia and receive professional development under the expertise of Dr Dawn Butterworth.

The grand plan for 2013

is to leave ***a lasting legacy of a library*** in the preschool, donated by Graduate Women WA and friends.

Appropriate books will be selected by the teacher with the funds, in Sri Lanka, and will range in cost from $10.00 to $50.00.

So

If 100 people donated $10 we achieve a $1000.00 goal.....

this donation enhances the quality educational environment for these children and is our 90th anniversary gift.

If you wish to take up this invitation, simply donate the amount of your choice through our office,

give your donation to Lalani Weddikkara or Hilary Silbert at any event you attend or

spread the opportunity amongst family and friends who may just want to help us achieve the $1000.00 goal.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have finished the year on not only a busy note but one that also means we have to relook at the way we operate and undertake some quite difficult decisions.

However prior to discussing this I would like to welcome Rhoda Chance to our committee, recently elected at our AGM. Welcome Rhoda. Also we thank Kerry Evans for undertaking the bursary convenor role in 2014. Kerry will undertake this role off committee but will still be very much part of our active 2014 team. We farewell Louise Ewing and thank her for her enthusiasm and wish her all the best on her post doc work at University College London which commences early 2014. Also Margaret Giles and Lalani Wedikkarra who have been extremely supportive members of committee providing fellowship and guidance – maybe we will see their return.

Our AGM has become the vehicle for all our scholarship winners to be presented with their awards and this year was no exception, especially as we also gave the special 90th year $5000 bursary to all five Western Australia Universities, the UWA award being managed by Convocation. It was a delight to see the funds from graduation gown hire distributed to worthy post graduate candidates from all universities. There is more on these candidates in the newsletter.

Following this wonderful night was the concluding High Tea and launch of our History at Government House on the 7.12.13. We were joined by special guests including the Minister for Women's Interest, Hon Liza Harvey and also including our national STA representatives in Perth for the national Conference and Council on the 8 December 2013. I thank Hilary Silbert for a most marvellous function and the speeches of our guest speaker Professor Geoffrey Boulton to Jan Lord who spoke of her mother, Dorothy Ranson all provided a short history of women in academia and in particular, our association. Lynda Roberts Hall thanked all her history committee of Wendy McCallum, Kay Wright, Bruce McCallum and in remembrance, Barbara Hale. Already the history team is being asked for their expertise in writing other tomes! I was reminded as I looked out over the 170 guests that we are fortunate in our lives with what we now take for granted (education for all women) and we really do have a moral obligation to support and help others to be given an education, especially women. It was a wonderful conclusion to our 90th year and recently Virginia Ross, the NSW STA President emailed me the following which I would like to relay to all of you:

> *Dear Felicity*
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> *Congratulations to GWWA for the excellent way you all worked together to make last weekend such a success.*
>
> *The book launch was such a gracious and enjoyable occasion. I have dipped into the book and I can see that the cooperation and goodwill I observed is a tradition with your branch. What smart women they were to purchase that property where we all enjoyed such a happy (Sat) night.*
>
> *Kind regards*
> *Virginia*

Just prior to the High Tea and book launch was a Special General Meeting on the 26 November held to discuss the announcement that our 50 year association hiring regalia to UWA was going to be placed under a tender review process. The preferred tender would be expected to provide hire regalia for all UWA graduands as well as the new hoods for the five undergraduate degree courses and mortar boards for all undergraduates as well as supplying honouring doctorates free of charge.

The discussions we have been holding with UWA on many levels had not forewarned of a tender process being undertaken, nor with such short notice (5 weeks). Myself, gown coordinator Wendy McCallum and Secretary Jenny Jones met not just with the hierarchy from the registrar to the student services at UWA, we also endeavoured to arrange to meet with the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor and finally sent a letter expressing our disappointment at the lack of consideration by UWA which was forcing us outside the tender process. We received a conciliatory letter in reply however our SGM had already guided us to refrain from going for tender based upon the costs and liability to the association. We have in the last two weeks however been able to combine in a tender bid with UWA Convocation which will give us the opportunity to place some worth on our current stock, expertise and longevity of regalia hire with UWA without liability to the Association. This has just been submitted and we will know the outcome in the new year when will take it to the membership at another SGM.

As we finalise our year on Wednesday 18.12.13 with a thank you to all our representatives on numerous committees and our executive committee we will be looking to other ways to support our scholarship program in 2014. If you wish to be part of these discussions give Karen a call and join us for our planning meeting in mid January 2014.

Thank you to all my committee of 2013, to Karen and to all those who have helped over the year. Once again a year of change and we look forward to 2014 as the time to be active in other activities and uses of our building - we have just installed a new pergola over the front of our Grad House for outdoor activities. Let us ensure by our actions that we continue to donate scholarships and bursaries.

Have a merry and a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year

Regards

Felicity Farrelly

Graduate Women WA Scholarships and Bursary Winners

Immediately following the AGM which was held on Tuesday October 22nd 2013, Graduate Women WA invited the winners of the scholarships and bursary to a presentation ceremony during which they were introduced to members and received their cheques.

It was a happy evening, with family and friends joining the committee and members who attended the occasion to meet the winners and celebrate with them.

2013 Graduate Women WA Foundation Scholarship

Alison Hayden presents the award to Marianne Nyegaard

Recipient: **Marianne Nyegaard**

PhD at Murdoch University

Research topic: The population biology of the little studied Ocean Sunfish (Mola mola); the world's heaviest fish, attaining weights of over 2,000 kg. Her study of sunfish in Indonesia and Australia involves exploring biological population characteristics, seasonal movements, population connectivity, and species identification through three main approaches, namely 1) photo identification, 2) satellite tagging and 3) genetic analysis.

The $5000 funding requested is to undertake genomic DNA marker analysis of ocean sunfish. Only three studies on ocean sunfish population genetics have been undertaken worldwide. All three studies were based purely on analysis of mitochondrial DNA, thereby limiting the findings to the female line only (as mitochondria are inherited from the mother).

2013 Graduate Women (WA) Mary & Elsie Stevens Scholarship

Wendy McCallum presents the award to Tegan Davies

Recipient: **Tegan Davies**

PhD at The University of Western Australia

Research topic: Carbon dynamics in mangroves sediments of Northern and Western Australia. The research will provide critical missing links in the understanding of the impact of environmental change (including climate change) on the carbon output of mangrove sediments.

Funds requested ($3,440) will be used to pay for a field trip to collect samples and processing of samples.

2013 Graduate Women (WA) Jillian Bradshaw Bursary $4000

Recipient: **Karen Atkinson**

PhD at Murdoch University

Her doctoral thesis in Creative Writing comprises a novella and exegesis that explore place and memory theory. Case studies of five novels examine how stories are implicated in the formation of memory in relation to place, and representations of place and cultural memory by both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal writers.

Robyn Carroll presents the award to Karen Atkinson

Karen plans to use the $4000 requested to undertake a field trip to the Eastern Goldfields and the Gascoyne region of WA. The trip will facilitate a close encounter with both the place and the people associated with the terrain in her novella, and three of the novels selected for the case studies. Key to her purpose is the value of authentic representations of place. This includes the physical location and the associated stories and their cultural significance. The field trip will also allow her to retrace the journeys of Reverend John Gribble at Carnarvon, and C.Y. O'Connor's water-supply project out to the Goldfields where Robert Drewe's novel "The Drowner" is set. She will use the opportunity to document features of the landscape, flora and fauna, and the changes noticeable from the early records.

2013 Graduate Women (WA) Joyce Riley Scholarship

Recipient: **Katrina Kell (Katy)**

PhD, English and Comparative Literature at Murdoch University

The enigmatic painting *Chloe* by Jules Lefebvre has hung at Young and Jackson's Hotel in Melbourne for over a century and will form the basis of Katy's research topic. Her thesis employs creative and critical writing to reconstruct the life of the woman in the painting. It also investigates *Chloe's* influence, as a powerful symbol of femininity in a male dominated environment, on Australian soldiers during World War One."

Louise Ewing presents the award to Katrina Kell (Katy)

The $4000 award will enable Katy to travel to Melbourne for ten days to write on location at Young and Jackson's and meet with the hotel proprietors, and relevant archivists, historians and academics and to research and discuss her own discoveries about the painting. Katy will also spend three days in the archives of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra to study diaries of Australian soldiers who defended the French city of Amiens during World War One.

2013 Graduate Women (WA) Mary Walters Scholarship

Recipient: **Michelle Marneweck**

PhD and Master of Clinical Psychology at The University of Western Australia

Felicity Bradshaw presents the award to Michelle Marneweck

Michelle is investigating whether people with Parkinson's disease are impaired in perceiving facial expressions of emotion. In line with the embodied simulation theory (e.g. the way we perceive the facial expressions of others is by simulating them), she has hypothesised a link between facial masking symptoms (reduced ability to voluntarily contract facial musculature) and the ability to perceive emotional facial expressions in Parkinson's disease

The funding requested (44000) will support Michelle's attendance at the World Parkinson's Congress in Montreal where she will be presenting her research in October. During this time Michelle will also travel through New York to visit distinguished labs in the field – specifically, to revisit Professor Andrew Gordon's lab at Columbia, which is a link she would like to maintain, and Dr. Dylan Edwards' lab at Cornell University, to establish new research connections.

2013 Graduate Women WA.90th Anniversary Bursary $6000

Recipient: **Dilyara Nigmatullina**

PhD in the School of Law at The University of Western Australia

Karen Bothwell presents the award to Dilyara Nigmatullina

The combined use of mediation and arbitration offers a unique opportunity for parties to international commercial disputes to resolve their dispute privately, guaranteeing that, if necessary, a binding decision will be rendered. Dilyara explains her research as "a study which will explore how the untapped potential for this combined process to be the most efficient mechanism for solving international commercial disputes can be realised."

Funds requested and purpose: ($6000) will provide the opportunity for Dilyara to attend two specialised international conferences to survey key international practitioners within the field. The survey results will complement the literature review with insights from practice.

Scholar Karen Atkinson, right, and supporter Kaye Lake

The 2014 bursary winners seated with the GW(WA) representatives who presented their cheques. A significant photo, GW(WA) standing behind women students.

Katrina (Katy) Kell (seated top left) came with her family to celebrate her successful scholarship application.

Scholar Michelle Marneweck (centre front) with proud parents and brother.

Presenting the dedicated band of Gown Hire volunteers, with Gown Hire Convenor Wendy McCallum front right.

Graduate Women WA Presidents Honour Board

Above, Hilary Silbert, past President and Life Member, proudly displays the new board.

To round off the celebrations, Hilary Silbert, who MC'd the evening, unveiled the Graduate Women (WA) Inc Presidents Honour Board. Hilary had suggested the board to the committee as a fitting tribute to those who had served as Presidents over the last 90 years.

The WA handcrafted board was designed to match the Life Members Board, which had been donated by Hilary Silbert, and which is already hanging in the office at 4 Park Rd.

You will not be surprised that many names appear on both boards. Over the last 90 years GW (WA) has been privileged to be led by women of outstanding commitment and ability.

The board is now hanging in the office, after being 'manhandled' into position by three able-bodied women and the vocal support of several more. Yes it is very heavy and very cumbersome. But it looks great.

Below, Presidents past and current. From left, Margaret Giles, Lesley Cala, Felicity Farrelly, Ruth Taylor, Dorothy Collin, and Hilary Silbert.

Graduate Women WA Honorary Life Member

Another important moment at the AGM was to honour Hilary Silbert for many years of service to Graduate Women WA.

Hilary is a very worthy addition to our life member list, demonstrating her commitment to Graduate Women Western Australia over many years. Hilary first joined the Association in 1976 after hiring a gown for her graduation, although while she concentrated on her career and being a mother her membership lapsed. She re-joined the Association in 2001.

The international IFUW Conference was held in Perth in 2004. Hilary joined the Local Arrangement Committee and organised the opening ceremony as well as being heavily involved with the Australian Evening. Following the International Conference she was elected Vice-President and became a very active member of the Committee. When Trish Thomson moved to Tasmania in 2005, Hilary found herself in the President's chair, where she served until 2007, setting the goals and advocacy and action that were needed at a state level.

Truly a happy moment: President Felicity Farrelly congratulates Hilary Silbert who had just been voted honorary life member by acclamation.

She made organisational changes in the Office. Karen Bothwell was given the official title of Office Manager and the office configured to work in a more business-like way. New ergonomic furniture was purchased and insurance policies were updated to meet new legislation. The apartment upstairs was completely refurbished, allowing a higher rent to be obtained.

Hilary has represented GWWA on the Centenary Trust for Women.

She has also recently initiated Association support for the Pre-school in Galle, Sri Lanka devastated by the 2004 Tsunami. She was instrumental in helping to raise funds to host the pre-school teachers from both Sri-Lanka and from Papua New Guinea. This year she instigated the 'donate a book' program for the Galle pre-school.

She introduced the role of Night Manager during the graduations, to give Karen a break from having to be on duty every night of the graduations. A**t** Hilary's instigation the five bursary winners are now presented with their cheques at a GWWA General Meetings rather than receive them in the post. She promoted Graduate Women's involvement with and sponsorship of the inaugural Tertiary United Nations Student forums and attended many of the debates. As Immediate Past President, Hilary initiated the offering of scholarships to each of the Universities. As a condition of these she ensured that a Graduate Women representative presented the scholarship and the audience were made aware of the Association.

She has served two terms (2006 until 2012) as the GWWA representative on St Catherine's Council. She volunteered to be a proofreader of the History. Any work sent to her was returned promptly with errors corrected and useful suggestions. This year she has been the Convenor of the 90th Anniversary Celebrations organising a series of memorable events.

Below left: Hilary dresses a Phd Candidate at Park Rd during Graduation season.
Below right: Hilary attending a fundraising event for Support Aghan Women Australia. Shown here with Felicity Farrelly, President GW (WA), Alannah McTiernan MHR and former Mayor of the City of Vincent, and Madeleine Laming, President AFGW.

Above left: Hilary at the Autumn breakfast with committee member Dr Felicity Bradshaw, Member Suzanne Welborn and AFGW President (and WA member) Dr Madeleine Laming.
Above right: Hilary at the podium, as MC for the AGM and awards ceremony 2012.

90th Anniversary Scholarships - 5 Universities 5 Awards

and the Winner is……

For the first time in our history, Graduate Women WA provided a post graduate research scholarship to all five Western Australian universities. The universities selected the winners of *the Graduate Women 90th Anniversary Scholarship*.

Here is their story:

SARAH FULFORD
Curtin University

I was the Curtin University 2013 recipient of the Graduate Women's WA Scholarship. The Master of Philosophy I am studying is focusing on a group of Australian nurses as prisoners of the Japanese during World War Two. It specifically discusses their tactics of survival through their ethos, the camaraderie of the group and their resourcefulness before, during and after the War, where the bonds of friendship made during this period continued, for many, throughout their lives.

The Australian Prisoner of War experience is mainly focused upon the masculine and the concept of mateship amongst the men. At the beginning of my study I was interested to discover if there was a similar kinship amongst the women. My particular studies focus on the nurse's pre-war nursing and living in training and how their ability to rely upon one another, instituted by this training program, meant that they were able to adapt to the difficulties of the Prisoner of War experience.

It is with a great sense of pride that I was awarded this scholarship as the focus of my work is upon the friendship of the nurses that developed and evolved during the War. The funding allows me to spend time concentrating my efforts on discovering the characteristics of this small group of women and the endurance of the group in the difficulties they faced in their survival.

The scholarship funding is used to source out of print documents, books and other primary and secondary sources that are often very costly. It is also being used to fund a trip to Canberra early in 2014 so I can continue researching at the Australian War Memorial where a number of primary resources relating to my study are held. My hope is that I am able to submit the completed thesis by the end of next year.

I also have special thanks to my amazing supervisors, Graham Seal and Bobbie Oliver, who are both a wealth of knowledge and keep me motivated and inspired about this important aspect of Australian history.

Lori-Ann Shibish.
Edith Cowan University

My thesis overview in 3 minutes:
Grab your hat and sunglasses, I want to take you on an imaginary holiday, to one of Australia's amazing National Parks. Can you image the gorges, the waterfalls, the coral reefs, the Aboriginal rock art? Some of these parks may look the same, but there is something different about them now, which is good. Park management is undergoing a transformation. The governance structure of many parks is evolving from being managed solely by the state, into joint management arrangements with Aboriginal people. What will this change mean?

The purpose of my Master's research is to explore the potential of Indigenous tourism development within jointly managed parks, and identify beneficial outcomes for Aboriginal people, park managers, tourists, and others.

Thus far, I have found:

1. In speaking with Aboriginal people, they have a deep spiritual connection to the land and a cultural responsibility to "care for country". Aboriginal elders have told me that they desire to be understood and have their culture respected.

2. Tourism is simply defined as "people traveling to and staying in other environments ". The World Tourism Organization states that there needs to be recognition of tourism's ability to strengthen cross-cultural understanding and mutual respect.

3. Parks are exceptional landscapes set aside for a range of values from biodiversity protection, to resource conservation, to human recreation and enjoyment. Recently, there has been increased recognition of the cultural and heritage values of parks.

4. Joint management is a new form of governance for parks and provides for multiple stakeholders to have input into management decisions. It is an arrangement where collaborative problem solving can occur.

So, did you hear any cross-themes emerging?

My theory is that Aboriginal participation in jointly managed parks could lead to increased tourism opportunities, which might then assist Aboriginal people to re-establish their connection to the land, and their culture. Aboriginal tourism development within parks may be a vehicle to contribute to cross-cultural understanding and mutual respect, thus helping with the healing of Aboriginal communities.

So what would these changes look like? Imagine tourists in Australia's incredible national parks being greeted by an Aboriginal ranger. Image a cultural experience, sitting under a boab tree, listening to 1,000 year old stories of the land, the plants and the wildlife, as told by an Aboriginal elder. Image an Aboriginal person employed as a cultural interpreter at ancient rock art sites.

Now imagine what other findings might emerge as I work towards completing my Masters research. I do.

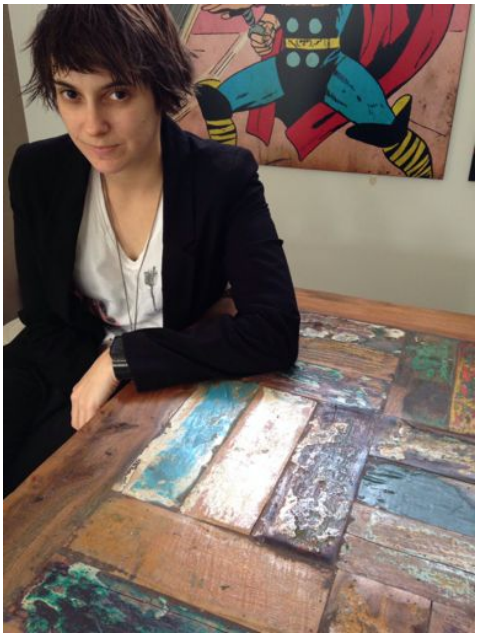
Update on activities:
My field work is underway, with three scheduled visits to Broome over the coming months to interview key informants, and collect data.

I competed and qualified to represent the Faculty of Business and Law with my speech on my research, and competed in the ECU Finals for the 3-Minute Thesis competition on September 17th, 2013, at ECU Mt Lawley campus. The National 3-Minute Thesis competition was held in Sydney on October 18, 2013.

I was invited to present my research findings to a national and international audience at the 2013 Australia Indigenous Tourism Conference, held in Alice Springs, in October, 2013.

Acknowledgements:
Gracious thanks to the Graduate Woman WA 90th Anniversary Scholarship for helping to fund my field-work in the remote location of the Kimberley, which has lead to great opportunities for the ongoing success of my research, and its acknowledgements by the wider community.

Alana Rossi
University of Notre Dame



Alana completed a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in archaeology and ancient history) with Honours at the University of Western Australia in 2003. She then went on to complete a Master of Arts by Research at Edith Cowan University, and is currently undertaking her PhD research at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle. Alana's research has been presented and published at both a national and international level, and she has delivered seminars at the Universities of York and Cambridge in the United Kingdom. Her primary research area is Indigenous Australian archaeology, and she specialises in macroscopic and microscopic analysis of flaked stone artifacts. Alana's PhD research will focus on characterising Indigenous occupation of inland southwestern Australia, an area that has been largely neglected, archaeologically. While known Aboriginal sites are fairly evenly distributed throughout the southwest, most of the excavated and dated sites are located within 100 km of the present coastline. Alana's PhD research seeks to fill this significant void by constructing an Indigenous occupation history of inland southwestern Australia, through the excavation of four rock-shelter sites with evidence of human habitation. This scholarship will contribute towards funding an integral element of this research—obtaining multiple radiocarbon dates from each site to illustrate the antiquity, continuity and intensity of Indigenous occupation in this vastly understudied area.

Verné Dove
Murdoch University

Verné graduated from Melbourne University in 2004 with a double degree, in Veterinary Science (honours) and Animal Science in Marine Mammal pathology. In conjunction with these two degrees she also completed a diploma in Conservation in 2002. In 2009 she obtained her Masters in Conservation Medicine through Murdoch University, and completed a second Masters in Veterinary Surveillance in 2012, whilst simultaneously undertaking a PhD. Her PhD with Murdoch University, in dolphin health assessment, is focused primarily on River dolphin species in Asia and South America.

Verné has spent a number of years from 2006 to 2010 working with World wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) in Cambodia as a Volunteer for International Development Australia (VIDA) volunteer veterinarian. Her role was to investigate Mekong River Irrawaddy dolphin strandings and determine the possible causes of very high unsustainable mortality rates of calves whilst simultaneously implementing ongoing protocols and training to build capacity for further epidemiological research. From 2011 until September 2013, Verné was based in Colombia South America, focusing her research on dolphins in the Amazon River. Her work with river dolphins abroad resulted in her being appointed to two IUCN-SCC (International Union for Conservation of Nature- Species Survival Commission) specialist groups in 2011; the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBGS) and the Wildlife Health Specialist Group (WHSG). She worked with these specialist groups to develop a new Disease Risk Assessment Toolkit that will be used by all wildlife professionals across the globe. This resource is currently being published by OIE (World Organization for Animal Health). Since 2011 Verné has been the veterinarian for Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and started up a branch of Sea Shepherd in Colombia, taking on the responsibility of Coordinator for this Chapter. She has just returned to Australia where she has been appointed the Coordinator for the Coffs Harbour Chapter. In addition to her career she is also a devoted mum to her 12-month-old little boy.

In 2013 Verné was the proud recipient of the Graduate Womens 90th Anniversary Scholarship. She was awarded $5000, which she will use to return to Cambodia for a final study towards her PhD. One of the areas of research that she has been focused on whilst in Colombia, has been the genetics of the Mekong River Irrawaddy dolphins, a population on the verge of extinction. Some interesting preliminary results have emerged, that require her to go back to Cambodia. This project will provide crucial genetic information important to further conservation management plans for this population.

Tegan Davies
The University of WA

Details of Project:-
Mangrove ecosystems occupy the dynamic boundary between land and sea, providing many ecosystem services including some of the most efficient carbon sequestration of any ecosystem.

Microbes drive many processes that determine carbon fluxes in mangrove sediments, including the decomposition of organic matter to carbon dioxide. However, mangroves have recently been identified by UNEP GEAS (United Nations Environmental Program Global Environmental Alert Service) as one of the ecosystems most vulnerable to changing climate and land use, which may in turn alter carbon storage.

Tegan's research investigates the resilience of sediment microbial communities and their associated carbon dynamics across a natural spectrum of salinity, aridity and nutrient loadings in order to better understand their potential vulnerability to altered sea level and increased nutrient loadings.

Carbon dioxide flux rates are being measured from surface sediments and the changes in associated biogeochemical investigated, as well as quantifying microbial biomass, enzyme activity and phospholipid fatty acids (PLFA).

Tegan will sample pristine mangrove communities growing across a climatic gradient from temperate to tropical, over the west and north coast of Australia. The findings will provide the first systematic investigation of the contributions of microbes to carbon storage and cycling in mangrove systems in Australia.

Tegan's current methods for assessing the functional composition of the microbial community are 'broad brush' (enzymatic activities, carbon dioxide flux and PLFA).

The GWWA Scholarship will provide the funds necessary to analyse the microbial community structure using next generation sequencing (NGS) of bacterial and archaeal DNA to couple with and interpret the extensive biogeochemical data that she has collated to date from Exmouth, Shark Bay and Bunbury.

The various extraction kits, microchip analysis for bacteria and archaea and miscellaneous cost $5000.

Graduate Women Committee – coming and going

Dr Louise Ewing, until recently a committee member of Graduate Women WA, currently works at ARC Centre for Cognition and its Disorders in the School of Psychology at the University of Western Australia. Louise is a former winner of a Graduate Women scholarship. She has recently had to resign her position on the committee to take up an exciting and challenging appointment in London.

Louise told the committee: 'I have been offered a 2-year post-doctoral position in the Department of Psychological Sciences at Birkbeck College, University of London. I will be working on a grant investigating face perception in typical children, and individuals with Williams Syndrome – a genetic condition characterized by (among other things) developmental delays, atypical maturation of the visual system and highly social personalities. My team aims to determine the development of information processing approaches used to process facial identity, facial expression and gender in these groups, at both neural and behavioural levels. It's a really exciting opportunity to work with an impressive team of researchers – and I'll be based in central London, which should be great fun. But I've really enjoyed my time as a member of GWWA and am sad to be leaving after only one year on the committee. I will definitely keep in touch!!'

On behalf of all members, the committee wished Louise well, and instructed her to send regular updates of her interesting new appointment.

Rhoda Chance, for some years a member of the Saturday afternoon bookclub, reliable gown helper and a frequent participant in GW (WA) funcions, has decided to bring her talents to the Graduate Women WA committee. As a new committee member, Graduate Chorus asked her to tell us a little about herself.

I was a teacher for many years, the first part of my career teaching just about everything on the high school curriculum. In the latter part of my career I completed a BEd, majoring in Music, and I shifted to primary teaching, becoming a music specialist.

I then had a complete change and ran my own Child Care Centre for the last part of my working life.

My husband Neil and I have three daughters and six grandchildren–the last being born only this year. I am looking forward to nannying duties for a couple of days a week next year. He's delightful and 14 years younger than his closest cousin. Neil and I are members of the Dockers Football Club. What fun this year!

I attend concerts of all kinds whenever I can and am trying to master French due to a recent family connection. We have a cat, Oscar who needs minding when we travel, so I've given up trying to get a dog as otherwise there would be even more work for the family.

I hope I can bring some useful ideas to the committee and am looking forward to getting to know everyone next year.

Rhoda Chance

A Degree of Achievement – Graduates' Grand Event at Government House

Government House Ballroom, Perth

Saturday 7th December, 2013 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Well – the day finally arrived when the much anticipated launch of 'A Degree of Achievement: Promoting Education for Women' A History of Graduate Women (WA) Incorporated Volume 2: 1973 – 2013 finally was achieved.

Over 200 guests accepted President Felicity Farrelly's invitation and some 60 apologised. Guests were keen to be part of the celebrations and even arrived early! Formalities commenced with MC Hilary Silbert acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the occasion was taking place, the evacuation procedure and introduced the President to welcome guests.

These included:

The Honourable Liza Harvey MLA, Minister for Police; Tourism; Road Safety; Women's Interests and representing the Premier of Western Australia,

Dr Janice Dudley representing the Vice Chancellor of Murdoch University,

Jan Stewart, CEO of Lotterywest and members of the Board of Lotterywest – Sheila Hood, Diane Smith-Gander, Andrea Hall, Maria Harries and Dr Geoff Smith,

Heather Joppek, President, Soroptomist International Region

Marion Ward, President of National Council of Women WA

Jasmyn Mumme, State President BPW WA

Lennie Mc Call, Chair of Council, Royal WA Historical Society and President Sally Ann Hasluck,

President of Australian Federation of Graduate Women, Madeleine Laming, and all delegates and state presidents

Geoffrey and Diana Drake Brockman, descendent of founding President Dr Roberta Jull.

The Family of Dorothy Ransom

Professor Geoffrey Bolton,

GW (WA) 90th Anniversary scholarship winners

members of GWWA and their friends.

Lynda Roberts Hall spoke on behalf of the History Project Team – Wendy McCallum, Kay Wright and Bruce McCallum - about the journey to achieve the history in time for the 90th anniversary. Jan Lord, daughter of Dorothy Ransom, thanked the President and committee for dedicating the history to her mother who had been so passionate for so long about the need to record our history from the first fifty years on. Hilary then introduced Professor Geoffrey Bolton, who knew our founding President Dr Roberta Jull and could relate very closely to the decades included in the volume, and invited him to launch the history.

A delicious High Tea was served after the formalities were concluded and guests were able to chat to the diverse collection of people present. They were all presented with a

copy of the history as they departed, complete with a specially designed bookmark by Felicity Bradshaw.

Thanks are due to the team at reception, carefully managed by Margaret Giles, who were on the desk for several hours, to Bruce and Wendy McCallum for organising the banners, and Jenny Jones for the name badges. I would like to acknowledge the generous support of the Government House Ballroom Manager, Irek Kucy, who spent months making sure we had a successful event and to the caterers 'Word of Mouth' who went the extra distance to ensure all went well.

It was quite an occasion and a marvelous way to complete 14 months of celebrations for Graduate Women WA 90th anniversary year.

Hilary Silbert
Convenor
90th Anniversary Celebrations

Members' Corner – New Member

Merriene Scott (also known as Joan and Joanne Scott) was born in Cottesloe and trained as a teacher at Claremont Teachers College (now part of Edith Cowan University) where (as Joan McKenzie) she was Societies President on the Student Council in 1962. After graduating as a primary school teacher she taught in country schools until marrying a farmer at Bridgetown where their two sons (Digby and Jamie) were born. After the farm was sold ten years later they moved to Dunsborough, buying the Dunsborough General Store.

She returned to live in Perth with her sons on the breakup of her marriage in 1981. Relief teaching, mainly in Special Education, followed and then other experiences, work and study which led her to her present interest in spiritual coaching, counselling and the writing of a trilogy of inspirational books (now also as eBooks) – "The World Beyond Today", "Adventure into Transformation" and "Ancient Memories, New Beginnings".

She is happy to have joined the 'sisterhood' and become a member of Graduate Women!

Congratulations! Fay Power celebrates 90 years.

2013 meant 90th year celebrations not only for GW (WA). Fay Power, a member and ex-treasurer also turned ninety.

Karen usually chats with Fay each Friday afternoon, and keeps her up-to-date with what is happening.

Here Wendy McCallum, Karen Bothwell and Hilary Silbert celebrate the special day with Fay who is seated beside the bouquet presented by GW (WA).

Karen's mother Lin took the photos.

From the Membership Convenor

Felicity Bradshaw

Membership Convenor

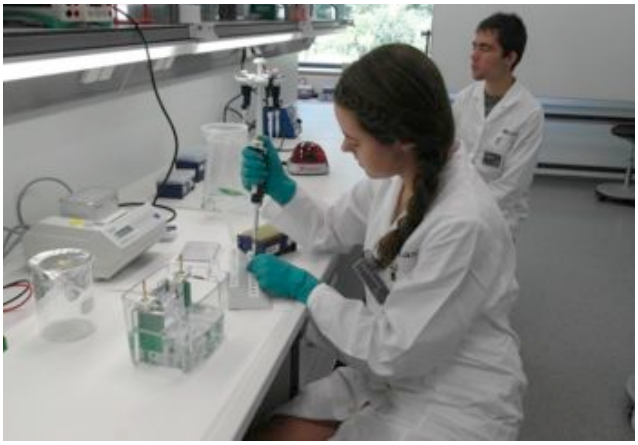
Graduate Women WA, like other Associations, is experiencing a decline in their membership base. In today's world, young professional women are time-poor, of limited finances and see their attention to GWWA as low in priority. We should realise, however, that these same women are highly connected individuals; they are socially conversing every day. They interpose their connections, and often decision-making, into their daily lives.

GWWA needs to be part of their network.

Our up-dated web-site now includes a Face-book facility and we plan an on-line 'forum'. As a result, professional women will be able to profit from their exchange with others in allied fields and GWWA will be closer to their members.

Throughout our 90th year celebrations, thanks to Hilary Silbert, our Convenor of the 90th Anniversary Celebrations, we have attracted new members. These occasions contribute significantly to raising the profile of GWWA and we are committed to being more pro-active with regard to our public appearances. Advertising who we are and what are our achievements is vital to the future of GWWA. It is only when we are seen as an association of professional women, highly-trained in many fields with much to offer that others will want to join us.

Brooke Krajancich – Report from International Summer Science School



Brooke at EMBL using my pipetting skills to perform gel electrophoresis

As what can only be described as the most amazing experience of my life, the International Science Summer School (ISH) in Heidelberg was a rewarding and life changing adventure that I will always cherish and never forget.

I was selected as one of three to represent Australia at the program, which all began when I arrived at Frankfurt airport in Germany on the 14th July. The first week was filled with excitement as we settled into our hotel and got to know our fellow participants. There were a total of 21 participants from all over the world, from countries like America, England, Israel, Poland, France, and Japan; in fact we had a total of 14 different nationalities represented. It was amazing to compare our home countries, from food to cultures and languages. We had some very heated discussions about whether we should put our trash in the trash can or rubbish in the bin, pass the toma(ar)to sauce or toma(ay)to ketchup, or my personal favourite, whether we should do a Macca's run or go to 'Maccy D's!' It was amazing how quickly we all bonded as a group and I can now say I have close friends from all over the world. I know without a doubt I will continue to keep in touch with these people, both personally and scientifically.

In the first week we also had tours of the beautiful city of Heidelberg, and presented short talks about our home countries and cities. We had workshops at Explo Lab and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) – the building we worked in was shaped like a double helix, the shape of DNA. Here we did practical analysis using the Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP), toured the amazing facilities and looked at cutting edge research being done at the institute. We did a workshop on bioinformatics, and talked personally with PhD and post PhD students about their research.

Fellow Australians, Daniel and Jakub, with Brokke at the final reception at City Hall

For the remaining three weeks of the program I completed an internship at the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy (MPIA) with two fellow ISH participants from England and France. We worked with Dr Markus Possel at Haus der Astronomie (House of Astronomy) – which is an institute located next to and partnered with the MPIA. The building was only completed recently and it was designed based on the spiral galaxy M51, with a planetarium at its centre. Needless to say, I hit the jackpot in terms of working in cool buildings! We worked on two projects focused on two major branches of astronomy, astrophotometry, which looks at the measurement of the brightness of stars, and astrometry, which looks at the precise measurements of the positions and movements of stars. We also got to remotely control and take photographs using a 60cm telescope called ROTAT, located at the Observatoire de Haute-Provence in Southern France.

My time in Heidelberg was without a doubt the best four weeks of my life. The program gave me an amazing insight as to what a career in science research is like, as well as a strengthened passion for science and newfound curiosity. I have gained so much from this experience, things that cannot be taught in a classroom, like cultural awareness, independence, problem solving skills, connections from all over the world and so much more. Not only that, I have gained motivation, career direction and excitement for what my future in science holds in store for me. I never would have had this amazing experience if it wasn't for the incredible support of many sponsors including Graduate Women WA. The donation was much help in allowing me to be able to take this amazing opportunity. I acquired new knowledge and learnt skills that I am excited to apply as I finish high school, as well as into the future. It has truly inspired me and shaped me into a more independent, determined young woman, ready to take on the world!

GWWA attend a SAWA Book Launch

The Perth launch of *Two Trees, (a project by the Support Association for the Women of Afghanistan*) by Alannah MacTiernan MHR raised almost $1500 for the Vocational Training Centre in Kabul. This report is from Chilla Bulbeck, co-secretary SAWA-WA.

SAWA WA Branch were delighted with Alannah MacTiernan's enthusiastic WA launch of *Two Trees: Australian Artists Books to Afghanistan and Back.* It was also pleasing to see so many new faces to SAWA in the audience of over fifty people at the Lesser Hall, North Perth on Saturday 5 October, as well as many of loyal supporters.

Matthias Tomczak, the convenor of SAWA-Australia, sent a Powerpoint presentation covering his recent trip to the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) in Kabul, the project SAWA supports by raising funds so that the Organization for Promoting Afghan Women's Capabilities (OPAWC), our sister NGO in Afghanistan, can keep the centre running. Because of OPAWC's commitment to the empowerment of women, students receive training in human rights as well as literacy, English, handicrafts and computing.

Matthias and Alannah both applauded the goal and success of the Vocational Training Centre in helping women take charge of their lives economically and emotionally. Many women come for literacy and economic skills training against the opposition of menfolk in their family. On the other hand, Matthias told us that on of the teachers will continue to work because her husband has decided to stay home as the full-time carer of their young baby. Men's and women's lives and ideas are slowly undergoing transformation – against the backdrop of a war-torn nation. This grey blighted landscape was once green and fruitful, as Alannah read out from a story one of the VTC graduates had contributed to *Two Trees*.

Two Trees is a beautiful and moving collaboration between 14 artists in Melbourne, some of them SAWA members, and graduates of the Vocational Training Centre expressing their newly-acquired literary skills. They have written stories and commentary provoked by the Australian artists' images. The Afghan women were at first hesitant to write on the art work, but were finally emboldened to share their experiences and hopes in Dari and Pashto. SAWA members in Adelaide translated the Afghan women's writings. Many women wrote about the choices they yearned to make:

economic independence, literacy, playing football and swimming, an education without fathers denying them.

The original art work has found a permanent home in the State Library of Queensland.

Latifa, the director of the Vocational Training Centre, explained in the introduction how important this experience was for her students:

> In a country where every two hours a woman is dying during pregnancy and childbirth, in a country where women are considered a second person and change hands even against animals, in a country where women are locked in their houses and not allowed to travel without a male member of her family, if a flower or a picture or a gift is dedicated to one of these suffering women, it is the greatest gift for her, who will never have dreamed about it.

SAWA supports the organization AFCECO in its scholarship project for studies in law, medicine, education or engineering (see http://www.sawa-australia.org/projects.html on the SAWA website)

As Alannah kindly provided the delightful venue for the book launch, all the money we raised will support the work of the Vocational Training Centre. We raised almost $1200 from book sales (selling 37 books), $110 from donations and $182 from the raffle, a grand total of: $1476.70

And thanks to our supporters for your generous contributions to the empowerment of the women of Afghanistan. As Alannah said, Afghan women live in the most dangerous country in the world for women – and yet they seize the opportunities for independence that come their way.

If you would like copies of the book or know of someone who might like a copy, the book is available from the SAWA website: http://www.sawa-australia.org/products/productsbooks.html

GWWA Education Trust – Update

left to right,
Kerry Evans, Loreena Gillon, Jocelyne Boujos, Dorothy Collin, Lyn Abbot, Robyn Carrol, Brenda Robbins

We welcome Sandra Carrivick and Tina-Marie Innes as new Trustees of the GWWA Education Trust. Sandra and Tina-Marie were appointed at the GWWA Annual General Meeting on 22nd of October 2013. They attended their first meeting of the Trust on 6th December.

The Trustees acknowledge the very significant contribution of Professor Robyn Carroll as Chair of the Education Trust from 2010 to 2013. We thank Robyn for her dedication and friendship in guiding the Trust throughout this period.

The Trustees also acknowledge the distinguished contribution of Barbara Hale to the Education Trust since its establishment, including her role as the Inaugural Chair. Barbara's knowledge and advice has been extremely valuable throughout the years and she has made a magnificent bequest to the AFGW Fellowship.

During 2013, members donated $775 to the Scholarship Fund and $40 to the Bursary Fund. This support is greatly appreciated.

Lyn Abbott (new Chair, GWWA Education Trust)

GWWA Education Trust AGM report

Report from Professor Robyn Carroll, Chair of the GWWA Education Trust 2010-2013
Presented to the GWWA Annual General Meeting on 22nd of October 2013.

I have pleasure in presenting this Annual Report on behalf of the Trustees. The Trustees are Lyn Abbott (Trust Secretary), Jocelyne Boujos, Robyn Carroll (Chair), Dorothy Collin, Kerry Evans, Loreena Gillon and Brenda Robbins.

- **1. Trustees and Trust Meetings**

The Trustees met on six occasions during 2012 and 2013 and resolved a number of matters by email relating to the management of fixed term deposits with Unicredit. The Committee Treasurer, Alison Hayden was invited to attend the Trust meetings as in previous years.

The Education Trust AGM was unable to be concluded on 23 October 2012 because the audit of accounts was not completed. The audited accounts were accepted by the Members at the adjourned AGM held on 3 April 2014.

2. 2013 Activities

The principal responsibility of the Trustees is management of the Trust Funds and accountability for the use of these Funds. This year the Trust has once again sought acquittals for payments from the Scholarship Fund to Scholarship recipients. It has not always as straightforward as might be hoped to obtain these acquittals. Thank you to Brenda Robbins and Dorothy Collin for following up on acquittals from 2012 and for developing a 'steps and process' document for acquittals.

The Trustees reviewed the recommendations made to the Committee by the Chair of Assessors, Dr Megan Thomas, and approve the Committee's decision to pay the amounts that the assessors recommend be awarded in 2013 from Trust funds.

The Trustees executed the Deed of Amendment prepared by Jocelyn Boujos in 2012 to effect a change of name of the Education Trust from AFUW (WA) Inc Education Trust to Graduate Women (WA) Education Trust. No further formalities were required to effect this change of name.

As proposed by the Trustees to the Committee in 2012, a new firm of auditors was appointed to audit the Association and Education Trust accounts in 2013. Dry Kirkness has been appointed and has audited the accounts presented to the Members at this AGM.

Earlier this year the Trustees met with Ms Leona Fossey from Financial Services, Treasury and Investments at UWA to review the capital funds and income spending policy applied to Trust investments with UWA. The Trustees are considering the information provided by UWA and are in the process of preparing a re-investment strategy for the future as part of an income management plan for the Trust and the Association.

The Trustees have prepared a document that sets out a time line and process guide for the administration of Trust business and bursaries and scholarships funded by Trust monies. This document is expected to be settled in the near future.

3. Invested Funds

Audited copies of the Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements and a summary of the financial position of the Trust Fund will be presented at the AGM.

The majority of the Bursary Fund is invested with UWA, with some funds being held at Unicredit. Donations to the Scholarship Fund in 2012/2013 have been placed on term deposit with the University Credit Union.

The Trustees receives a financial statement annually from UWA in January that refers to the previous calendar year. There has been considerable improvement on the return of funds in both UWA investment pools (Long Term and Short Term). As in 2012, funds invested in the University Credit Union remain capital stable.

4. 2013 Scholarships and Bursaries

The Trustees met in February to review the Trust investments and income and resolved to recommend to the Members that funds be made available to pay for two bursaries (from the Bursary Fund) and three scholarships (from the Scholarship Fund).

The Trustees recommended that GW(WA) advertise Bursaries up to the following amounts from the Education Trust Bursary Fund:

Jillian Bradshaw Bursary	$4,000
Mary Walters Scholarship	$4,000

The Trustees recommended that GW(WA) advertise Scholarships up to the following amounts from the Education Trust Scholarship Fund

GW(WA) Foundation Scholarship	$5,000
Joyce Riley Scholarship	$4,000
Mary and Elsie Steven Scholarship	$4,000

The actual amounts recommended by the assessors to be awarded from funds held by the Trust were:

Jillian Bradshaw Bursary	$4,000
Mary Walters Bursary	$4,000
GW(WA) Foundation Scholarship	$5,000
Joyce Riley Scholarship	$4,000
Mary and Elsie Steven Scholarship	$3,440

(In addition, the members in General Meeting on 27 March 2013 resolved to advertise an additional Bursary to mark the Association's 90th year celebrations, the 2013 GW(WA) Inc 90th Anniversary Bursary. This Bursary will be funded directly by the Association. The assessors recommended an award of $6,000.)

The Trustees recommended to the Committee and to the Members in 2013 that the Leah Jane Cohen be advertised in 2013. This recommendation has not been taken up

5. Bursaries and Scholarships – 2014

The Trustees will present their recommendations as to the amounts available for payment of bursaries and scholarships to the Members at a meeting in February or March 2014 when updated information from UWA about our invested funds is at hand.

As was the case in 2013, the Trustees expect to be able to recommend in 2014 that GW(WA) offer a similar combination of bursaries and scholarships from the Bursary Fund and the Scholarship Fund as were offered in 2013.

6. Future Management of the Scholarship Fund and the Bursary Fund and matters relating to the Education Trust

There are a number of matters that have occupied the Trustees in 2013 and will continue to do so in the coming years to varying degrees. These include the decisions about the investment strategy for the Trust's income, ways to streamline the bursary and scholarship awards process to ensure that communication and accountability goals are met, and anticipating the impact of any changes to the not-for-profit sector that might be introduced by the Federal government.

In respect of the second matter, there is an ongoing need for the Association to review and plan the overall offerings of scholarships and bursaries and prizes. There is a need to balance the benefit of drawing on a fund to which the Association is able to make a tax deductible donation (to the Scholarship Fund or to other DGR bodies including WA universities) on the one hand and on the other hand being in a position to offer postgraduate bursaries on terms that are decided by the Association rather than by ATO eligibility criteria. The process of review and planning how the funds of the Association are applied in the future also needs to include consideration of whether some or all of the capital held in the Bursary Fund is applied to bursaries, or whether income only is to be applied. A separate though related question is whether the members are willing to augment the Bursary Fund from proceeds raised by the gown hire business and volunteers even though a donation to the Bursary Fund cannot be claimed as a tax deduction by the Association. The benefits of using funds for the special purposes of the Association, unconstrained by ATO requirements, were recognised by the decision of members who voted this year to award the 2013 GW(WA) Inc 90th Anniversary Bursary which will enable an international woman student to be awarded a bursary. That Bursary is being funded directly from funds raised by the Association. Consideration should be given to offering a bursary on the same or similar terms in the future.

The administration of the scholarships and bursaries has become more complicated since the Scholarship Fund was established. There are a number of eligibility criteria that need to be satisfied for ATO purposes and to ensure that the Trustees and Association act lawfully. In addition, all recipients need to satisfy the Trustees that they have used the funds they were awarded by the Association in accordance with their award. It will be of great assistance to the Trustees if a member of the Association as Convenor of Scholarships and Bursaries (Awards Convenor) were to oversee the bursary and scholarship process from start to finish each year. Ideally this person will attend committee meetings from time to time and be a Trustee or be invited to attend Trust meetings. The Convenor would ensure that the advertisements, the application documentation and the acquittal process is consistent and review the recommendations of the panel of assessors before they are signed off by the Trust and Committee. There have been efforts over recent years to achieve greater clarity of the process and accountability by recipients. There is more that can be achieved to ensure that the GW(WA) bursaries and scholarships process operates smoothly and is sound.

1. 7. Vale Barbara Hale

The Trustees were deeply saddened by the loss of Barbara Hale earlier this year, long term friend, Trustee and Chair of the Trust. Barbara made an outstanding contribution over many years to the Trust through its establishment and administration. Her hands on attention to the many items of business that the operation of the Trust involves were greatly appreciated and are sorely missed.

1. 8. Trustee appointments

At the 2012 AGM the Members appointed Ms Brenda Robbins and Dr Robin Adamson as new Trustees. Brenda took up her appointment and has made a welcome and valuable contribution as a Trustee. Unfortunately, for health reasons, Robin was unable to take up her appointment. Having served for a number of years as a Trustee and two years in the Chair I have decided to retire. I have advised the Secretary of the Trust accordingly and I will step down as Chair after the AGM on 22 October. I have greatly enjoyed working with my fellow Trustees and members of the Committee and Association during my time as a Trustee and I admire the work that everyone does for Graduate Women and the women of Western Australia.

Lyn Abbott, Jocelyne Boujos, Dorothy Collin, Kerry Evans, Loreena Gillon and Brenda Robbins have confirmed that they are willing to continue as Trustees. I am pleased to report that the Trustees unanimously voted to elect retired Professor Lyn Abbott to the Chair of the Trust at a meeting held on 15 October 2013.

Professor Robyn Carroll
Chair, GW(WA) Inc. Education Trust
22 October 2013

Minutes of Graduate Women WA Inc Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013
M. E. Wood Theatre, St Catherine's College

1. Constitution of Meeting.
F. Farrelly welcomed members present and opened the meeting at 7.10 pm.

Present: F. Farrelly (in the Chair), W. McCallum, H. Alexander, K. Evans, M. Giles, D.W. Collin, L. Ewing, F. Bradshaw, A. Hayden, J. Jones, R. Carroll, J. Lamb, L. Abbott, M. Laming, R. Chance, K. Wood, L. Cala, R. Taylor, R. Adamson, B. Robbins, S. Carrivick, A. Ciffollili, H. Silbert, M Scott, Tina-Marie Innes

Apologies: L. Roberts-Hall, K. Mumford, A. Sydall, K. Wright, H. Charlesworth, S. Watt, J. Mills, M. Brown, M. Nyegaard (Foundation Scholarship), P. Wyndow, M. Thomas, K. Wright, P. Kershaw, Jennifer Healey, K. Shellabear, B. Taylor

In Attendance: K. Bothwell (minuting)

2. Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
Corrections to item 4.3 in the 2012 Treasurer's Report were read to the meeting and the proposed changes *(see below)* were agreed to by those at the meeting.

"Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission and its likely impact on the Association.

The Honorary Treasurer regretted having to report that final Financial Statements and Report had not been received from our auditors (somes & Cooke). Therefore it was agreed to adjourn the presentation of audited accounts to members at a later date.

Motion: to receive the Report of the Honorary Treasurer."

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 were then confirmed.

Moved: M. Giles
Seconded: H. Silbert
Carried

3. Business Arising.
The meeting noted that during the Annual General Meeting of 2012, the election of office bearers may not have complied with Article 9.2 (e) and (i), of the Rules but agreed that there had been no intention to distort the voting strength of the committee. This will be explained to members in an email to be circulated after this Annual General Meeting

4. Reports
4.1 President's Report: Felicity Farrelly presented her annual report, which had been circulated in the October 2013 Newsletter.

She added her thanks to the CTW representative, Sally Male, and also Ruth Taylor, our representative on the Council of St Catherine's College.
Special thanks were also expressed to Louise Ewing who has been a delight on committee and is now going to London for a post doc position.

Moved: by H. Silbert that the President's Report be accepted.
Seconded: F. Bradshaw
Carried

4.2 Secretary's Report: presented by Jenny Jones and circulated in the October 2013 Newsletter.
Moved: K. Evans
Seconded: M. Laming
Carried

4.3 Treasurer's Report: tabled and presented by Alison Hayden

Financial statements arrived at the office at 6pm today, and were prepared by our auditors (Dry Kirkness). They were tabled by the Honourable Treasurer Alison Hayden, and copies were available at the meeting.
Operating Loss of $9,812, which included a $20,000 impairment for loss of hoods.
Total Comprehensive Income for the year: $90,067.

A. Hayden told the meeting that she has prepared a budget for 2013/2014 and after a few adjustments this will be placed in the next Newsletter for members to see.

Moved: A. Hayden moved that the audited reports be accepted.
Seconded: M. Giles
Carried

5. Other Reports
As tabled in the AGM Newsletter
Moved: W. McCallum
Seconded: M. Laming
Motion Carried.

6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2012/13
F. Farrelly declared all positions vacant, presented written nominations received to date and called for further nominations from the floor.

The following were elected by acclamation:

President: Felicity Farrelly
Moved by W. McCallum and carried unanimously

Vice President (1): Wendy McCallum
Moved: F. Farrelly
Seconded: A. Hayden

Vice-President (2) - vacant

Honorary Treasurer: Alison Hayden
Moved: F. Farrelly
Seconded: H. Silbert

Assistant Treasurer: vacant

Secretary: Jenny Jones
Moved: F. Farrelly
Seconded: L. Ewing

Newsletter Editor: Acting J. Jones

Committee Members: F. Bradshaw,
Moved: F. Farrelly
Seconded: A. Hayden

CIR
Kathy Mumford
Moved: F. Farrelly
Seconded: A. Hayden

Bursary Convenor – K. Evans
Moved: F. Farrelly
Seconded: A. Hayden

7. Appointment of Auditor
On the recommendation of A. Hayden it was moved from the Chair that Dry Kirkness be appointed Auditor to the Association for the year 2013/2014.
Moved: F. Farrelly
Seconded: R. Carroll
Carried

8. Other Matters – Life Membership proposal for Hilary Silbert. F. Farrelly read a prepared citation and asked those present to endorse the recommendation of the committee. Accepted unanimously.

Nominations of new trustees
Dr Sandra Carrivick – nominated by R. Carroll. Seconded J. Jones. Carried
Tina-Marie Innes – nominated R. Carroll for appointment by the members. Seconded: M. Laming. Carried

F. Farrelly thanked R. Carroll for her role as the Chair of the Education Trust.

J. Jones followed this with a formal vote of thanks to R. Carroll for her leadership as chair of the trust over many years and all agreed that she has built up a great team of trustees to continue.

F. Farrelly offered a warm Welcome to Madeleine Laming – President of AFGW.

Meeting Closed: 7.53 pm

PRESENTATIONS

At the completion of the AGM the following presentations were made to winners of the 2013 Graduate Women WA Award winners.

Cheques presented to:

Graduate Women WA 90th Anniversary Bursary ($6,000) Dilyara Nigmatullina

Graduate Women WA Jillian Bradshaw Bursary ($4,000) Karen Atkinson

Graduate Women WA Mary Walters Bursary ($4,000) Michelle Marneweck

Graduate Women WA Mary & Elsie Stevens Scholarship ($3,440) Tegan Davies

Graduate Women WA Joyce Riley Scholarship ($4,000) Katy Kell

Graduate Women WA Foundation Scholarship ($5,000) Marianne Nyegaard