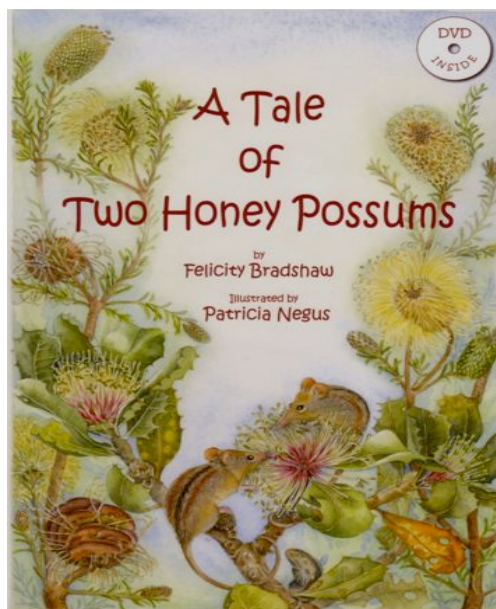




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GRADUATE WOMEN (WA) OFFICE BEARERS 2012

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New Members 2012/2013

Graduate Women (WA) welcome our new members:

Ms Ursula Ladzinski
 Ms Patricia Alessi
 Ms Ann Marie Mullaney
 Dr Renuka Ranasinghe
 Ms Sharron Hawkins-Zeeb
 Dr Jaya Earnest
 Ms Brenda Robbins
 Dr Madeleine Laming



Helen Charlesworth (left) with new member Ann Marie Mullaney



Dorothy Collin (right) with new member Brenda Robbins



Felicity Farrelly (left) and Lalani Weddikkara (right) with new WA member Madeleine Laming



Firstly, I would like to introduce and welcome our new committee members, Patricia Alessi (*right*) who with 2011 bursary recipient Esmeralda Rocha (*left*) is taking a keen interest in the promotion of our 2012 Awards. Esmeralda became a member last year, and Patricia has joined us this year. We welcome their energy and enthusiasm to the committee.

I know that all members identify strongly with our aim of education for women, and I am pleased to report that committee has approved the donation of \$17,000 to the Scholarship Fund of the AFUW(WA) Scholarship Trust for this year. Thank you to members who helped with the gowns to raise these funds – gowns are the cornerstone of our financial security.

The Bursary Evening held on Monday 14th May for last year's scholars heard from those recipients of the postgraduate awards who were able to attend. It is always enlightening and enjoyable to hear about the diverse and exciting research projects. These women scholars emphasised that financial support given by Graduate Women WA was a factor in their success, with two in particular mentioning that the award enabled them to finalise their thesis.

We were also very fortunate to have the President of AFGW, Jane Baker, to attend as a special guest and we thank her for her insightful words. The following are the recipients and their awards:

- 2011 Graduate Women WA Open Scholarship (\$4,000) - Esmeralda Rocha (UWA)
- 2011 Graduate Women WA Joyce Riley Scholarship (\$4,000) - Erin Hobbs (UWA)
- 2011 Graduate Women WA Jillian Bradshaw Bursary (\$4,000) - Rebecca Fuller (UWA)
- 2011 Graduate Women WA Mary Walters Bursary (\$2,000) - Kitty-Rose Foley (ECU)
- 2011 Graduate Women WA Mary and Elsie Stevens Scholarship (\$4,000) - Melissa Werrett (Curtin)

Details of the new Awards for 2012 have been circulated to all universities and applications close on Friday 27th July. Successful applicants will be introduced at our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23rd October 2012. Again this is a great opportunity to see our Association achieving its goals, so make a note to join us for this very pleasant occasion.

Our Annual Dinner was held on Friday 8th June, at St Catherine's College. The evening was much enjoyed by the large group of members and guests. Our speaker was Dr Jaya Earnest who has worked in many countries that have suffered from the effects of war and genocide. Her moving talk entitled: "On a journey across nations – sharing a celebration of women's lives" celebrated the way women looked to the establishment of schools as a way forward.

Dr Jaya Earnest is Associate Professor of International Health in the Centre for International Health (CIH) and the Director of Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University in Western Australia (WA) where she coordinates the Postgraduate Research Program.

The committee is determined to continue the high standard of this special event – once again the catering at St Catherine's was excellent. However we just fitted into the function room this year, and the response to this dinner suggests that in our 90th year we will need a bigger venue.

We have had, and will continue to have, in pursuit of our aims, a long association with St Catherine's College, and it is therefore wonderful to be able to announce that they have received an award from UWA that recognises their contribution to student learning. Well done, St Cat's.



Karen (left) pictured with her mother Lin at the Cancer Council morning tea.

I must also thank Karen Bothwell (Executive Officer) for organising the Cancer Council Morning Tea Fundraiser on Thursday 24th May. \$410 was raised for cancer research. Some, like myself, had to work, but I understand the convivial group enjoyed the sumptuous spread, and they also had the opportunity to wish Margaret Ellis, one of our long-term members and a past president, a very happy 80th birthday.



Jenny Jones chats with Margaret Ellis

June 1st is IFUW day, and this year immediate Past President Margaret Giles organised a presentation and afternoon tea for post graduate students at the Joondalup Campus of Edith Cowan University. Students were informed about the Association and its local focus, as well as the relationship with AFGW, and through this link, to the International Federation.

I am excited also by the new website, which is currently a work in progress, with our Bursary and Scholarship Forms being accessible from there. The link is: www.graduatwomenwa.org.au. I remind members to keep up with national events by visiting their new national website at www.afgw.org.au

To the future now and plans for our 90th anniversary in 2013. We have established some special one-off scholarships to mark the occasion and these are soon to be advertised. We will be launching the history that is currently being written and we also intend hosting some special events. With this in mind I am foreshadowing a special meeting, perhaps in September, at which members can discuss different ideas.

More imminent is the forthcoming Triennial Conference of the National Association with the state branches that takes place in Brisbane in November. In the lead up to this is the AFGW Council tele-conference link-up on Saturday 21st July 2012. Items for discussion in both arenas are the future of our association and the organisation of the management executive, as well as the management of trust funds in the increasingly complex environment of financial control and management. At state, national and international level there is a push to become more efficient by adopting modern management structures. While supporting the rationale for this initiative, we need to ensure that grass-roots membership, via state Associations, is as well represented in the future as it has been in the past. Members of committee are very much involved in these discussions, on your behalf, and welcome submissions from those members who have an interest in this area.

On a lighter note, I want to say how much I enjoyed meeting new members at the Sundowner on Friday 13th July, and congratulations to Robyn Carroll who won the raffle for the early membership payment. I look forward to meeting other new members, and catching up with renewing members, at the functions we have organised for the coming year, such as the film night on the 24th July.

Felicity Farrelly

With applications closing in a few days, it is a timely moment to update members in general terms with information about the eligibility requirements and maximum values of our annual awards, to outline the tax implications of donations which you make, and to thank the Education Trust for their on-going supervision of this significant area of the work of Graduate Women.

AWARDS FROM THE BURSARY FUND

Graduate Women (WA) Jillian Bradshaw Bursary - Value up to \$4,000

This bursary is open to women enrolled for a higher degree by research in the Humanities. It is also open to women who have completed a Ph.D. and are preparing their research for publication but have no academic position.

This award is not subject to the Australian Tax Office rules because the funds used to pay for this award have been subject to income tax. If, as a member you donate to *this* fund, your donation is *not* tax deductible.

AWARDS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

These Scholarships are offered by the AFUW(WA) Education Trust Scholarship Fund under ATO rules, which must be strictly adhered to. For taxation purposes, Graduate Women (WA) is recognized as a *deductible gift recipient (DGR)* with respect to the *scholarship* fund. If you donate to the this fund it is a tax deduction, but the Education Trust is then bound by inflexible rules in the use of the funds.

Only Australian citizens and Permanent Residents are eligible to apply for the Scholarships listed below.

The Scholarships may not be used for any purpose overseas except for study which is a component of an approved Australian university course conducted in an educational institution overseas.

Graduate Women (WA) Open Scholarship -Value up to \$5,000

This Scholarship is open to women enrolled for a higher degree by research in any discipline.

Graduate Women (WA) Mary and Elsie Stevens Scholarship - Value up to \$4,000

This Scholarship is open to women enrolled for a higher degree by research in Mathematics or Science.

Graduate Women (WA) Mary Walters Scholarship - Value up to \$4,000

This Scholarship is open to women enrolled for a higher degree by research in Science.

Graduate Women (WA) Joyce Riley Scholarship - Value up to \$4,000

This Scholarship is open to women enrolled for a higher degree by research or coursework in the Humanities or Social Sciences.

All of the awards are awarded on the grounds of academic merit, and are envisaged to fund a special academic purpose that will assist a woman to enhance the quality of the higher degree for which she is enrolled. At all times the decision of Graduate Women (WA) and the Trustees is final, and they reserve the right not to make an award, or to award less than the applicant requests.

No-one will be offered more than one award, and anyone receiving an award may not apply again. Applicants must not be in full-time employment.

As stated, the Australian Tax Office has strict guidelines for Scholarships that are offered using income which has been given DGR status, as outlined above. While only funds donated to the *Scholarship* enjoy this status, donations to the *Bursary* fund are encouraged so that the Trustees continue to have a source of funds that can be used in a more flexible manner. Contact the treasurer or the Trust via the office if you would like more information.

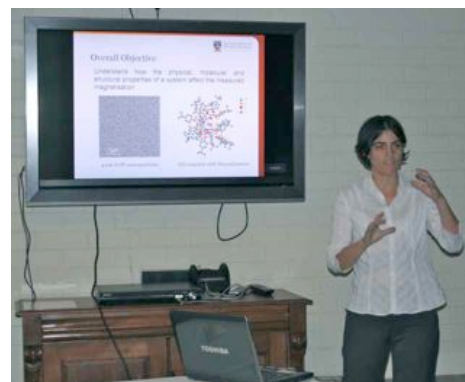
BURSARY EVENING

Every year Graduate Women (WA) hosts an evening where recipients of Bursaries or Scholarships give a talk about their research projects together with an explanation of how the money has been used to facilitate their studies.

It is a wonderful opportunity to talk with scholars who are working at the edge of knowledge in their chosen fields.

This year was no exception. Unfortunately Esmeralda Rocha and Melissa Werrett were unable to attend, but Erin Hobbs, Rebecca Fuller and Kitty-Rose Foley provided much intellectual stimulation as they discussed their respective research projects.

Erin, Kitty-Rose and Becky looking proud and happy, as well they should.



Becky Fuller explains the magnetic properties of a metallo-calixarene that she was researching.



National President of AFGW, Dr Jane Baker, was our special guest at the Bursary Evening.



Kitty-Rose chats with Dawn Butterworth, President of National Council of Women (WA)



Barbara Hale and Dorothy Collin, stalwart members of Graduate Women (WA), share a joke as they leave.



Robyn Carroll (Chair, Education Trust) with Professor Erika Techera a colleague of Robyn's in the Law Faculty at UWA.



Dr Madeleine Laming (left) has taken up a position at Murdoch University. She is with Dr Jenny Mills(right), also of Murdoch University and Helen Charlesworth (centre) who is Chair of the Board at Carers WA, as well as a member of Graduate Women.

Helen Charlesworth with Carol Theobald, immediate past President of Zonta,



The evening was also an opportunity for Lynda Roberts-Hall to officially hand over the certificate received for the induction of Roberta Jull into the Roll of Honour of the Hall of Fame for Women in Western Australia. We can be proud of the amazing woman who began our Western Australian branch. And we can be proud of members like Lynda who give of their time and energy (while working and raising a family) to promote the Association as well as its aims and ideals.

President Felicity (also a working mother) accepts the certificate from Lynda Roberts-Hall

And here is another young person who has benefitted from the help of Graduate Women (WA). Her name is Rosie Sitorus. Rosie is a law graduate, now enrolled in an honours course in the Faculty of Arts at UWA.

She wrote to Graduate Women (WA) in 2011 seeking support to attend, as a representative of the United Nations Association of Australia, a model UN forum held in Korea. Her submission to us was rewarded with a grant of \$AU500. At the Bursary evening, Rosie, gave us an inside view of the way the forums operate and the role she played on behalf of her 'country'.

She is clearly a young woman who has the desire and potential to succeed in the international arena of law, politics and human rights, and we were glad to be able to promote her participation and we wish her well.



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THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA: 'VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS'

from Ayden Birerdinc, Member of Status of Women Committee, IFUW, June 2012

Report by Lynda Roberts-Hall

Extending over 5 weeks with 58 individual contributions from 17 countries of diverse geographic and economic status, the discussion on 'Violence against Women and Girls' attracted extensive interest.

It seems that the issue of 'violence,' which is considered by many, as a 'gender based criminal act' and addressed in 1994 by the UN Commission of Human Rights, is still a burning issue. In order to address this 'endemic situation' IFUW, in 1998, adopted two major Policy Resolutions (being no: 4 and no: 7) related to firstly, issues of Violence against Women and secondly, violence-free family. Education for Freedom from Violence constitutes one of the four pillars of the IFUW PfA for 2010- 2013.

Most of the countries ratified the conventions and are supportive of the recommendations. Some countries introduced some changes in their legal systems in order to improve the legal situation of women. But the problem remains in the interpretation and the implementation of these laws. There are a variety of inherent reasons why these laws and regulations are not 'domesticated', nearly all of them being cultural, traditional, religious, social and/or economic. Governments and administrations need to have a powerful political will to enforce this type of legislation and to assume responsibility in the creating of awareness that all forms of violence, even those against women, should be illegal. The law-givers, the police, the judiciary, doctors, teachers, families, communities, as well as ordinary men and women should receive proper training and education to promote gender equality and the human rights of women. Laws should be implemented and then, importantly, enforced.

In this respect, women's organisations, municipalities, bar associations, related government bodies and communities should work in coordination. In some countries this coordination is more successful than others in combating the 'mind-set' of patriarchal systems that condone certain 'male' behavior and define the 'role of the women' in society.

IFUW is assuming a critical role in addressing the multi- faceted aspect of 'Violence' and promoting awareness about this burning issue. The main conclusion that this discussion underlines is that IFUW is an important body in creating awareness about the education of Women, which is one of the ways to combat gender-related violence. With members from 63 National Federations and Associations, IFUW can organize and lead NFAs with common priorities to work together, to share good practice models, to develop their potential and advocacy skills and take action in a concerted manner. In light of these considerations, IFUW may want to enforce the existent resolutions on 'Violence' in a more determined manner.

The UN resolutions set the tone and give tools to governments to enforce and implement legislations. It seems that the UN body has limited power in forcing the implementation of these legislations. Nevertheless, closer working with the UN, one of the 10 priorities of the new Strategic Plan for IFUW, would give IFUW a stronger voice and more leverage in the advocacy task they continual to promote.



How does a young scientist find an area of study that not only forms the platform for her career, but which continues to fascinate and intrigue, as well as being a catalyst for the opening up of new areas of life?

Felicity Bradshaw, now Honorary Research Associate at the School of Animal Biology at the University of Western Australia, might answer that question by citing interest and ability, the right mentor, and to get things rolling, a Bursary from Graduate Women (WA).

After completing a BSc with a double major in Bio-chemistry and Zoology, Felicity worked, married and had 3 children. In 1978 she enrolled part-time in a Masters degree. It was at this time that she received a Mary Walters Bursary. Her Master's supervisor had suggested a study of pregnancy in marsupials, and Felicity applied to University Women (as Graduate Women (WA) were then known) for funds to buy essential laboratory equipment – a set of Gilson pipettes. Humble they may sound, but because of the extreme precision required in measuring small volumes, these items are relatively expensive.

From the ground-breaking research which she undertook as a Master's candidate, Felicity went on to publish, in conjunction with her supervisors, a paper that ruffled a few scientific feathers, and overturned conventional wisdom on the topic of marsupial pregnancy.

Her Master's studies pointed towards an understanding of why, unlike other mammals, marsupial pregnancies are so short, resulting in babies that are so very small and underdeveloped. Or, by extension, as she sometimes adds, raises the question of why non-marsupial mammals such as humans came to give birth to such well developed young.

After her Master's Degree, Felicity was employed in 1985 as a research and field assistant in the Department of Zoology. This involved studying animals in their natural habitat, and one of the animals being studied was the honey possum. The honey possum, (*Tarsipes rostratus*) (native to the south-west of Western Australia) is a marsupial whose young are born the size of a grain of rice and weighing about 4mg. To survive, this tiny animal crawls up into its mother's pouch and attaches itself to a nipple.

While studying this tiny animal, Felicity was inspired to write a children's book ('A Tale of Two Honey Possums') to provide children with an appreciation of why many animals are so dependent on a particular environment for their survival. Honey possums live entirely on nectar and therefore need a year round supply of flowers, in close proximity to their place of dwelling.



Felicity is a long-term member of Graduate Women (WA), and like all recipients of the financial support of the various bursaries and scholarships, understands how not only the money, but also the genuine good will of the benefactors, makes a difference. \$5 from the sale of each copy of this book is donated by Felicity to research causes. If you would like to buy a book, you can nominate the donation to go to support the work of Graduate Women (WA). The book is available at www.honeypossum.com.au and your wish to support Graduate Women (noted in Reference) will be acknowledged.

You can view the Wikipedia item on honey possums at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honey_possum



From left: Christerbel Soroda, Joseph Anpa, Asanka Bodaragama and Salina Sawaraba

*Photo Courtesy of UWA News
Article by Hilary Silbert*

On Thursday 29th of March Asanka Bodaragama visited the headquarters of Graduate Women (WA) in Park Road Nedlands. She was accompanied by Lalani Weddikkara and Hilary Silbert, both members of Graduate Women who had been with her visiting the University of Western Australia Kindergarten, as part of a month long educational training and cultural program.

Not twelve months before Lalani and Hilary had visited Asanka where she is Head Teacher at Sudarshana Kindergarten in Galle, Sri Lanka. Who was to know that she would be visiting the office of Graduate Women WA where the members had given her a travel scholarship to participate in the program initiated by early childhood expert Dr Dawn Butterworth?

Lalani, a member of Graduate Women WA committee since 2000, had been visiting her country of birth when the tsunami hit. Sixty five percent of the pre-school children from the Galle area were killed. Hilary, who was President of GWWA at the time, involved the members in assisting the establishment of a much needed pre-school organised by Lalani's relatives in both Perth and Sri Lanka.

Hilary introduced Lalani to Dawn before the 2011 trip to Sri Lanka and later they were invited by Dawn to join the training and professional development she was offering the pre- school staff from Popengetta in Papua New Guinea. Dawn had visited and assisted the people interested in setting up a pre-school in the aftermath of the tsunami and floods.

The five pre-school teachers from the two countries visited a range of kindergartens over the month long visit including Beehive Montessori, St Hilda's, UWA Kindergarten and East Fremantle, seven in total. They covered a range of styles of pre-school both socio-economically, in style, resources and nationalities. Dawn, as President of OMEP (Organisation Mondiale pour L'Education Prescolaire) in Western Australia and National Council of Women (WA), not only arranged the visits but nearly a dozen workshops for the visitors. When not involved in visits and seminars the group enjoyed picnics on the Swan River, in Kings Park, the Zoo, Whiteman Park, and meals and barbeques in private homes, including Mandurah! They were even hosted at Miss Maude's Restaurant by Lesley Cala.

Everyone who met Asanka has been inspired to continue supporting the pre-school including the much needed building of their own place. On the eve of the teachers' departure a "Butterfly Banquet" was held with over 100 guests enjoying delicious Sri Lankan food. Each guest received a handmade butterfly – the symbol of Hope. With donations and a raffle the wonderful sum of \$5,200.00 will make its way to the two pre-schools.

A fine example of networking, cooperation and wonderful generosity. Long may it continue.

THANK YOU VICTORIA GILES

This is Victoria Giles, who as this picture attests, is definitely 'get up and go'. Victoria is the volunteer designer of the new Graduate Women (WA) display banner, an item that has become a focus at our events.



Victoria is currently working part-time for Bankwest Corporate Affairs as well as completing a double degree in Arts and Commerce at Curtin University.

Her role at Bankwest is to develop graphics that compliment the communications produced with Corporate Affairs. Applying the skills she has developed at Bankwest, Victoria created the final design for our banner.

Victoria is majoring in Marketing and Internet studies and she intends to make her career in eCommerce developments, or in Marketing campaigns for a major organization.

She is not yet able to be a member of Graduate Women, but we are looking forward to welcoming her as a new member after her graduation in another two and half years.

Thank you Victoria from the Committee and members of Graduate Women (WA).

Karen Bothwell (left) Executive Officer, and Jenny Jones, Secretary with the new display banner



Lalani Weddikkara, in her role as Peace and Security Convenor as well as Vice-President, attended the National Council of Women WA meeting on the 28th of May 2012. The speaker at the meeting was Mr Steven Plecas from MAGENTA, a Non Government Organisation, which aims to promote the health and safety of sex workers in WA through health promotion for workers in the industry as well as community education in general. Mr Plecas reported on imminent changes to the Sex Work legislation in WA, a bill introduced by the Barnett government and commonly referred to as the Prostitution Bill.

Prostitution can be divided into three broad categories; brothel workers, private workers, and enforced workers, he explained. At the time of his report, the current legislation relating to sex work in WA was a combination of the Prostitution Act 2000, the Health Act 1911, the Criminal Code 1892 and the Police Act.

For Graduate Women (WA), primary interest is reflected in the way changes in the law will impact on women, although we recognize that it is not only women prostitutes who will be affected by the legislation. Any change to the laws has consequences for the workers in the industry and MAGENTA believes the health and safety of workers and their clients should be paramount when new legislation is being drafted.

Society is divided when it comes to looking at the issue of prostitution, with views ranging from zero tolerance to decriminalization and restrictions that seek only to protect workers and clients

Some of the issues to be considered are:

- In what ways does the legislation raise questions of discrimination?
- Should sex workers be registered, and if they are, how can we be sure that names are removed if they leave the industry. This question is more important when we understand that the new laws may require workers to give their real names for purposes of licensing, and these licences may be required to be displayed at the place of business.

Mr Plecas emphasized that the legality or otherwise of a business does not reflect the attitude of the proprietor of that business to the employees. In this regard, brothels are like most businesses. Sex work, per se, is generally legal in Western Australia, but the industry is closely controlled, and many common aspects of business such as advertising for staff are illegal for the sex industry.

Activities for which legal sanctions hold include:

- The promotion of any kind of advertising for staff that will induce a person to seek employment associated with the prostitution industry (Section 9 Prostitution Act).
- The keeping of premises for the purposes of prostitution (Criminal Code, 209, and similar in Section 76F and Section 76G(1)(a) Police Act – live off earnings of prostitution)
- The engaging in any act of prostitution (as a worker or as a client) without using a prophylactic (condom or dam). (Section 8 Prostitution Act)
- The seeking of someone to be a client for a prostitute (Section 6(3) Prostitution Act)
- The inducing of another person to act as a prostitute (Section 7 Prostitution Act & Section 191 Criminal Act).
- The inducing of a person under 18 years of age to act as a prostitute (Sections 16, 17 18 Prostitution Act)
- To engage in an act of prostitution where the client is under 18 years of age (Section 19 Prostitution Act)
- To knowingly infect another person with a Sexually Transmissible Infection (STI) (Section 310 Health Act)

A focus for the new legislation is the removal of brothels from suburban areas, although many researches and industry workers believe that there will be an increase in underground activity because of this. The new Attorney-General Michael Misichin has been reported as saying that the bill provided the best practical solution to a very difficult problem and that it would ensure prostitution was illegal in suburban residential areas and that premises permitted elsewhere were limited in number and subject to stringent regulation. (source: The West Australian July 2, 2012, p17).

ECU POSTGRADUATE AFTERNOON TEA - IFUW DAY

Graduate Women WA is not a name that is recognised by most students at ECU - unfortunately. However we are striving to become more widely recognised, not just at ECU but on all university campuses.

On June 1st, which is the official International Federation of University Women's Day, Margaret Giles and Jenny Jones took the opportunity to talk, over an informal afternoon tea, to a few vibrant and motivated post-graduate women students about the work of Graduate Women, and the bursaries and scholarships they provide.



Dr Margaret Giles with Stephanie Hutchinson who is working on a PhD in Business and Marketing, and is a mother of 3.

Closer to home, it was access to information about bursaries and scholarships that was raising eyebrows. Most were amazed to hear of the generous awards available. As you know Graduate Women give, annually, over \$20,000 in various scholarships, but in total IFUW and the National Federations provide over \$US2 million annually.

The afternoon tea was organised by Dr Margaret Giles, immediate past-President of Graduate Women WA, and Senior Lecturer and SAFE Honours Coordinator in the School of Accounting Finance and Economics, Faculty of Business and Law. Those attending learned of the work not only of Graduate Women here in Western Australia, but also of the advocacy undertaken at national and international levels to promote opportunities for women and girls in education.



Student Group at ECU Joondalup campus afternoon tea.

ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE SCHOLARS



Lauren Clarke (left), (GWWA Scholar 2012) and Rebecca Adamson (GWWA Scholar 2011).

Each year, Graduate Women (WA) provides a scholarship for a student resident at St Catherine's College.

This year's winner, Lauren Clarke, came to the Bursary Evening on 14th May together with Rebecca Adamson, who is the 2011 Scholar.

Lauren has taken the opportunity to thank Graduate Women by providing us with a brief synopsis of her studies, hobbies, and hopes for the future.



My name is **Lauren Clarke** and I am the recipient of the 2012 AFUW scholarship. I would like to kindly thank you for selecting me for this scholarship.

This is my first year living at St Catherine's College and studying at the University of Western Australia.

I am currently completing a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Law and Society and Neuropsychology and Cognitive Science, with the aim of completing the Juris Doctor as a postgraduate degree and eventually becoming a lawyer. I am very interested in human rights and hope to work in that field.

I come from Mandurah, which is a one-hour drive south of Perth, and I attended Mandurah Catholic College. I love going to the beach and playing sport, especially netball. So far at St Cats this year I have played basketball and touch rugby for the college. I also intend to represent the college in netball and as many other sports as I can.

I am employed part time by 'Hadley's' in Willetton and I have recently begun volunteering at the Cat Haven in Mosman Park as a receptionist.

I plan to assist with college run events as well as organising a project of my own. I want to organise a program that will help the disadvantaged people living in Perth, such as college participation in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, which raises money for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

I would again like to thank you for providing the scholarship that will assist me to focus on my studies at UWA while still contributing not only to the St Catherine's community but also to other worthwhile causes. It is both a surprise and a great honour to be selected as the winner for 2012.

CANCER COUNCIL MORNING TEA THANKYOU



Coralie Solomon, Wendy McCallum, and Dellas Clements, taking time out from their bookclub reading to enjoy the morning tea

Conversation and food for thought.

THANK YOU very much to all the members and friends who attended our "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea", and thank you, too, to the members who contributed to our sumptuous tea table.

We raised a wonderful total of \$410 for cancer research.

ANNUAL DINNER



Dr Jaya Earnest gives her inspirational talk

Hilary Silbert introduces Dr Earnest to the warm applause of the crowded Roberta Jull Room at St Catherine's College.

It was a privilege for Graduate Women (WA) to welcome Dr Jaya Earnest as guest speaker at our annual dinner this year. The dinner is always a special occasion, and it was fitting to have as our speaker someone who so ideally reflects the meaning of our Association. In the aftermath of genocide and civil war, and natural disasters such as the tsunami, Dr Earnest has travelled with her family to places such as Congo, Rwanda, and Bosnia and Sri Lanka. She and her children moved as a family with her husband who was part of the international support system to rebuild the economic and social infrastructure of devastated communities. In these places she saw first-hand, and was able to assist with, the struggle of women to make their own contribution to building a future, with a priority being the re-establishment of schools. In this sense her story was truly an inspiration, and a celebration of women.



Professor Bev Thiele (Deputy VC Murdoch University, and inaugural winner of the Jill Bradshaw Bursary in 1985) with Dr Jaya Earnest



Dr Jaya Earnest with President Felicity Farrelly





The evening was also an opportunity for Graduate Women (WA) to celebrate another successful year. Life Member Dr Lesley Cala presided at the cutting of the wonderful 'birthday' cake provided by the St Catherine's College chef.



*Another paradox.
Too good to eat, but
too good not to eat!*

