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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Together with the Triennial Conference outcomes, the new IFUW initiatives and our 90th year celebrations, 2013 is shaping up to be a great year.

We have welcomed new committee members, who have stepped up to meet the challenge of carrying on the important work that was so ably done by retiring committee members and convenors. To all, my heartfelt thanks for your contribution to Graduate Women (WA). And a special thank you to Barbara Hale who has retired from her position on the Education Trust after 20 years, and a warm welcome to Brenda Robbins who is taking up a position as Trustee.

Our challenge in general for 2013 is to reflect on the last 90 years and embrace the strength and determination of those earlier generations and find renewed energy and motivation, and new ways to effect change for the better. We aim to end 2013 with an organisation that is strong in membership and strong in ideas, an organisation that continues to function with real purpose in this rapidly changing world.

One of our scholars for 2013 has sent an email to Graduate Women WA, and I want to share her appreciation of her prize with you. Her email appears later in the newsletter.

I wish you all a strong finish to your year, and I look forward to seeing you at the annual end-of-calendar-year celebratory Sundowner.

Felicity Farrelly



90TH ANNIVERSARY

DIARY DATES 2013

Autumn Breakfast
Sunday 14th April 9-11am
Enjoy a delicious breakfast with
Amazing Women Graduates



Gala Prize Night
Tuesday 21st May 7pm
Meet the 2012 Award Winners, as well as
many past winners of our Bursaries, Prizes,
Awards and Scholarships

90th Anniversary Celebratory Dinner-
Saturday 22nd June 2012
Join our celebrity speaker, Dr Annie
Duncan, partake of a delicious meal on the
actual date our organisation was founded
in 1923!



Spring Breakfast Sunday 8th September
9-11am

2013 Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 22nd October 2013
Once again meet our newest group of Award
Winners and witness the unveiling of the inaugural
President's Honour Board



*AND THE FINAL EVENT FOR THE YEAR WILL BE
OUR LONG-AWAITED LAUNCH OF OUR
HISTORY.*

Hilary Silbert

**Convenor of the Graduate Women WA 90th Anniversary celebrations
From AGM, Tuesday 23rd October, 2012**

To place our beginnings in context : 1923 was the year that Edith Dircksey Cowan, Australia's first women politician, was successful in having accepted as law, the Women's Legal Status Bill in the Western Australian Parliament. This bill allowed women to enter the professions for the first time. Incredible. Forty women became the inaugural members of Graduate Women in Western Australia, and five of them were "doctor" including the founding President Roberta Jull who was one of WA's first women medical doctors.

We, the current members, are very proud of our tradition and hope to have a wonderful year of events and celebrations. We are the state body within the national body and affiliated to our International organisation.

With our emphasis on education we will again have our annual bursary awards – you have just met our 2012 awardees who are the winners for 2012. When these wonderful graduates follow tradition and present their projects to our members in May next year we are planning a Gala prize night. We hope to have in attendance winners of Graduate Women's awards from across the many areas we have funded – 40 years of bursaries, St Catherine's College Scholarships, Murdoch Science and Engineering Summer School, the UNAA secondary students we have assisted, to name a few.

As a commemorative gift Graduate Women will, for the first time, fund a scholarship at all five universities within Western Australia. We will hope to achieve a greater profile within the universities and have many applicants at each university who will benefit by the funds offered by Graduate Women. We have always had a few members from universities from other Australian states and overseas but our origins were being involved with the states only university, The University of Western Australia, who is currently celebrating a centenary. So exciting that WA has five universities and we can assist them all!

Our interest in an overseas educational project will take a different look for our 90th!! Since the tsunami hit areas such as Sri Lanka we have had a personal connection to Galle and some of the pre- school children there. One of our long term committee members has been able to keep us informed about the setting up of a pre-school to educate the surviving children. For several years we have been having a delicious Sri Lankan luncheon as a fund raiser. Then this year a scholarship to fly the teacher to WA for professional development for a month was achieved.

In our 90th anniversary year we announce a new way to assist the pre-school: we are launching tonight the opportunity for members and friends to consider donating money to buy books for the pre-school. This works by giving the funds to Graduate Women when you decide how much you wish to donate. From tonight and all year you can donate towards books. You may consider giving the money on your birthday, or the birthday of your children or grandchildren. The brand new school on its own grounds can then open with a wonderful collection of books thanks to Graduate Women. We will have a commemorative label in each book acknowledging the donation.

In autumn we will be privileged to hear a panel of amazing graduates – the panellists will share their stories with us over breakfast. They range from an expert in piracy, industrial relations and systems analyst all balancing work, relationships and being parents to young children – and they come from three different countries! In Spring we repeat the formula with breakfast and more amazing graduates!

Our annual dinner will showcase Dr Annie Duncan on the actual date we were founded ninety years ago – Saturday 22nd of June. Annie is a well-recognised former West Australian scientist who headed up SciTech and Questacon and has been honoured and invited on many boards. So good food, quality venue, entertaining speaker and good company!!

The year will see the unveiling of a President's Honour Board – we have never had one : there a few Presidents in the room tonight!! Famous at last...

And last but not least, the year will culminate with the launch of our history.

In conclusion tonight we will celebrate the launch by presenting all members within the 90th year with our specially designed logo and lapel badge. Our President Felicity Farrelly will be joined by our Office Manager Karen Bothwell to present the badge to all members present tonight.

So... may we raise our glasses to toast a very successful 90th anniversary celebratory year – and many more to come. To Graduate Women WA – long may we reign....

Editor's note:

You can make a donation by contacting Karen in the office. We are hoping to provide, in the next newsletter, a selection of suitable titles (translated into English! with a brief description of the story) so that members can make a personal choice. Or you may wish to specify that the book is a reference book about animals, or about the environment, or a collection of poetry for children, rather than a storybook.

Thank you , Graduate Women WA

From: Helena Kadmos [<mailto:H.Kadmos@murdoch.edu.au>] **Sent:** Thursday, 25 October 2012 11:13 AM **To:** Graduate Women WA **Subject:** RE: Graduate Women WA Special General Meeting

Dear Karen,

I want to thank you and Graduate Women WA for the warm encouragement given to me and the other award recipients at the ceremony on Tuesday night, and for the opportunity to celebrate my success with my husband and supervisor. I am very grateful to have been awarded the funds. I look forward to executing the grant with diligence and care, and attending future events to share the progress of my research with the organisation.

Kind regards,
Helena.

Helena Kadmos

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Helena, centre, with her husband and Wendy

Changing of the Guard

Barbara Hale, has retired from the Education Trust after 20 years. Joining the Trust in 2013 is Brenda Robbins, a Perth barrister who has a strong interest in social justice. We thank the past, current, and new Trustees for overseeing this complex and important area of our Association's operations. It is with regret that we advise that personal reasons have prevented a second nominee from accepting an appointment. We wish her the best for the future.



Barbara Hale, right, with Karen Bothwell, executive officer.



Brenda, left, with Dorothy Collin, another long standing officer of the trust

8 November 2012

Jing-ting Chan

Women's Leadership Section

Office for Women

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Dear Jin-ting,

CSW Negotiation Priorities - Request for NGO Input

The Australian Federation of Graduate Women (formerly known as the Australian Federation of University Women) offers the following information to assist the Office for Women prepare the Australian CSW Negotiation Statement.

In 2006, the 33rd Conference of AFUW recommended "that AFUW and its State and Territory Associations urge the Australian and State and Territory Governments to meet the continuing need to prevent violence and violent crimes against women by means of public education, delivery of services and prosecution of offenders". We remain of the opinion that this tripartite approach is the most effective way of dealing with the issue at the domestic or community level. Public education campaigns in the mainstream media, in media aimed at specific ethnic communities and in schools will inform the community. Services such as telephone hotlines, advice centres and shelters will assist women and children in need, and prosecution of offenders will punish perpetrators while underscoring the message that violence against women is a crime.

At the same National Conference, AFUW reaffirmed its support for United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325. Resolution 1325 requires parties in a conflict to respect women's rights, protecting women and girls from gender-based violence, support their participation in peace negotiations and in post-conflict reconstruction. It also requests that more women take a direct role in peacekeeping operations, particularly among military observers, police, human rights and humanitarian personnel; ensuring at least 50 percent of participants in such processes are women.

In 1998 the International Federation of University Women passed a very comprehensive resolution on the prevention of violence against women and children (*Promoting Violence-Free Family Life*, 1998, No. 4). IFUW is an international network linking more than 60 national associations, including Australian Federation of Graduate Women, advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment. IFUW has permanent representatives to UNESCO, ECOSOC and the ILO; it will be sending a delegation to CSW57 composed of representatives of many member nations.

Promoting Violence-Free Family Life identified domestic violence as a violation of the human rights of women and children. It advocated that governments develop and implement violence-prevention strategies including:

- Research such as Australian Bureau of Statistics Information Paper 'Conceptual Framework for Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Data' Australia 2012 (into incidence causes nature and effects of family violence;)
- addressing the social conditions that may contribute to family violence;

- raising awareness through the media, seminars and study programmes of the social and economic effects of violence against women and girls;
- including education in conflict resolution in school curricula at all levels;
- establishment of shelters in the community where those who have been abused can receive protection and support.

In regard to research on the topic AFGW offers congratulations to the ABS on the many improvements it has incorporated into the 2012 Personal Safety Survey. AFGW and the National Women's Alliances look forward to receiving the resulting analysis in August 2013.

I hope the Office for Women finds this information a useful addition to the preparation of the Australian contribution to CSW 57.

Yours sincerely



Dr Jane Baker
President AFGW

Introducing New Committee Members



Louise Ewing



Madeleine Laming



Felicity Bradshaw

AGM and Scholarship Award Night



What a smile, and indeed why not! UWA Scholar Laura Masters

Murdoch Scholars Helena Kadmos (left) and Lynn Gumb (right) with their supervisor, Anne Surma.



*"We are looking forward to reading your book at bookclub!"
Jenny Jones (left) was delighted to find that prizes had been awarded to writers, and chats here with Lynn Gumb.*



Emma Dalziell shares the celebration with her friend.



Felicity Bradshaw found a common interest with Murdoch Scholar Emma Steel who was awarded her prize for her research into the jarrah forests in the south-west.



Oh, look, another 'winner' takes the cake!



2013 Graduate Women (WA) Inc Scholars
left to right

Laura Masters, UWA	Mary and Elsie Stevens Scholarship	\$4,000
Lynn Gumb, Murdoch	Jillian Bradshaw Bursary	\$4,000
Emma Dalziell, UWA	Mary Walters Scholarship	\$4,000
Helena Kadmos, Murdoch	Joyce Riley Scholarship	\$1,950
Emma Steel, Murdoch	Graduate Women (WA) Inc Open Scholarship	\$4,388



Esmeralda Rocha, left, (a 2012 Scholarship winner) with Patricia Alessi at the 2012 Annual Dinner. Both Patricia and Esmeralda were on the committee in 2012. Esmeralda will be leaving WA to take up a position in Canberra. Patricia Alessi is continuing her Phd candidature at UWA and is continuing as a member of the 2013 committee.

Patricia Alessi, a new committee member in 2012, returned to the US mid-year to begin a course for accreditation as a Certified McClosky Vocal Technician. She will be returning there again 15-25 July 2013 to finish up the course and finalise her certification.

This means she will be certified to teach the McClosky Voice Technique, which fosters healthy singing and speaking worldwide. It is also used to help encourage the health of troubled voices.

The technique was created by David Blair McClosky (with assistance from the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital in Boston, MA, USA) when McClosky experienced vocal issues himself. Patricia found the techniques personally useful when she used it during voice therapy after experiencing vocal problems due to adult-onset asthma back in 2007. As expected, it helped to rehabilitate her voice. Vocal health and troubled voices are something that she has begun to specialise in, and it was only natural to complete her certification in order to help others use a technique that has proved so beneficial.

The [McClosky Institute of Voice website](#) states:

The techniques, developed in the 1940's and 50's by David Blair McClosky, have been used successfully throughout the world in the development of strong healthy voices and in the rehabilitation of troubled voices. The techniques, when mastered, provide a comprehensive system for sound production, incorporating body alignment, breath, and freedom of the throat musculature, to allow an easy-onset tone with strength, projection, and endurance.

The primary goal of the Certification Course is to develop personal mastery of the techniques in the singing and speaking voice. This is an essential criterion for the Certification process because CMVTs must exemplify the techniques in their own voice use as well as in teaching the techniques. Daily group and individual technical lessons, plus follow-up assignments throughout the year between the courses, provide the framework for all certification candidates to attain mastery of the techniques by Year 2 and to develop an assured teaching manner.

Graduate Women (WA)

Please join us for our end of year

BBQ Sundowner

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2012 AT 6PM

ROBERTA JULL COMMON ROOM AND COURTYARD

ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, CRAWLEY

(PARKING AVAILABLE AT FRONT OF THE COLLEGE – ENTER FROM STIRLING HIGHWAY)

PRICE: \$38 PP

FRIENDS AND VISITORS MOST WELCOME.

PLEASE RSVP TO KAREN BY WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2012

(9386 3570 OR EMAIL: GWWA@WESTNET.COM.AU)

I _____ (name) will be attending the BBQ Sundowner
and bringing _____ guests.

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I enclose a cheque for a total of \$ ____ made payable to Graduate Women WA,
or please charge my credit card (please circle):

Mastercard / Visa

Cardholder's name: _____

Card No: _____ Expiry Date: __ / __