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President's Message to AGM 2017

I have just read the report from our Honorary Secretary, Wendy McCallum, who has presented a great overview of what we have managed to do this year. I will therefore only briefly touch on some of the diverse tasks of the committee and the various briefs undertaken on behalf of Graduate Women WA. What I think is important to stress, is that your committee can be proud of how it has been able to develop a real team spirit and a 'will do' attitude. I owe them, and our office manager Karen Bothwell, a heartfelt thank you for their support and advice, and the work they all do.

I'm required to write quite a few reports throughout the year, and each time I start, I seem to find myself reflecting on how busy everything has been. Sometimes it is very hard to separate the types of busy – everyone one of us engaged in Graduate Women, from President to general member is busy. I never lose sight of that. Life conspires to eat up time with work, volunteering, family and friends. For all us there is the juggling of the everyday and the difficult, the terrific and the terrible. Perhaps most of all, I try to never lose sight of the fact that I am a very lucky person – and that one of the unluckiest things in the world is to miss out on an education.

Graduate Women's aspiration of everyone having safe access to a high-quality education is the cornerstone of what we, as members of Graduate Women WA are about. We do our best to make a difference here in WA, but must remember too, that we are part of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women and Graduate Women International. That affiliation is important. Here in Australia, advocacy for improvement in education (as well as preventing deterioration) requires input at both State and Federal levels. And there is an on-going urgent requirement throughout the world to maintain pressure on countries to enable girls to receive an education that is at least equivalent to that of the boys. It is as part of GWI, that we have an important role in the international arena, a role that continues to be relevant to me and, I hope, you as a member.

I therefore want to thank all our renewing members; we recognise that the fee rise was substantial. To meet the increased capitation fees to the Australian Federation our increase needed to be made ahead of the final decision made by GWI on its fees. Unexpectedly, and rather incongruously, the very considerable increase in the GWI capitations has had to be reduced after much grappling with huge dissent from many NFAs. The compromise levy has minimized the number of NFAs who have withdrawn, but according to AFGW, the financial situation of GWI remains uncertain. We will keep members informed via the international updates. More information is available on the various websites.

In this regard, GW WA benefits from having Dr Jaya Dantas as our state Convener of International Relations. In this role, she has made a significant contribution to WA, to Australia, and to Graduate Women International. Not only was she a GWI representative at CW61 in New York, but she has worked on the ad-hoc committee which has recently reported to the new GWI board regarding the capitation fees. For the AGM she has provided a detailed summary of the work she has been doing. Thank you, Jaya.

We are also fortunate to have Judy McClean take over the role of Education Convener. I had been acting in this role with the aim of developing an active advocacy policy. Judy is now strengthening this aspect of our work. In addition to the letters Wendy mentions, I have written to ministers (state and federal) on the 'Gonski 2' arrangements, and stressed the importance of sustainable development goals regarding education. We have also sent congratulations to two schools who have achieved remarkable successes because of the commitment of teachers who have used their expertise to inspire their students. Letters written by Judy McClean have been sent to Kendenup Primary School and Greenwood College congratulating staff and students on the associated success in chess and

debating competitions. We are making a \$250 donation to each of the schools – one to help the chess team travel interstate for the national competition, and the other for extra ESL resources.

Wendy, as well as taking on the role of Honorary Secretary, has continued her interest in the Park Road property. Most of you will be aware of her long-term commitment to ensuring that this important asset is looked after. In this regard, we have shared the responsibility of liaising with St Catherine's as tenant, and Shellabears Commercial Real Estate as our leasing agent. The perimeter fence is in the process of replaced. St Catherine's is carrying out some maintenance work on the back staircase. Increased budgeting for the maintenance of the property has been a priority given the age of the building and our responsibility under the lease.

The GW WA committee has recently negotiated a temporarily reduced rent for the Park Rd property following investigations relating to the current rental market and the reduced student intake into St Catherine's. This will be reviewed from time to time over this financial year, and is a rent concession not a change in the lease.

A new computer has been purchased to enable the workload to be handled more efficiently. We needed a dedicated computer that can be used for the accounts and official tax office business. The cost of computers today makes this reasonable, and will enable expanded use of social media and other software that will provide better means of communication with the membership. Moving ahead in this area raises issues of security and privacy which must be addressed.

Because this is what is close to our hearts, the committee continues to find time to discuss new ideas for educational projects and ideas to promote membership. If you feel you have something to offer, either practically in terms of time, or an idea of your own, please let us know. But be assured that we value the fact that you are a member with a real commitment to the vision of Graduate Women WA.

There is a lot happening, and I would welcome any member who may be able to assist a committee member with:

- a full review of the constitution to ensure that it conforms with new legislation;
- a helping hand to document our privacy principles;
- newsletters and other media;
- and now that Karen is only available for 4 hours a week, some help for the treasurer.

One item that I feel has been neglected is the establishment of an item such as a prize or event that will commemorate Fay Power's contribution to GW WA. I know other members would also like this. We had indeed intended something similar for Dorothy Ransom and I feel remiss in letting these acknowledgements slide. They are firmly on the agenda for the coming year. Again, your ideas are welcome.

The Education Trust, together with Trish Todd as Scholarships Coordinator, form a very strong link in the GW WA chain. A special thank you must always go to them for their continued management of the scholarship policies and procedures.

Along with the hard work and challenges, we have also had some relaxing and enjoyable times. I missed the scholarship winners from 2016 presenting their research but that evening is always one of interest, and learning, for me. Our annual dinner speaker, Professor Leinonen, the Murdoch University Vice-Chancellor gave us an insightful view of being Finnish and living, studying and working in different countries. We will continue to try to find speakers who have their own story of challenge and success; a story that will be entertaining as well as inspiring. Once the AGM has been held, we will be planning the traditional Christmas sundowner. I look forward to seeing you there (in my role as President?)

Jenny Jones
President
October 2017



Graduate Women (WA) Inc.

Secretary's Report to AGM 2017

This year has been far from onerous for the Secretary. I wish to thank Karen Bothwell for being minute secretary and for sending out Minutes and Agendas for each meeting.

Jenny Jones in her role as President has sent a letter of congratulations to Dawn Freshwater on being appointed the Vice Chancellor of UWA, to Rebecca Cody on her appointment as Head of Geelong Grammar School, to Professor Eeva Leinoen thanking her for her speech at the Birthday Dinner on the 22nd June and to Professor Anne Aly inviting her to speak at the 2018 Birthday dinner.

Jenny also wrote to Hon Ken Wyatt and Dr Birmingham about the inequity of Aboriginal Education in Western Australia. Letters were also written to the Living Foundation where a \$5000 contribution was sent to employ a teacher. Judy McClean as Education Convener wrote to Kendenup PS with congratulations on their success in the debating competition and enclosed a \$250 donation in support of travel to Melbourne for the finals. She also congratulated Greenwood College on their success and enclosed \$250 towards their ESL work. \$250 was also donated to My Career Corner to help women in Pretoria, South Africa.

Trish Todd continued to convene the Scholarships and Bursary programme which is very demanding and time consuming and the Committee appreciates her contribution very much. A very pleasant evening was held on the 16th May when the 2016 recipients presented their research and explained how GWWA money had helped them achieve such outstanding results. Universities were also informed when applications became available for the 2017 Bursary and Scholarships and breakfasts were held at most universities to promote these awards.

Letters of thanks were received from Ella Edward who credited the GWWA scholarship at St Catherine's with enabling her to gain admission to Medical Studies at UWA. Natalie Frelton also wrote with much appreciation for having received the 2017 St Catherine's scholarship. The recipient of the Christine Morrow Memorial prize, Grace Edwards also wrote and expressed her appreciation of the award.

Chinelle van der Westhuizen kept a close eye on our finances as Treasurer and monitored the Web page. She thus made a great contribution to the Association and eased the load of the Committee.

Social events throughout the past year were well patronised. The first was the annual Sundowner held on the 2nd December at St Catherine's. A wine and cheese evening was held in February at Jenny Jones home, an even which began an enjoyable new year. In June, following her death in January, a celebration of the life of long term member Fay Power was held by her family at the University Club. Members recalled many occasions and lots of discussion of past events and Fay's contribution occurred. The Association's Birthday Dinner was held at St Catherine's on the 22nd June at which Professor Eeva Leinoen gave a most interesting address.

At all General Meetings cheese and fruit platters have been served and this has provided members with an opportunity to talk and network. Thanks to St Catherine's for providing a very comfortable and pleasant venue for our meetings and social events.

General meetings were held on 8th February at which capitation fees and early payment to the International Association were discussed. A teleconference on March 4th further discussed this problem.

At GWWA general meeting on Wednesday 15th March it was passed that Membership subscriptions would increase to \$80 for unwaged and \$130 for waged apart from the first year of membership when the fees would be \$60 for unwaged and \$100 for waged.

In April Karen Forrest, a senior social worker from the Department of Child Protection and Family Services spoke to the Committee about the problems faced by young people when they reach the age of 18. Committee members were interested in how GWWA might help a young woman who was about to leave care and wished to further her education. Karen spoke again in October and discussion is continuing about what contribution can be made by GWWA.

Our premises at Park Road have been discussed with regard to maintenance. Two big issues have arisen with the picket fence having to be replaced and the back steps needing a lot of attention. Solutions are being found to fix these problems.

Fiona Crowe, the Head of St Catherine's also wrote seeking some rent relief as there had been difficulties in letting the upstairs flat. These negotiations are on-going.

My thanks very much to my fellow Committee members and especially to Jenny Jones as President who has ably led us this year with her enthusiasm and commitment to the core values of Graduate Women.

Wendy McCallum
Hon Secretary

VALE: *Fay Bernice Power (nee Reed) 5 November 1923 - 11 January 2017*



Fay celebrating her 90th Birthday with Wendy, Karen and Hilary.



Graduate Women (WA) Inc. Convener of International Relations report to AGM 2017

Update of International and National Events and Advocacy

1) **November 2016 – Contributed to the GWI discussion on Female genital mutilation in Australia**

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs secretly, and is perpetrated by those close to a female child, - her mother, grandmother and other trusted caregivers. FGM has been a crime in Australia for over 20 years, making it illegal not only to subject a girl to FGM but also to take her out of the country to have these procedures. Despite this, no states or territories have ever had a report of FGM to the police, let alone charges laid. However, anecdotal Australian studies report evidence of Australian girls who have had FGM in Australia and overseas. Education is the key, and it is vital that women are informed about the link between their health and FGM. In Australia, this is being done through community education. **References:**

1. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-22/ferrari-fgm-in-australia/6794278>
2. Department of the Attorney General (2013) *Review of Australia's Female Genital Mutilation legal framework Final Report*. Australian Government Attorney General's Department
<https://www.ag.gov.au/publications/documents/reviewofaustraliasfemalegenitalmutilationlegalframework/review%20of%20australias%20female%20genital%20mutilation%20legal%20framework.pdf>

2) **November 2016 – Contributed to the GWI discussion on Forced Marriage in Australia**

A forced marriage (FM) is when a person gets married without freely and fully consenting, because they have been threatened, deceived, or because they are incapable of understanding the nature and effect of a marriage ceremony, for reasons including age or mental capacity. FM is a form of gender-based violence and an abuse of human rights. Australia's response to FM forms part of the Australian Government's strategy to combat serious forms of exploitation, including human trafficking, slavery, and forced labour. Launched in December 2015 with government funding, My Blue Sky (www.mybluesky.org.au) is Australia's first website dedicated to forced marriage prevention, information, referrals and legal advice. The government has also established a free, confidential national forced marriage helpline on (02) 9514 8115. Since 2014, the Family and Community Services (FACS) Minister said there have been around 70 cases of girls being forced to marry overseas.

References

- <https://www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/HumanTrafficking/Pages/ForcedMarriage.asp>
- <https://www.mybluesky.org.au/learn-more/about-us/>

3) **March 2017 - The Global Gag Rule and its impacts**

In my role as the convener of the International Health, SIG at the Public Health Association of Australia, we wrote a letter to Foreign Minister Hon Julie Bishop, regarding President Donald Trump's executive order reinstating the Mexico City Policy, also known as the Global Gag Rule, and its global impact¹. Since its reinstatement on 23 January 2017, there has been an outcry from governments, world leaders, universities, research and health institutions, philanthropic organisations, advocacy groups and international NGOs. Not only will US bilateral family planning assistance (US\$575 million for 2016) be discontinued, the policy will impact an estimated \$9.5 billion in US foreign aid². President Trump's reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule presents a very real threat to health and lives of millions of women and girls in the developing world. The Global Gag rule undermines gender equality, reverses years of global progress in sexual and reproductive health and rights and is a violation of basic human rights.

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/23/presidential-memorandum-regarding-mexico-city-policy>.

2. Starrs AM. The Trump global gag rule: an attack on US family planning and global health aid. *The Lancet* February 4, 2017; 389(10068): 485-6.

4) March 2017 - Presenting a parallel session at CSW61 and other presentations

- Prof Shirley Randell and myself attended CSW61 as GWI delegates. We presented a parallel session at the CCUN (Churches Centre for the United Nation) on Women's Economic Empowerment and links to Sport, Education and Health. There were over 70 attendees and the session was well received.
- We are also presented at:
 - ✚ The National Women's Democratic Alliance and American Public Health Association in Washington DC.
 - ✚ The Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia to a graduate class of students.
 - ✚ I presented in the Human Rights programme at Queens College, City University of New York and at the East Virginia Medical College in Norfolk, Virginia.
 - ✚ A detailed report is presented to GWI and AFGW.

5) April 2017 – Asylum Detention

I was invited to join the Emerging Scholars of Migration the ESPMI Network - The ESPMI Network strives to connect emerging scholars, practitioners, policymakers, journalists, artists, and all those involved in forced migration and refugee studies to meaningful work and professional connections, as well as to produce new research. Website: espmi-network.com. I have presented a piece on ending asylum detention:

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, have expressed their concerns regarding asylum seeker and refugee detention in a number of countries including Australia. UNHCR is particularly concerned about the detention of children and have proposed the three goals of the *Global Strategy – Beyond Detention 2014-2019* below aimed to support governments to make the detention of asylum seekers an exceptional rather than routine practice.

1. *End the detention of children;*
2. *Ensure that alternatives to detention are available in law and implemented in practice;*
3. *Ensure that conditions of detention, where detention is necessary and unavoidable, meet international standards.* (<http://www.unhcr.org/53aa929f6>)

It is the offshore detention facilities situated on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru that have gained much publicity and controversy with reports of physical and sexual abuse, inadequate medical attention, attempted suicides and suicides, and a murder case. As of early 2017, there were 423 detainees at the Nauru Offshore Detention Centre including 45 children, and 837 detainees at Manus Island Detention Centre. The current treatment and management of people in these facilities are in conflict with Australia's commitment under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Convention Relating to Status of Refugees.

References

- <https://www.asrc.org.au/resources/statistics/detention-and-refugee-statistics/>.
<https://www.amnesty.org.au/open-statement-calling-immediate-action-offshore-detention/>

6) August 2017 - Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Survey Universities Australia/ Australian Human Rights Commission

The survey undertaken by 30,000 university students across Australia, is a historic and meaningful step by Universities in Australia to acknowledge the prevalence and impact of sexual violence in our University communities. The Australian Human Rights Commission undertook this survey as there was urgent need for evidence based, best practice solutions and support for the work ahead by individual universities.

7) National submissions as International Health convener of the Public Health Association of Australia

I provided input to the **Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry into the status of the human right to freedom of religion or belief**. The following points were highlighted:

- Australia is a successful multicultural society, but must be vigilant in protecting human rights
- Major violations of human rights, in the name of religion continue to occur globally and in Australia
- The Australian Government has a vital role to play through supporting the Australian Human

Rights Commission and policies which do not discriminate or perpetuate violations of human rights.

I also provided comment on the **submission on strengthening multiculturalism** supporting the role of the Australian Multicultural Council in monitoring access and equity performance of government agencies. A major contributor to contemporary violations of human rights (including to freedom of religion and belief) is the rise of xenophobia and various forms of 'tribalism' (based variously on nationality, ethnicity, religion or cultural tradition). We affirmed the Australian Government's commitment to Multicultural Australia, and its response to the Access and Equity Inquiry with a new commitment to *Multicultural Access and Equity, respecting Diversity and improving Responsiveness*. Multicultural policy has been a feature of Australian society since the late 1970s, however, as discussed above, inequalities still exist.

Professor Jaya Dantas, PhD.

Convener International Relations (GWWA)

Convener Peace and Security – Australian Federation of Graduate Women



Graduate Women (WA) Inc. Saturday Morning Bookclub Report

Graduate Women WA Saturday Morning Book Club meets on the 4th Saturday of the month from March to November. In February, in a group or individually, members attend talks and other events at the WA Writer's Festival. In December, we have a Christmas lunch. Meetings are held in the Members' Business Lounge at 10am, allowing us to enjoy a coffee while discussing the current book.

Membership is steady at eleven members interacting harmoniously in discussion of the monthly book choice and at a light lunch afterwards in the café of the University Club.

Books read this year range from a revival of **Nevil Shute's *On the Beach***, whales in ***The North Water* by Ian McGuire**, ***The Vanishing Man: In Pursuit of Valazquez* by Laura Cumming** and four more on equally diverse topics.

We end the year with ***History of the Kohinoor the World's most Infamous Diamond*** written jointly by **William Dalrymple and Anita Anand**.

Our gratitude is extended to Helen Charlesworth for her voluntary secretarial duties which are appreciated by us all.

Elizabeth Killerby
Convener Saturday Group
October 2017



Graduate Women (WA) Inc. Thursday Evening Bookclub Report

The third Thursday of the month in 2017 has continued to be a very enjoyable evening for the members of the Park Road evening Book Club.

We have held our meetings mainly at St Catherine's College and we thank the College very much for providing us with a pleasant venue in which to hold our discussions. At times we have to wait for a student to appear, because the doors are locked at 7.00 pm, otherwise we have to ring the duty manager to open the door for us. This is slightly inconvenient but so far we have not been locked out for more than a few minutes.

Our choice of books has been quite eclectic and generated quite lively discussions. We began the year in February with *The Woman on the Stairs* by Bernard Schlink, in March we read *The Gustav Sonata* by Rose Tremain, April was *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos* by Dominic Smith, while in May it was *The Farm* by Tom Rob Smith. June saw us reading *Hag Seed* by Margaret Atwood, *The Invention of Nature* by Andrea Wulf was July's book, while *The Sellout* by Paul Beatty was read in August, *The Vegetarian* by Han Kang in September, *Georgiana Molloy* by Bernice Berry in October and lastly *Gwen* by Goldie Goldberg in November.

We have only eight regular members at present, as our long-time friends, Jean Rushton and Coralie Solomon have found with age that they no longer want to drive at night. We have missed them both very much as they always made very thoughtful and perceptive comments. We hope they are continuing to enjoy reading in their retirement!

I thank my fellow book club members very much for their choice of books, the challenging questions they have posed and all the delicious suppers that have been supplied over the year.

I look forward to our discussions in 2018 and encourage any member who would like to join us. We would certainly be very happy for your contribution and your friendship and I can be contacted by email: wmccallum@iinet.net.au

Wendy McCallum
Convenor of Thursday Book Club
October 2017

Graduate Women (WA) Inc.
Annual General Meeting
25 October 2017
7pm
St Catherine's College
Agenda

1. Constitution of Meeting and apologies
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
3. Business Arising
4. Reports
 - 4.1 President
 - 4.2 Secretary
 - 4.3 Treasurer – report and acceptance of Audited Financial Statements
5. Other reports
 - 5.1 Jaya Dantas, CIR
6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2016/2017
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Other matters of which notice has been given
9. Thanks and Close



Graduate Women WA
Graduate Women (WA) Inc.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Graduate Women (WA) Inc held on Tuesday 25 October, 2016

1.Present: J. Jones (Chair), L. Abbott, M. Giles, D.W. Collin, R. Carroll, R. Wong, A. Kennedy, A. Hayden, B. Robbins, H. Silbert, K. Evans, R. Chance, H. Charlesworth, J. Mills, R. Taylor, F. Farrelly, K. Wright, C. van der Westhuizen (8.15pm)

Apologies: T. Todd, L. Cala, A. Ciffolilli, B. Thiele, M. Brown, W. McCallum, J. Dantas, K. Wood, J. Boujos, L. Gillon

In attendance: K. Bothwell (minutes)

The meeting was opened at 7.05pm by Jenny Jones.

2.Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 – copies of these had been circulated in the October 2016 Newsletter.

Moved: D.W. Collin
Seconded: H. Charlesworth
Carried

3. Business Arising:

4.Reports:

4.1 President: Jenny Jones presented her annual report, which had also been circulated to all members by email prior to the meeting. Jenny added to her report that she had received a written report from our representative to St Catherine's College, Ruth Taylor, today reporting on the recent decision of the College to change from a Council to a Board. This was discussed by those present and the following motions were proposed and carried.

It was moved D.W. Collin, seconded R. Carroll that:
the Annual General Meeting receive with regret the information reported by Ruth Taylor, the Representative of Graduate Women (WA) Inc (GWWA) on St. Catherine' College Council, now Board, of St. Catherine's, that GWWA would no longer be represented on the Board.

It was further moved D.W. Collin, seconded R. Carroll that:

this Meeting expresses the hope that interaction between St. Catherine's College and GWWA Inc would, nevertheless, continue and thrive to the benefit of both institutions and to associated students; and

this Meeting requests the Board of the College to ensure that present and future members of the Board, Fellows, staff and students of the College are fully cognisant of the history of the College's foundation and in particular that the Western Australian Association of University Women (the progenitrix of GWWA) was entirely responsible in 1923 for the idea of establishing a women's college, for the first subscription list and for prosecuting the cause widely and persistently through many setbacks unto fruition.

ACTION: J. Jones to send a letter to St Catherine's College acknowledging the changes and expressing a desire to have regular communication from the College. (Active relationship building)

Moved from the Chair that the President's Report be accepted.
Carried

4.2 Secretary: as circulated in the October 2016 Newsletter.

Moved: by J. Jones in the Chair
Carried

J. Jones thanked Rhoda Chance for stepping into the role during the year, with the assistance of Karen Bothwell.

4.3 Treasurer: report tabled and presented by J. Jones.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the statement of Profit & Loss was missing in the Newsletter, but it was displayed at the meeting for members present to see.

The Treasurer, Chinelle van der Westhuizen, joined the meeting late and was able to answer a few questions of members.

The amount of \$30,796 for Other Expenses was queried, and the Treasurer will find the answer to this and inform members at a later date.

It was moved by D. W. Collin that the circulated Treasurer's Report and the audited balance sheets be accepted.

Moved: D.W. Collin

Seconded: M. Giles

Carried

5. Other Reports: as circulated in the October 2016 Newsletter.

5.1 Jaya Dantas, CIR (GWI conference) – written report in the AGM newsletter.

5.2 Curious Minds Project – Jasmine Lamb

J. Lamb spoke to members present about the Project that is operated by the Science Innovation Council, and is for Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. It offers the opportunity for 52 high school students to attend a Science camp for two weeks, and it is held at a different Australia University annually. GWWA made a donation to two participants in 2015 and plans to do the same in 2016.

Moved from the Chair that all other reports be accepted.

Carried

6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2016/2017

Jenny Jones declared all positions vacant, presented written nominations received to date and called for further nominations from the floor. H. Charlesworth stepped into the position of Chair while nominations for the role of President were called for.

The following were elected by acclamation:

President: Jenny Jones

Proposed: H. Silbert

Seconded: L. Abbott

Carried

Vice Presidents (2): Helen Charlesworth and 1 Vacant

Moved: R. Carroll

Seconded: A. Hayden

Carried

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Chinelle van der Westhuizen

Assistant Treasurer: Vacant

Newsletter Editor: Vacant

General Committee: Judith McLean, Jaya Dantas, Wendy McCallum, Rhoda Chance, Felicity Farrelly

Moved: J. Jones

Seconded: L. Abbott
Carried

7. Appointment of Auditor:

On the recommendation of the Treasurer it was moved that Dry Kirkness be appointed as auditors to the Association for the year 2016/2017.

Moved: C. van der Westhuizen

Seconded: L. Abbott

Carried

8. Other matters of which notice has been given

8.1 Appointment of new Trustee for GW WA Education Trust - Lyn Abbott, Chair of the GWWA Education Trust addressed the meeting and proposed Rachel Wong be appointed a new Trustee.

Moved: M. Giles

Seconded: J. Jones

Carried

8.2 Business Arising from the GWWA Committee: A nomination for Life Membership –

Jenny Jones put forward a motion of Alison Hayden as a new Life Member of GW WA, and read the citation.

Moved by the Chair and carried with acclamation.

9. Meeting closed: 8.35pm

GW WA Education Trust Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 24 October 2017

7pm

St Catherine's College

Agenda

1. Welcome and Constitution of the Annual General Meeting
 2. Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting for confirmation
 3. Business Arising from Minutes
 4. Reports
 - 4.1 Annual Report of the Trust
 - 4.2 Auditor's Report
 5. Other business of which due notice has been given.
 6. Close
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GW WA Inc. Education Trust Annual Report 2017

2017 ANNUAL REPORT GWWA EDUCATION TRUST

I have pleasure in presenting the 2017 Annual Report of the GWWA Education Trust on behalf of the Trustees. The Trustees are Lynette Abbott (Chair), Jocelyne Boujos, Dorothy Collin, Loreena Gillon, Brenda Robbins, Beverly Thiele, Patricia Todd and Rachel Wong.

1. Trust Meetings

The Trustees met twice since the 2016 AGM, on 6th March 2017 and 17th August 2017.

The Trustees also resolved a number of matters by email including resolutions relating to the management of fixed term deposits with UniBank.

The GWWA Honorary Treasurer, Chinelle van der Westhuizen, was invited to attend Trust meetings and her attendance has been appreciated when this was possible.

2. Reporting requirements

The Trust Deed states that there shall be an AGM at which the Trustees report on the affairs and operations of the Trust and present the audited financial statements. Members are receiving this Report in the Special AGM Newsletter of GWWA.

Dry Kirkness was reappointed Auditor for GWWA and hence for the Education Trust for 2016-17. Audited copies of the Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements for the Bursary Fund and the Scholarship Fund will be tabled at the Trust AGM.

Following its establishment the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission has required an annual report. Loreena Gillon has taken responsibility for this task.

3. Financial

The prime responsibility of the Trustees is the investment and distribution of the Trust Funds.

1.1. Investment

The majority of Bursary Fund continues to be managed by UWA according to its fluctuation model designed to counteract market volatility, with some funds being held in term deposits at UniBank. The UWA Senate adopted an Investment Policy in 2015 and this is currently undergoing a planned review. The 2015 Policy can be read on the UWA website. The Trustees receive from UWA a financial statement early in each new year that refers to the previous calendar year. In the calendar year 2016, funds in the Long Term Pool returned a total yield of 8.20%. The Short Term Pool yielded 3.48%.

Funds invested in term deposits with UniBank offer everyday access, some diversity and stable capital. They are managed to achieve the best available rates in a low and still declining interest rate environment. Scholarship (i.e. DGR) Fund investments are in UniBank term deposits as they are a very small proportion of total investments.

1.2. Distribution

The Trustees met in March 2017 following receipt of the annual report from UWA on the calendar year 2016 and reviewed the Trust investments and income. They resolved that \$9,000 be disbursed from the Bursaries Fund, \$6,000 over two years from the Leah Jane Cohen Fund and \$10,500 from the Scholarship Fund. They made recommendations to GWWA as to how these sums might be allocated, which were accepted.

1.3. Acquittals by award winners

Bursaries and Scholarships are advertised as 'up to' a specific amount. Applicants are required to provide a detailed budget and, by 30 June in the year following the award, to provide an acquittal with receipts or other evidence. This may result in a refund to the Trust.

1.4. Donations from GWWA and members in 2015-2016

The Trust was especially delighted to receive from GWWA a welcome donation of \$6,000 for the Bursary Fund; donations to the Bursary Fund provide the kind of bursary most sought. In the early months of 2017, GWWA donated \$12,000 to the Scholarship Fund, which sum is a tax deductible item in GWWA's tax return. The term 'donation' is required by the auditor although at least one Trustee thinks that between two symbiotic organisations the term 'transfer' would be more appropriate. In the financial year 2016-2017, individual members donated \$310 for Scholarships and \$480 for Bursaries, which sums were transferred to the Trust's accounts in October 2016. Regrettably the names of the donors were not conveyed to the Trust and the Trust owes a deep apology to those donors, particularly to those who donated to the DGR fund, that they did not receive a receipt within the relevant tax year. The Hon. Treasurer of GWWA is arranging a virtual notice for 'how to handle donations' in the absence of a permanent GWWA office. Donors to the DGR Fund have received receipts. Receipts for donations for bursaries will be available as soon as the GWWA financial papers are returned from the auditor.

2. Bursaries and Scholarships

2.1. Overview

To remind members of the significance of our terminology: the Scholarship Fund holds donations received from any source and they are tax deductible in favour of the donor. This Fund is subject to ATO Scholarship Category regulations, which permit awards only to Australian citizens or Permanent Residents and prohibit expenditure overseas except in the narrowest of circumstances. The ATO expects these funds to be regularly disbursed, not capitalised. The Bursary Fund is a short convenient title for the accumulation of bequests, memorial appeals, donations and, formerly, regalia hire profits built up over many decades which the Trustees may grant to 'women of any age who [...] are considered worthy secondary or tertiary scholars by the Trustee' (see Deed, Definitions). This openness reciprocates offers of various awards made by affiliates of Graduate Women International (formerly IFUW) in USA, France, Britain, India, South Africa and Switzerland, which are available to our own members and have been received by members in WA in the past.

2.2. Bursaries and Scholarships awarded in 2017

Sixty-nine applications were adjudged by an Assessment Panel with Trustee Patricia Todd as Convener and Chair. The following recommendations were submitted to the Trustees to check for compliance with regulations and thereafter to GWWA Committee for endorsement.

GWWA Open Scholarship to Linda Wijaya (\$2,995.50)
GWWA Mary and Elsie Stevens Scholarship to Maria Kuznetsova (\$2,400)
GWWA Jill Bradshaw Scholarship to India Dilkes-Hall (\$3,500)
GWWA Foundation Bursary to Valeria Senigaglia (\$2,900)
Joyce Riley Bursary to Laura McLaughlin Engfors (\$2,450)
Mary Walters Bursary to Amy Prendergast (\$3,000)

The Trustees resolved that the proposals by the two applicants for the Leah Jane Cohen award were not eligible and no award was made.

The awards were presented on 21st September 2017.

3. Trust Handbook

This project has had an elephantine gestation. It is pleasing to report that an Education Trust Handbook is now available to inform new and continuing Trustees.

4. Education Trust Records

A handlist of Education Trust records has been compiled and hard copies have been stored in the Soil Science Building (Room 1.210) at The University of Western Australia.

5. Trustee Appointments

At the 2016 GWWA AGM, Rachel Wong was elected Trustee. She has signed the appointment letter.

At the 2016 Education Trust AGM, it was resolved that the appointments of Dorothy Collin and Jocelyne Boujos as Trustees be continued for a further three years. The remaining Trustees are all within their terms of appointment and are willing to continue.

I thank all the Trustees for continuing their significant contributions throughout the year. The Trustees provide complementary expertise and this is very valuable for meeting the requirements of the Trust.



Emeritus Professor Lynette Abbott
Chair, GWWA Education Trust
4th October 2017



Graduate Women WA
Graduate Women (WA) Inc.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Graduate Women (WA) Education Trust held on Tuesday 25 October, 2016

Present: L. Abbott (Chair) J. Jones, M. Giles, D.W. Collin, R. Carroll, R. Wong, A. Kennedy, A. Hayden, B. Robbins, H. Silbert, K. Evans, R. Chance, H. Charlesworth, J. Mills, R. Taylor, F. Farrelly, K. Wright

Apologies: J. Boujos, T. Todd, L. Cala, A. Ciffolilli, B. Thiele, M. Brown, W. McCallum, J. Dantas, K. Wood, J. Boujos, L. Gillon,

In attendance: K. Bothwell (minuting)

1. Constitution of the Meeting.

The meeting was opened at 8.35 pm by the Chair, Emeritus Prof. Lynette Abbott.

2. Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes had been circulated to members in the *GWWA Newsletter* (October 2016) Vol. 54 No.1.

Moved from the Chair: that the Minutes of the 2015 AGM be confirmed.

Carried, *nem. con.*

3. Business arising

There was no business arising.

4. Reports:

- 4.1 The Annual Report of the Education Trust was presented by the Chair, Lyn Abbott. The report had been circulated to all members of GWWA in the *GWWA Newsletter* (October 2016) Vol. 54 No.1.

In speaking to her Report the Chair acknowledged the roles taken on by all seven Trustees during the year and also thanked the Treasurer of GWWA, Chinelle van der Westhuizen, for attending meetings of the Trust.

Moved from the Chair: that the Report of the Trustees be received.

Carried, *nem. con.*

4.2 Auditor's Reports

The special purpose financial statements of the Graduate Women (WA) Education Trust and of the Scholarship Fund of the GWWA Education Trust, each for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, had been audited by Dry Kirkness.

Through the courtesy of Trustee Loreena Gillon copies of relevant pages from the accounts were available to members present.

Moved Dorothy Collin, seconded Robyn Carroll:

that the Auditor's Reports be adopted.

Carried, *nem.con.*

5. Trustee Membership:

Rachel Wong had been appointed a Trustee at the just concluded Annual General Meeting of GWWA. The Chair welcomed Rachel as a Trustee and thanked all Trustees for their support over the last 12 months.

It was then moved by L. Abbott and seconded by J. Jones that Dorothy W. Collin and Jocelyne Boujos be re-appointed as Trustees for a further three years.

Carried, *nem.con.*

The President of GWWA thanked the Trustees responsible for streamlining the application process for the Bursary and Scholarships offered in 2016. The winners had been presented with their cheques on 27 September 2016.

6. Closure.

There being no other business of which due notice had been given, the Chair closed the Meeting at 8.50 pm.
