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Fellowship and Frolics— Dunsborough Area 3 Workshop

The Area 3 Workshop at Dunsborough, truly was an 'Escape to the Cape' weekend as attendees enjoyed the rolling oceanside views of the Broadwater Beach Resort and the tranquil setting of our host's houses nestled in the bush and just a short walk to the beaches of Dunsborough.

Armed with the essentials (cheese and wine) we all descended upon either the 'Groves' residence or 'Oldham' residence bright and early that Saturday morning. The workshop commenced with Area 3 fellowship at 11am, mingling with a bright happy welcoming group – all smiles.

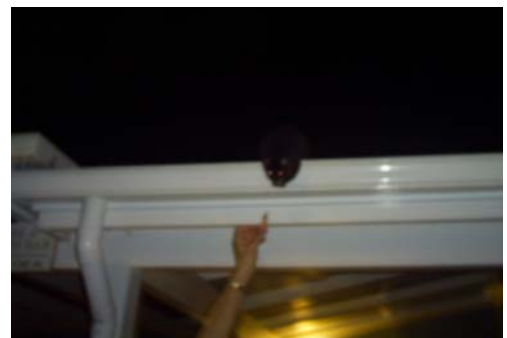
Next, with the opening and house keeping out of the way, our first energising and inspirational speaker – Helen Sewell, addressed the workshop and related a moving biography of her life, trials and tribulations and the loss of a lovely daughter, Joanna, too adolescent cancer. Her life journey and quest to improve the lives of cancer patients, particularly adolescent cancer patients, has brought her to the development and promotion of the Redkite organisation – a charitable organisation that provides vital support to children with cancer and their families. Helen is passionate and committed to reach the goal of ensuring that all children and adolescent cancer patients across Australia have access to a variety of grassroots services. It was empowering and motivational to hear Helen speak on a topic so close to her heart!

The afternoon quickly went by and then, back at the Groves' residence the pre dinner drinks commenced. This was a wonderful opportunity to settle in, kick back and relax, enjoying a lovely

selection of cheese, dips and wine in front of the fire (pictured below)!



It was hard to move after that, but the thought of missing the delicious seafood and meat bbq, soon roused the group to move back to the Broadwater Beach Resort, where a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by all (including our little furry friends that popped down from the tree-tops!).



After dinner the frolics began with the Commonwealth 'Games' in the workshop function room, teams were selected and the competition began. Many were seen around room during the evening – testing their skills – hopping, jumping, egg and spoon running and, well really – just dressing up. Of course, Sciona's team did very well and we managed to get them in winning photo (see next page) in the midst of all the fun!



Sunday morning, back at the Broadwater, we were fascinated with the presentation from the second guest speaker – Dr Samina Yasmeen on the politics of cultural exchange and interfacing of the Muslim and Western culture. Samina is an award winning teacher of world politics, diplomacy and Islam and her presentation provided an interesting insight into the media surrounding Islam and the Muslim Religion!

I can say we certainly had and experienced a wonderful ‘fellowship and frolics’ Area 3 Workshop weekend, and all congratulations must go to the Zonta Club of Dunsborough for planning and plotting a fabulous weekend.

Thank you also to Jean and Karen for so kindly accommodating the ‘Zonta mob’ at their lovely Dunsborough homes! We have come away with new friends and some wonderful ideas for the next Area 3 Workshop!



Convention Tips.....

Judy Tennant has kindly put together some useful tips to Zontians attending the Convention in June. ‘First-timers’ attending will find these tips very helpful. Here are a few of those points :

- Expect to be one of approx. 1,000 women all converging on the Convention Centre at the same time each day. It will be busy around Melbourne and you will need to allow plenty of time to get from place to place within and around the Convention Centre.

- On the first Saturday of Convention, you will notice there is a ‘first timers’ briefing. It’s a good idea to attend this, since this will provide details about protocols and how voting is carried out.
- Zonta Club of Perth will elect a delegate who will sit in the delegates area to vote on the club’s behalf. The Club will decide how we want to vote on specific issues and our delegate will carry our Club vote.
- Lunches can be pre-booked at \$15 a head at Convention. If this is not enticing, there are many venues outside for lunches, but this could be difficult if a lot of people decide to do the same thing, so check with your fellow Zontians which days they are dining in or out!!
- The district meeting for our District 23 is scheduled for the Thursday of Convention (not Saturday as the programme lists). It is an important meeting for all to attend, not only to swear in the district board but also a wonderful opportunity for meeting fellow Australian’s and enjoy fellowship with the “Aussie team”!
- The Gala Dinner will be held on the Thursday evening at which the new International Board will be sworn in. Dinner tickers are \$150—if you feel like taking the plunge!

Should you have any other questions please do e-mail Judy. Ahh— there will be much fun to be had and many people to meet, so follow the leader and make your way to convention.....





Friends of Mowanjum Open Letter # 1

News from Dr Mary Anne Jebb—Consultant Historian to Mowanjum. Mary Anne writes...

“Dear Friends,

This is the first of a series of e-mails to Friends of Mowanjum. This group is drawn from people who have expressed an interest in assisting Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunambal people to benefit from the production and reproduction of their cultural and artistic materials. It is likely that you will receive only occasional emails, but if you would prefer not to be part of a group posting just let me know. Conversely, if you would like to add someone to this list please feel free to pass it on, as it will remain an open letter. For the time being it is generated by me at (maryanne@allbrookjebb.com.au) as part of my role to assist Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunambal peoples of Mowanjum with the cultural and historical interpretation of the new Art and Culture Centre.

One of the big issues to date is the lack of historical objects and materials accessible to the community and available for display, as so many of Mowanjum's art pieces have been sold, exchanged or gifted to people and institutions outside the Kimberley. A process of restoration and repatriation of historical cultural materials is underway, greatly assisted by people like Dr Valda Blundell who has, for some years, been working on a repatriation project with Mowanjum people called 'The Family History Digital Database', Caleb Guy, who has donated valuable and important objects created by the deceased artist Jack Wherra, Rein Van Der Ruit, who has scanned his historical images and sent them to Mowanjum, Kim Akerman, Ian Crawford, Peppe Cummins, the Watts family, the Blythe family, Kim Doohan who has donated Idriess books, Paul Lane and others (who will be formally thanked in future newsletters). However, there is a continuing loss of cultural materials from the region and from the families who created them.

Boab Nut Carving Competition

Late last year MASWAC (Mowanjum Artists Spirit of the Wandjina) decided to sponsor and organise an annual boab nut carving competition to raise the profile of local carvers and to provide a means to recognize this unique and beautiful art form. It is felt that too many experienced boab nut artists continued to sell their work in an ad hoc manner, sometimes for as little as \$15 for a piece that is unique and had taken days to produce. The competition will provide a focus for artists to sell pieces of their work, and provide a means to have their talents more widely recognized. MASWAC will also buy some of the best for the community to keep for their families in their new art and culture centre. The competition will be open to everyone who hand-carves boab nuts (no electrical devices). There will be two categories - (Open) over 21 and (junior) under 21 with male and female prize winners in each of them. MASWAC is hoping to provide worthwhile cash prizes for first and second in each category, as well as paying each of the winners for their boab nuts, so that they can be displayed in the new art and culture centre boab nut carving display, and become part of the art and culture centre permanent collection. Entry will be \$2.00. The entries will be displayed and winners announced at the Mowanjum Festival on July 5th. The competition has not been officially announced - we await confirmation of prizes and judges. MASWAC has requested that there be 3 or 4 judges; Carol Martin, Mark Kraljevich (Derby TAFE Art Lecturer) Kim Akerman and the chair of the Nyigina Working Group will be the first to be asked.

We are looking for prizes for the winners. Please let me know or Mark Norval if you have any ideas or would like to contribute as a sponsor, or donate toward a cash prize or purchase. Donations can be tax deductible.

Other assistance could be useful - like helping to produce a poster or application forms. MASWAC has already contributed \$500 toward buying the winners' carvings and the Mowanjum store has also donated a \$50 store voucher for a prize. This is just the beginning.

Regards

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Highlights of March...

Zonta Club of Perth Meeting

The dinner meeting of March 9th had special guest, Wiggy Saunders, at this meeting. Wiggy has been instrumental in the development of the LunchBox List series of seminars designed to help school students mix with professional women and shared at the meeting the importance of mentoring young women.

Margaret Medcalf, Zonta International archivist and one of the club's charter members celebrated her 80th Birthday on the 26th of March. Club members celebrated the event with Margaret at the March dinner meeting. Judy Tennant gave a lovely speech with a toast (pictured below) and a



present—a framed photo of Pansy painting Margaret's face in traditional Mowanjum style.

Dessert was a huge birthday cake (pictured to the right) and the club sang happy birthday. A humorous Powerpoint was also presented, which included almost every photo from the club archives which Margaret had archived. This caused some amusement, with every photo containing an arrow pointing her out in the crowd!

Diary Dates

6 April—Zonta Club of Perth AGM, UWA Club

Come and enjoy a sumptuous meal at the special AGM changeover dinner on Thursday 6 April, 6.15pm for 6.45pm start. RSVP to Sharee van den Berg ph 9457 7591.

16 May—Bridge Day, a fundraising event in support of the Zonta House Refuge Assoc Inc.

Come and support this fantastic fundraiser which includes a champagne & finger food lunch at the Melville Bridge Club Inc., cnr Canning Hwy & Simpson St, Applecross, 10am. Book your tables before May 13th, tickets are only \$20.00 p/p and there are some great prizes to be won. For more information phone Gwen Bull ph 9244 8252 or Annette Chivers ph 9364 8028.

24 June—Fund Raising Bridge Day, Dunsborough

Come and enjoy prizes and raffles at this Bridge Day planned at the Naturaliste Community Centre, Dunsborough Lakes 10am-5pm, which includes lunch. All proceeds raised go towards the Busselton Hospice and international projects to support victims of domestic violence. Contact Jane Moulden for tickets ph 9756 7752.

24-29 June—Zonta International Call to Convention, Melbourne

Visit the Convention website for the latest news and up to date information: www.zonta2006.com



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