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Official Opening additional Zonta Houses



The front of the two duplexes with their lovely landscaped gardens.

On Tuesday 20th July, the Hon Nick Griffiths, MLC, Minister for Housing and Works officially opened two new Zonta House Refuge Association houses in Brentwood.

The event was attended by about 60 people including representatives from the Department of Housing and Works (Homeswest), Zonta Club of Perth and Perth Northern Suburbs.

It was an overcast day with scattered showers, so guests were grateful for the shelter provided by the marquee that had been constructed in the back garden of one of the units.

The Hon Nick Griffiths unveiled two plaques which will be hung in the units identifying them as the "Di Annear Cottages".

The modern adjoining two-bedroom duplexes are located in Brentwood. Guests were invited to have a good look round the units before they are occupied. (New tenants were moving in the following day).

Outside the gardens are landscaped and have reticulated gardens and kerbing to make maintenance as easy as possible.

Inside, the houses are well appointed with fitted kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms.

Our club helps to finance the fit out of houses such as these through the donation of funds for the gas heaters, washing machines and refrigerators.

The units have been fitted with curtains, floor coverings and towels. One unit has a 'green' theme, the other a 'blue' theme. The bedrooms are completed with quilts on the bed apparently made by Barbara-Dene Jones' aunt. The quilts look great and give the bedrooms a 'homely' touch.

The event also marked the official farewell to Di Annear who had been the Zonta House Refuge Association Director for over 20 years. In her farewell speech, Di recounted some of her interesting experiences, which included finding a horse for one client to look after!



L-r Mr Greg Joyce, Director General, Department of Housing and Works; Hon Nick Griffiths; Di Annear in front of plaques.

Di also introduced Val Abery (left) who will be taking over her role at the refuge.



The event was catered and guests were provided with a light lunch of various finger foods provided through the



Many guests gathered in the garden and the marquee for the formal opening.



Guests admire the quilts on the beds.

(Marg Giles in centre, Anita Sutton from Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs on right).

Department of Housing and Works by a commercial caterer. The ambience of the event was very friendly and the houses were suitably 'christened' with laughter and friendship.

Three members from our club attended the event Marg Giles, who is on the board of the Zonta House Refuge Association, Val Abery, the new Director of the Refuge and Carole Theobald, who was representing our club president Karen Groves.



Fish 'n' Chips at Cicerellos!

On Sunday 1st August, Yvonne Burgu had arranged for us to meet with three Ngarinyin girls who board at St Brigid's College in Lesmurdie.

Sister Frances kindly brought the girls to Wendy's house in Fremantle: Roxanne is Yvonne's brother's granddaughter, Aneka is Gilgi's granddaughter and Jacqueline calls Yvonne 'auntie'. Roxanne and Aneka are in year 10 and Jacqueline is in year 9.

Wendy had made a big pot of soup to warm us up on this wet and windy day and we made introductions before we walked round the corner to Cicerellos.

Zonta Club representatives included Marilyn Piper, Wendy (and Dudley) MacGibbon, Sciona Browne, Lyn (and Geoff) McArthur, Carole (and David) Theobald, Freda Jacob (and Hal), Lennie McCall, Margaret Medcalf and Mary Gurgone.



Sciona Browne, Hal and Sister Frances

Cicerello's was heaving with people - so we were glad that Lennie and Margaret had gone on ahead to save some tables. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their fish and chips, though like most of us, were defeated by the portion sizes!

Over lunch we discussed the various movies on in Fremantle and Sciona was going to take them to see a film. Sciona tried to get them to see *Touching the Void*, a film about two mountain climbers where one has to cut the rope of the other to survive. Freda thought it was a great film too!

However, the girls could not be swayed the true life drama was no match in their eyes for the sizzle of *King Arthur*!

The girls kindly wrote their names and small pictures on a set of clapping sticks and Yvonne showed us the photographs she had taken in Geneva.

After lunch we returned to Wendy's for a cup of tea (and cake!) before going our separate ways.

Special thanks to Wendy and Dudley for being wonderful hosts - they gave us all such a warm welcome in their lovely home.



*Jacqueline, Aneka, Roxanne; Lennie McCall behind.
Below: Yvonne tucks into her fish and chips*



Tea and cake at Wendy's after lunch

Photos of the banners painted for the UN



Sharing time with friends ...

As you are aware, Yvonne Burgu and Jessica returned from their travels to the UN in Geneva recently. The club arranged a number of activities in Perth for Yvonne's stay.

Club members went along to the opening of the art exhibition on Saturday 31st July at Fremantle Arts Centre and the fish and chip lunch on Sunday 1st August. There were many other get-togethers and Sciona Browne and Wendy MacGibbon did a great job co-ordinating many activities.

Lennie was involved in taking our new friends shopping to Belmont Forum and Freda hosted them for day. There was also a dinner at the Roma in Fremantle one night.

Thanks to everyone for making their stay such fun.

Art Show

Over the Top is the name of an art exhibition at the Fremantle Arts Centre between 31st July and 29th August. It features the works nine indigenous women from across the north of WA, including Lucy Ward whom we had the privilege of camping with on the Gibb River adventure. According the flyer at the exhibition, " Each woman has a distinct and dynamic style and the repetitive nature of their imagery may suggest a fairly obsessive way of working. Some of them are quite naive and raw...the exhibition looks at how and why an artist might paint the same thing over and over."

It was fascinating to see 10 of Ruby Packsaddles work's all hung together - each one the same yet so different! Lucy had eleven works on show the main theme being sugar bag, which was not surprising given how much she likes it! The works are in the main gallery and hall areas. A second exhibition featuring the works of indigenous artists from Arnhem Land was in a second gallery.

Yvonne Burgu, Sciona Browne, Wendy MacGibbon, Marg Giles and Carole Theobald all attended the formal opening of the exhibition, after which we went to the Little Creatures Brewery for a pizza or two! A great afternoon. If you get chance, nip down to Fremantle to see the exhibition - it is well worth a visit.



Lucy's Wards paintings being admired at Fremantle Arts Centre by Margaret Giles and Wendy MacGibbon.





DIARY DATES AT A GLANCE



On the lighter
side....

NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY, 17TH AUGUST 2004

4 CAMELIA STREET, NORTH PERTH

6.00PM TO 7.30PM

All members are welcome to bring guests who are interested in finding out more about Zonta and membership to our Club

RSVP to Lori Grech by 15th August.

EXHIBITION OF INDIGENOUS ART

Open from 10 to 5 everyday until 29 August

Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle

Art from the artists across the north of Western Australia

Also includes paintings by Lucy Ward who we spent some time with in Gibb River

PERTH NORTHERN SUBURBS FILM

NIGHT: 29TH AUGUST

The Life and Death of Peter Sellers. Champagne and eats from 6pm, film starts 6.30pm. Tickets available from Jean on 9246 5912 or email wydervision@tpg.com.au

AREA 3 FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER:

SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2004

HOSTED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH

Convenor, Barbara-Dene Jones, has this event well under control.

Details will be released after confirmation by Area Director Nan Martella.

Quotable quotes

- Remember, Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, but backwards and in high heels. ~Faith Whittlesey
- I refuse to believe that trading recipes is silly. Tunafish casserole is at least as real as corporate stock. ~Barbara Grizzuti Harrison
- Some of us are becoming the men we wanted to marry. ~Gloria Steinem
- It starts when you sink in his arms and ends with your arms in his sink. ~Author Unknown
- The reason there are so few female politicians is that it is too much trouble to put makeup on two faces. ~Maureen Murphy
- A male gynaecologist is like an auto mechanic who has never owned a car. ~Carrie Snow
- Be to her virtues very kind,
Be to her faults a little blind.
~Matthew Prior

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<http://members.powerdsl.com.au/theobald/index.htm>