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# An inspirational woman— Yvonne Burgu

*Carole Theobald*

*Joan Kirner, former premier of Victoria, once said "Amazing things happen when women get together to help women...". In the last two weeks I have experienced exactly what she means...*

Imagine this situation—your local shop has closed, the nearest store is two hours away along unsealed roads that require you to drive through rivers that are impassable in the wet season. Your community of 70 people has two vehicles—one is a two wheel drive that cannot cross rivers and the other an old four wheel drive has engine problems and cannot be fixed.

The rains are coming and your subsistence community will rely once more on accessing traditional hunting grounds to survive—but you have no vehicle to get there.

Yvonne Burgu and her friend Kathy Charlesworth (visiting from the city) were sat under a tree five weeks ago in the Kimberley discussing this very predicament. They decided to do something about it. They would hold an art exhibition and sell the art to buy a second hand four wheel drive.

They didn't want handouts, but what they lacked in financial support they more than made up for in artistic talent, guts, determination and courage.

And of course, this year they had that something extra that made it all possible—friends in the city that could help them.

Can you imagine putting every cent you had into buying fuel, paints and canvasses. This is what Yvonne did.

Kathy, Yvonne and Yvonne's grand-daughter Rebecca Wunggundun aged 9 (Becky Boo) drove down to Perth in Kathy's little car to achieve the dream of a second hand four wheel drive for the community.

Using Kathy's small Fremantle flat as a base,



*Yvonne Burgu and her granddaughter Rebecca Wunggundun (9) at the entrance to Yvonne's first*

Yvonne painted her heart out over a period of four weeks, (living on pot noodles so I found out later!).

Yvonne is an internationally recognised artist—her work has been displayed at the United Nations in Geneva and also hangs in the Australian Embassy in Paris—but she has never had her own exhibition.

While Yvonne was painting, Kathy asked 'Zonta mob' and Mary Anne Jebb for help to give her ideas to progress the project.

Yvonne was creating the paintings, but how would we sell them? We needed a venue to display them, an audience to view them and most importantly buyers to buy them!

Kathy, Yvonne, Sciona Browne, Mary Anne Jebb, Karen Groves and I emailed and telephoned daily to discuss ways of overcoming each hurdle presented by Kathy!

Mary Anne Jebb's parents, Dr Malcolm and Ailsa Smith, kindly offered a vacant shop that was currently between tenants adjacent to their home in Claremont. The small shop was perfect for a mini art gallery. The whitewashed walls and wooden floorboards presented a simple



The gallery was perfect! Sciona, Kathy, Yvonne and my mother Betty Finlay, take a break outside...

uncomplicated backdrop to display the art. They also allowed us to use a courtyard in the front of their house for the 'launch party'.

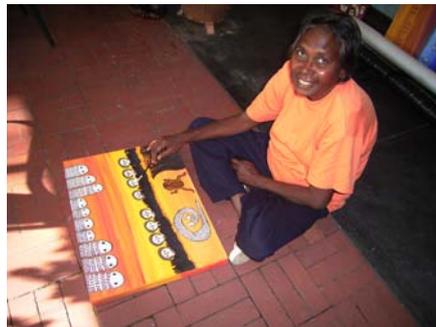
How do you access people when you have no money to advertise? You have to create news or use email! Creating news was where Kathy played a blinder!

Kathy emailed Yvonne's story to a freelance journalist friend, Sue Emmett, who placed an article in the Fremantle Gazette and another friend, Eloise Dortch, from the West Australian. The West picked up the article and well known photographer, Nic Ellis came down to the gallery and took a magnificent photo that featured in a half page spread on October 28 (page 36).

Kathy was delighted when she saw the final article as it also featured a photo she had taken in the Kimberley of BeckyBoo Tataya Jr. Kathy has always admired Nic Ellis' photography and it gave her a 'big kick' to see her name next to his beneath the photos!

Behind the scenes, we needed photos of all the paintings so that electronic flyers, posters and programs could be made.

One afternoon, Kathy and Yvonne came round to my house and we had a great time taking photos of Yvonne and her canvasses in the patio.



Impromptu photo session on Carole's patio

Some of the canvasses were so large we had to lay them out on a sheet on the floor and my husband, David, climbed a step ladder and precariously leaned over to take the photos. Kathy and I held on to his legs and trouser belt to prevent him falling! The photos were immediately downloaded onto the computer and re-taken where necessary! Over the next few days, I hit the computer and created a few versions of an electronic flyer using

photos from our 'photo session' and our club's trip last year.

Yvonne had the final say on her preferred theme and layout and slowly a range of publications were designed and 'positioned' to this style. Publications included the electronic flyer, a program/price list, stories of the paintings, posters for the shop window and business cards (including a yahoo email address) for Yvonne!

The electronic flyer was emailed to the Zonta Club of Perth members and the Presidents of the other Zonta Clubs in WA.

Members were encouraged to email the flyer through their own networks and I must admit that I hit my own electronic address book hard!

Sciona, Mary Anne and I found that we worked very well together.

I would do the 'computer', Mary Anne the 'culture' and Sciona the 'cash'!



Mary Anne Jebb and Sciona Browne discuss exhibition progress

Sciona was very successful at obtaining a host of sponsors to support the exhibition.

The sponsors provided wines and beers for the 'launch' and advertised the exhibition through their own networks. Their role in this project cannot be underestimated!

Dr Mary Anne Jebb, was our cultural advisor and was wonderful. She had been in the Kimberley a few weeks previously in her role as curator of the newly created Mowanjium Art Centre. Mary Anne has worked with the Ngarinyin people for many years and understands the stories behind their art.

While Sciona was hanging the paintings, Yvonne described the stories behind them to Mary Anne who typed each story into her laptop. Mary Anne explained to me



Yvonne's story inspired journalists from the West Australian (28/10/05) and Fremantle Gazette (27/10/05). The West acknowledged that 'Members of the women's organisation Zonta Perth, who formed a relationship with the Ngarinyin women after a visit to Gibb last year helped organise the exhibition.'



that the Ngarinyin language is not a written language, so you have to find the best way to represent the sounds using the alphabet. There was quite a lot of debate on the pronunciation and spelling of the word we eventually spelt as Nyalanggunda. I had never thought about this before and it explained why I have seen words that sound the same spelt differently in books about the Kimberley! I then transferred the stories onto cards displayed next to the paintings and onto certificates.

The gallery looked great—the paintings filled the space without being crowded and in the windows we placed posters, a 'blow up' of the West Australian article together with the flip file containing the Ngarinyin Powerpoint Presentation that Karen presented at the District 23 conference and Zonta leaflets.

There were also books containing photos of the original cave paintings. Seeing photos of the area I am sure helped to sell some of the paintings. Our club painting was proudly on display in the window and our Wandjina cards available for sale.

The launch was held on Friday night—Yvonne's birthday! Karen Groves gave Yvonne a lovely flower arrangement for her birthday and to wish her luck for the show. I suspect the best gift Yvonne had, was the gift of friendship displayed by so many of the members of our club.

Sciona Browne MC'd the 'launch' event very capably. She introduced Mr Phil Narkle, respected Noongar artist, who formally welcomed Yvonne to his land in the traditions of his people.

Sister Frances from St Brigid's College in Lesmurdie provided a beautiful history of her association with Yvonne and the Gibb River. Her story was amazing and hopefully I will be able to recount it in a future Inzert. Sister Frances brought three Ngarinyin girls to the launch and also showed us a beautiful wooden spear thrower that Yvonne had carved and painted for the school a few years before.

Mary Anne Jebb held the group of approximately 60 entranced as, on behalf of



Sciona, Sister Frances and Phil Narkle

Yvonne, she related the Nyalanggunda and Wanalirri stories behind the paintings and the characters in them: brolgas, turtles, lizards and owls and how they are all under the watchful eye of the Wandjina. Around us we could feel the watchful eyes of the Wandjina as every painting contained their image. For a moment we were transported to the Kimberley...

At the end of the formal ceremonies, guests were invited to the courtyard next door for refreshments.

Freda Jacob, Marg Giles, Marilyn Piper, Jean Oldham and Wendy MacGibbon were among the members to bring plates of cheese and nibbles to accompany the donated wine and beer. Together with Sciona's friend Jess they competently managed the catering, making sure guests had beer, wine, soft drinks and food. They cleared up as required and did a great job.

Many other Zontians and partners attended the launch including Lyn and Geoff McArthur, John Oldham, Hal Finkelstein, Dudley McGibbon, David Theobald, Judy Tennant and Sandy McGregor. The atmosphere at the launch was warm, friendly and very special.

The exhibition was very successful over the weekend with 10 of the 14 paintings being sold. Other Zontians visited the exhibition including Lori Grech and Maria



The guests were enthralled with the stories of the paintings.

Franchina. Lori and Jean were among the lucky purchasers to secure these popular works. We are sure they got a bargain—the works are unique and will definitely increase in value!

Sciona was great at talking with people and following through on the sale administration. She also helped Yvonne sort out tax and budget etc.

We were also able to spread the word about Zonta and many visitors were fascinated to see the flip book of the trip and took Zonta brochures. The Wandjina

cards were also on display and quite a few of these were sold to visitors to the exhibition.

The exhibition was opened for two hours each day during the week and on Thursday 3rd November, buyers were invited to collect their paintings at a special smoking ceremony.

In the Kimberley you are normally 'smoked in' and 'smoked out' of the areas that have paintings—so through this exercise Yvonne was able to follow her traditions and share them with the new owners of the paintings.



Yvonne preparing for smoking ceremony and Jess 'smokes' one of the paintings.

(I carried the club painting through the smoke so it too is now culturally complete.)

During the week, I have had the chance to talk a lot with Yvonne, Becky Boo and Kathy and get to know them better. Food and fuel are so expensive and employment opportunities so few up there that it is practically impossible to break out of the poverty cycle. Yvonne is committed to helping the community become more self-sufficient and she actively encourages the young people to paint. Kathy showed me photos of some of their works and they are super. Perhaps in the future we could do something to encourage these 'emerging artists'?

In the interim, if any members have any household items or clothing they could donate to the community, please bring them to the next meeting.

For, thanks to a little help from her friends, Yvonne will have a vehicle to carry any donations back to her community!

If you would like to receive information about the remaining paintings please contact

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# Birthing Kit Workshop

**Deborah Hegarty**

On the morning of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2005, in a short three and a half hours, Zontians and friends participating in the workshop assembled 1,000 birthing kits.



*Marilyn Piper, Anne-Marie McNaughton and Simone Schloe fold the large black plastic sheets into the small bags—not an easy job!*

These kits are destined for Vietnam. The last 1,000 kits we assembled in June were sent to New Guinea.

For me this is a very humbling experience, as for very little effort by all involved the result is a happy morning of fellowship with the tea coffee and cakes flowing. The difference in the lives of the mothers, children and families who benefit is immeasurable.

So many people contribute to the success of such an endeavor knowing so little of the ultimate impact.



*All participants 'sign in' so the total time contributed by volunteers can be reported to AusAID as part of the funding arrangements.*

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills has developed a very simple procedure to administer the complex collation process.

Instructions of how, when and where are so expertly put together that the assembly day and the follow-up postage etc happens effortlessly.

I welcome this opportunity to congratulate the Birthing Kit Coordinators of the Adelaide Hills Club and the organizations who donate the content for the kits. In particular I thank our own Commonwealth Government through the AusAID grant to underwrite the postage which is a large component of the overall cost. Each kit costs 70c and the postage for each kit is around 70c.

The venue for our recent workshop was the Parish Hall at St Pius X Catholic Church in Manning.



*The venue was excellent—spacious, light, airy and the servery was put to good use for morning tea!*

Father and Anne Armstrong at the Parish office welcomed us with open arms and have offered the facilities for other workshop we may have. My sincere thanks to their generosity and support

The generosity and support continued when I telephoned 'Wridgeways The Removalists' requesting to purchase some boxes for packaging the kits for postage.



*Deb Hegarty (standing) makes sure that Sciona Browne and Judy Tennant are kept supplied with gloves, scalpel blades, gauze, soap and string.*

Packing boxes are not available for sale to the general public however when the General Manager Mr Rob Sims heard of the purpose the boxes were required, offered unconditionally to donate as many boxes as we needed, with the same offer for any other workshop that our Zonta Club undertakes.

I feel honoured to be part of this great project and appreciate the support of club members to make the outcome so positive. 30 Zontians and friends were either involved on the day or provided morning tea. Special thanks to Marilyn Piper, my partner in getting it all happening, whose enthusiasm and support is fantastic.

So everyone in the process gets a gold star and a big thank you.



*Helen Margaria and Mary Gurgone became the 'queens of string' measuring and cutting the string to size.*



# In the spotlight...

*Thanks to Yvonne Roberts for forwarding this snippet from the Mandurah Mail of Thursday 27th October 2005.*

## Garden is all go

THE Zonta Club Peel Region has been granted approval to establish a missing persons memorial garden after last week's Mandurah City council meeting. The garden will be at the former war memorial site just north of the Mandurah Visitor Centre and will include a yellow remembrance rose garden and a circular mosaic artwork created by the Zonta Club. Modifications will be made to the existing structure including removal of the concrete cross, flagpoles, brass circle, up light and concrete panels. The concrete bench seats, raised garden planter boxes and low walls will be retained. Ongoing maintenance of the garden will be a Mandurah City Council responsibility.



*Could gorgeous Helmut Schmidt roses grace Mandurah's Visitor's Centre soon? Take a look next time you are visiting! (The actual Zonta rose variety does not grow well in WA, so other varieties are used!)*

*Thanks to Elaine Newman from Perth Swan Hills for forwarding the snippet below via her sister Dawn! The snippet is from the Eastern Reporter of Tuesday 18th October 2005.*

## Zonta award

**LORETTA Hynes has won the \$500 Zonta Tafe Education Award.**

**The Zonta Club of Perth offers the award to women studying community service certificates at Tafe.**

**Ms Hynes hopes to complete a psychology degree after her Tafe studies.**

*Flashback—Loretta Hynes receiving her award as shown in October Inzert.*



If you find an article that may be interesting to Zonta members (or featuring a Zonta member) please forward it to the Editor!

## Are you prepared for Christmas 2005?

Snow, holly, blazing fires - these are scenes on many Christmas cards but totally unsuited to our seasons in Australia.

If you have friends and relatives overseas or need to send a corporate greeting card that is appropriate for the Christian, Jewish and Muslim festivals, why not use our own unique Wandjina greetings cards?

Did you know that, with care, the cards may be put successfully through an inkjet printer? Just remember to set the colour to 50% black so not too much ink goes onto the card as it will smudge. Give them a bit of time to dry and hey presto you have your own printed cards! (Have not tried them on laser printers yet...!) If all else fails you can use a PEN!

The similarity of the Wandjina to a snowman has not gone unnoticed....

The cards cost \$3.50 each or \$14.95 for a pack of 5. However, if you purchase 50 cards or more good savings can be made!

Fifty individually wrapped cards can be purchased for \$125 (\$2.50 each) and more savings can be made if you purchase 10 packs of 5 cards for \$100 (\$2 per card).

A bulk order form is available on the Zonta Club of Perth web site at [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au)



# Stop Press!



Kath Mazzella and Marilyn Piper

Great News! At last night's Founder's Day Dinner our own club nominee, Kath Mazzella was announced the Area 3 Woman of Achievement.

Marilyn Piper introduced Kath who touched, moved and inspired us all with her passion for raising gynaecological awareness.

Over 100 people attended the evening that was opened by a special visit from five 'founding mothers', appropriately dressed in vintage hats, fur stoles and long skirts.

Many previous Woman of Achievement recipients were among the guests. The 1986 winner, Sylvia Byers, provided a great presentation on the importance of acknowledging people and what the award had meant to her.



One of the founding 'mothers' (Dawn Newman) lights the table candles.

Well done to the Perth Northern Suburbs Club for hosting the enjoyable event. Next year's event will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Swan Hills.



**Film Fundraiser**  
*Pride and Prejudice*

**13th November,**  
**Astor Cinema, Mt Lawley**  
3pm champagne and nibbles  
4pm screening  
Tickets \$15  
From: [tricia.summerfield@dsr.wa.gov.au](mailto:tricia.summerfield@dsr.wa.gov.au)

## Diary Dates

### 10th November—Dinner Meeting, 6.15pm for 6.45pm

If you're having a clearout of household goods or clothing (men's, women's, childrens'), please bring them to the meeting as Yvonne Burgu will be able to take them back to her community on 11th November. Wandjina cards will also be on sale at the meeting, so bring your cheque book!

### 13th November—Pride and Prejudice 4pm, Astor, Mt Lawley.

Fundraiser event—great movie to sell tickets for! Please bring finger foods to accompany the champers. Extra tickets will be available at the November meeting.

### 8th December 2005—Christmas Party

Following last year's successful event, the Club Christmas Party will again be held at Mt Eliza, in King's Park. We will be remembering the ladies at the refuge—so please bring an unwrapped gift that can be used to brighten their Christmas!

### 19th February 2006—Peel Region Golf and Auction Day 8am shotgun start!

This will be the 13th Annual event. It is an Ambrose competition (so non golfers can enjoy it too!) with teams of 6. All proceeds go to breast cancer research. \$25 per person includes golf and light lunch. Nomination forms available from Pinjarra Golf Club Pro Shop 9531 2588, Lorraine Webb 0416 255 293 or Wendy Kirkby 9537 2029.

### 24-29 June 2006—International Convention, Melbourne

Georgina Costello will be among the speakers for this not-to-be-missed event. Don't miss out—book your accommodation now!

### How to tell if there is a terrorist at the airport...



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