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## The 'White Angel' goes home

*Sciona Browne, Kathy Charlesworth, Carole Theobald*

In last month's newsletter, we related the story of Yvonne Burgu from Gibb River in the Kimberley region of WA. Yvonne's community was in a desperate situation: the local shop had just closed, the wet season was fast approaching and the community would be cut off for a couple of months by the swollen bridgeless rivers. How would they get food? They had no suitable vehicle to access the nearest shop two hours away or access their traditional hunting grounds. Yvonne is a world renowned artist and community leader. Inspired by friend, Kathy Charlesworth, Yvonne decided to paint a number of artworks to sell to purchase a vehicle. When Zonta members heard about her plight, they got together and helped Yvonne stage her first solo Art Exhibition that raised enough money to purchase a vehicle. This month, we continue with the story...

The Art Exhibition was a great success! During the two weeks following the exhibition, members of the Zonta Club of Perth collected clothes and household items for Yvonne's community and Sciona went on a search for a vehicle...

### Sciona's tale of the vehicle and loading

Dennis York from Dockside Fremantle, an auto wholesaler, managed somehow, to source a 4WD Hilux (they're as scarce as hen's teeth!).

A beauty. White and as clean as a whistle; a 3 litre diesel darling with aircon, radio, norkel and spottie's (BIG, light-up-the-night-sky kind of spottie's), bull bar and tow bar. God knows who owned it last, but they kept it well and it's



*Dennis York, Becky Boo and Yvonne in front of the White Angel*

now being driven by the penultimate 'little old lady'.

Jessica spent most of the day pushing plastic bags of clothes and bedding and 'kitchen things' into small spaces under seats and behind the cabin. Then the ute-back began to fill up... rapidly!

Wendy and Dudley MacGibbon rescued a bag of ochre that would just not squeeze in and are storing it until Yvonne's next visit to town.

Becky Boo was a bit miserable. She's made a lot of friends, and none more so than Allen and Elaine Burtenshaw's three kids, Parris, Tiarn and Taylor.

These guys are the next generation of Zontians and Ngarinyins, already forming bonds and making friends. They've spent many happy hours playing together. Becky's taught those gardia kids to 'dance' and our mob have taken her out and kicked the footie along the fore-



shore, they've played on swings and roundabouts and slippery slides.

They've dressed up. They've tumbled and turned until everyone's dizzy. They've squealed and laughed and nearly made themselves sick. On Saturday they all went off to the school fete together and bought each other presents. They cried when they parted.

We can't forget to mention the man in the mix. David Theobald has been voted the 'communal' husband. David has picked up and dropped off; he's carried



*Yvonne and David Theobald take Becky Boo to the beach*

the lot, including at times the kid. He's minded and marshalled. He's pretty bloody marvellous!

We handed over to a couple of remarkable women. None of it would have happened if Kathy Charlesworth, our 'grumpy old woman', hadn't driven us all mad with her determination to make a



difference. And Yvonne, without whose wonderful art and wisdom on canvass, we would have had nothing to sell.

The numbers have been crunched, the tax accounted for and the books, balanced. The mota-car is owned and insured and on its way back to the bush.

One of Sciona's long-suffering neighbours, Richard Longley, just had to find out why Sciona had clothes, bagged and unbagged, strung from pillar to post in front of her unit and, a few minutes into 'the story', helped with a donation for fuel and the words '*That should be enough to get them up the track*'.



*The White Angel sets off from Fremantle*

This story has inspired so many, but really, it's a truly wonderful story and would could resist the fun, the fellowship and the friendships? And as an added bonus, there will be a few less hungry Gibb River mob and lots better clothed Ngarinyin mob around the Kimberely this year.

They drove off, the Hilux being driven by an old bushie with her hearing aids turned off, belting out Patsy Cline classics on the CD and a couple of happy 'Wandjina women' inside.

### ***Kathy's story - the journey north...***

Saying goodbye to everyone after the big pack-up and hand-over left Kathy driving off with Becky-Boo wailing on top note for Sciona and Carole to come with us, plus a very tearful Yvonne firmly clutching the wonderful A3 portfolio Carole had made up for her proving that the antic's of the past 6 weeks were actually a reality and not some bizarre dream.

For Kathy the 'grumpie old girl' in the story, she is just staggered by the generosity of the human spirit coming from the strangest places, but in the main, from a small group of very dedicated people who



*L-R: Carole, Sciona, Kathy, (BB and Yvonne in vehicle) and Jessica are all smiles when everything is finally squeezed into the vehicle!*

could see the window of opportunity to make a difference and came in very willingly regardless of their own professional commitments.

After staying at Kathy's son's house overnight, they departed Perth at 4.30 am with Becky-Boo now wailing for noodles and wanting to sit on Kathy's lap and help with the driving.



*B-B cleans the windows of the White Angel*



Getting out of the metro area at that time of day was fairly easy and they soon picked up speed and road signs pointed them in the direction of NW Highway via Meekatharra some 600 odd kms away.

In the beautiful sleek 'White Angel' (BB's name for the new Gibb River Hilux) it was a breeze especially with the Air Con purring away, but Kathy could have done without the wails of Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette, Slim Dusty and not to mention the Hip-Hop CD Becky Boo had conned out of her grandmother at a road house whilst Kathy was in the ladies....



Madam B-B's throne!

Madam BB sat up in the back like the queen on a pile of pillows shaded by the screens Dennis had kindly fitted and casually colored-in, in-between still wailing for noodles.

Yvonne initially was very hesitant to get behind the wheel, but eventually as the road became more and more isolated, her confidence rose. Her driving skills were just fine except during the harrowing moments of passing those monstrous road trains!

When camping at night Yvonne would follow a routine that involved grabbing the torch and, talking about King Brown snakes and asking the Old People (passed tribes) for permission to sleep on their land.

Within minutes of getting the nod of approval on a particular site the swags were off the back thanks to Sciona and Jessie's magical nautical knots, and they were soon fast asleep.

They passed from Newman to Port Hedland through the Hammersley Ranges National Park to Port Hedland. They drove on through Broome and camped at Roebuck Plains.



Thanks to Jessica's good packing—the swags were quickly unloaded!

Yvonne spotted some large Bungurra (Goanna) tracks and they were desperate to chase and get some long awaited bush tucker, but Kathy advised against it even through a bush-bash in the new car would have been great fun!

Derby was like Dante's Inferno and locals advised the creeks were already running on the other side of Mt Barnett and there were huge thunderstorms every afternoon signally the start of the 'wet'. Kathy then decided not to risk going on any further than Derby in fear of getting locked-in for the whole of the wet.

Yvonne and Becky Boo arrived safely at Gibb River, the sleek 'White Angel' being covered in red mud. They had a wonder-



Yvonne loads up while BB boils the billy

ful time distributing the Zonta goodies and a trailer load of food purchased in Derby -

the community could now survive the wet!



Yvonne, relieved and happy that her community will not starve during the wet !

Yvonne and Kathy reinforce their thanks to each and everyone of you that helped make the dream come true. An finally some words from Kathy...

*"What the future holds for the 'White Angel' is our lesson in trust and letting go of any attachment to the outcome. There is but one thing for sure, out there, a handful of very lucky people are enjoying a painting of worth and Yvonne's future as an artist of note will continue to grow alongside Yvonne's level of leadership within her community and my guess is that the latter will shine brighter than those bloody great spotties on the White Angel !"*



Yvonne with the White Angel

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

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# Film Afternoon

The Astor was a perfect venue to see a period film and I'm sure that many members were mouthing the words to the well-loved Jane Austen classic, *Pride and Prejudice*!

Everyone was welcomed at the door and invited to purchase raffle tickets and partake in refreshments. Many members brought platters of food including mediterranean dips, sandwiches, quiches and cakes. A veritable smorgasbord!

The Finance and Fundraising Committee 'manned' the bar and kept everyone supplied with wines and soft drinks.

Mary Gurgone reports that over 135 tickets were sold to see the film and the proceeds of the ticket sales and raffle will be in excess of \$1,000.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this enjoyable event!



L-R: Sciona Browne, Anne Marie McNaughton and the newlyweds, Sharee and Sebastian van den Berg help with the clear up. (Wendy MacGibbon and Maria Francina are hiding behind Sharee, but we know you are there!)

## Do you have a business?

The Hot Pepper Group is a boutique public relations firm in Adelaide that has set a target of \$250,000 to be raised for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Research Foundation.

The funds are for Dr Sally Stephenson and her work in breast and prostate cancer research.

The Hot Pepper Group is raising funds by producing and selling 'Success in a Briefcase' – an in-house workbook/kit for typical business communication and media scenarios.

The kits will be sold Australia-wide and the Hot Pepper website has more information. See [www.hotpeppergroup.com.au](http://www.hotpeppergroup.com.au)

The site has some interesting profiles of successful business women in South Australia and is well worth a look.



Have you thought about flying to Adelaide and going to Melbourne by train?

## Convention planning...

In a few weeks' we will be able to say 'this year's convention in Melbourne...!!' Time marches on quickly folks, so use some of your summer break to think about how you can live up the winter! The WORLD Convention has not been held in Australia for decades—so if you want to go to one THIS IS THE ONE TO GO TO!!!

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens is suggesting going by train from Adelaide! Here are the details to think about....

- Thursday, 22nd June, 2006. Leaves Adelaide 8.30am Arrives Melbourne 8.15pm
- Gold Kangaroo Service - this includes a compartment for four or six people, a lounge bar (complete with bubbles) for all, a 3-course lunch in the dining area and a light meal in the evening.
- Cost \$157. Discount More than 10 people - - 15% = \$133.45 p.p. If we have more than 16 people, one travels free - so we could raffle a refund on the journey (maybe 2).
- This is going to be a fun event, and a great way to start a great Convention - it will give us a relatively free day to "settle in" on the Friday, so we can hit the shops, then ZAP into gear on Saturday morning at 8.30am.
- If you are interested, contact Jill Wheatley  
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# Christmas Shopping Ideas from Zonta

## 1. Shoe Bags

(Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs)

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**SHOE BAG**  
 Expandable sturdily-made 210 denier nylon maroon shoe bag with black trim, metallic gold lettering, zipped down the middle. Expands to fit your shoes or anything else you want to carry. Ideal gift for anyone!  
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**...and Step out for Zonta!**

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**NOTE: YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN THE ORDER IS READY FOR COLLECTION/DELIVERY.**

## 2. Wandjina Cards

(Zonta Club of Perth)



### Saying it in words...

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

The A6 sized blank cards cost \$3.50 each or \$14.95 for a pack of 5. If you purchase 50 cards or more good savings can be made!

Fifty individually wrapped cards cost \$125 (\$2.50 each) and 10 packs of 5 cards cost only \$100 (\$2 per card).

**Cards can be printed with your own greeting at no extra cost.**

**For convenience, order forms for both products may be downloaded from our own club's website at [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au)**

**To end 2005 with a smile, here is the cracker of all cracker jokes!**

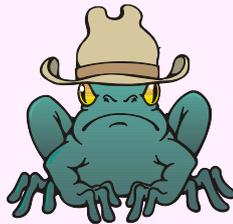


**Patricia Whack**

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.



**Kermit Jagger**

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.



The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says...



(see if you can guess before looking at the answer upside down below...)

"It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone." Merry Christmas!

**Diary Dates**

**NOTE: No club meeting in January!!**

**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!

**29th January 2006—Amelia Earhart Celebration, Royal Aero Club, Jandakot, 6pm**

Hosted by the Perth Northern Suburbs Club. There will be a delicious buffet dinner (including prawns). Come early, sit in the comfort of the air conditioned Members' Lounge with fully licensed bar and watch the aircraft take off and land. Only \$25 per person and pay on the night. RSVP by Sunday 22 January to Marion Brown, Phone 9349 5034, Mobile 0414 347 552 or Email brownm@westnet.com.au

**9th February 2006—Dinner meeting, 6.15pm**

The first meeting for 2006 will be held at The University Club with pre-dinner drinks from 6.15pm. Remember there is no club meeting in January!

**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!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
 Joyeux Noël et nouvelle année heureuse!  
 Natale allegro e nuovo anno felice!  
 Selamat Hari Natal dan Tahun Baru!

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