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## All Eyes to the Sky - Royal Aero Club, Jandakot

The sky was full with planes, large and small on Sunday 29th January 2006 at Jandakot airport as the Northern Suburbs Branch hosted the annual Amelia Earhart Celebration at the Royal Aero Club Runway Café, Jandakot.

Guests from the Northern suburbs and surrounding branches enjoyed the delicious buffet dinner in the members' lounge in celebration of the famous Amelia Earhart, the famous aviatrix who was an early Zontian.

During the evening Dawn Newman presented the series of Amelia Earhart Zonta displays and at one point in the evening all eyes were to the sky watching the water bomber light aircraft undertake practice runs for the bushfire season.

Congratulations to the Northern Suburbs branch for hosting a lovely event at such a fitting location! This year all proceeds from the celebration go to Amelia Earhart Fellowships, awarded world-wide to women studying aerospace-related science or engineering at post-graduate level. For more news on the recipients of the awards, visit the Zonta International website.



*Amelia Earhart, the famous aviatrix.*



**Acting Editor's Note:** Carole Theobald, the talented Inzert Editor is currently away working in Indonesia, all the best Carole! I will keep you all posted on news from Carole, now she has passed the Inzert editor's role to me. Please contact me on any news, articles or photos for the Inzert. I look forward to hearing from you all and happy reading! Virginia

## Christmas Party 2005

These shots were taken at the Zonta Christmas party that was held in the delightful Mt Eliza house in King's Park. Members and guests enjoyed a welcoming glass of 'bubbly' and nibbles followed by a sumptuous smorgasbord. Club President, Lyn McArthur warmly thanked all members for their contribution during the year and expressed her appreciation for the support that members had shown her. During the evening everyone had a jolly good time as can be seen in some of the accompanying photos. Well done Membership and Support Committee for creating a lovely evening.



*Xmas Dinner snaps showing laughter and gaiety during the evening at Mt Eliza house*

## Adventures of Margaret & Lennie...

In December Lennie McCall and Margaret Medcalf went outback for nine days on a 4WD Explorer Tours expedition to some less visited parts of the South coast. They went through the Fitzgerald National Park to Hopetoun, then Starvation Bay where the Rabbit Proof Fence commenced in 1902, on to Cape Arid, North up the old Balladonia Track to Mt Ragged, back to the coast to Baxter Cliffs and then on Eastwards.

Their furthest point East was the Eyre Bird Observatory where they were fascinated by the history of the old telegraph station, the surrounding sand dunes and of course the birds. Little did they know then that they would shortly be followed by Sciona Browne and Wendy MacGibbon who spent time at the Bird Observatory in January caretaking while the previous volunteers were on holiday. Stay tuned for more about the Sciona/Wendy adventures next time .....



## Spirit of the Wandjina Art Exhibition

By Carole Theobald

The Mowanjum Art Centre near Derby is becoming an incubator of excellent artistic talent. In December 2005 the artists staged an exhibition entitled "Spirit of the Wandjina 2005" in the lobby of the Governor Stirling Tower. This was an excellent venue to display the 70 framed works, numerous unframed "prints" and carved emu eggs, and was also very convenient for the then Premier, The Hon Geoff Gallop MLA, to formally open the exhibition, with his office located in the building!

The Premier, proudly wearing a pearly white Wandjina around his neck, formally opened the exhibition with an impassioned speech about nurturing artists from the Kimberley region. He was also presented with a framed "print" by Mowanjum artist, Leah Umbagai.



*Dr Mary Anne Jebb with some of the paintings.*

There were speeches by Mark Norval (Manager of the Mowanjum Art Centre—he's also a very respected artist) and Yvonne Burgu's relation, "Uncle Roger".

The audience of over 100 people thoroughly enjoyed viewing the art and learning about the stories that inspired the paintings from the thirteen artists who came down from Derby for the event. It was a busy night for the Mowanjum Art Centre curator, Dr Mary Anne Jebb as she patiently brought artists in touch with potential buyers and helped oversee the smooth running of the event with the other members of the organising committee.

Other artists attending included Donny Woolagoodia, Keith Nenowatt, Gabriella Dolby, Penny Bidd, Pudja Barunga, Alison Burgu and Gudu, Sandra, Marjorie, Mildred and Margaret Mungulu.



*Premier Geoff Gallop, artists and Kathy Charlesworth with the Premier's framed 'print' by Mowanjum artist, Leah Umbagai.*

The event was proudly supported by the Respect Yourself Respect Your Culture Program.

Zontions and friends seen at the exhibition included Sciona Browne, Carole Theobald, Katina Law, Rae Weston, Kathy Charlesworth as well as Mary Anne's parents, Dr Malcom and Ailsa Smith.

It was great to see that art is alive and thriving at Mowanjum!

*Yvonne Burgu's relation, "Uncle Roger" stands by his painting of a very large Wandjina*



## News from Carole Theobald Working in Indonesia

Carole writes..."It's been a pretty slow start to this project. We are working with three partner agencies and two of them have had major reorganisations since we did the proposal. It is a case of the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing... Still, we are patient and we know that things will work out, we just have to surf the wave! Whatever happens is what the plan is at this stage!

The lead agency we work with is called Badan Pangewas Obat dan Makanan BPOM (the National Agency for Drug and Food Control). Our colleagues have been flat out like lizards drinking dealing with the media... Fuel prices here jumped by 200% just before Christmas and so everyone is feeling the pinch even more than normal. One of the repercussions of the fuel price rises is that food sellers want their food to last longer and so more people have been using formaldehyde and borax in their food products as preservatives. (I hasten to add that this practice has been going on for decades...when we were here last our team did a survey about it and published a report on what to do about it. The media at the time were not interested, but now they are!!) Our team has been doing presentations all over the place. The deputy president is involved and things are happening at a high level. Many government departments (e.g industry and trade, small business, development and health) are involved in small scale food production and they are running for cover - BPOM is the only agency that has done something about the issue and its status has risen dramatically. Every day in the paper there is another story about formalin and the team is working 24/7 to maximise food safety messages.

Anyway, on Australia Day we travelled to Bandung to visit some farms. We left fairly early in the morning and on the way we received SMS messages to say that the micro lab at BPOM had exploded. At first people thought that aggrieved formalin producers had done it, but I think it was probably a gas leak. Sadly, the blast was huge - blew out the walls on the third floor and the blast shattered all the windows in the complex. 26 people were taken to hospital when a roof collapsed on a class of pharmacy students doing an exam. So BPOM was headline news again. Luckily none of our team was injured as the explosion occurred at 7.50 - another half an hour and the building would have been full. The offices were a mess as all glass in the windows shattered across the room.

We visited our farms in Bandung and also in Cirebon. It was fascinating to talk to the local farmers in my basic Bahasa and them in their basic English. We met many local officials and got to understand the local government systems a little better. We drove for miles and miles along small country lanes around volcanoes. The views were breathtaking - or was that just because I was holding my breath due to the driving? Overtaking on blind bends up hills...just another of those things you have to get used to here...

Over the last couple of days I have developed a cold that has grown up into flu..so I have spent the last two days in bed in the hotel, dosing myself up with medications that I got from the Doctor in Fremantle for just such an eventuality!!

It is not bird flu - I've kept away from poultry processors! Just normal traveller's flu, exacerbated no doubt by exposure to cigarette smoke and lots of air pollution!

Today BPOM were in the news again. One of our team has been also working on the WHO bird flu project and sorting out the wet markets. There was a full page in the national paper today about food safety and chickens. He did a great job - so again food safety is in the news (and it did not cost us anything!)

On Wednesday we fly to Medan. This will be a big deal as we are having a formal seminar with agriculture, BPOM and industry and trade to launch our Star Award for Food Safety as a true paddock to plate system. We will be working hard with farmers in this area so we can produce draft materials that we can pilot for our next visit.

Last weekend was Chinese New Year and we celebrated with a super banquet in the hotel. Tomorrow is the Muslim new year so it is a public holiday and I will have another day to get over the 'flu' before travelling. I think that just about brings you up to date. See you all next month, Carole."



# More Zonta Friends..

Rae Edwards (L) and Betty Cox (R), 'whose 1940's school swimming was done in the Swan River' feature in this advert for MLC school in the Western Suburbs Weekly 6/12/05, p 16. Rae Edwards is a former Zonta Club of Perth member.



## RAISE THE FLAGS!

Our Zonta Club of Perth flags have recently been updated. International PR committee chair, Dawn Newman, borrowed them to display at the Founder's Day Dinner and in return arranged for the base to be revarnished. She kindly worked out which flags were no longer required and which ones we were short of! Carole Theobald then used the internet to source flags for new member nations and Margaret Medcalf has put them in their correct places on the base. The flags are now placed in the order of joining Zonta International and the year and the name of the country is written on each pole. Have a look at the flags at the next meeting and see if you can guess the countries and year they joined Zonta before looking at the mini flagpoles.

## Convention Volunteers...

Margaret Bird, Volunteers' Convenor at the 2006 Convention writes....."Dear Club Presidents and Members, Over the past weeks, we have contacted over 240 Zontions who have volunteered to assist at the 2006 Zonta International Convention in Melbourne. We are delighted that so many of you have volunteered your services, but there may be some members from Districts 23, 24 and 16 who have not been contacted. Could members who know they have volunteered and have not yet had a response please send their contact details again.

If you have any queries about anything to do with volunteering please contact me by e-mail at my details below.

Please encourage as many of your members as possible to attend the Convention, we look forward to welcoming them to Melbourne in June 2006".

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**Zonta Breast Care Cushion Project  
- Gaining Publicity in *New Idea*  
December 2005...**



Jacqueline with her trusty Zonta pillow, dressed in her favourite White Ivy bedwear.

**A**mid the heartbreak of breast cancer, it's hard to find a cloud with a soft and silver lining. But you might find a soft pillow! Like thousands of other women around Australia, brave cancer battler Jacqueline Foyster, 63, was recently on the receiving end of a beautifully handcrafted pillow – designed by unsung heroes in her midst.

**PILLOW  
TALK**

Zonta – a group of professional businesswomen, which started over a century ago to improve the status of women worldwide – has been producing the breast cancer cushions for more than 10 years. The idea was devised by an Aussie woman who had a mastectomy and was given a curved cushion by a friend.

The cushion slips under the arm and protects women with raw surgical wounds on their breasts from the blows of day to day life. After spotting the cushion, a local Sydney Zonta woman, Ann Selle, decided to make the pillows available for all breast cancer sufferers.

Ann, a former high school textiles teacher, worked on the design of the pillow with nursing staff and is now known as the 'pillow queen' for her efforts. For Jacqueline, who has had three breast cancer recurrences in the past 12 years, the pillow is a true gift from the heart.

'After my surgery I was completely overwhelmed by this gesture,' says Jacqueline, a retired academic.

'Every woman with breast cancer receives a pillow in the mail, free of

charge, with a beautiful message from its maker. The pillow is so cleverly designed. It provides comfort when sleeping.

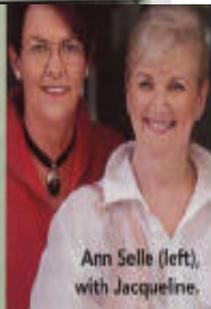
'Now I plan to make a pillow for someone else, just as someone helped me.'

More than 7000 cushions have been produced by the tireless efforts of Zonta members and other volunteer workers – ranging from school girls, to prisoners, work for the dole groups, retired women, nursing home patients and businesswomen. Now volunteers in other countries are also making the pillows.

'I want to do my bit,' Jacqueline says. The smallest efforts are always better than the grandest good intentions.

'Anne started this, she put her heart and soul into it and the trend is moving around the world. I'm so proud to be a part of it.'

● For details on Zonta, see [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) or visit the Breast Care Cushion Project website at [www.zontadistrict24.org](http://www.zontadistrict24.org).



Ann Selle (left), with Jacqueline.

**Diary Dates**

**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. We hope all members can join us for the first meeting of the year!

**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 ph 9531 2588, Lorraine Webb ph 0416 255 293 or Wendy Kirkby ph 9537 2029.

**25-26th March 2006—Area 3 Workshop**

The Area 3 'Fellowship and Frolics' Workshop is fast approaching.

Dunsborough will be the location for the workshop, so pack your bags for an escape to the cape! Saturday 25th March—11am registration, day workshop and dinner entertainment. Sunday 26th—business sessions and activities planned. For registration and more information contact the secretary on ph 9756 7866 or email: [info@dhh.com.au](mailto:info@dhh.com.au)

**24-29 June 2006—Zonta International Call to Convention, Melbourne**

Georgina Costello will be among the speakers for this not-to-be-missed event. Don't miss out—book your accommodation and flights now! Early bird registration is before April 1st. Visit the Convention website for the latest news and up to date information: [www.zonta2006.com](http://www.zonta2006.com)

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