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The 'White Angel' makes a better life along the Gibb River

News from Sciona Browne on the 'White Angel'

In the December 2005 newsletter we heard of the successful story of how Yvonne Burgu from Gibb River in the Kimberley region of WA inspired by Kathy Charlesworth staged her first art exhibition and raised enough money to source and purchase (with the assistance of the Zonta Club of Perth), a 4WD Hilux. It became known as the 'White Angel' as this would be the key for access outside the community in the wet season of food and supplies. So in December off went Yvonne and Becky Boo with the 'White Angel' to its new home at the Gibb River, packed with supplies from Perth.....

Now recently Sciona Browne has heard fabulous news from Kathy Charlesworth and our friends at Gibb River. The e-mail reads....

"The most important point I think to get across to Zonta is that the Hilux 4WD (White Angel) we bought the community from the art exhibition money is having a significant, positive impact on life along the Gibb road.

Instead of community members heading into Derby for the 'wet' they're staying put at Mt Barnett and Gibb River because they have access to their lands for bush tucker, teaching



Gibb River—the 'Natural Supermarket'!



Yvonne with the White Angel

law, business, etc. They stay healthier and stronger, individually and as a community. This is a very important change and a direct result of the support we received from the Zonta Club of Perth.

Quentin, Yvonne's son is now down in Perth. We organized to fly him down to be evaluated for further education. Without the White Angel Hilux, Quentin would not have been able to get out of Gibb River (with the rivers heavily swollen from the rains) to make the flight to Perth. Quentin's test results show that he has the potential to do tertiary studies and Medicine was mentioned!! The future is looking up.

I would also like to acknowledge all the behind-the-scenes work Kathy Charlesworth has done and does on our collective behalf. She is truly amazing..."

*For more information on the latest at Gibb River contact Sciona Browne
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International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day



The Zonta Rose & International Women's Day

By Any Other Name,

It's Still a Zonta Rose to Us

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for 20 years.

The "Zonta Rose" was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention, thanks to the dedication and support of District 16 Zontians. In 1983, then Lieutenant Governor of District 16 (New Zealand), Valerie Webster, proposed that a breed of roses be developed as a living symbol of Zonta International. The renowned England-based nursery Harkness Roses worked to cultivate the flower, while Zontian Maureen Ross of Ross Roses in Adelaide, Australia enabled it

to be introduced at the Convention.

Today, the lovely yellow bloom can be seen in members' gardens, memorial plantings, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly, and in the forecourt of Australia's National Parliament in Canberra. A Zonta Rose Bed was inaugurated at Bältesspännarparken in Gothenburg, Sweden, as part of the 2002 Zonta International Convention festivities.

But the Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. It was Past International President Val Sarah's idea to link our floral emblem with International Women's Day.

Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day.

On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

The Zonta Rose itself has bright yellow blooms, produced in large sprays, and neatly spaced to form a bouquet. Each bloom is formed on its own long stem and has a particularly long life, whether on the bush or cut. Its fragrance is light and pleasant, while gardeners will appreciate that it is easy to grow and hardy, reaching an average of 1.2 metres in height.

The Zonta Rose is registered internationally under the name "Hartanna." It also goes by the name "Princess Alice" in Canada and the UK, and "Bright Lites" in the USA.

Worldly Women—A Networking & Mentoring Luncheon Celebrating International Women's Day, 8th March, Hyatt Regency Perth

On International Women's Day, Wednesday March 8th from 12-2.30pm the Zonta Club of Perth will be on show at the Worldly Women Luncheon. Our President Lyn McArthur will be up on stage for a Zonta presentation advertising the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWIPA) Award, which is offered to pre-tertiary students entering careers in public affairs or public policy. We will have prime promotional time for the club—the Zonta banner and PowerPoint will be displayed, plus a range of YWIPA and Zonta Club of Perth brochures Carole Theobald has printed for all 700 attendees!

Our club partnering with the Worldly Women event in the sponsorship of young women to attend this event provides an opportunity not only to spread the word of Zonta but also to extend opportunities to young West Australian Women to develop their leadership potential through education, mentorship and inspiration gained from other young women who serve as role models. During the luncheon presentations will be delivered from key women in business and professional groups, tickets are \$66 (incl GST, lunchbox lunch). For bookings visit www.lunchboxlist.com.au or ph 9380 9120. Please register for "our" event and wear your name badges on the day so we can promote the Zonta Club of Perth.



Highlights of February.....

Zonta Club of Perth Meeting

The dinner meeting of 9th February commenced with the induction of Jacqueline Hope, now our latest new member. Jacqueline has lived in Australia since 1992 and formerly is from the UK. She has worked in community birth centres and has been involved in cultural exchange across cultures. She is very enthusiastic and sees Zonta as the opportunity to empower young women. Welcome Jacqueline!

SAFE Zonta House Refuge Programme

Annette Shivers was the guest speaker of the meeting and is the Zonta House Refuge Manager. She delivered an interesting presentation on the new SAFE (Safe, Action, Female, Environment) Zonta House Refuge project with the Department of Community Development (DCD).

Annette explained that there are 4,000 homeless people in Australia of which 30% are under the age of 16 years. The DCD approached the Zonta House Refuge with this pilot programme regarding housing for 3-5 girls between the ages of 13-16, to stay for around 6 months. The SAFE programme will be developed for the girls to teach them short term and long term life skills - ie domestic life skills, education, going to work/school, conflict management, anger management and financial management. The girls will be agreeing to terms of their development prior to entry, with the scheme based on a rewards incentive scheme, offering rewards at the completion of stages within the programme such as shopping vouchers, etc.

DCD are hoping to work in partnership with many organisations to develop and deliver the various project outcomes and will be working alongside university social workers and other agencies such as Mission Australia, etc.

At the meeting our club offered to support this exciting new Zonta House Refuge project and where possible would like to hear updates/news on the programme and of any requests for offers of assistance and help. We wish the Zonta House Refuge all the best in this new venture.

The Ngarinyin Project update and project proposal was presented by Karen Groves at the February dinner meeting.



Photo above: L to R—Jessica (Gilgies grand-daughter) and Becky-Boo ochred for Jumba

The Ngarinyin Project Subcommittee has developed some forward-thinking goals and measures in their project proposal. Most especially "to embrace the Ngarinyin Project as a significant project for the Zonta Club of Perth" and to "give the Ngarinyin Project full committee status in the next year". The goal of the Ngarinyin Project is to "develop an extraordinary friendship with the Ngarinyin women." (Pictured above are our well known and loved Becky Boo (BB) and Jessica ochred for Jumba.)

Well, exciting times lie ahead for our Club's proposed new-to-be committee and fellowship circle!

Peel Club Regional Golf and Auction Day

On a short note the fundraising results from the February 19th Peel Golf Day were outstanding. The Peel Club raised in the order of \$10,000 for Breast Cancer Research, making the day not only well attended, but a huge success. Congratulations!

Convention Update...

The latest Convention news has recently come through from Ronda Walker, following a meeting of the Convention Committee. There are some exciting ideas coming up—including **home hosting** for those living in Melbourne (not something we really need to worry about), sending **convention scarfs overseas**—as a gift of friendship between clubs and strengthening links existing between clubs and last but not least—the

Melbourne Marketplace—inviting clubs to participate in the marketplace at the convention.

Our club will have a stall to sell our own unique Wandjina Greeting Cards at International Convention. What a chance for some big sales!



Office for Women—Grants to Women’s NGOs Information

Women’s Leadership and Development Programme—Project and Capacity Building Grants. The Australian Government, through the Office for Women, invites applications from interested national Women’s non-government organisations (NGOs) to undertake projects to improve the status of women in Australia.

Eligibility criteria, application proforma, application address, guidelines and other supporting information are available on the OfW website at www.ofw.facs.gov.au or may be obtained by e-mail to women@racs.gov.au or by phoning 1800 808 863.

Closing Date: Applications must be received by 5pm Monday 13th March 2006

Please Help.....

Please tell ten friends to tell ten today! The Breast Cancer site is having trouble getting enough people to click on their site daily to meet their quota of donating at least one free mammogram a day to an underprivileged woman. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on “donating a mammogram” for free (the pink window in the middle).

This doesn’t cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate mammograms in exchange for advertising.

Here’s the web site. Pass it along to people you know.

<http://www.thebreastcancersite.com>

Diary Dates

8th March— Worldly Women International Women’s Day Lunch 12-2.30pm, Hyatt.

Don’t miss our Zonta Club of Perth President on stage advertising the Zonta YWIPA award, along with guest speakers and networking opportunities with a variety of women from businesses and professional groups at the Hyatt Regency, Perth. Tickets are \$66 (incl GST, lunchbox lunch). For bookings visit www.lunchboxlist.com.au or ph 9380 9120.

9th March 2006—Dinner meeting, 6.15pm

Next Club meeting will be held at The University Club UWA with pre-dinner drinks from 6.15pm.

21st March—Prospective Members Information Evening, 5.30pm-7pm

Join the Membership and Support committee for Wine and Cheese at Impact Communication, 35 Brewer St, East Perth for an information evening on the Zonta Club of Perth. Club members are urged to invite associates and friends along! RSVP attendance to Lori on ph 0407 424 302.

25-26th March—Area 3 Workshop

The Area 3 Workshop is fast approaching. Dunsborough is the location on Saturday 25th March commencing at 11am. For registration and more information contact the secretary on ph 9756 7866 or e-mail: info@dhh.com.au

26th March—Happy Birthday Margaret Medcalf, PR Chair & ZI Club Archivist!

29th March—Zonta House Refuge Fundraising Dinner, 7pm

Don’t missed this sumptuous fundraiser dinner at Lamonts Restaurant, 11 Brown St, East Perth, featuring a silent auction and door prize. \$85 per person includes all food and drinks and all proceeds go to the Zonta House Refuge. Phone Annette on ph 9364 8028 for bookings or Lori on 0407 424 302 for a Zonta Club of Perth table.

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

Early bird registration is before April 1st. Visit the Convention website for the latest news and up to date information: www.zonta2006.com

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