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Nomination for GW (WA) Committee

NOMINATION FOR GRADUATE WOMEN (WA) INC COMMITTEE 2013/2014

Nominations or expressions of interest for persons interested in joining Graduate Women (WA) Inc Committee are called for, with all positions being for a one year term.

At the AGM, the President will declare all committee positions vacant. The current list of committee members is:

President
Vice-Presidents
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Assistant Treasurer
Secretary
Margaret Giles
Jenny Jones
Faliate Resident

Membership Officer Felicity Bradshaw

Committee Members Lalani Weddikkara, Louise Ewing.

Conveners

Education (Advocacy) Position Vacant
Education (Bursary Coordinator) Louise Ewing
International Relations Kathy Mumford
Peace and Human Security Lalani Weddikkara
Status of Women Position Vacant

Representatives, Coordinators & Other Roles

Education Trust ChairRobyn CarrollConvenor, 90th Anniversary CelebrationsHilary SilbertCentenary Trust for Women RepresentativeSally Male

National Council of Women Graduate Women (WA) Representative Lalani Weddikkara

St Catherine's College Council Graduate Women (WA) Representative
Newsletter Editor
Ruth Taylor
Jenny Jones

Of the five (5) possible General Committee Members, one must have graduated in the last 10 years.

Hilary Silbert will continue in the role of Convenor, 90^{th} Anniversary Celebrations. This role will cease to exist in 2014.

All existing members of Committee are eligible for re-election.

Committee members can contribute by:

- attending Committee meetings that are held on the first Wednesday of each month and are usually 2 hours in length
- contributing on average 6-8 hours a month on Graduate Women (WA) Inc matters

If you would like to be more involved and are interested in joining the Committee please fill out the following nomination form and return to the office by Monday 21st October 2013.



NOMINATION FOR GRADUATE WOMEN (WA) INC COMMITTEE 2013/2014

I wish to nominate for the following position/s: Please nominate the position/s you are willing to undertake.	
Name:	
Address:	-
Phone/fax:	_
Email:	
Signature:	_
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AGM 2013 ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Graduate Women (WA) Inc Annual General Meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2013 Order of Proceedings

Graduate Women (WA) Inc. Annual General Meeting Agenda

- 1. Constitution of Meeting and apologies
- 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
- 3. Business Arising
- 4. Reports
- 4.1 President
- 4.2 Secretary
- 4.3 Treasurer report and acceptance of Audited Financial Statements to be tabled at the meeting
- 5. Other reports
- 6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2013/14
- 7. Appointment of Auditors
- 8. Other matters
- 9. Thanks and Close

Australian Federation of University Women (WA) Inc Education Trust Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting held on 23rd October 2012
- 3. Business Arising from Minutes
- 4. Reports
- 4.1 Trustees' Report
- 4.2 Auditor's Report
- 5. Thanks and Close

Presentations

Presentations to Bursary and Scholarship Winners 2013

The unveiling of the Inaugural President's Honour Board

PRESIDENTS REPORT



We commenced the GW (WA) year with great enthusiasm having planned a greater number of events than traditionally. We also endeavoured to bring more attention to those who have gone before, honouring previous scholarship and bursary winners, and coming up in the next 6 weeks is the publication and launch of our second volume of our history at a High Tea at Government House on Saturday 7th December. All members will receive an invitation to this event.

GW (WA) offered five 90th Anniversary Scholarships in 2013 which allowed us to celebrate our 90th in what is possibly the most life changing way - by granting financial awards to students who will then be able to undertake an aspect of their research (or even provide childcare or other support) which will be the catalyst that will see them achieve their qualification. We also provided our traditional scholarships and bursaries that will be presented tonight at the AGM – a total amount of \$20,500 as well as the 90th Anniversary Bursary valued at \$6000.

Hilary Silbert, who agreed in early 2012 to be responsible for coordinating the 90th celebrations, has wonderfully managed the many events. I am grateful for her professional and financial awareness and thank her for all this work. I also wish to thank Margaret Giles who shared with Hilary the responsibility for arranging the five 90th Anniversary Scholarships.

During the year, our graduation gown hire business has continued to be successfully run by committee member Wendy McCallum and Karen Bothwell our Executive Officer. We have hired out over 1500 gowns with two thirds of the hire being for the Autumn graduations. We receive 72% of our income from our graduation hire business and if we are going to continue to be proactive in empowering women and girls in lifelong education, we do need to review our inventory and purchase replacement regalia. Wendy, Alison Hayden, Louise Ewing and myself are preparing a strategic plan to address the future changes to UWA regalia, and to assess continuing with this commitment to the graduation regalia hire. UWA Senate is about to decide on changes to the regalia, which will be for new courses graduating in Autumn 2015. We budgeted \$25,000 for replacements in the last financial year and may require a more substantial commitment in 2013/14. We will be assessing all aspects of our Gown hire business. Wendy McCallum deserves our special thanks for the way she has taken responsibility for the two business ends of our operation, the Regalia hiring and the property at Park Rd. I wish to thank our Treasurer Alison Hayden who has kept us all aware of all our finances and has offered her time in researching a number of financial aspects, including auditors. Alison has also represented us on the Trust and we thank her for her expertise. Our Secretary Jenny Jones has assisted with again organising the Association insurance, and the leasing agreement with Shellabears. Jenny, Louise Ewing and Margaret Giles have also been involved with the web-site creation. Louise Ewing has undertaken the on-going maintenance of the site.

I also wish to thank the Chair of the Trust Professor Robyn Carroll for her amicable and thoughtful comments regarding any matters I have raised concerning the Trust and GW (WA). Indeed we thank all officers of the Trust for their wise and careful management.

The History sub-committee has been wonderful. We have a History project that will be published and launched this year and I extend my thanks to the Chair Lynda Roberts-Hall and members Wendy McCallum, Kay Wright (who so ably has taken on a more active role following the sad and unexpected passing of Barbara Hale). And my particular thanks to Bruce McCallum who directed the book from chapter ideas to complete drafts and also shepherded the success of a Lotterywest grant to cover our publishing, enabling us to distribute this without cost. I also thank Hilary Silbert, Kay Wright and Dorothy Collin and all those who have provided input and for proof reading so many pages.

As a State body, we have this year had the national executive on our doorstep. Jenny Jones, who is the editor of GW(WA) news and GW (WA) Secretary, is also the secretary of the national group. Madeleine Laming is the new AFGW President, and we thank her for her committed participation in GW (WA) activities. Lynda Roberts Hall is the national CIR. Lynda led the Australian Federation of Graduate Women to the International Conference in Istanbul. We had five of our members attend, Lynda Roberts-Hall, Jenny Jones, Wendy McCallum, Lalani Weddikkara and Kathy Mumford, our State CIR who resides in Tasmania. We hope to see Kathy at our High Tea and the national AGM in December.

On behalf of you all, I thank our two newest members of the Committee - Felicity Bradshaw and Louise Ewing who have enthusiastically taken on the roles of Membership Officer and Bursary Coordinator respectively. Felicity has also been an assessor for the scholarships and bursaries. Our new Chair of Assessors, Meghan Thomas, from ECU, I thank for her diligence in chairing this panel, her deliberations and her final report to the committee informing it of the successful candidates.

During the 12 months since my last report we have also lost some of our members, and it was with deep sadness we said farewell to Barbara Hale, who served GW (WA) for so many years. She had been a President of AFUWWA, being the last WA delegate who was our national past President and she was instrumental in establishing the Education Trust. Barbara was on the History sub-committee. The eulogy given at the service at Christ Church Claremont, recalled so much about her life, from bird watching to supporting kids sailing on the Leeuwin. In 2014 we will be asking some of our own members to tell us about their interests and pursuits and I am sure will be surprised. We again extend to our loyal member Dorothy Collin our sympathy on the recent death of her husband Robert. To all members who have experienced a death or adverse changes in life, we offer you our support. Please call our office if you need to chat and reminisce, Karen is in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We also have had some marvellous discussions in books, poets and movies and to our club organisers many thanks. It was delightful to join the recently formed dinner club and enjoy a superb meal at the French restaurant Bistro des Artistes in Subiaco. The movie club is looking for new members and if you are interested please call the office for details.

To those members who may not be able to participate in evening events, we are endeavouring to offer a regular coffee/cocktail time. At Park Rd, the structurally unsound old pergola has been pulled down and will be replaced by a fully covered one that will provide a more useful outdoor area for functions.

I have enjoyed being your President in 2012/13 and as we conclude our 90th year I would ask that you reflect on why you are a member. Our membership continues to shrink and we hope next year to offer more events that are cost free or gold coin donation (which we will donate to the Sri Lanka appeal), as well as offering afternoon and early evening events. Send us an email or just phone Karen if you have ideas or an interest you would like to pursue.

In concluding, I offer my heartfelt thanks to our Executive Officer, Karen Bothwell. Karen has a wealth of experience that extends across all her tasks. From our Gown Hire business to regular office management she works with diligence and calmness. Karen is an important conduit between the committee and members. Keep talking to her knowing we have an Executive Officer who is responsive to our membership needs. Thank you to Karen and to all my committee this year.

Felicity Farrelly

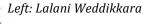
Graduate Women (WA) Inc CIR 2013 AGM Report



Left: Lynda Roberts-Hall, Jenny Jones and Wendy McCallum at Kadhir Has University, Istanbul, for the 31st Triennium conference.

1. The most important IFUW business of 2012/2013 of IFUW was the Triennial Conference held in Istanbul in August 2013. Seven of the fourteen AFGW

attendees were from West Australia including Lynda Roberts-Hall as Conference Delegation Leader, Jenny Jones, Lalani Weddikkara, Wendy McCallum and Kathy Mumford. All nominated Australian members to IFUW officer and committee positions were elected. Those elected or appointed from WA were: Margaret Giles as Committee Member for the



Hegg Hoffet Fund, Kathy Mumford as Convener of the Membership Committee and

Lynda Roberts-Hall to the Resolutions Committee. Additional Australian members were Jenny Strauss as an IFUW Vice-President, Michelle Imison as Convener of Project Development, and 'Trisha Blombery as Member of the Finance Committee.



Above: Margaret Giles

- 2. IFUW online discussion groups for this period included 'Women, Aging and Financial Literacy'; 'grass root membership' consultation on secondary education of women and girls in a draft Action Plan For Sustainable Development; short bios on women scientists who should have received a Nobel Prize for their work and/or were on teams that did receive Prizes but who were not recognised by either their male team members or had died prior to the team recognition Also IFUW LinkedIn discussions included human trafficking; membership; free on-line courses; women and education in developing countries; mind the gap a UNESCO tool highlighting gender and education issues.
- 3. IFUW prepared, or updated, resource materials on national best practices; The Power of a Girl; Education for the Realisation of Rights of Girls and Women; Taking Advantage of Women's Networks to Reach Women Directly.
- 4. AFGW supported IFUW advocacy for Afghan women to be included in peace negotiating teams; against child brides; against violence against women and girls particularly in Afghanistan and India; Bangladesh women workers safety policy following the Rana Plaza building collapse
- 5. GW WA members Jenny Jones, as AFGW Secretary, and Kathy Mumford attended the eS4W web seminar on social media, and prepared a report for National Council calling for the creation of an AFGW Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and blog accounts.

Kathy Mumford Women Graduates – WA CIR

Editor's Note 1.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to prepare the **Treasurer's Report** in time for this publication. The report will be made available to members by email as soon as possible. It will also be tabled at the Annual General Meeting on 22^{nd} October 2013. Copies will be made available for members to read as they arrive at the meeting venue.

Secretary - Annual Report 2013

2013 has been a year where little progress has been achieved in my plans for a review of the archiving and computer filing. The lack of achievement reflects not only the fact that I have spent many months travelling (including the AFGW AGM and conference, and the IFUW triennial conference) but also the level to which other day-to-day events demand the time of committee members and affect their to make headway with the non-essential workload within any organization.

I am retired from a full time career, but my current duties include being Secretary of Graduate Women (WA) Inc, Newsletter Editor of Graduate Women (WA) Inc, Secretary of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women Inc, and a dedicated Red Cross volunteer.

Each of these positions comes with day-to-day responsibilities that must be dealt with, and there is the need to support the work of other committee members within GW (WA) to prevent their workload becoming overwhelming. 2013 has been a particularly busy year in this regard for all committee members, and particularly for Wendy McCallum and the team of writers who have recently completed the history project. The committee has also updated much of our advertising material and brochures, with enthusiastic nudging from Felicity Bradshaw who has shouldered the burden of membership officer. Without the pressure of the writing of the history, and with end of the 90th celebrations, 2014 should be a more productive year from a management point of view.

Graduate Women (WA) Inc can however be proud of the work that has been done this year, as you can see from the other reports to this Annual General Meeting. I think we can look back over the year and be more than happy with the success of this 90th Anniversary year. And I can report that the long-term goals are still in sight, including those of the secretary.

One of the strategic goals that a large proportion of the committee has been contributing to in different ways is the lifting of the public profile of our organization with new membership initiatives, embryonic use of social media revamped advertising and, significantly, the successful completion of the website.

One of the ways these longer-term goals can be achieved is to encourage the members to undertake small tasks on a one-off basis, freeing the committee members to manage the various workloads more efficiently, and I thank those who have helped me in this regard throughout the year.

I am looking forward to the January planning session where the committee can set the new priorities for 2014.

Jenny Jones Secretary



Academic Dress Hire Service - Annual Report 2013

This year has been a busy one for all members helping at Graduation times. Last year when Karen was on leave we were fortunate in being able to employ Kate McCallum. Kate was there in August and able to process the applications ready for Karen's return. They then both worked hard during the September Graduations when 517 bookings were received.

With the increase in students doing a Master's Degree and the subsequent demand for the hire of Masters Regalia we purchased twenty new Masters gowns and mortar boards in September 2012 at a cost of \$4300.

The Graduations in April proved again to be a very busy time with just over 1000 bookings. These were spread over 11 ceremonies. We were fortunate in being able to employ Elly Jones during this busy time in March and April. Our thanks go to both Karen and Elly for all their hard work which has resulted in the success of these graduations.

Graduations entail quite a heavy six weeks work prior to the ceremonies. Bookings are taken, receipts written, students contacted for missing information or credit cards that don't work, data is entered on the computer, gowns, hoods and mortar boards cleaned and sorted. The office also has to be rearranged to enable students to try on and collect regalia. All this work is done so willingly by Karen and all the members who come to help. We would not be able to operate and give out all the Scholarships and bursaries without all this help. A very big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers.

The PhD gowns have had a lot of use over the years and signs of wear and tear with holes and fraying are obvious on the red silk of some. The cost of replacing the silk is almost as much as buying new gowns and hence we have purchased four new gowns in June at a cost of \$1340.

We have also been able to hire out regalia for ceremonies held for AusAid students at the UWA International Centre in July and December 2012. Other students have hired regalia to take photos.

As many of you may be aware, UWA has changed the structure of its faculties and this will mean the change of regalia at graduation time, to take effect in 2014. We were aware they were considering changes to the graduation regalia which is still under consideration in the Senate. Of course, for us, this has significant implications as a lot of our stock will no longer be appropriate. The President and the Committee are in the throes of discussion and planning for the future. We will need to reorganise and restructure with these new UWA requirements.

Wendy McCallum Convenor of Academic Dress

House Committee - Annual Report

This year has seen us doing quite a bit of maintenance to the building and grounds. The reverse cycle air conditioner that Lesley Cala had donated during her Presidency needed to be replaced.

The original wooden pagola in the front of the building had rotted in places and also needed to be replaced. It has been removed. We have had quotes and have contracted with Swan Patios for a new patio to be built in the front. The new design will give much more usable space for

entertainment. The plans are with the Subiaco Council at present and once they are approved the new patio will be constructed.

Some of the original trees had died and others were causing problems with leaves in the gutters, so we contracted with Dickies Tree Service to have the dead ones removed and the others pruned. Subiaco Council contacted us about a new house that is to be erected on the block next door. Karen and I inspected the plans and there was nothing that would impact upon us. Our main concern was what was going to happen about the leaning fence. We have been concerned about the fence for many years, and despite a lot of attempts nothing has been done by the owner. The plans show a new fence, which we are pleased about.

The tenants have been very reliable for the past two years but have indicated that they will not renew the lease in December, so we will need to find new tenants. The rent this year has been \$485 per week.

We will shortly be having a working bee in the garden to remove a lot of weeds and do some planting.

Wendy McCallum Convenor of House Committee

Newsletter Editor - Annual Editorial

Given the number of high profile events this year, it is not surprising that the number of newsletters has increased, with this being the 5^{th} for 2013, and a 6^{th} planned for the 'holiday' edition – another bumper edition with two exciting 90^{th} events still to come. I hope I see you there.

It has been a year of change, too with our new 'cover page' and the 90th anniversary logo that headed it. But of course it is the material inside which is the important part, and looking back there has been an impressive amount of action and activity recorded.

However, many of our stories are perennial, the same but different each time, and again, particularly splendid during this celebratory year. The graduations, so important to our financial survival, and the Galle pre-school project that has been a focal point of our humanitarian action, appear often. And the announcement of scholarship winners, as well as the subsequent report of the scholars' work, is so evocative of our central purpose that it gives recording them a special importance. We can look forward next year to two such evenings because we will be hearing from the winners of the special 90^{th} scholarships donated by us to each of the universities here in WA.

It is also wonderful to be able to mark special events in the lives of our members – awards, birthdays and anniversaries – and importantly, to acknowledge the work that they have done for Graduate Women. As editor, I would love to see more of this type of news included, and hope that it will become a feature of 2014 editions.

As I wrote at this time last year, I would be interested in any papers or articles which might be of interest to other members, and which reflect the goals of our association. They could have been written by you or colleagues or acquaintances, or indeed have appeared in journals. I am happy to seek permission to reprint the article, or to direct members to the source. Some of you may have student papers of interest that we could seek permission to use. Or you may be involved with other groups that would like to exchange information and ideas with us.

Jenny Jones

Editor

Saturday Book Club - Annual Report 2013

A new look was instigated to the AFUW Saturday Book Club in 2013. Meeting time became 10-30am on the fourth Saturday of the month beginning in March to allow members to attend the Perth Writers' Festival on the last weekend of February and concluding with the November 23rd meeting after which members adjourn to Jo Jo's on the Jetty restaurant for the annual Christmas lunch and fellowship.

Due to natural attrition, our membership numbered just five in February of 2013. So we welcomed new members Norrine Anderson, Maggie Fuller and Agatha van der Schaaf to join existing members Jenny Jones, Helen Charlesworth, Rhoda Chance, Madeleine Laming and Elizabeth Killerby. This resulted in a lively, friendly group who enjoy fellowship and who respect the opinions of other members.

The book list was diverse and refreshing, featuring the historical novel on the Tudor dynasty Bring up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel and John Cooper's The Queen's Agent, a biography of Walsingham.

The withdrawal of the British from India, which signalled the end of the Raj, was the subject of Kiran Desai's enlightening novel The Inheritance of Loss. In July the book chosen was The Widow Cliquot by Tilar J. Mazzeo which chronicled the history of French Champagne and the entrepreneurial widow who made it famous. Nine Parts of Desire by Geraldine Brooks told of the difficulties endured by Muslim women which was enlightening, while Joan Didion's The Year of Magical Thinking dealt with bereavement and a response to it. After Colum McCann's Let the Great World Spin comes Pat Barker's Toby's Room and the year will conclude with The Light Between the Oceans by M.L.Steadman which is set in Western Australia. This list provided diversity and interest to which this club aspires.

New members are welcome. The format is along the following lines. The presenter gives the background information regarding the author, the book or novel and a closer look at some passages that highlight the flavour of the month's reading. Everyone has an opportunity to give her response to the book. Background information about the authors and some history and geography of the setting are given along with the social and political mores of the period are expressed thus enhancing the reading experience. There is general discussion of views in this friendly and refreshing atmosphere.

Prospective members are welcome and are advised of my contact details which are:

Elizabeth Killerby 9384-8580 elkillerby@gmail.com

Thursday Book Club - Annual Report 2013

This year the members of the Thursday Group were very saddened in June at the death of Barbara Hale. Barbara had been instrumental, with Kate Sullivan, in setting up the Book Club. She had attended most discussion evenings since that first meeting in July 1991. We all miss very much her dry wit, her kindness and thoughtfulness as well as her extensive knowledge about authors and novels. Vale Barbara.

The group has thirteen enthusiastic members who have continued to meet on the third Thursday of the month at Graduate Women House at 7.30pm. For those who are interested, the books we have read this year are: *All That I Am* and *Stasiland*, both by Anna Funder, *Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng, A *Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy O'Toole, *Light Between Oceans* by Margot Stedman, *The Hanging Garden* by Patrick White, *Bereft* by Chris Womersley, *Question of Travel* by Michelle de Kretser and *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion.

We are always very happy to welcome guests or new members. If you are interested please contact either Karen at Graduate Women House or me.

Wendy McCallum Convenor Thursday Book Club



UWA Centenary Trust for Women - Annual Report 2013

It has been an enjoyable responsibility to represent GW(WA) on the CTW Committee again this year. The CTW has continues to raise money for scholarships for female students at UWA.

Twenty-four female UWA students have now received CTW scholarships. Additionally 45 female students have been granted a total of \$50,777 from the Study Support Grant for emergency circumstances.

The main event for the year was the CTW lunch, held in July. The guest speaker, Sue Gordon, received a standing ovation and moved many guests to tears. A new scholarship, for a master's student, in honour of Lady Jean Brodie Hall and funded by the CTW was announced at the lunch. Next year's CTW lunch will be Sunday 20 July 2014.

The CTW Committee held a facilitated workshop in June 2013 to develop a strategic plan for 2013-2020. The Committee has decided through the strategic planning process that scholarships will continue to be the main form of support to students provided by the CTW. The main form of fund-raising is and will continue to be through the Graduates' Walk Pavers (each a \$1500 tax-deductable donation).

Sally Male, Graduate Women (WA) Representative on UWA CTW Committee

Visit to the Pre-School in Galle Sri Lanka June 2013

I was very privileged to visit the Pre-School at very short notice. The Teachers and the children were surprised to see me, as I didn't have time to inform them of my arrival in Sri Lanka. They welcomed me in the traditional way, and the children did their usual songs and little plays.

I made arrangements for Asanka the head teacher to come to Colombo and spend a Saturday with me buying books for the Pre-School. It was a very wet day as it was the time for the Monsoons. However, we had a great time selecting and buying the books suitable for the children. We spent about AUS \$400.00 in a couple of hours, but the book pile is an impressive size, and I hope to share more details of the purchases with you in future news. We still need to buy a couple of larger books with pictures of different animals as well as a couple of Atlases. We also need to buy some poetry books and songbooks. Thank you so much to all who have contributed, and particularly to Hilary Silbert for initiating this wonderful scheme as part of the 90th celebrations. I will hand over the receipts to Karen when I come for the meeting on Thursday. Asanka also wanted 3 stainless steel lockable cupboards, to set up the Library. We managed to get them for her. My sister organised a wonderful lunch for Asanka, her husband and daughter. They were very tired by this time, and had to do a about 3hrs of driving to get to their home in Galle.

I spoke to Asanka on my return to Perth. She has covered the books already. We need to send the tags with the Graduate Women's logo, so that she can put them on the inside cover of the books. I will be able to take these when we are going on our long trip, as we will end our trip in Sri Lanka.

Ranjith is very keen to see the new Pre-School, and will also have it blessed by Fr. Patrick Fernando when we are there. He is already planning our next trip to Sri Lanka in July next year. We do hope we have many Graduate women joining us on this trip as we will have the official opening of the Pre-School at this time.

I'm sure the Children, parents and the teacher's will be very grateful to the Graduate Women WA for their generosity and kindness in setting up this library for them. Your generosity will not only educate these children as well as their parents, but also children who come to this Pre-School in years to come. Again, I wish to say a very big thank you to all those wonderful women who contributed to making this dream a reality for them.

Thank you and warm regards

Lalani Weddikkara

St Catherine's College - Report to Graduate Women (WA) Inc 2013

A key focus at St Catherine's College for 2013 is the construction of the new student accommodation and the establishment of supporting management and administrative structures. Head of College, Fiona Crowe and College Council welcomed the new Chair Professor Elizabeth Constable in June. Mr Carl Binning was also welcomed as a co-opted member of Council in September.

New student accommodation development

The new development comprises 264 student rooms, residential advisor and visiting academic rooms, Head of College and Dean of College apartments, administrative area, tutorial and conference facilities, all connected with open community zones and two roof top gardens. The construction is on schedule, and opening Semester 1 2014.

2013 Occupancy and EOI for 2014

St Catherine's has had full student occupancy for 2013 with the student body comprising rural and remote, indigenous, international, exchange and study abroad students. 2014 applications are being accepted.

2013 GWWA St Catherine's Scholarship

Amber Andre (pictured) was the recipient of the 2013 GW (WA) St Catherine's Scholarship.

College Programs

St Catherine's offers students a fully engaged university experience, providing residential accommodation and a wide range of education and social programs for student development. Some of the programs for 2013 include:



Academic program

The very successful College academic program offers 30+ unit-specific weekly tutorials, plus a number of professional development workshops such as leadership and team work.

Indigenous program

College is growing in Indigenous student numbers. The first Indigenous Advisory Committee Meeting was held in March, addressing issues such as the student protocol for the Welcome to Country and acknowledgement of countries; Indigenous Access and Cross Cultural Programs, and future funding ideas to develop the Indigenous Access program.

Volunteering program

St Catherine's students continue to be involved in a range of community volunteer programs including patient support at Hollywood Hospital, Cottesloe Coast Care tree planting, participating in the HBF Run for a Reason, Earth Hour, Live Below the Line and RSPCA Million Paws Walk.

• Catalyst Community Arts Funding Grant

College received a \$12500 Catalyst Community Arts Funding Grant for an Indigenous Arts Program titled "Expressions of Indigenous Identity". Students worked with Indigenous Noongar Artist, Sandra Hill on a mixed media collage artwork. The completed artwork will be hung in the new buildings.

Student club activities

A myriad of successful student club activities included Commencement, Faculty and Valedictory Dinners; WICSA sports events and the College Ball.

Alumni, friendships, marketing and fundraising

A new website (http://www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au/) and marketing DVD were developed this year. The latest edition of the Aikaterine magazine was distributed to 1,200 recipients including Alumnae of the College, UWA Executive and State Politicians. St Catherine's continues to update their alumni database - please contact the College if you wish to provide information regarding former students or would like information to give to prospective students.

Vale

2013 saw the passing of Barbara Hale, a highly valued member of St Catherine's College and former Deputy University Librarian at UWA (1967-84). Barbara was a resident of St Catherine's College (1966-67) and served on St Catherine's College Council (1977-90). Barbara was an Honorary Life Member of GWWA (formerly AFUW (WA) Inc), having served twice as its president, and having also served as its representative on St Catherine's College Council. Miss Barbara Hale was named an Honorary Fellow of St Catherine's College in 2003.

Ruth Taylor St Catherine's College Council Graduate Women (WA) Representative

WA Science & Engineering Summer School 13th – 18th January 2013

One of Murdoch's longest running outreach activities, the WA Science and Engineering Summer School, has a tradition of offering an intensive, informative, engaging and enjoyable science experience to selected Year 11 / 12 students from WA high schools.

From the 13th to the 18th of January this year, 75 students representing 47 WA high schools made Murdoch their home. They lived in student accommodation on campus alongside volunteer tutors comprising of Murdoch staff, students and graduates.

WASESS week started with an icebreaker in the form of a race around the campus. Armed with their 'passports', teams raced to check in at various checkpoints, complete the necessary challenges, swap team members, get their passports stamped and proceed to other locations. Challenges ranged from nuclear reactor clean ups, protecting falling eggs and preparing dinner for egrets / storks to nerd bingo, balloon twisting and puppeteering exercises. A science quiz neatly finished any introductions outstanding from the icebreaker.

Over the course of the week guest speakers gave presentations about their research, interests and careers in science – Dr Mike Bunce on fossil DNA, Professor David Macey on the science in science fiction movies, Dr Eddie Poinern on advances in nanotechnology, Professor Bob Mead on the processes and techniques in forensic analyses / investigations, and Associate Professor Kate Trinaystic on the role of Chemistry in palaeontology. Professors Macey and Mead gave evening keynote lectures which parents had the option of attending.

Students engaged in hands-on activities in a range of laboratory sessions while exploring applications of science and engineering. They practised programming and process control in Engineering; used a smart phone app to log bird sightings; combined scientific reasoning, dexterity and skill in using clay in facial approximation; observed the turtles and investigated the health of the Chelodina Wetland (on campus) and explored a range of Physics topics in a caucus race. The Chemistry, Extractive Metallurgy and Mathematics sessions focused on the applications / careers in the mining industry so students could see the complementary nature of these disciplines in real life situations. Complementing their visit to the Sports Science labs, students trained with members of Murdoch's Ultimate Frisbee team. As well, students had the opportunity to visit Murdoch's Environmental Technology Centre, the Veterinary & Anatomy Museum and the Chiropractic Clinic.

One day of the WASESS week was dedicated to industry visits. Students were divided a to groups, with each group visiting two sites. Organisations that hosted WASESS students for tours and hands-on sessions included

- The Regional Resource Recovery Centre
- The Desalination Discovery Centre (at the Rockingham campus)
- The Chemistry Centre
- WA Department of Food and Agriculture
- WA Institute of Medical Research

As part of the social programme, students had the opportunity to dine with a few scientists. Set in the format of a networking event, over 20 scientists joined the WASESS group and, over an informal meal, shared their experiences, ideas and aspirations. The scientists came from various science backgrounds and stages of their careers ranging from new graduates to retired scientists; they represented various organisations and industries. One thing that they all had in common was their connection with Murdoch -- they were all either graduates, former staff or current staff.

WA's Chief Scientist, Professor Lyn Beazley gave the final keynote address to students and their parents on scientific research and science careers in WA. She examined the achievements of WA scientists that have featured internationally, explored ongoing major science projects of global importance and relevance (like the square kilometre array), and inspired students with the breadth of opportunities to pursue a career in science in WA.

The final session of WASESS brought together pioneers, veterans and long-time supporters of WASESS. WASESS founder, Russell Elsegood and long time WASESS co-ordinator, Jen Bradley, came out of retirement to present current WASESS students with their certificates. The National President of Graduate Women, Dr Madeline Laming and Graduate Women WA Convenor, Lalani Weddikkara, presented the Graduate Women WA scholars with their scholarship letters. Graduate Women WA has been a strong supporter of WASESS by offering 2 scholarships each year to WASESS students. The 2013 recipients were Isabelle Brittain from Busselton SHS and Emilee Martin from Governor Stirling SHS.

The WASESS experience is a team effort from well over 50 staff and students, most of whom are volunteers. A big thank you goes to

- - Ann Gerlach, Caitlin Bartholomaeus for all their support in organising WASESS.
- - Volunteers who made Murdoch their home for the week combination of Murdoch students and graduates. Two of the tutors started their Murdoch journey with WASESS 2011 and start their Murdoch degrees in 2013.
- Academic and technical staff
- Graduate Women WA (Inc) for providing 2 scholarships for students to attend WASESS
- - Excursion hosts

Thank you to the WASESS 2013 supporters for their goodwill, enthusiasm and dedication, which has made this summer school a success.

Yolanda Pereira

Co-ordinator, STAR Peer Tutoring Programme

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Editor's Note 2.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to prepare the **Educational Trust Report** in time for this publication. The report will be made available to members by email as soon as possible. It will also be tabled at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd October 2013. Copies will be made available for members to read as they arrive at the meeting venue.

Amazing Graduates Spring Breakfast

A 90th Anniversary Celebration Event, Sunday 8th September 2013 Roberta Jull Room, St Catherine's College, Crawley



A diverse group of guests enjoyed each other's company, the venue, the delicious two-course breakfast and the entertaining panel of speakers. The event was part of the 90th anniversary year of Graduate Women WA celebrations and complimented the Autumn Breakfast Panel held at the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club. As guests arrived they were able to have coffee on the terrace area and then enjoy the continental part of the breakfast. The first speaker introduced by MC Hilary Silbert was

Above, right to left, Margaret McLeod, Brenda Robbins, Ariane Prevost and Hilary Silbert

Margaret McLeod who was chosen to reflect on the Fly In Fly Out lifestyle. She illustrated her motto in life 'because I can" that existed during her travels and now as she juggles single parenthood with three young children. Her supportive mother assists her to achieve her career choices with the demands of a FIFO lifestyle and interest and needs of young children.

Barrister Brenda Robbins illustrated her extensive professional life with anecdotes and coping mechanisms along the way to be a much sought after board member and someone who has successfully changed career post 50 years of age. She somehow balanced marriage, career, children, extended family and service to the community. Brenda offered the audience the reasoning that she could offer an insight into how a career can be varied and diverse and still provide great satisfaction and challenges. She felt that the debate about whether women can 'have it all' is distracting - she never stopped to argue the toss! She simply expected to...She wanted a great career as well as becoming involved in community. As the daughter of a bank manager and one of four very talented girls, Brenda had even attended nine schools.

Our pencil and tracing paper expert, the award winning Ariane Prevost, enlightened the audience of the past and present approaches to the study and practice of architecture and how she is is so obviously passionate about her profession. She married the day after she completed university, had time on a farm in South Australia, had three children and still kept up her interest in architecture. Lately, her specialty house designs have been filmed for television, both on 'Dream Build' and currently 'Grand Designs'. It is not often nowadays that the older style of training may in fact be superior to the methods of today.

Amongst the guests were many students from St Catherine's College and University Hall and friends and colleagues of members.

To conclude the event President Felicity Farrelly gave the Vote Of Thanks to our amazing graduates and then drew the winning ticket for currently financial members ...and...it was ...herself! Yes - she was encouraged to keep the prize.

Thanks are due to Office Manager Karen Bothwell who attends as a guest but somehow, is still always at work.

Graduate Women (WA) Inc AGM 2012 Minutes

Graduate Women WA Inc Annual General Meeting Held on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 M. E. Wood Theatre, St Catherine's College

1. Constitution of Meeting.

F. Farrelly welcomed members present and opened the meeting at 6.30 pm.

<u>Present:</u> F. Farrelly (in the Chair), A. Hayden, H. Silbert, K. Evans, J. Jones, R. Carroll, M. Giles, B. Robbins, R. Hewitt, A. Ciffolilli, R. Adamson, L. Abbott, L. Weddikkara, J. Wardrop, S. Watt, F. Bradshaw, R. Taylor,

The following members arrived after the meeting had begun: D. W. Collin, W. McCallum, M. Brown, K. McCallum, P. Alessi, H. Alexander, B. Hale, M. Laming, L. Roberts-Hall, H.Charlesworth (26)

<u>Apologies:</u> J. Antulov, B. Taylor, K. Mumford, K. Wright, L. Ewing, C. Solomon, D. Clements, L. Gillon, R. Chance

<u>In Attendance:</u> K. Bothwell (minuting)

2. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2011 were confirmed.

Moved: M. Giles

Seconded: L. Weddikkara

Carried

3. Business Arising.

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Reports

- 4.1 <u>President's Report:</u> Felicity Farrelly presented her annual report, which had been circulated in the October 2012 Newsletter. She sincerely thanked Karen Bothwell and her supportive committee, as well as all other members who have represented Graduate Women WA during the year.
- D.W. Collin requested that all members receive a copy of the amended Constitution and that it also be put on the website. H. Alexander supported this request.
- D. W. Collin also questioned the expense of five \$5,000 (a total of \$25,000) Scholarships approved by the committee. R. Carroll reminded the meeting that the allocation of this amount requires approval of members.

After some discussion it was agreed that further discussion on this matter is required.

Therefore a <u>Special General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th November, 2012</u> for members to ratify the committee's decision to offer a \$5,000 scholarship to each University in Western Australia – to be named the Graduate Women WA 90th Anniversary Scholarship.

Moved: D. W. Collin moved that the President's Report be accepted.

Seconded: J. Jones

Carried

4.2 <u>Secretary's Report</u>: presented by Jenny Jones and written report was circulated.

Moved: R. Carroll Seconded: W. McCallum

Carried

4.3 <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> presented by A. Hayden

Written report in the Newsletter.

Financial statements prepared by our auditors (Somes & Cook) were tabled by the Honourable Treasurer Alison Hayden, and copies were available at the meeting. However these have not yet been signed off by the auditor, so it was agreed to adjourn the presentation of audited accounts to members at a later date.

Moved: A. Hayden Seconded: J. Jones

Carried

5. Other Reports

As tabled in the AGM Newsletter

Moved: H. Silbert Seconded: P. Alessi Motion Carried.

6. Election of Officers and Committee for 2012/13

F. Farrelly declared all positions vacant, presented written nominations received to date and called for further nominations from the floor.

The following were elected by acclamation:

President: Felicity Farrelly

Moved: R. Carroll Seconded D.W. Collin

Vice President: Wendy McCallum

Moved: F. Farrelly Seconded: A. Hayden

Honorary Treasurer: Alison Hayden

Moved: F. Farrelly Seconded H. Alexander

Assistant Treasurer: Margaret Giles Moved: F. Farrelly Seconded: L. Abbott

Secretary: Jenny Jones

Moved: F. Farrelly Seconded: P. Alessi

Newsletter Editor: Vacant

Committee Members: Patricia Alessi Felicity Bradshaw Louise Ewing Kate McCallum Lalani Weddikkara

Moved: FF Seconded: Joan Wardrop

7. Appointment of Auditor

On the recommendation of A. Hayden it was moved from the Chair that

Dry Kirkness be appointed Auditor to the Association for the year 2012/2013.

Alison added that new legislation is in the early stages and we will have to be aware of this in the future.

Moved: A. Hayden Seconded: M. Giles

Carried

8. Other Matters

Moved from the Chair that Brenda Robbins and Robin Adamson be accepted as Trustees. Carried

Meeting Closed: 7.30 pm

PRESENTATIONS

At the completion of the AGM the following presentations were made to winners of the 2012 Graduate Women (WA) Award winners.

<u>Cheques</u> presented to:

Graduate Women (WA) Open Scholarship (\$4388) Emma Doonan (Steel) presented by Robyn Carroll

Graduate Women (WA) Mary Walters Scholarship Emma Dalziell (\$4,000) presented by Alison Hayden

Graduate Women (WA) Jillian Bradshaw Bursary <u>Lynn Gumb</u> (\$4,000) presented by Wendy McCallum

Graduate Women (WA) Mary & Elsie Stevens Scholarship <u>Laura Masters</u> (\$4000) presented by Marcelle Brown

Graduate Women (WA) Joyce Riley Scholarship (\$1,950) <u>Helena Kadmos presented by Karen Bothwell</u>

AFUW(WA) Inc Education Trust AGM 2011 Minutes

Minutes of the AFUW(WA) Inc Education Trust Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd
October 2012 at St Catherine's College

Present: Robyn Carroll (in the Chair), F. Farrelly, A. Hayden, H. Silbert, K. Evans, J. Jones, R. Carroll, M. Giles, B. Robbins, R. Hewitt, A. Ciffolilli, R. Adamson, L. Abbott, L. Weddikkara, J. Wardrop, S. Watt, F. Bradshaw, R. Taylor, D. W. Collin, W. McCallum, M. Brown, K. McCallum, P. Alessi, H. Alexander, B. Hale, M. Laming, L. Roberts-Hall, H. Charlesworth

<u>Apologies:</u> J. Antulov, B. Taylor, K. Mumford, K. Wright, L. Ewing, C. Solomon, D. Clements, L. Gillon, R. Chance

Open: 7.30pm

1. Welcome

Members were welcomed to the Trust meeting by the Chair, Professor Robyn Carroll.

 Minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2011 had been circulated. Moved from the Chair Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 The Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting were confirmed.

4. Reports

4.1 Education Trust Annual Report

I have pleasure in presenting this Annual Report on behalf of the Trustees. The Lyn Abbott, Jocelyne Boujos, Robyn Carroll (Chair), Dorothy Collin, Kerry Evans (Trust Secretary), Loreena Gillon and Barbara Hale.

1. Trustees and Trust Meetings

The Trustees met on 21 February and 8 August in 2012 and resolved a number of matters by email including resolutions relating to the management of fixed term deposits with Unicredit. The GW (WA) Committee Treasurer, Alison Hayden was invited to attend the Trust meetings as in previous years.

2. 2012 Activities

The principal concern of the Trustees during 2012 has been management of the Trust Funds. This is the first year that the Trust has needed to seek acquittals for payments from the Scholarship Fund to Scholarship recipients. It has not proved to be as straightforward as would be hoped to obtain these acquittals. Dorothy Collin has been diligently pursuing the recipients while at the same time suggesting ways to make the accountability process more effective for the coming years.

The Trustees have reviewed the recommendations from the Chair of Assessors, Dr Joan Wardrop, and have pre-approved payment of the amounts of the amounts the assessors recommend be awarded in 2012 from Trust funds, subject to the Committee accepting the Assessors' recommendations.

Jocelyn Boujos has prepared a Deed of Amendment to effect a change of name of Trust from AFUW (WA) Inc Education Trust to Graduate Women (WA) Education Trust. The Trustees will execute the amended Deed in the near future. No other formalities are required to effect this change of name.

During August the Trustees proposed to the Committee via the President Felicity Farrelly, that the Association appoint a new auditor for the 2012 audit of the Association's and Trust's accounts. After discussion and consideration of this proposal the President advised the Trustees that the Committee had resolved not to change the auditors for the 2012 audit but would take up the Trustee's suggestions for 2013.

3. Invested Funds

Copies of the Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Statements and a summary of the financial position of the Trust Fund will be presented at the AGM.

The majority of the Bursary Fund is invested with UWA. The investment arrangements remain much the same as reported in 2011. Donations to the Scholarship Fund in 2011/2012 have been placed on term deposit with the University Credit Union.

The Trustees receive a statement annually from UWA in January that refers to the previous calendar year. There has been some improvement on the return of funds in both UWA investment pools (Long Term and Short Term). In 2011 I reported that the full extent of our losses during the global economic downturn had not been regained. The position remains the much the same in 2012. As in 2011, funds invested in the University Credit Union remain capital stable.

4. Payment of Bursaries in 2012

The Trustees met in February to review the Trust investments and income and resolved to recommend to the Members that funds be made available to provide for payment of the Jill Bradshaw Bursary to be paid from the Bursary Fund and four Scholarships to be paid from the Scholarship Fund.

The Trustees recommended that GW(WA) advertise Bursaries up to the following amounts from the Education Trust Bursary Fund:

Jill Bradshaw Bursary \$4000

The Trustees recommended that GW(WA) advertise Scholarships up to the following amounts from the Education Trust Scholarship Fund

GW(WA) Foundation Scholarship \$5,000 Mary Walters Scholarship \$4,000 Joyce Riley Scholarship \$4,000 Mary and Elsie Steven Scholarship \$4,000 The actual amounts recommended by the assessors to be awarded (to be confirmed as at 26 September 2012):

Jill Bradshaw Bursary	\$4,000
GW(WA) Foundation Scholarship	\$4,388
Mary Walters Scholarship	\$4,000
Joyce Riley Scholarship	\$1,950
Mary and Elsie Steven Scholarship	\$4,000

5. Bursaries and Scholarships in 2013

The Trustees will present their recommendations as to the amounts available for payment of bursaries and scholarships to the members at a meeting in February or March when information from UWA about our invested funds is at hand.

At their meeting on 8 August 2012 the Trustees resolved to recommend to the Committee and to the Members that the Leah Jane Cohen Bursary be advertised in 2013.

6. Future Management of the Scholarship Fund and the Bursary Fund

The Scholarship Fund was created as a separate fund within the Education Trust. Funds received by the Trustees for disbursement from the Scholarship Fund are accounted for separately from the funds held in the original Education Trust fund (which we now refer to as the Bursary Fund). The funds held for the Leah Jane Cohen Scholarship are to be paid for purposes specific to the bequest of those funds. The Bursary Funds are not subject to the same restrictions as the Scholarship Funds. However, donations to the Bursary Funds are not tax deductible. In 2010, 2011 and 2012 funds generated by academic dress hire have been paid into the tax deductible Scholarship Fund only. The Trustees remain of the view that consideration needs to be given by members as to ways to maintain some of the original bursaries within the changed environment of the Trust.

As stated in my Report last year, there are clear advantages to retaining the Bursary Fund. We can continue to offer the original Bursaries which are available to a wider category of women and for broader purposes than is allowed under the ATO requirements for use of the Scholarship Funds.

At this stage, the Trustees expect that to be able to recommend in 2013 that GW(WA) offer a similar combination of bursaries and scholarships from the Bursary Fund and the Scholarship Fund as were offered in 2012.

7. Trustee appointments

The Trustees are planning to nominate Ms Brenda Robbins and Ms Robin Adamson for appointment to the Trust. We anticipate a net increase in the number of Trustees in 2012. This will ensure a smooth transition in 2013 during which a number of current Trustees plan to retire. Any further nominations and any retirements will be advised at the AGM on 23 October.

At the date of writing this Report Lyn Abbott, Jocelyne Boujos, Robyn Carroll, Dorothy Collin, Kerry Evans, and Loreena Gillon have confirmed that they are willing to continue as Trustees in 2012/2013.

Professor Robyn Carroll

Chair AFUW(WA) Inc. Education Trust

Moved from the Chair: That the Report of the Trustees be accepted. **Carried.**

4.2 Auditor's Report – The auditor's report was not available. It was agreed that this meeting be adjourned and reconvene in 2013 on a date to be notified.

5. Trustee appointments

The Chair confirmed that the following Trustees were willing to continue

Two new nominees for the Education Trust are Brenda Robbins and Robin Carroll.

A formal vote of thanks was moved for our retiring Trustee Miss Barbara Hale who has worked tirelessly for the Association and for the Education Trust.

A small token of appreciation was presented to Barbara Hale by Robyn Carroll and Felicity Farrelly.

6. Thanks and Close

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm



Diary Date: The AFGW AGM is to be held in Perth on 8th December 2013.

Members from interstate will be joining GW (WA) members at Government House for the launch of the history project book on Saturday 7th December.

The AFGW Executive welcomes all members of GW (WA) to join the Annual General Meeting of the national association on Sunday morning, and to join in the social activities planned by your STA. Keep this date free and watch for further information from GW (WA).

WA Science & Engineering Summer School 13th – 18th January 2013 ctd - Appendices

APPENDIX 1 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WASESS Coordination

- · Ann Gerlach
- · Caitlin Bartholomaeus
- · Yolanda Pereira

Academic, Technical & General Staff

- - Ms Caitlin Bartholomaeus, Ms Claudia Mueller, Mr David Taylor
- - Dr Brenton Clarke, Dr Helen Middleton and the staff in Mathematics
- - Associate Professor Graeme Cole, Dr Chris Creagh, Dr Greg Crebbin, Dr David Parleyliet, Mr David Morrisson and their team in Engineering & Energy Studies
- - Ms Delphine Chabanne, Dr Hugh Finn
- · Mr David Goodfield
- - Dr Damian Laird, Dr David Henry and their team in Chemistry
- - Associate Professor Phil Nicholls
- - Dr Charlotte Oskam, Ms Rhonda Loxley, Ms Jan Ryan, Mr Jason Kettle and their team in Biological Sciences
- · Ms Fiona Feist, Ms Ann Roberts and her team in the Business Support Unit
- - Mr Graeme Thompson, Dr Dan Churach, Mr Ken Seymour, Mr Stewart Kelly and the team in Extractive Metallurgy
- - Mr Jack Burn from Exercise Science
- - Ms Diana Nottle from Veterinary Science
- - Dr Peter Chapman from Chiropractic
- · Ms Anna Haynes and her team from WA Ultimate

Keynote speakers

- - Professor Lyn Beazley, AO, Chief Scientist of Western Australia
- - Dr Mike Bunce, Murdoch University
- - Professor David Macey, Murdoch University
- Associate Professor Bob Mead, Murdoch University
- - Dr Eddy Poinern, Murdoch University
- Dr Kate Trinajstic, Curtin University of Technology

Excursion Hosts

- - Mr Warren Hays and his team at the Desalination Discovery Centre, Rockingham
- Ms Sarah Lau and her team at the Chemistry Centre
- - Ms Emily Tomsett and her team at the Regional Resource Recovery Centre
- - Mr Matt Young and his team at the WA Department of Agriculture and Food
- - Ms Pauline Charman, Dr Bharti Morar and her team at the WA Institute of Medical Research

Scholarships

• Graduate Women WA (Inc)

Accommodation

• Mr Chad Daly and his team at Campus Living Villages (Murdoch)

Volunteers

Ann Gerlach, Bernard Booth, Caitlin Bartholomaeus, Darya Abolenzeva, Shabarinath Nambiar, Cate McKnight, Jess Hooper, Keely Anthony, Elvina Lee , Jake Nelson, Ezra Hefter, Emily Hamley, Ryan Kelly, Benn Papalia, Jade McNamara, Simone Naidoo, Magdeline Lum

APPENDIX 2 – FEEDBACK

At the end of the WASESS week, students were asked for their feedback on the week's activities. They were asked to rate their experiences on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being boring and 5 being very interesting.

Of the laboratory sessions, Facial Approximation, Pyrometallurgy and Metallurgical Chemistry came out as the top three, with an average rating above 4 (4.64, 4.34, 4.16 respectively). If we look at the median ratings, Facial Approximation had a median rating of 5; Engineering, Ultimate Frisbee, Metallurgical Chemistry, Pyrometallurgy and Hydrometallurgy had median ratings of 4 and all the others had median ratings of 3 – 3.5. Exploring Country received the least number of 4 or 5 ratings from the students. Tours of the Environmental Technology Centre was a close second. Based on students' comments, it is apparent that this was possibly due to the weather being very warm and these activities being having a significant outdoors component. It is suspected, also, that the students' ratings were based on their comparing the sessions to each other rather than rating each session on how interesting it was at the time. To get a clearer picture, it is suggested that students complete their surveys of sessions at the end of each day rather than at the end of the week.

Of the excursions, the Chemistry Centre and the Regional Resource Recovery Centre were the most popular, with the WA Institute of Medical Research very close behind. The Desalination Discovery Centre and the WA Department of Food and Agriculture received average ratings of 3 out of 5. Again, we suspect that this was because students were comparing each excursion experience against the others as opposed to rating it on its own merit.

Of the lectures, those given by Professor David Macey and Professor Bob Mead received unanimous ratings of 5 out of 5 from students with the others rating 4 out of 5.

Asked to indicate their favourite aspect of WASESS, most students nominated the social aspect. They indicated that they enjoyed meeting and getting to know new people. Some students nominated the *Meet-a-Scientist* dinner during the middle of the week at which they were able to interact with scientists in a setting that was outside the lab or lecture theatre. Lecturers and lab staff who attended this dinner also commented that this was a good opportunity to interact with students. Some comments about students' favourite aspects include:

"Seeing so many professions I never thought existed."

When it came to the least favourite part of WASESS two things stood out – the warm weather and lack of free time. Some students indicated a lab session or a lecture or an excursion but no single activity stood out in this respect. And, given that WASESS attempts to cover as many areas of science and engineering as possible, it is understandable that some students may not have enjoyed particular sessions.

[&]quot;Meet all the scientists because it is better to hear about people actual experiences."

APPENDIX 3 - COMMENTS

After the WASESS week, some students and parents sent the following comments to the office.

"I just wanted to let you know that I had a wonderful time and gained a lot of knowledge and insights at the Murdoch University WA Science and Engineering Summer School. It was an extraordinary experience which I enjoyed immensely.

I really enjoyed the various lectures and activities, especially; The Body in the Bag, Science in Sci-fi, the Facial Approximation, the Wetlands and Sport Science. Also I found looking at the skeletal remains of the animals at veterinary science intriguing and learnt a lot about genetics during the excursion to the hospital.

Meeting with the science and engineering academics, being able to talk to them about their experiences and what they want to achieve was truly an inspiration.

The people we met and the friends we created over the week at Murdoch was very special and the karaoke night was a fantastic way to wrap up an unforgettable week.

Once again I would like to thank you for this amazing experience."

"The WASESS summer school that was at Murdoch University this week has been an incredible and enjoyable experience. From day one we have all been thinking hard and participating in exciting labs and lectures. This week has widely contributed to my future goals and ideas and has opened my mind to a huge range of opportunities involving science andmathematics. Before this week, I wasn't quite sure of what I wanted toachieve when I graduate this year, however now I have many more options and careers to consider. This week has shown me all kinds of sciences I could be a part of; working in metallurgy, forensics, water desalination, and many more engineering and IT topics. I think thatWASESS is a fantastic organisation and that the Graduate Women WA scholarship team is an amazing support group for a very beneficial cause. I believe that any student entering upper school should certainly consider applying for WASESS at Murdoch university as it really is an eye-opening, helpful and guiding experience. I am muchlooking forward to my career in science, hopefully right here at Murdoch university."

"I am writing to thank you for the amazing opportunity and wonderful time that I had at the Murdoch University WA Science and Engineering Summer School. Thanks again for accepting me into the program as I have gained a better understanding of which science or engineering course I would like to do in the future.

I especially enjoyed the lectures, such as The Body in the Bag and the activities, including the facial approximation, the wetlands and sport science.

Dinner with the science and engineering academics, listening to their personal stories/experiences and what they want to achieve as well as a few life lessons of what and what not to do at University was both interesting and inspiring.

I believe the best part of any event is the people you meet and the friends you make. I really liked the team activities throughout the week including the icebreaker, sports, the skits and the karaoke!

Finally, I would like to thank you for the time and effort you put into creating a memorable week."

"The summer school was a really great experience. I got a taste of what it is like to be at university and to be staying on campus. It was also really good because I didn't know exactly what career path I wanted to take after finishing Year 12. Now, thanks to the camp, I know I definitely want a career in Science or Engineering. Summer school showed me lots of interesting job and career opportunities that I would love.

It was also really good to be with a group of people that have the same interests as me and I have made some really close friends from the camp.

I would like to thank Graduate Women WA for giving me the opportunity to participate in the summer school. It was the best week and I loved every minute.

Thank you"

"Thankyou so much for organising and running the summer school. It has shown me so much about university life and the opportunities that are available to students. It was great to be able to meet so many lecturers and students; and to learn about their fields of study. The school also gave me great insight into the diversity of the courses offered at Murdoch, and the accommodation available to students. The school has helped me to decide that Murdoch is the University that I wish to study at, and a degree in science is what I want to pursue."

"I would like to thank you and all your staff for the excellent summer school that my son Michael took part in last week. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was full of praise for all aspects of the week, from the labs and excursions to the food and extra activities organised. Many thanks for all your hard work from both of us."

"I just wanted to thank you, the tutors and everyone else who helped put the Science Summer Camp together. Our daughter Chelsea had a fabulous week of learning and fun. She gained a real insight into the many different areas of science; something that is not always so obvious in the classroom. Chelsea is already talking about attending the camp in future years as a tutor!

Congratulations on a very successful WASESS this year. Your time and effort to organise such an event, for so many students, is very much appreciated. Your professionalism is a real credit to Murdoch University.

So once again, thank you. We are looking forward to hearing more stories about the camp from Chelsea!"