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Dear Members and friends of GWWA
Welcome to 2024, our 101st year!

This is our first newsletter for quite some time. Covid unfortunately disrupted all our good plans.

We held a very successful Centenary Dinner on 22 June 2023 at Anzac House where we most enjoyably celebrated our 100th birthday and the many successes and achievements of members.



Life members
Left to right – Dorothy Collin, Hilary Silbert, Wendy McCallum, Alison Hayden

Following our AGM in November we have new members of the committee and renewed enthusiasm to revitalise our association. This is the first of regular newsletters to come. We intend to send out one after each Committee meeting.

Our new Committee is: President - Felicity Farrelly , Secretary – Wendy McCallum, Treasurer – Alison Hayden and Jenny Jones, Lyn Abbott, Julia Jared, Helen Munt and Hira Shaukat.

The Graduate Women (WA) scholarships/bursaries were also announced on the evening of the AGM. Each scholarship/bursary winner received \$5,000 to assist in their research projects. The winners were:

Name of scholarship/bursary	Winner
Graduate Women (WA) open scholarship	Alicia Brunet
Graduate Women (WA) education or child development scholarship	Kate Fitzgerald
Graduate Women (WA) social justice/social law scholarship	Kylie Wrigley
Graduate Women (WA) HASSE bursary	Miaojia Huang
Graduate Women (WA) open scholarship	Carolyn Wang
Graduate Women (WA) STEMM bursary	Anna Heavey

Professor Jane Scott, on behalf of the GWWA awards committee, announced the 2023 scholarships.



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It was also noted that the Leah Jane Cohen Award for 2023 was awarded to Ms Tian Zhang. Over the past few years, Ms Zhang has been engaged with Law Access and with Ruah Legal Services and the Mental Health Law Centre. The focus for this award is on law graduates with a history of volunteering and community service that are likely to give back to the community during their careers. Law Access Ltd support the continuation of this award and select the suitable recipient to receive the award. Graduate Women (WA) are grateful to Law Access Ltd for their support of this award.

Our first meeting of the new committee was held at the President's home where new and old members introduced themselves and gave a short account of what they hoped to contribute to the association. Jane Scott, chief examiner explained the process of selecting the winners of our scholarships and bursaries. Scholarships must follow the rules of the ATO and hence only Australian citizens may be awarded these. Bursaries are available for everyone. Following discussion it was decided that each award would be for \$5000.

Alison explained that the accounts were quite healthy at present and there was adequate money for the scholarships and bursaries.

The Association also gives 2 scholarships via The View Club to the Smith Family. One scholarship is given to the Department of Communities for a girl in foster care who has completed Year 12 and wishes to further her education.

Many decisions need to be made at future meetings. The most important of these is; What do we do with the house at 4 Park Road? It was built in 1984 and served well as Headquarters downstairs and a rental flat upstairs. With the loss of hiring Academic Regalia in 2014, both apartments have been let, sometimes being vacant for many months, but currently they have good tenants. However, in recent years a lot of maintenance has been required and this is ongoing. So the questions are: Do we spend a lot of money to renovate or do we sell and invest the money? A lot of research is needed before all contributing factors can be put to the members for a vote.

Other items are:

- The forever challenge of how do we advertise all that we do?
- How do we attract new and younger members?
- What project can we involve members in that will help other women reach their education goals?
- What social and informative events will we hold?

As you can see there is a lot of work to be done and those ideas listed above are not exclusive. The Committee would welcome any ideas from members on how they feel the association might help women in the community.

Our very best wishes to all our members
The 2024 Committee