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AFUW is the voice of graduate women promoting advancement of women worldwide and their equality of opportunity through initiatives in education, friendship and peace.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All Members

A highlight since I last wrote to you is the **AFUW-NSW Australia Day Award** presented in January to a delightful recipient, Kate Morphett, from the University of Wollongong. A full report appears later in the Newsletter.

AFUW-NSW received excellent publicity, not only by being part of the National Council of Women event, "Celebrate Being An Australian", held in the Parliament House Dining Room where the award was presented, but also by being highlighted on the home page of UOW and its Faculty of Education website over two issues. We can all be proud as the award was made possible by the generous support of individual and branch donations and we are well on our way to having sufficient funds for a similar award in 2008.

It was sad that the President of NCW, our own CIR and member of the AFUW-NSW executive, Bev Pavey, had to undergo major surgery so was unable to attend the Australia Day Lunch. I ask you to keep Bev in your prayers, whatever they may be, so that she will regain optimal health and return to the roles she fills so well.

More recently I have had reluctantly to accept the resignation of Dr Minna Shaw-Smith from her position on the Central Committee because of continuing ill-health. Minna has been a dedicated leader in AFUW-NSW for many years, including terms as State Vice President and President, Branch President and as Membership Convenor during which time she brought into being two new groups and resurrected two others. She has also been committed to the work of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund. A detailed acknowledgement will be published in the next Newsletter.

Women's Leadership and Development Programme The Office for Women NSW invited us to submit an application for a Capacity Building Grant from the Australian Government. Despite a time constraint our hard working Vice-President, Rose Figtree, accepted the challenge conferred on her by Central Committee to complete the Application Form in consultation with the executive and submit it on behalf of AFUW-NSW. It was an exercise in

persistence to complete the submission by 15 December. I compliment Rose on her application to the project and we now wait word from the Government as to the success or otherwise of our endeavours.

Should we be successful in gaining the grant it will be of enormous benefit to AFUW-NSW in enabling us through workshops for members to: a) develop a strategic plan to direct the organisation into the future, b) provide leadership training to encourage more members to take on executive roles and c) conduct a professional membership drive with, among other things, marketing materials that include an integrated web site and "e-chat" room. I hope you agree it is essential we redefine ourselves in order to grow and remain a viable entity.

Conveners I am pleased to welcome Michelle Imison to the role of Peace and Human Security Convener. Michelle expressed her interest after reading in the last newsletter of the vacant position. No doubt retired Peace Convener, Pamela Lemoine, will be a valuable resource for Michelle should she require a dedicated mentor. The vital role of Membership Convener is still available. I would welcome an expression of interest from any member. Once all positions are filled we will arrange a meeting of our talented Conveners to discuss how they see their roles, where they would like to go with them and how we can inject some 'oomph' into the advocacy aspect of these roles at state level.

The new Constitution The Rules voted on at the AGM have been accepted by the Department of Fair Trading and ratified by the AFUW national body and are now the official Rules under which we operate. Members who were financial at that time have a copy of the constitution. If you don't have a copy, but would like one, please email the AFUW-NSW office or send a SAE. One important step forward is our ability to recognise officially loyal associates in branches and make them members of NSW. Branch leaders will be contacted shortly on how to make this possible.

Functions

Guest Speaker, Judith Wheeldon, entertained members at the **Christmas Luncheon** with the story of her very interesting life. Active in the civil rights movement of the 60s, Judith stood a few metres from Dr Martin Luther King when he delivered his 'I Have a Dream' speech. She married an Australian, Senator John Wheeldon, who became a minister in the Gorton Government and she later spent some years as principal of Queenwood and Abbotsleigh Girls' Private Schools.

Annual Sophia Holland Lecture and Luncheon I do encourage you to fill out the return slip and reserve your spot as, this year, numbers are more limited and our speaker, Deirdre Mason, Deputy Chair of the Premier's Council for Women, will no doubt be very informative. Do come and ask questions at the conclusion of Deirdre's talk entitled *The Getting of Wisdom* or *It's who you know AND what you know*.

Deirdre writes: *"There's a distinction between education and knowledge that is probably analysed endlessly in academia world but my experience of applying my B.A.Hons to the commercial world tells me that one begets the other. I have relied on my reading of Molière and my insight into the causes of the American Revolution to confront commercial and managerial challenges never even dreamed of in those times. In order to grow rich in capability and experience you need to be equipped with breadth of thought and the capacity for analysis. Then you are open to evaluating new ideas and new opinions. A friend who attended Harvard Business School has told me that this hypothesis is not just mine; it even has a name – "Deep Smarts". And this is where AFUW has a role to play."*

Make a note in your diary for our **luncheon tribute to Pamela Lemoine** on 17 April 2007 at 1pm on Level 1, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street. Retiring as Peace Convener at state and national level after nine years in the job, Pamela has been tireless in her advocacy of peace initiatives and in representing AFUW at numerous peace-related conferences and functions. She has served on the

Central Committee as Vice President and at various periods the delegate for the Central Coast and the Blue Mountains branches.

Vale It is with deep regret that I inform those of you who may not have heard that our beloved member, **Margaret Maxwell**, died on 1st February, just short of her 94th birthday. We have offered our condolences to her son, James, her daughter-in-law, Madonna, and grandchildren, Hamish and Oliver. AFUW was well represented at the Memorial Service to celebrate Margaret's life held at St Mark's, Darling Point.

Margaret, a life-member who held many executive positions and attended nine IFUW Conferences, joined AFUW in 1935. She was the force behind establishing the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund in Australia. Margaret's advice was always pertinent and appropriate and I can only hope that if I live as long as Margaret that I am as alert and active as she was to the end. Farewell Margaret.

Rather than sending flowers, it was agreed to make a memorial donation to VGIF, an organisation about which Margaret was passionate. If you would like to make a personal contribution to this donation, please send your cheque, made out to AFUW-NSW Inc, to the Treasurer at the AFUW – NSW office.

Visits to the Branches I look forward to meeting members of the very active Hunter Valley Branch on 28 February and then Central West Branch some months later.

We are enclosing an information brochure produced by the IFUW. This will refresh your commitment to the ideals of our organisation and inform you of the Programme for Action (previously SAAP). If members personally or corporately as a branch would like further copies to use in promoting membership please let the Editor know.

Every best wish to you and I trust that, as Margaret Maxwell would advise, you keep healthy and active.

- Ivy Edwards

Ivy has received many tributes to Margaret Maxwell.

Incoming National President, Jenny Strauss, wrote: *"That is very sad news indeed, and I'd be very grateful if you could pass on to her family my condolences and my appreciation of her tremendous contribution to AFUW over so many years. Thank you for passing on the news so promptly"*.

Outgoing President and Chairperson of VGIF Australia, Rosemary Everett, *"Oh dear - I knew she had not been well before Christmas and her nephew here in Canberra kept me informed of her progress, but he has been away since Christmas. I am glad that Jim was with her as his commitments take him around the world. I will really miss her and treasured the letters she would write. The last one, just before Christmas, I will be keeping. Thank you for letting me know. We had good times together and the next VGIF meeting will not be the same. I will make contact with Mary (Kane) .. as I guess she will feel the loss as well."*

(We were very pleased that Mary was well enough for Rosemary to drive her to the Memorial Service.)

"Thank you for letting us know. What a grand lady! We would all wish to reach her age with faculties intact. We must be thankful she died with dignity. Joan Smith, Fellowships Convener and President, Central Coast Branch.

MARGARET MAXWELL OUR TRIBUTE

For the AGM in October 2001, the occasion of Margaret's nomination to bestowed Life Membership, another honoured member of AFUW-NSW, Betty Shwabsky, prepared the citation. We were all so pleased that despite her physical difficulties, Betty was able to attend the Memorial Service.



“It is a great pleasure to present this citation for Life Membership of AFUW - NSW on behalf of Margaret Maxwell. Before the formal citation I would like to say that Margaret became a life member years ago but this is an occasion for a public acknowledgment of all she has done for AFUW and IFUW. She has been an active member for 66 years, longer than anyone still active in New South Wales and probably in Australia.

Margaret graduated as Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney in 1935, having majored in Classics and thirty years later, between 1966 and 1972, completed an Honours course in Spanish and Latin American studies, as a “Miscellaneous student” at the University of New South Wales.

She was recruited to Sydney University Women Graduates' Association while still a graduand and became its recording secretary. This association combined with other Australian Universities' Women Graduates' Associations and finally became the Australian Federation of University Women and a member of the International Federation, founded after the first World War. In 1936 and '37 Margaret worked in London and lived at Crosby Hall, run under the auspices of the British Federation where she made contact with other members of IFUW.

Returning to Australia she became secretary of the N.S.W. Branch of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, between 1938 and 1942, when she joined the WAAF and became an administrative officer in Signals until 1945. In 1948 she married Ian Maxwell, also a Classics graduate, and they had a son, James, known to many of you as the ABC Sports Commentator, particularly of cricket, Jim Maxwell.

In the 1950's AFUW - NSW formed groups and branches and Margaret was active in forming the Eastern Suburbs Group. In 1961 she was a committee member of AFUW - NSW and between 1962 and 1965 she was the President. 1965 was the year the first IFUW Conference was held in the southern hemisphere at Brisbane and Margaret worked hard for the success of that Conference. She continued on the NSW Committee, serving as editor of the Bulletin (now Newsletter) between 1968 & 1970. She then was the CIR (Co-ordinator for International Relations) for AFUW when the National Council was in Sydney.

In 1977 Margaret was elected to the IFUW in Geneva, serving on the Membership Committee and the following year she represented IFUW at a Conference of Latin American Women in Mendoza, Argentina (you remember her degree in Spanish). She continued to be elected to the IFUW Membership Committee becoming the Convenor in 1986. Eight (8) triennial Conferences of IFUW have been attended by Margaret, the last being Ottawa this year. (Ed: We can add Perth in 2004 to this list.)

The Virginia Gildersleeve International Federation for University Women, developed out of IFUW by American members and it is the body helping graduate women (very few) in undeveloped countries, to work among their own underprivileged and often illiterate women, to improve their social and economic conditions. In 1987 Margaret, almost single handedly, established an Australian Committee of Virginia Gildersleeve and worked as its president for several years - her work is now so ably carried on by Mary Kane. Margaret still represents the Pacific area interests on the General Committee, centred in New York and goes each year to the annual meeting.

Her community work has been almost as extensive as her work for the AFUW and IFUW. From 1972 onwards she was a Zone Leader in the Eastern Suburbs for the Good Neighbour Council and she led the Contact Workers at the Migrant Hostel in Coogee for 14 years and finally served for 3 years on the Federal Immigration Review Panel. She was also a founding member and treasurer of the Latin American Association for Social Assistance. At present she is President of the Friends of the Outback Eastern Suburbs Committee. Margaret has always been an active alumna of the University of Sydney. She has been a committee member the Sydney University Arts Association from its inception and she served for 6 years on the Sydney University Standing Committee of Convocation.

And as an informal comment, I know Margaret to be a regular swimmer, a keen theatregoer, an Opera lover and a helpful grandmother of two young grandchildren. When she sleeps I do not know.”

Christine Hosking, President of the City Branch: *Thank you for this message. Like everyone I am so sad but am glad she was able to enjoy some times with us at City Branch. We will miss her.* Jane Baker added: *It will make our trip to Vacluse House a memorial tribute.* (You may remember in the City Branch Annual Report Margaret in the forefront of a happy photo of a City Branch meeting. Margaret really enjoyed being back in a Branch and wholeheartedly embraced its activities. Branch Secretary, Tricia Blombery, commented on Margaret's quite recent ideas on the Branch program.)

AFUW 4 MARGARET MAXWELL A MOVING STATEMENT

We are extremely appreciative of James Maxwell's permission to print his Eulogy for his mother at her Memorial Service at St Mark's, Darling Point, on February 12th, 2007.

We thank him for his warm, friendly hospitality at the gathering afterwards at the Royal Sydney Golf Club. Margaret had been a parishioner at St Marks' throughout her life and she a member of the Golf Club since 1932 where the flag was flown at half-mast in her honour.

His ready acknowledgement of the place of AFUW/IFUW in her life was much appreciated.

"When I was young, very young, Mum was always sensitive to questions about her age. One day I asked her on her birthday, "how old are you Mum?" She said, a bit tersely, 110. And added....age doesn't matter....they're only numbers ... it's WHO you are that counts.

So who was this diminutive, independent, feisty, determined and energetic lady, the whirlwind that so many of us admired and enjoyed?

Several years ago Mum wrote, what she described as a "brief look back over a long life," for the Australian Federation of University Women, an organisation that she had been President of, and devoted to throughout her long life. She wrote:

"What does a birdseye view of one's life reveal? For me a love of languages, ancient and modern, led to university courses early and late in life. I met my husband, Ian Maxwell, in the Greek class and we followed the classics into many byways together.

Collaboration with university women started soon after graduation. Several years at Crosby Hall, the International Federation of University Women's Clubhouse in London, nurtured friendships and led to work for the IFUW at state, federal and international level. A mid-life university course opened windows on the Hispanic world, and led to contact work with new arrivals over many years, then to service on the Migrant Review Panel.

My generation abandoned their careers during the war years. Service in the air force meant administration and working with people. Afterwards, back to more administration while employed by the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

Finally more networking, travels overseas and promotion of the Virginia Gildersleeve projects to provide education and employment opportunities for women in marginalised areas worldwide.

The themes of education and service ran strongly through her life.

That love of learning curved back to her grandfather, Albert Bythesea Weigall, known as the Chief, the legendary Headmaster of Sydney Grammar.

Mum and her sister Anne were St Mark's parishioners, the church a focal point in their upbringing as they walked from their home in Eastbourne Road to Ascham. Everyone walked...or sometimes caught a tram or bus...her parents, Cecil and Maude Weigall, never owned a car and her father walked from Darling Point to his judge's chambers everyday, luxuriating, occasionally, in a return tram trip after work. Brought up in a caring but austere and thrifty world, Mum must have relished the post graduation years travelling through Britain and Europe in 1936-7.

Which somehow brings me to cricket and Mum's contribution to cricket literature.

One of her English cousins, Gerry Weigall, was an eccentric, and occasional first class cricketer, who was strong on the square cut but refused to pull or hook, considering the strokes to be abominations. Allegedly, he could talk the Sphinx of its plinth and seemed capable of resuming an argument in the middle of a sentence....one of his terse sayings has become famous.-"never run on a misfield."...Several years ago Mum was asked to write about her recollections of Gerry's character for a book entitled "*Great Characters from Cricket's Golden Age*"...and, remembering her meetings with Gerry in the 1930's, she wrote...in part.."he reminded me of a military style terrier. He spoke rapidly and with much economy, always wearing a *bowler hat and a rather tired looking suit.*"

Her writing, and typing skills laid the foundation for my cricket vocation, which started with the publication of the Cricket Chronicle at Cranbrook... typed and roneoed, six copies times six trips to the typewriter typified her commitment.

Mum was a reluctant cricket watcher. When my father started taking me to the SCG, Mum decided that she should support the cause, and as we were about to sit down a tall West Indian fast bowler Wesley Hall was nearing the top of his amazingly long run up...ever the inquirer Mum said.."what's he doing?" It was a long day and she vowed never to return. But she did.

In 1999, aged 86, she was going to New York for the Women's Graduates international meeting, and I said that as the cricket was on in Barbados she should tag a trip onto her itinerary.



After joining in the fun of a beach party, and navigating one of my Pina Colada'd colleagues, Reds Perreira, across an island she had no knowledge of, she arrived, next day, at a one-day cricket match, escorted by Madonna. At that very moment a dubious umpiring decision precipitated a riot. Banks of beer bottles rained down on the ground as the players hastily abandoned the field. When I eventually caught up with her at the end of the match she said that it was the best day's cricket she had ever seen!!

Mum was always strong on advice.

She said that as a student you should always treat the examiner as a fool....never take anything for granted. She certainly had a strong record in exams, so it was a severe setback when she failed a driving test five years ago. Despite quiet asides that the roads may be safer as a result of this exam failure, Mum was determined to get her licence back, and signed up for lessons. She discovered that the examiner was a cricket fan, and asked me if I would accompany her to the driving exam...she passed.....and was still driving up until ten days before her death.

She networked on many levels, and was always interested in the family - the extended family....there are many cousins, nieces, great nieces and godchildren whom she reached out to...at various times she was surrogate mother to Nimmi, Annick and Adriana and lifelong friend to the Cohens, Tom and Merry, Tim and Barbara and those sunny, funny days first at Springfield, then emerging from the little house on the prairie at Mona Vale.

Mum's spirited life was tied to the Maxwell family motto, *Reviresco*, I flourish again.

From the many letters I have received there is a stand out piece of advice....simply and directly Margaret Maxwell would be telling you to **KEEP ACTIVE.**"

Article written by Margaret Maxwell for the AGM of VGIF and published in AFUW-NSW Newsletter in June 2004.

HOW VGIF TOOK ROOT AND BLOSSOMED IN AUSTRALIA

This story starts as a personal Odyssey. Back in the nineteen sixties the CIR of AFUW, Australia's original Gildersleeve member, Freda Freeman, invited me to join the Fund. In those days recruitment was by invitation only. The work of the Board was mainly focused on fund-raising. An early initiative was to assist in the funding of IFUW Conferences. A regular agenda item at these Conferences was the report of the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund. This helped to raise awareness of the Fund's ongoing work.

After serving several terms on the IFUW Membership Committee I was elected to the VGIF Membership Committee in 1987. Attendance at my first committee meeting in New York in 1988 made me aware of the responsibilities of working for the Fund. How could Australia help? At this stage VGIF's message was somewhat visionary and promotion of the Fund was by word of mouth. After consultation with local AFUW members it was decided to establish an Australian VGIF Committee to raise funds and recruit members. The communication problem was solved by the compilation and circulation of a newsletter. In turn VGIF news items found their way into AFUW Newsletters all over Australia. This was before the appearance of VGIF's own VG UPDATE published in New York.

The next step was to promote the Fund more widely by exposure at AFUW Conferences. Special luncheons were held with a keynote speaker. These were backed up by information tables manned by members.

An article about the Fund in a UN newsheet suddenly added a new dimension to the Fund's work. It evoked an ever-increasing number of applications for funding from groups in marginalized areas. Small seeding grants were awarded for all sorts of projects - goat raising, growing of palm oil, setting up of clinics, skills training - variously offering employment opportunities, access to education, empowerment of women.

Reports of these practical projects, underwritten by relatively small seeding grants, provided valuable fund-raising ammunition for office-bearers in Australia. Now they could take a positive message to Groups and Branches looking for a practical way of channelling accumulated funds. VGIF members, armed with promotional material from New York - UPDATE, slides, posters -were now able to provide visual evidence that small contributions would be used to help women round the world. These groups, in turn, could report back to their members on the realistic use of their contributions.

How was it that the Australian Committee got off the ground, expanded and was able to make substantial contributions to the Fund? Although the Committee has its own entity and focus, the AFUW infrastructure has always sustained and supported it over the years. Access to club-rooms, AFUW meetings and Conferences as platforms for presentations and the Federal President's membership of the Committee have all helped in maintaining the VGIF presence in Australia.

NCW AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CELEBRATE BEING AN AUSTRALIAN



At the annual Australia Day Luncheon of the National Council for Women NSW, *Celebrate being an Australian*, on Thursday 25 January, AFUW-NSW participated as a donor for the first time. The awards, an initiative NCW NSW, to the value of \$1,000, provide practical assistance in post graduate studies to deserving young women in diverse fields of study.

For its first award the Central Committee of AFUW-NSW chose randomly the University of Wollongong. The Faculty of Education was asked to nominate a student who had overcome a hardship during their studies - financial, emotional, physical - and still achieved successful results. The Faculty of Education nominated for this award **Kate Morphett**, who attended the Australia Day Luncheon with her family and UoW representative, Ann Baxter, the Director of UoW's Graduate Diploma in Education, who wrote of Kate:



“Kate had been an excellent student throughout the 2006 Graduate Diploma in Education program, during which she committed herself whole-heartedly to her studies and generously gave service to the wider community. This service included holding the rank of Secretary of a Surf Life Saving branch, training candidates to undertake their Bronze medallion and tutoring.

Whilst undertaking her Graduate Diploma in Education during 2006, Kate developed Hodgkin's Lymphoma for which she has been undergoing treatment during the second half of this year. Kate's treatment made her very ill which meant that she needed to postpone the completion of her Graduate Diploma until the beginning of 2007 when she will complete her final practicum. During this time, her personal strength, positive attitude and genuine concern for others has been outstanding.”

Kate is shown in the picture with Ivy and the speaker, **Juliana Nkrumah**, Project Officer, Diversity Health Unit. Born and raised Ghana, Juliana is a first generation migrant of refugee background. She started her studies in Economics and Social Science at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and completed an Honours and Masters Degrees Sociology and Social Anthropology at the University of Zimbabwe.

Kate studied for the HSC at Blaxland High School, enrolled in Nuclear Medicine Technology at Sydney University, then later transferred to Exercise Science at Wollongong University from where she graduated with a B Sc (Exercise Science) in 2004. She is an outstanding sportswomen and has received a NSW Sporting Blue for rowing. In 1998 she competed in the Australian team at the World Junior Rowing Championships in Austria. She then began competing with success in triathlons. When she moved to Wollongong she was able to develop her interest in the Surf Life Saving movement and joined the Fairy Meadow Surf Life Saving Club becoming involved in administration, teaching and competitive participation including representation at national level. She has worked as a professional lifeguard with Kiama and Wollongong Councils.

President, Ivy Edwards subsequently received the following letter from Kate.

I am writing this email to you to let you know that I had a wonderful time last Thursday at Parliament House. It was lovely to meet you and the other members of AFUW. Everyone was so kind and friendly!

Also a big thank you for the sponsorship of the award. It has really given me a lift being recognised like that. It was also very interesting for me to learn about the Federation from you.

My parents and Ann Baxter said to let you know that they also had a great time on the day, and were very grateful to your organisation and also very proud.

So, again thank you for the opportunity!

The other award winners were:

Karen Bate **Audiology Section, Linguistics Department, Macquarie University** Her research project was *“An investigation of the outcomes of cochlear implantation in children with audio neuropathy using cortical auditory cortical evoked potentials.”* Her award was sponsored by **Women of the Peninsula**, including many former members of Quota International. The award is given to a student of Speech and Hearing in a continuation of a major Quota focus.

Louise Cauchi **Faculty of Law, University of Sydney**, sponsored by **the legal firm Gilbert + Tobin**. Louise undertook ballet studies in Europe until a knee surgery halted them. She completed Bachelor of Laws (Hons) at University of Greenwich, London, with a thesis topic *“Performers' Rights in the United Kingdom.”* In 2002 she was admitted as a solicitor in NSW and is currently a PhD candidate researching *“Cosmetic Surgery and the Law of Negligence.”* The award will assist Louise to attend and present a paper at a conference in Japan.

Clare Flanagan **University of Technology, Sydney**, sponsored by the **Zonta Club of Sydney**. Clare was born in Swaziland where her parents were part of an international aid program. At the end of high school on the Gold Coast she was awarded a scholarship to attend a leading Italian boarding school for six months. At UTS she has combined her love of Italian language and culture and a desire to study nursing. She is spending a year at the University of Bologna and intends to do volunteer work in the Italian health system. Clare is interested in being a medical translator.

Tanya Gurnett *Macquarie University, Humanities Faculty*, sponsored by *Dr Maurine Goldston-Morris OAM and the NCW NSW*. Tanya followed BA degree studies at the University of Western Sydney with Honours in Modern History at Macquarie. Her goal is “to make Australian history more accessible to the public through a variety of mediums, written and visual”. She has six months’ paid work with Parramatta Park Trust as a Curatorial intern, sourcing and researching pictures of early colonial history.

Jocelyn Hiu Ching Ho *Sydney Conservatorium of Music University of Sydney*, sponsored by *The Women’s Club*. An outstanding student at St George Girls’ High, Jocelyn was Dux in her final year. She gained the Licentiate in Music in 2000. Jocelyn completed one year in Medicine at UNSW, then moved across to Engineering and, in her third year, settled into Science (Mathematics and Computer Science) to gain her Bachelor degree in 2004. A prestigious pianist, concurrently she studied to gain a Diploma of Arts (Music) from the University of Missouri then Sydney where she is now a Master’s student.

Kathleen Anorah King *School of Social Work, Australian Catholic University*, sponsored by *Soroptimist International Region of NSW*. Kathleen’s first degree was in Psychology at ANU, then a Bachelor of Social Work (Hons) at the Australian Catholic University, Canberra. When first there Kathleen survived cancer but ill health returned during her honours year. Her strong commitment to her studies will see her graduate in March this year. Kathleen has involved herself in volunteer work with youth groups, indigenous communities, elderly people and non-government welfare organizations. She takes up a position this year assisting individuals with their transition back to the community after a psychiatric hospital admission.

Cheryl Ann Orr *Faculty of Social Science/Law Aboriginal Education Centre, University of Western Sydney*, sponsored by *The Office for Women NSW Premier’s Department*. Cheryl faced challenges when she had to leave school in Year 9 but completed a business course and later studied at TAFE, equipping herself to be employed in a variety of jobs and to offer herself for voluntary work. She felt an obligation not only to better her own position in society but also that of her community and undertook the combined degree of Bachelor of Social Science—Indigenous Studies Key Program/Bachelor of Law. She is currently undergoing a Post Graduate degree in Practical Legal Training.

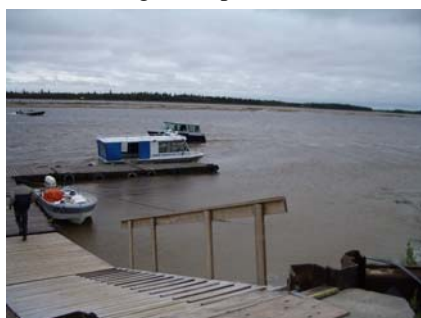
Angela Therese Titmuss *School of Women’s and Children’s Health, University of New South Wales*, sponsored by *Alice Arnott Oppen, Founder And Chair of Women’s Plans Foundation* (a member of AFUW-NSW). Angela has an interest in women’s health issues, women in isolated and developing regions and those from marginalized groups. She completed a B Sc (Med) (Hons) in 2003 and undertook, through the Centre for Health Equity Training Research and Evaluation, a comparative study of the role of socio-economic status and Aboriginality in birth outcomes of women and infants in an outer metropolitan area. Angela is now undertaking her final year of Medicine, as well as studying for a Master of Public Health at UNSW. Angela has found time to involve herself in rural health issues.

HAVE YOU EVER VISITED A MOOSE FACTORY?

We, have received a letter from the TEMPE MANN 2006 recipient, KATE ANDERSON, who has returned from her study period in Canada. She is currently a PhD student and Research Fellow at The George Institute for International Health at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown.

“I am writing to let you know that I have just returned to Australia after working in Canada for the past six months, which the 2006 Tempe Mann Award help enabled me to undertake. The research field work that I conducted during my stay was very successful and has provided me with a great deal of data that I am just beginning to work on.

My PhD is focused on exploring the barriers facing Indigenous patients with kidney disease accessing optimal treatments. The low rates of kidney transplantation among Aboriginal patients are similar in both Australia and Canada. Understanding kidney specialists’ and other key renal staffs’ views on the barriers facing Indigenous patients in both countries is one key step in gaining an understanding of how the health systems could better engage with and meet the needs of Indigenous patients.



While in Canada, I conducted an on-line and follow up postal survey of all Canadian nephrologists. We are still waiting for the final surveys to be sent back and I will commence analysis of this data within the next 2 months. I also visited seven kidney transplant units across Canada and conducted 24 in-depth interviews with key decision-making staff (nephrologists, transplant coordinators and educators) at each of these sites. This interview data will form the basis of my comparative analysis between Australia and Canada. I am currently working on the coding and analysis of these interviews.

I wish to thank the AFUW-NSW again for awarding me the 2006 Tempe Mann Award. Without this award, I would not have been able to undertake such extensive research on my trip. I am very happy to write a report or article for your organisation if your other members are interested. I am also happy to present on my research, but it would be fantastic to present in a few months time when I have some results to report from my analysis. I will also be working from Darwin for much of the next few months.

- *Picture shows the boat in which Kate travelled as part of her journey with a kidney specialist across to a remote ‘Cree’ (Canadian native people) community called Moose Factory on a tiny island in the far North of Ontario on the edge of Hudson Bay with a regional medical facility, the Weeneebayko General Hospital, which has its own Native-run health Board (and a dialysis unit where she interviewed two Cree nurses and spoke with several Cree dialysis patients).*

NANCY BOOKER 1906 - 2006

Nancy Booker, who has died at 100, was a member of AFUW-NSW back to the time when graduates joined “for life” by paying a once-only fee. She may well have been a member throughout her graduate life and was still participating by reading our newsletter. Her nephew has informed us of her death. An obituary appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald, written by Eugenie Greig, and we have drawn on it for this account of her life and work.



Nancy Booker made a far-reaching and significant contribution to librarianship and was a pioneer of children's library services in Australia. She was instrumental in the development of the children's section of the then Library Association of Australia, and throughout her long career and well into retirement she worked to encourage children's reading.

She grew up in Chatswood, the oldest daughter in a family in which the father, a council worker, died while his nine children were young. Neither this, nor the Depression, stopped her from attending Sydney University where she took her degree in 1924. The following year she went to work as a library assistant at Sydney Teachers' College. In 1940 she moved to the Armidale Teachers' College, returning in 1942 to take charge of the STC Library, where she ensured the effective integration of the library into the college's teaching program.

Nancy, centre of second row, with colleagues. Marjorie Thompson, Fisher Library (front left), and Jean Arnot, the State Library of NSW (front right).

From 1954 she lectured in library practice as part of Sydney University's Diploma of Education, then in 1959 became senior cataloguer at the university's Fisher Library. In 1961 she took leave to work for the documentation section of UNESCO in Paris. While there, she was an observer at the landmark International Conference on Cataloguing Principles. By the time the Fisher Library occupied its new building in 1962, she had become cataloguing librarian. Under her direction, centralised cataloguing was extended to many branch and department libraries, the resources of which were just beginning to be fully integrated into the university library system. Years later, well into her retirement, Nancy showed she hadn't lost her touch when she acted as head cataloguer at the Macquarie University Library during a critical period. She was also an examiner and lecturer, and was for several years on the Library Association of Australia's board of examiners.

Her major role with the Australian Institute of Librarians, of which she was a foundation member in 1937, began in February 1946 when she was appointed convener of a new School Library Committee, established "to watch the development of these libraries and to bring librarians in this field into contact with each other and with the institute". With her NSW committee she worked with energy and enthusiasm, arranging meetings and workshops involving teachers, school principals, librarians, representatives of the Children's Book Council and members of government departments. In 1947, at the AIL's national conference, she led moves towards setting national standards for children's library services. In 1950, when the Library Association of Australia was formed, she and her colleagues achieved their aim, and the children's library section came into being in 1953.

Nancy Booker retired from the University of Sydney Library in 1966, but continued to devote her time to libraries and to literature for the young. She was in demand as a library consultant to private schools and contributed to the Commonwealth Secondary Schools Library Program. Throughout her life she set out to spread appreciation of children's literature, through her own lectures and by encouraging others to read, teach and research the history of the subject. Until 1971, she lectured on children's literature in the TAFE Library Certificate course.

In 1986 she was invited to deliver the inaugural lecture of the Nancy Booker Honour Lecture series, instituted by the NSW group of the Children's and Youth Services Section of the Australian Library and Information Association. She spoke on values in pre-20th-century children's books. The 1996 Lecture was delivered by AFUW-NSW member, the late Ena Noel.

She lived most of her life in the family home in Chatswood, which she had helped her mother obtain. Home and garden were a continuing pleasure, with family always welcome. She delighted in encouraging her many nieces and nephews, and their children, in the enjoyment of books, board games and cards. Her niece, Barbara, recalls the fun of concerts in the old house with cousins and neighbours, a curtain stretched between the kitchen and dining room. Her views in general were supportive of families and sympathetic to the demands of family life.

Nancy Booker was described by her contemporary, Marjorie Cotton, as a “visionary who was totally unafraid of past traditions and bureaucracy”. It is true that she could sometimes appear daunting. A long-ago student at the Sydney Teachers College referred to its library as “the most impressive place under the guardianship of an appropriately named and somewhat awesome Miss Booker - a place of Silence and Work”. But, in fact, she was driven by a sense of urgency to accomplish the goals she had set herself, and expected similar dedication from others. She worked unstintingly towards developing young people's enjoyment of reading and, with it, skills to last them a lifetime.

BRANCH REPORTS

HUNTER VALLEY In August 2006, our Branch welcomed Mr Kevin Young, Managing Director of Hunter Water as speaker for what has become our traditional “Friendship Month” when members especially seek to invite friends and potential new members to our dinner meeting. With the “business of water” being of current interest and the drought bringing such issues into focus, Kevin’s topic was “Hunter Water – Running a Water Utility as a Business is not a pipe dream”. Hunter Water was the first water utility in Australia to implement user pays for supply of water. This was a totally unpopular move in 1980, but now seems very uncontroversial. Perhaps consequently, the Hunter Region remains the lowest consumer of water in Australia in any large city.

Kevin explained the historic base for water supply in the Hunter, the current situation and plans for the future with a 20 year plan. Some of the topics discussed by Kevin have since hit the media such as the pipe line from Hunter’s water supply (with dams about 70% of capacity) to the Central Coast (with dams at about 15% of capacity), recycling water, desalination, household rain tanks, dual water supply in new housing developments, consumer choice of water supplier and Tiligery Dam.

Our dinner speaker for September was Ms Debra Sharp, Director of Community Justice Centres (part of the Attorney General’s Department). She discussed how she established the Community Justice Centres in 1983. The Centres offer alternative dispute resolution mediation services across NSW rather than the parties proceeding to court and the formal justice system. She oversees 400 mediators across NSW with 25 staff in Newcastle.

Justice Centres deal with approximately 8000 cases per year and boast an 80% success rate with most parties abiding by the good faith agreements which derive from the mediation service. Clients are referred from Court, Government Departments, Community Centres or in some cases clients will self refer. The major disputes dealt with by mediators (in order of frequency) are: neighbours; fences and trees; children; dogs; and car parking. The Centre also offers a specialist aboriginal service with 63 mediators across NSW.

Mr Gianni De Gravio, University of Newcastle Archivist, was our much anticipated speaker for our October dinner. He oversees 2000 linear shelf metres of material including more than 32,000 rare books.

Many members were trying to visual 2 kilometres of treasures. The University collection includes Auchmuty papers and Huldah Turner documents (both prominent local AFUW members).

Gionni described rare book collections and archives as often being messy, dusty and hard to store with an accumulation of photos, letters, documents and diaries. He is keen to establish the University of Newcastle archives as a local repository of items relating to this region rather than items being sent to the Mitchell Library or overseas.

Gionni communicated his passion for his work and his sense of infinite connections in the local archive collection which includes historical records and memorabilia from aboriginal, Anglican Diocese, political party, coal company, convict history and trade union sources.

The Christmas meeting was addressed by the Chair of Australian History at University of Newcastle, Dr Eric Ekland, a founding member of the Coal River Project Working Party. His professional interest lies in the area of regional stories and histories as well as researching history of industrial and mining communities. He related a time line for the settlement and resettlement of Newcastle from the convict era in 1801 to the present, demonstrating a rich history in our region which is often unappreciated.

Newcastle was the site of the first coal mine in the Southern Hemisphere. While it has been assumed that coal extraction in the convict era in Newcastle was primitive, recent exploration by drilling pinholes and lowering video cameras into the early coal sites has revealed sophisticated “board and pillar” methods being used as early as 1804. Similar techniques were not used in northern English mines until 1850. From 1801, Newcastle coal mines made a profit and were funding New South Wales – and still do.

Unfortunately, opportunities to research early convict mines has been limited because at least 3 such mines were back filled in 1881 in order to build Fort Scratchley. Dr Ekland pointed out the difficulties of promoting these historical points of interest in Newcastle, such as poor access, poor interpretative signage for tourists, multiple consent authorities and lack of funding. The convict mines, Fort Scratchley and Nobby’s area were listed on the State Heritage Register in 2003. Dr Ekland is convinced that the area has huge potential as a major cultural, education and economic resource but Novocastrians are often “pathetically modest about Newcastle’s heritage”.

29TH IFUW CONFERENCE 10 16 AUGUST MANCHESTER UK.

Mary Robinson will be the keynote speaker at the Conference. Dr Robinson was the first woman President of Ireland and then served as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Currently, she is leading a new project, the [Ethical Globalization Initiative](#). Its goal is to bring the norms and standards of human rights into the globalization process, and to support capacity-building in good governance in developing countries.

Conference Brochures are available from the Secretary. Contact the AFUW -NSW Office.

CITY BRANCH The Christmas- New Year break provided an opportunity to reflect on Branch activities, to review the Constitution and prepare for a busy 2007. City Branch was well represented at the AFUW-NSW Christmas luncheon held in December at Sancta Sophia College. All present were entertained and informed by guest speaker Judith Wheeldon. Members agreed that the informal and relaxed presentation with good food and a pleasant environment made a most enjoyable occasion.

The January Branch meeting was again held in the crypt of St James Church which, owing to its central City location and peaceful ambience, is an ideal venue for meetings. The Branch Constitution was approved and has been forwarded to AFUW for ratification.

Awards for 2007 were determined. It was agreed that two awards will be made to two female students on successful completion of the TAFE Tertiary Preparation Course in 2007 and who will proceed to university in 2008.

In addition, it was agreed that City Branch would support Bina Roy with a donation of \$100.00 and the IFUW Program for Action \$200.00, supporting two Cambodian students as they continue their university studies. There was also agreement to support the NCW 2008 Australia Day awards with a donation of \$200.00.

Following the January meeting, members walked across the road to Parliament House to join in the NCW Australia Day celebration lunch and awards ceremony. Being the first time that AFUW-NSW has made an award presentation at this annual "Celebrate Being Australian" function, members were particularly cognisant of the significance of the occasion.

A variety of interesting activities aimed at providing intellectual stimulation and social interaction have been planned for the first half of the year. Other AFUW members and guests are always welcome.

RIVER

Late in November, our Branch members enjoyed a superb Christmas party at the home of Bill and Gay Windeyer.

This last year we were saddened by the death of a longtime committee member and Central Committee Representative, Joyce Ratcliffe.

Our Theatre Group and Book Group have many keen participants and we continue to attract a lot of people for our Luncheons.

Please feel welcome to join us on the 8th March for a Luncheon when we have the current Consul-General for Mongolia speaking about UN agricultural aid programs he was involved with, in both Afghanistan and Mongolia.

BLUE MOUNTAINS As the Branch had become too small to be viable, with regret, a decision was made at the 2005-6 AGM to formally close the Branch from 31 July 2006.

Despite its small numbers the Branch has, for a number of years, provided an award to a Year 11 girl at Katoomba High School, paid an annual membership to the Virginal Gildersleeve International Fund, and, when possible, also made a contribution to AFUW-NSW's SAAP fund.

The award was known as the Gladys Weiler Award in honour of a former President whose approach to the education of girls and innovative educational practices, particularly during her time as Principal of Liverpool Girls' High, epitomised the aims of AFUW/ IFUW. It generally involved a \$250 award to a girl with academic potential who would benefit from support during her senior school years. In some years a second award was also made.

At the last AGM it was decided that the Branch's remaining funds would be used to pay a VGIF subscription, donate \$50 to the SAAP fund and, in lieu of a final award to a student, make a presentation to Katoomba High School. Two members who were not renewing their membership and a friend who took part in Branch activities made generous donations in order for the presentation to the school to be a worthwhile one.

The gift chosen was two photographic prints by acclaimed Blue Mountains photographer Chris Todd, who is known as one of only four competitive photographers in the world who successfully photograph birds in flight. Chris has won many awards at local, state, national and international levels. The selected prints were, appropriately, of a rock warbler in flight bringing food to young in a nest.



At the end of Term 4 four former Presidents – Valerie Weekes, Pamela Lemoine, Lyn Thompson and Merle Thompson, visited the school to make the presentation to the Principal, Mr Andrew Foy. Valerie, who now lives at Cremorne Point, was the founding President and travelled to Katoomba in order to be involved in the Branch's final activity as well as its foundation.

NORTH SHORE The Branch celebrated Christmas in fine style with a luncheon at Dunmore Lang College, Macquarie University, on December 4, 2006. We were happy to have thirty three members and visitors attending.

Our guest speaker, Dr Lewis Rushbrook, the Principal of Dunmore Lang College, gave a most engaging talk on the progress of the College and his plans for its future development. He began with the question "What is the business of a residential college?" To illustrate this he used a couple of diagrams. The first was a Maslow Triangle showing five levels. The base depicted physical needs. The second level depicted shelter. The third represented social needs and the fourth personal esteem while the fifth he termed self-actualization.

He made the point that not all university colleges rise to the highest of these aspects but a good college should not exist simply for bed and board. Many colleges are simply dormitories and in fact most in the USA are such but fortunately many in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand achieve these higher goals.

His second diagram was a Johari Window. This is a square divided into four equal sections. In these sections he placed the terms "private", "public", "unknown" and "hidden". These were terms used to teach people about themselves. A university college can be a powerful aid in the development of a young person's character.

There are "private" parts of one's life that can only be known to oneself and there are "public" characteristics seen and known by others. There are "unknown" facets which an individual may not realize they have and these rough edges, as it were, can be rubbed off by interaction with others.

Lastly, there are "hidden" strengths which can be developed and built on in the college atmosphere. He believes this is the challenge in operating a good university college, that young students are a precious cargo of very talented people and finds it enormously exciting to see growth in students as they become involved in the residential community.

He handed out copies of the Mission Statement adopted by the Dunmore Lang College Board of Directors. *Our mission is to create and sustain a vibrant and secure academic residential community in affiliation with Macquarie University. We will promote student life learning and leadership based on respect, responsibility and service.*

With Dr Rushbrook's obvious enthusiasm and commitment these aims are sure to be met.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS We concluded our year's activities with a very special Christmas dinner meeting, at the congenial Bowral Country Club. Our guest speaker was Victoria Sharp, the Australian convenor of The International Flame of Peace. In a softly spoken presentation, she told us about the Flame of Peace, kept in Wales and fed into by flames transported from different parts of the world.

She emphasised that peace begins within each individual, and that we should nurture it with contemplation, which should inspire a giving out of love and harmony to those around us. To assist us in this, she gave each of us a scented candle, which we lit one to the other, from her link candle to The International Flame of Peace. At such a time, there was a very special feeling, to see all the flames in a U-shape, emphasising a palpable Christmas spirit.

As the result of successful fundraising at our garden party in October, we have been able to increase the number of scholarships from two to three at the University of Wollongong's Moss Vale Campus, and to increase the amount of each, from five to six hundred dollars. We can still fund our East Timorese law student and have some reserve for future consideration.

Our February guest speaker was Pru Goward, who distinguished herself first as a journalist, and then as women's adviser to the federal government, including issues of sex discrimination and age discrimination. She spoke to us in a forthright manner, with candour, and advised us that mature aged women make the best material for political life!

CENTRAL WEST Our last function for 2006 was a most enjoyable dinner at The Mill with guest speaker Roy Lumbey from The Twentieth Century Heritage Society of NSW. Roy showed many slides and was able to put into historical perspective, the architectural styles we all know so well.

Sadly we have to report the death of a loyal member, Dr Janet Carr, a past office bearer of our Branch.

Our first function for 2007 will be in March at the Cowra Golf Club. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker one of our members, Mrs. Uma Kumar, who will share some of her extensive knowledge of Indian culture with an emphasis on Indian weddings.

At this dinner, we will announce the winner of the scholarship to the girl in the Central West who has achieved the highest UAI and who will be attending university in 2007. The committee has been most impressed by the achievements of those girls who have applied.

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The Central Committee of the Australian Federation of University Women, NSW Inc invites you to join with us to celebrate the annual

SOPHIA HOLLAND MEMORIAL LECTURE AND LUNCHEON

GUEST SPEAKER

Deidre Mason,

Deputy Chair, Premier's Council for Women

DATE: Friday 30 March 2007
TIME: 12 noon for 12.30 luncheon
VENUE: Castlereagh Boutique Hotel
169-171 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
E: www.thecastlereagh.net.au
Bus or Train to Town Hall or St James Station
PRICE: \$50.00 pp
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DEIDRE MASON

Currently Deputy Chair of the Premier's Council for Women and stands in for the Minister for Women on numerous occasions. Under her guidance the Council has completed investigations into the housing and transport needs of older women, the increasing incidence of violence and its impact on women and, most recently has consulted women who are marginally attached to the labour market on the effect that changes to workplace arrangements is having on their lives.

As the Chief Executive of The Committee for Sydney Deidre ran a program covering issues that affect the economic and social future of Sydney in partnership with the State and Federal Governments.

Deidre was the first woman appointed to the Telstra Executive, as the Director of Corporate Marketing and subsequently Director of Corporate Affairs. She has also worked as Director of Public Affairs for the City of Melbourne and as a Director of the Victorian Premier's Women's Policy Coordination Unit.

Deidre's commitment to women's issues and community affairs is irrefutable. Her lecture promises to be relevant, informative and entertaining.

TOPIC: The Getting of Wisdom

Deidre will discuss 'Deep Smarts', the hypothesis that to grow rich in capability and experience you need breadth of thought and the capacity for analysis. Deidre will illustrate this concept by explaining how her readings of Moliere and the American Revolution have helped her confront today's commercial and managerial challenges.

DIARY DATES:

Tribute to Pamela Lemoine: Tuesday 17 April, luncheon 1pm, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, Level 1, 280 Pitt St. \$15.00 pp.

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THANK YOU, PAMELA

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 1.00 pm Level 1, Mechanics Institute, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

The President and Central Committee of AFUW-NSW invite you to a Luncheon Tribute to Pamela Lemoine who has recently retired from the Central Committee of AFUW-NSW and the National Council of AFUW Inc after many years of dedicated participation.

Pamela has been a Vice President of AFUW-NSW and also the elected member on the Central Committee. She has represented three branches in turn, the Central Coast, the Eastern Suburbs and the Blue Mountains and has served as President of the Blue Mountains Branch. She was both State and National Convener for Peace from 1997 to 2006. She has participated in the last six AFUW Tri-ennial Conferences and the IFUW Conference in Perth. For several years she produced the Newsletter of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund Australia.

She has participated in a wide range of women's and community activities, including the NSW Department of Women in its various transformations, and she has net-worked with many NGO's.

In 2001 Pamela was one of five IFUW delegates who participated in a UN Conference and NGO Forum at the *World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerances* at Durban in South Africa. In 2005 she accompanied AFUW President, Rosemary Everett, to the Conference of the University Women of Asia in the Philippines. In 2000 she spent five months teaching English in China.

Pamela believes that she has gained more from AFUW than she has been able to contribute in that it has made for her many friendships, opened many doors and introduced her to a diversity of people and places, with opportunities to be part of a "wonderful group of women here and worldwide helping to make a difference."

In 1983 Pamela graduated with a BA as a mature age, external student from the University of New England, Armidale and joined AFUW-NSW through its Western Suburbs Branch

Pamela is the embodiment of AFUW's promotion of life-long learning. She was educated at Methodist Ladies' College, Burwood, whose Headmistress, the late Dr Alice Whitley, a former President, would later encourage her participation in AFUW. After leaving school with the Intermediate Certificate in 1948, she worked in the banking industry for eight years. During the twelve years she was at home with four young children she undertook Leaving Certificate/Higher School Certificate subjects at Evening College and consolidated her experience with various courses including WEA and Continuing Education. She spent 15 years as a science assistant in high schools and has worked in the boarding departments of The Kings School and Ascham.

She loves music, is an avid reader and letter-writer and, as her children grew, so did her love of travel. She has done a wealth of volunteering, including at Old Government House, Rose Bay Primary School and Crown St Women's Hospital. Increasingly public and world affairs have directed her reading and community involvement.

A withdrawal from formal representation in AFUW will not diminish Pamela's interest and commitment.

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